



Florida Members Shine in DKG Gallery of Fine Arts



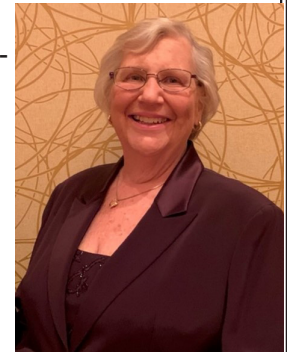
In March, **Beth Werner** learned that her Two Dimensional entries, **Plymouth Congregational Courtyard** and **Kampong Shadows**



were accepted to the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts for the spring submission period. Beth lives in Pinecrest, Florida, and she is a member of **Omicron Chapter** in **District V**.



Jody Steward learned that her photographic entries, **Remember When** and **Beauty and Power** have been accepted into the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts. She is from Lake Worth and a member of **Alpha**



Omega Chapter also in **District V**.



Carol Moyle learned that her submission for Two Dimensional mixed media artwork called **Immigrant** was also accepted in the Gallery. She resides in St. Petersburg and is a member of **Alpha Chi Chapter** in **District III**. The unveiling of the new Gallery opened in late April or early May. Artwork will be displayed on the Gallery for six months, after which it will be archived. Additional works can be entered during the submission period from August 15 – September 15, 2020.



A DKG Gallery breakout workshop will be held at the Florida State Organization's Spring Convention held April 30 - May 1, 2021, at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. DKG members whose art was accepted into the DKG Gallery of Art will be invited to participate in the presentation. We have had great interest in the Gallery and consider it to be a very important venture for the Society. Congratulations to all on their artistic accomplishments!

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Cancellation of International Convention in Philadelphia



Cathy P. Daugherty, International President The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Hello from Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas! This message addresses decisions related to the 2020 DKG International Convention. In addition to the video message, there are details you need to share with members that I am outlining here:

1. Members who registered for the convention received REFUND information via email. They had until June 5th to complete the refund request form and return it. Details were on the form. Refunds for the pre-convention Museum of the Constitution event were included in the convention refund procedure, too.
2. The Marriott Downtown Philadelphia worked with us and to automatically cancel all room reservations for members who had made reservations through the block of rooms we had set up for the convention. Members already received an email from the hotel to verify the room cancellation.
3. Information regarding virtual events to be shared in lieu of a face-to-face convention will be made available as plans are finalized.

Again, thank you for your support and resilience as we move forward with new plans.

Video message: <https://youtu.be/flrJ5Gefld4>

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Cathy

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Florida DKG State President's Message



**Remember:
TOGETHER, WE CAN!**

**Dr. Nancy Henning, President
Florida DKG State Organization, 2019-2021
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Greetings Ladies,

It has been quite a Spring, but not the one I was expecting. It was a very difficult decision for me to make in cancelling the District V and District VI Meetings, but under the concerns and conditions in our state at that time, I felt it was in the best interest of our members to do so. We are all learning to live with a new "normal" in our daily lives, with staying at home and practicing social distancing. Even wearing masks and gloves feels a little odd to me, but many seem to be following the directives we have been given.

Reports at this time from our members who have exhibited symptoms of the virus are good. Some tested negative, and they were treated for allergies, colds, or other minor ailments. Of the ones who first tested positive, they are now testing negative and getting back their strength.

I hope you are able to take care of each other by electronic means or even using the telephone. If you have not touched base with those in your chapter, please take the time to do so. As always, if there is anything I or one of the elected board members can do, please let us know.

I am, at this time, planning our Fall Executive Board Meeting in

September. Our meeting will be a wonderful time for every one to see members and catch up on business, training, and the work of our state society. I hope each and every one of you will make your plans to attend as we celebrate "Leadership in Florida."

Together we CAN get through this!

Roses to all,

Nancy Henning



**The Florida State Organization's Fall Executive Board Meeting and Workshops
"Celebration of Leadership"
September 18 - 19, 2020
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary**



Registration Form: Please print or type one name per form.

Name: _____ **Chapter:** _____ **District:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: () _____ **Email:** _____

Please check all that apply: **Member** **First Time Attending a State Meeting**
 Current Chapter President **District Director** **Past State President**
State Officer or Related Personnel (Position): _____
 State Committee Chairman: (Committee Name) _____
 Special dietary needs: (Please Indicate) _____

Registration: **\$60.00 includes luncheon**
Make check payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma
Check # _____

Registration Deadline: September 4, 2020
(packets not guaranteed after this date)
No refunds after September 7, 2020.

Send to: Rhonda Work
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No, I do not want my photo or contact information used in the Florida Rays or any DKG publication.

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
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Lake Mary, Florida 32746
Phone: 407-995-1100 or 800-380-7724

Group Reservation
Delta Kappa Gamma or DKG
September 18 -19, 2020
Rooms rates will also include tax.

Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Fall Meeting
Rates: Single-\$117.00 Double- \$117.00 Triple - \$117.00 Quad - \$117.00

Please specify the group name to receive your group rate.
 Each reservation must be guaranteed with a first night's deposit or major credit card.
 Reservation cut-off date is: August 27, 2020.

Any reservations after that date will be subject to availability.

Refund Policy:

Cancellations, no shows, or early departures without 48 hour advance notice will result in forfeiture of one night's deposit or a charge of one night's stay to a credit card.



Call For Workshops: Florida DKG Fall Workshop

**September 18-19, 2020
Workshop Proposal Form**

Due date – August 1, 2020

**Please share your hobby, research,
or committee information with our members.**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Best time to reach me _____

Presenter(s) _____

Workshop Title _____

Brief description of Workshop _____

Equipment needed, if any.

(We prefer presenters bring their own equipment).

Do you need: screen? _____ projector? _____ We have a limited number.

Availability of Presenting: _____ **Friday** _____ **Saturday**
_____ **Both Days** _____ **Either Day**

Thank you!

Send this form to:

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District III Hits a Grand Slam



Yvonne M. McShay, District III Director
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The District III Workshop held March 7, 2020, on the gorgeous Polk State College's Lakeland campus welcomed 108 participants from the district, state, and invited guests to a day of DKG education and enjoyment. Its theme, "Grand Slam," was a game changer. After the traditional DKG opening, Dr. Angela Falconetti, President of Polk State College, greeted and welcomed guests to the campus. Then, **Florida DKG State President Dr. Nancy Henning** delivered an innovative message after which she threw out the first pitch as player **Anne Holzapfel, Delta Beta Chapter**, positioned as catcher. Dr. Henning excitedly announced, "Let's play ball!" And so the game began.

Innings 1, 2, and 3 presented the procession of chapter presidents entering in pairs. The outgoing presidents, carrying a rose, announced the name of the chapter, introduced themselves, and presented the incoming president with the rose. **District III Director Yvonne McShay** presented each outgoing president with an umbrella. The outgoing presidents opened their umbrellas displaying the DKG brand, all at the same time. We are most thankful to **Deborah Thomas, Kappa Chapter**, for conducting the nominations. We congratulated incoming 2020 - 2022 officers- **District III Director Karol Gotte, Kappa Chapter**, and **District III Nomination Committee Cynthia Tehan, Delta Gamma Chapter**.

Innings 4, 5, and 6 presented participants a choice of 12 workshops. In addition to sessions for incoming chapter presidents and treasurers, DKG committee workshops were provided. Other sessions included safety and security in schools, quilting, exercise, available funding sources, and poetry which all brought dynamic energy to the game.

During Innings 7 and 8, participants experienced several activities. Like in any baseball game, the 7th inning participants stretched and sang, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." A group picture was taken of members wearing baseball attire. Next, a delicious barbeque lunch was served and enjoyed. Then, it was time for the speaker, Jessica Solano, 2017 Florida Teacher of the Year. She focused on the topic of family engagement. As educators, we need to embrace the experiences of others, rather than believe our perceptions are the ultimate truth. Entertainment provided by a robotics demonstration allowed participants to peek into future careers; moreover, robotics enhances critical thinking skills. Thanks to **Dr. Lynda Wolverton, Delta Beta Chapter**, for organizing the speaker and entertainment for the luncheon program. Also a special thanks to **Debra Graff, Beta**



Theta Chapter, who gladly shared her creativity and presented "President's Grand Slam Awards" to Chapter Presidents who intentionally addressed the three R's- **Retention**, **Recruitment**, and **Reclaiming** members. A special thanks goes to **Marilyn Terry, Lambda Chapter**, for serving as both Registration Chair and Treasurer for the District Workshop.



Finally, it's the 9th inning. In closing, the District Director thanked Chapter Presidents for sharing their DKG energy, spirit, and commitment to the district as they captured the vision for a Grand Slam Workshop. As a result, chapters came together like a major league baseball team. In conclusion, McShay shared how three principles from Dr. Covey's **7 Habits of Highly Effective People** (Begin with the End in Mind, Seek First to Understand, and Think Win/Win) allowed her to stay focused on delivering a memorable experience for all.

District IV Champions Meeting February 28/29 Leap Year Day



District IV's theme **Stronger, Farther, Greater** resonated from each of the chapters throughout this biennium, and it was never so evident as we raced toward the finish line with the gathering of chapters at the venue of the First United Methodist Church (FUSMC) in Clermont on Leap Year Day, February 29, 2020. First, we celebrated with fun, food, and fellowship at **Pat Olsen's** lakeside home for some *Pontooning With Pat* on Friday evening, February 28. The old adage that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, or vice versa, certainly held true. We expected beautiful weather after an

earlier in the week trial run of the beautiful pontoon ride on the lake and in the canals. Didn't happen like that! February went out like a lion to usher in March. It was a windy, chilly Friday for all the festivities. Pat graciously opened her home, and our Friday evening planning teams did a great job with a Hawaiian theme and food, thanks to **Gamma Delta** and **Delta Xi**. Pat was a superb tour guide captain of the pontoon rides which helped us experience the beauty of old Florida through the canals. Our attendance exceeded our expectations as we had 50+ attendees. The food, barbecue from Jack's and all the sides, certainly topped off the evening with a YUM!

This gathering certainly made us **Stronger** in our friendship and fellowship with each other. Leap Year Day raced in very early on February 29, 2020. Our incredible DKG members met at FUMC at the crack of dawn to make sure the main *Race of Champions* got off to a great start. Much communicating, visiting of the chapters, phone calls, Champions Chatter, lots of planning meetings, attending other District meetings (and YES, getting ideas from them), emails, texts, the good old postal service, and even a little "begging" assured us that the District IV meeting was ready to race to the finish line. Gearing up for the big race was a test of our reserve that we all bring to the table when needed. Our desire to go **Farther** was a goal that we raced toward. District IV chapters did just that!

Our *Champion Check-in* for the race yielded us 106 registered DKG members and 95 attendees. **Carolyn McGowan** did an outstanding job as the registrar keeping us on the racetrack, and **Diane Revels** made sure our accounting was accurate. A continental breakfast fueled our participants, so that they would be ready to greet our "Triathletes, Kimberly Grogan and Jeremy Arguelies." They fueled us with good nutritional advice and what it takes to run a great race. We raced on to the General Session.

Sandy Reaves called the District IV meeting to order, and we were off to the official race. **Dr. Nancy Henning** inspired us to run our best race by sharing that we can do our best and do better when we all



work together. District IV Chapters certainly did work together to make our meeting successful. Examples of working together were **Alpha ETA** providing beautiful music, **Beta** leading us in the Pledge, thought provoking inspiration by **Beta Sigma**, and **Diana Brown, District IV Co-Director** doing introductions. Diana and Sandy shared the very impressive *Chapter Roll Call* saying, "Good job, Outgoing Presidents, and Welcome to the Incoming Presidents!"

After getting a *Burst of Energy* led by **Jane Bakke** of **Delta Xi, Executive Secretary Carrie Frye** held elections for the next District IV Director, and **Diane Revels** of **Gamma Delta** was voted in as the next **District IV Director**. **Carolyn McGowan** was voted to be the **District IV Representative** on the **State Nominating Committee**. Congratulations to them for taking our district to greater heights!

As our *Champions' Race* continued, our participants were guided to different sessions according to their needs. An example was our **New District IV Presidents** sprinting off to attend the Presidents' 101 session and Treasurers attending a session just for them. All other DKG members raced to sessions of their choice to refresh and learn new ideas. One of the most popular sessions was the *Poster Session*



where chapters showcased wonderful projects, programs, newsletters, and more. This was an opportunity for all of District IV members to "grab ideas" from what happens when other District IV Chapters meet. An example was **Rho** sharing what old jewelry and volunteers can do for women going through breast cancer to cheer them up. Another was joining an informal discussion on how to obtain funds for your chapter facilitated by **Susan Gaines** and **Pat Eckstein** of **Beta Chi**.

With the *Finish Line* in sight, our participants gathered to race back to the Wesley Center for a wonderful luncheon provided by FUMC Food Service Staff. During the luncheon, **Diana Brown** presented what it is like to be an "Invitational DKG Leader" with **Sandy**



Reaves *Planting the Invitational Seed* and **Carrie Frye** *Leaving an Invitational Legacy*. Several District IV members were winners of beautiful DKG baskets. The proceeds of \$1,200 were earmarked for the Emergency Fund voted on by all chapter presidents at the Lake Mary meeting last fall. As we crossed the *Finish Line*, our *DKG Champions* were declared "All Winners." As we sang the DKG song, we were reminded of **Dr. Henning's** words that we all are in the race together to **become Stronger, go Farther, do Greater things**. "Women teachers are mindful of our sisters needing, aid and guidance from those leading, helpful may we be!"

Racing on to greater things in the next Biennium, "Firmly Shall We Stand!"

Submit Bylaws Amendments And Examine Chapter Rules

Barbara Van Diepen, ByLaws Chair
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The Bylaws Committee urges you to examine the Florida State Organization bylaws and submit any changes to the committee for consideration at the State Convention in 2021. You have plenty of time to think about and consider any changes you may recommend. The committee wants to give you a heads up and to remind you that any proposed changes to the bylaws must be published in the Florida Rays at least 60 days prior to the State convention. Any member may submit an amendment, but proposed changes must be received prior to November 1, 2020. That is an absolute deadline.

Chapter presidents should revisit their chapter rules to make sure they are in compliance with both Florida State's and DKG International's documents. If you have any questions or need help, please contact **Barbara Van Diepen, Florida DKG State Organization ByLaws Chair**, at great78gram@gmail.com.



District V Nominating Committee Rep

Barbara Van Diepen spent 42 years as a classroom teacher and then as a media specialist with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools becoming her school's Teacher of the Year before she retired in 2001. Initiated into DKG in 1974, she served as **Pi Chapter President** from 1984-1986 and Chapter Treasurer for 16 years.

Barbara served in many capacities within the Florida DKG State Organization including chairman of Professional Affairs, Awards, Membership and Bylaws, and Florida State President from 2007-2009. She became a charter member of the Florida State Hall of Fame in 2001 and is currently serving her second biennium as State Bylaws Chair. She was presented with the Sarah B. Ferguson Achievement Award in 2005.

Having attended many Southeast Regional and International Conventions, Barbara was a member of the International Constitution Committee and the International Non-Dues Revenue Committee. She remains active at all levels of the Society.



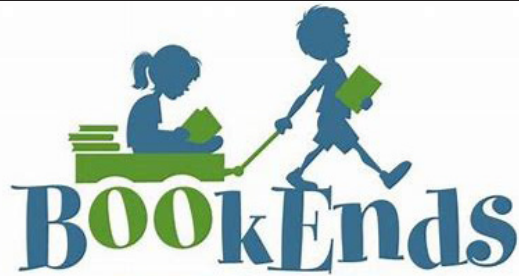
District V Director

Deborah Sack was a classroom teacher for over 30 years, most of those in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. She taught students with

Learning Disabilities for many years and worked as a Staffing Specialist. Debbie retired from teaching in 2012, but she continues to work part time with adults.

Deborah joined the **Omicron Chapter** of DKG in 1995. She served as Chapter President from 2010-2016. She continues to serve as the Coordinating Council Representative for her chapter. She also served as Treasurer of the Coordinating Council for several terms. She is very active in chapter and council activities.

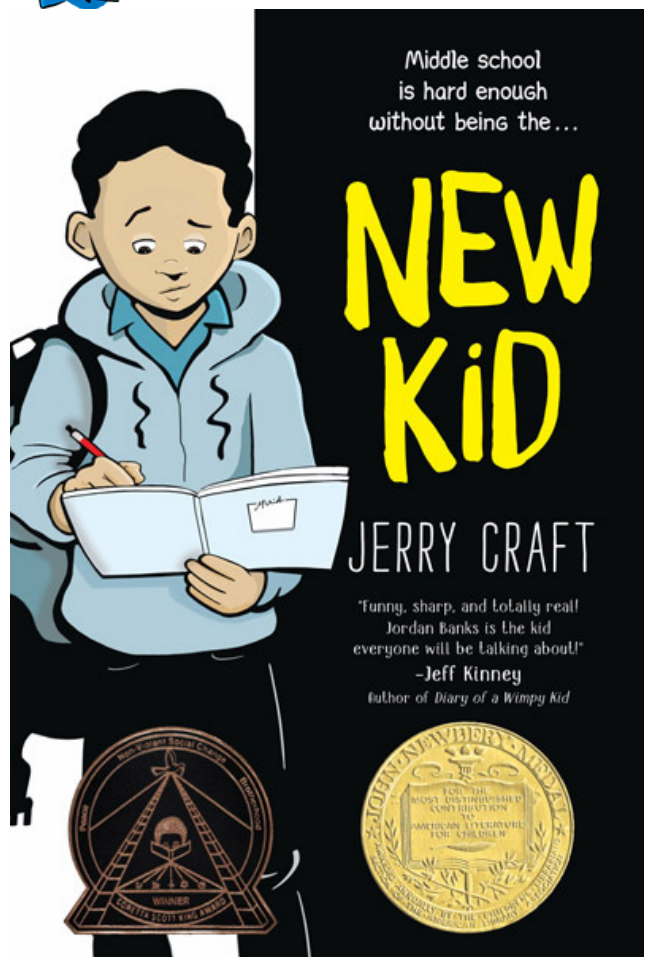
Deborah has served in various positions within the Florida State Organization, including committee member on both the Scholarship and Membership Committees. She has also volunteered in various capacities at State, District, and Regional meetings.



In January, author/illustrator Jerry Craft won both the American Library Association's **2020 Newbery Award** and the **2020 Coretta Scott King Award** for his book entitled **New Kid**. As unusual as it is for an author to receive two prestigious awards in one year for the same book, the surprise is magnified even further by the fact that the book is a graphic novel, a genre that has never won the Newbery, and the fact that the graphic novel features an African American protagonist. **New Kid** is on the **2020-2021 Sunshine State Young Readers Award** list for grades 6-8.



JERRY CRAFT

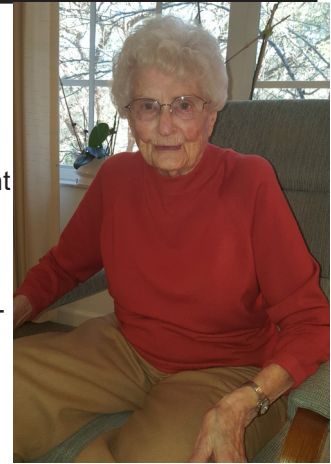




LOUISE McMULLIAN
1975-1977

Recapture the Spirit of '29 or A Stroll Down Memory Lane

In 1969, **Louise McMullian**, as chair of the Florida Night at the Southeast Regional Conference in Miami, was teaching the 800 members present "The Alley Cat." Florida is very fortunate to have 15 living past state organization presidents representing 30 years of leadership at the state level. Louise McMullian, **Florida DKG State Organization President, 1975-1977**, who will be 99 on July 26, 2020, is the eldest of the group, both chronologically, and in order of the biennium.



When serving as the president of the state organization, Louise was a member of **Gamma Chapter** in the Hillsborough County area where she lived. She is now a member of **Beta Phi Chapter** in Tallahassee and resides, along with several other DKG members, in an assisted living facility as part of Westminster Oaks. Her chapter president, **Sharon Simmons**, makes sure she receives a print copy of the **Florida Rays**, which she often discusses with her long-time DKG friend, **Nancy Kerce**, who also lives in Tallahassee. **President Simmons** shared the following about Louise. "Louise was/is the epitome of a DKG Leader, Mentor, and Sister. When I was elected president, she was one of the first persons to call me. She offered me help, advice, and great suggestions. She encouraged me, chastised me if I made a mistake, but always offered love and support. She is a treasure, and I hope that all chapters treasure, love, and support their senior members. Times are changing, but the DKG principles to love and support one another don't."

Louise has served DKG faithfully over the years at the chapter, state, regional, and international levels. Even prior to her tenure as Florida DKG State Organization President, Louise was a member of the International Program of Work Committee on Research, 1974-1976. Following her tenure as state organization president, Louise continued to serve at the international level as a member of the International Membership Committee, 1978-1980; the chair of the official timekeepers at the International Convention in 1978, and in subsequent years, Louise continued to serve in a variety of leadership roles at the regional and international levels, as well as in her state and chapter.

Louise's theme for the 1975-1977 biennium was **Recapture the Spirit of '29** and during her first Executive Board meeting in 1975 she challenged the 293 members in attendance to do just that and also to set a new record for programs and action in Delta Kappa Gamma. Louise appointed a special study committee to study the feasibility of employing an executive secretary for Mu State which is how Florida DKG was known until recently.

During the 1975-77 biennium Louise was assisted by her **First Vice President Nancy Kerce**, **Second Vice President Sally Temples**, **Recording Secretary Sarah Elrod**, **Corresponding Secretary Mary Andreu**, as well as by **Treasurer Dot Oliver**, and **Parliamentarian Maudie Cook**. **Helen Popovich**, former **Mu State Parliamentarian**, and current **International Parliamentarian**, was Louise's **Publications and Publicity Chair** as well as the **District III Director**.

During her second Executive Board meeting, there were 362 members in attendance, and Louise requested that members remember the spirit of the pioneers in '29 with a definite personal commitment to leadership and action in carrying out the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma

At the international convention in 1976, 83 members from Florida were in attendance along with the 2,706 women from other states, provinces, and countries. Florida was one of four state organizations that received recognition at the convention for its state newsletter, **Florida Rays**. Editors during this biennium were **Marguerite Beswick** and **Lorraine Duncombe**.

Louise presided at the state organization convention in 1977 during which the new slate of officers were installed including **President Sally Temples**, **First Vice President Geraldine Adams**, **Second Vice President Dr. Helen Popovich**, **Recording Secretary Jeanette Walton**, and **Corresponding Secretary Dr. Connie Bivens**.

Thank you, Louise, for your faithful service to DKG and Happy Birthday on July 26, 2020!

Parliamentary Moment: “Being a Great Secretary”

Stephanie (Sam) King, PRP Parliamentarian, Florida State Organization



Minutes are the official records of a deliberative assembly.

Agenda: A draft of the agenda should be distributed to the members by the President or the Secretary at least 3-4 days before the meeting date. At the meeting, the agenda should be approved with the acknowledgement that it would take a 2/3rds vote to change the agenda during the meeting. Having an approved agenda allows the secretary to follow the agenda to take the minutes.

Using “Draft:” Minutes that are distributed, but have not been approved, should be watermarked as ‘draft.’ When approved, the watermark ‘draft’ is removed, and this copy will go into the minute book.

Quorum: The secretary should verify that a quorum is met, per the *Chapter Rules*.

Contents – First Paragraph

- Meeting type – regular, special, adjourned regular, or adjourned special
- Name of the organization
- Date, time (meeting was called to order), and place, if is not always held in the same place
- Minutes from the previous meeting(s) – approved as written or as corrected

Contents – Body of Minutes

Each subject matter should have a separate paragraph. The secretary should not include any opinion regarding anything that was said or done.

Requesting that motions be written: It can be requested that all motions be written out. The motion should start out as, “I move to” or “I move that...”

All motions – adopted or lost: Every motion should be placed in the minutes and noted if it was adopted or lost “after discussion,” “after amendment,” or “after debate and amendment.” If after the President states the motion and no one seconds the motion or speaks to the motion, the motion falls to the floor and the President should state this. This motion is not entered into the minutes.

The names in the minutes: Only the maker of the motion is noted in the minutes. After the motion is voted on, the minutes need to reflect whether the motion was: amended and adopted or lost. When an adopted motion is assigned to an individual, include the assigned responsibilities and due date, if noted.

Guest presenter or speaker: The name of the speaker and the subject content should be noted, but without summarization of the presentation.

Contents – Last Paragraph

“The meeting adjourned at ____PM.” The motion to adjourn is not noted in the minutes.

Signature: Do not use: “Respectfully submitted.” The minutes are signed by the secretary with her title after the minutes have been approved.

What goes into the Minute Book a/k/a Journal?

- Agenda – optional
- Approved minutes (without the word DRAFT on them)
- Treasurer’s Report – filed for audit or review
- Reports – officers’ reports, reports from the standing committees, and special committees
- Other documents – any documents or information that was passed out to the members and used in the meeting for reference

*Protect the rights of all members including:
the majority, the minority, individuals, absentee, and the entire organization.*

World Fellowship

Victoria Eastman, Ph.D.

Guest Author and President of Kappa Chapter, District III



What do you know about DKG World Fellowship? Did you know we have 29 World Fellowship Recipients? Did you know that one of the 29 women educator recipients is currently studying at Florida State University? She is **Saniya Ashraf** from Pakistan studying computer science. Has your chapter already reached out to her?



Did you know World Fellowship Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco? Four women educators from Germany received funds from DKG to spend 8 weeks visiting and studying in Sweden in the spring of 1948. Then in 1952, the World Fellowship Program began an alliance with UNESCO to provide help for Korean women educators. From 1958 -1960, the World Fellowship Program we know today began to evolve. DKG made an agreement with the Institute of International Education to consider dossiers for a selection of recipients to study in the United States. In 1972, the World Fellowship Committee became a standing committee and part of the former Personal Growth and Services Committee. World Fellowship Committee became part of the Constitution at the state organization and chapter committees.

World Fellowship began with an initial award of \$2,500 in 1960. It continues to grow through contributions of \$11,528 as of 2019 - 2020. Since 1960, it has impacted the education of 986 women educators from 122 countries with \$3,699,600. World Fellowship has awarded nineteen \$4,000 awards, seven \$500 extensions, and four \$1,000 in 2019 - 2020. This totals \$83,500 to thirty women educators from 21 countries. The contributions received by World Fellowship Program determine the number of World Fellowship Awards given each year by the committee.

What a powerful program DKG is supporting which empowers women educators from 122 countries. As a DKG woman educator, what might you do to support World Fellowship Program? Would you like to know more about the World Fellowship Program? Go to the DKG website, sign in using your DKG ID number, and scroll down to find the Committee link on the right. Click World Fellowship which is at the bottom of the list. Meet **Judy Rongey** of the Southeast Region. Continue to the recipients awarded in 2019 - 2020. Click on the link and scroll to #13, and you will find Saniya's contact information. Please keep this information private while mentoring her with cards and words of encouragement as she studies far away from her home in Pakistan. The last link at the bottom has ideas for fundraising, so you can promote Florida State Organization World Fellowship Committee financially.



On behalf of the FL DKG World Fellowship Committee, we express our sincere condolences for the loss of **Myrna Santos, 2019 – 2021 State World Fellowship Committee Chair**. We have lost a most dedicated and passionate supporter of World Fellowship. In her role as chair of the state committee for three biennia and as a member prior to that, Myrna diligently enlightened members about the history, purpose, and importance of World Fellowship. She worked tirelessly to connect with any Florida recipients of the fellowship and engaged one to serve as speaker for a state meeting luncheon. Myrna also served on the World Fellowship Committee at the international level and communicated current information to our members. As members of DKG, we are fortunate to have leaders like Myrna who take their roles seriously and work to convey to others the true purpose of the committee. ***Myrna Santos, you will be missed!***

2020 Educational Grants & Professional Development Awards Announced

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We had a competitive pool of 16 applicants this year which exceeded our greatest expectations for the Florida DKG Educational Foundation Grants and Professional Development Awards. The Foundation increased the total amount of funds to \$10,000 for this cycle to support the professional development of Florida Educators and fund projects that will impact student education throughout the state.

The 2020 Professional Development Award supports currently employed Florida educators by providing funds to attend professional development seminars, workshops, lecture series, on-line courses, or other non-degree program opportunities. Professional Development Awards for a total amount of \$4,036.81 have been granted to the following educators:

Debbie Bohanan, Zenith Accelerated Learning Academy, Kissimmee, FL, DKG Member
 Attending: "ISTE20" - International Society for Technology in Education National Conference
 Anaheim, CA, June 27-July 1, 2020

Stacey DeWolfe, Lemon Bay High School, Englewood, FL, DKG Member
 Course: "Set Theory" Graduate Level Mathematics Class
 Ft Myers, FL, May-June 2020

Kim Franklin, Waller Elementary School, Youngstown, FL, DKG Member
 Attending: "FAME" (Florida Association for Media in Education)
 Orlando, FL, November 4-6, 2020

Jennifer Guarraia, Trinity Catholic School, Tallahassee, FL, Non-Member
 Attending: "Get Your Teach On" National Conference
 Orlando, FL, June 28-July 1, 2020



The 2020 Educational Grant provides funding for educational projects that impact Florida students. Funds may be used to cover costs associated with the project implemented in Florida schools and/or communities. Educational Grants for a total amount of \$5,963.00 have been awarded to the following:

Pam Ayers, Port Charlotte High School, Port Charlotte, FL, Fall 2020
 Activity: "First Chapter Fridays-Literature Circles in the High School Classroom"

Diane Driggers, Medart Elementary, Crawfordville, FL, September-December 2020
 Activity: "Creating Future Scientists"

Desiraye Pulizzi, Lake Trafford Elementary, Immokalee, FL, Summer 2020
 Activity: "Learning the Code in Kindergarten"

Janie Register, Ft. Braden Community Center & Tallahassee Museum, Tallahassee, FL, Winter 2020-Spring 2021
 Activity: "123, Community Helpers are We!"

Sharon Richardson, First Christian Academy, DeFuniak Springs, FL, Summer 2020
 Activity: "Measurements Matter"

Debra Spadley, Tommy Smith Elementary, Panama City, FL, Summer 2020
 Activity: "BrainPOP"

Janice Tucker, Ft. Mose Historic Park, Lincolnville Museum & Cultural Center, St. Augustine, FL, February 2021
 Activity: "Flight to Freedom"

We congratulate our recipients for 2020 and encourage those who did not receive an award or grant, plus anyone who is interested in funding, to apply for the next year. The deadline for funding for 2021 is February 1, 2021, for projects or professional development that occur between April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022. The new updated applications should be on the Foundation website at www.fldkgef.org by September 1, 2020.



Florida DKG State Organization's Featured Artist from the 2019 Betty Thornton Arts & Crafts Gallery



Cynthia (Cindy) Tehan from Delta Gamma Chapter

Cindy taught school for 39 years in the public school system, grades 6 through 12, teaching English, French, Drama, and Leadership in Ohio, Virginia, and Florida. After retiring from the public schools, she taught at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School in Spring Hill, Florida, for an additional 5 years as an Advanced Placement English Literature teacher. Cindy has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 12 years and served as Chapter President and Scholarship Committee Chair of Delta Gamma Chapter in New Port Richey, Florida.

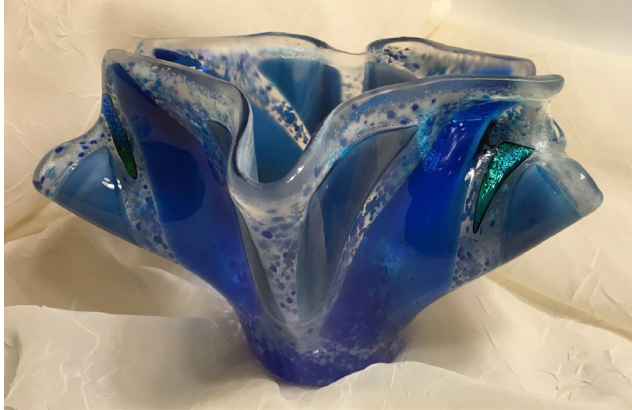
About the Wedding Gown

In the summer of 2005, Cindy's daughter, Jennifer, who lives in Atlanta, got engaged and planned her wedding for June of 2006. Jenny asked her mom to sew her wedding gown. Her daughter had seen a photo in a bridal magazine and wanted a dress "just like that one." The gown was a designer gown and cost \$10,000. Cindy explained to Jenny that she could sew it, but she would need a pattern. Cindy learned to sew from her mom who is 102 years old—still strong, smart, and fun! Jenny found a woman, Molly, who could create a pattern from a picture. Jenny mailed the pattern to her mom in Florida, and the nine-month labor of love began!

The torso of the gown required 19 boning channels. Cindy was still teaching at the time, so she used evenings and weekends to work on the gown. It was made of ivory satin on the top lined with silk organza and embellished with lace and pearls. The skirt required knife-pleated tulle. Cindy cut the tulle fabric and mailed it to a company in San Francisco that had a knife-pleating machine for school uniforms. The tulle was pleated and mailed back to Cindy in Florida. Jenny came home for a fitting in April, and she had lost weight! She dropped from a size 8 to size 4! Cindy had to take in the back, remove the zipper, and replace it. The gown was somehow too short, despite repeated measuring, so the bodice was separated from the skirt and more inches were added. Approximately \$300 in materials were invested in the dress. Cindy made the veil, and Jenny was happy with the result. Cindy's husband was a super cheerleader. Jenny's wedding was held on the beach in Sarasota!



New Art Pursuits



Cindy is now exploring the world of glass fusion. She is creating vases, jewelry, and plates out of glass in her glass-fusing kiln. Below are pictures of some of her work.



Cindy is very grateful to her family and friends for all of their love and encouragement in her artistic pursuits and her life journey. Blessed with three daughters, three sons-in-law, and five grandchildren, Cindy often feels that her "cup runneth over."

In 1977, Cindy Tehan wrote the following love poem to her husband:

To Tim,
 Loneliness can be
 an empty room with the
 soft hum of a radiator
 drowning the horns of
 the cars outside the window,
 Or the giggles and guffaws
 of many grinning nameless
 ones at a party.
 But never can it be the
 touch of your lips to mine.
 I thank God, if he be, for that.
 Love, Cynthia

Sharing Art Projects from COVID-19 Experience



Carol Ann Casey
 Immediate Past State President
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By the time you read this, we will have been through three months of COVID-19. Many of us have been on lockdown, or semi-lockdown, for most of that time. Connecting with so many of you around the state, you have shared with me many of the things you have been doing, or not doing, during this time. As a member of the International DKG Arts and Humanities Jury, I hope some of you have found time to tap into the artistic/creative side of you.

Talking with **Bonnie Kelley**, Rays editor, we thought it would be a wonderful idea if some of you would share with your DKG sisters your creative endeavors that you have, or will do, during this stay at home period. Submit your works to her (MuStateEditor@gmail.com) to be included in the Fall issue of the Rays in The Arts and Poetry Corner sections. While you are at it, consider submitting your creations to the International DKG Fine Arts Gallery in the Fall, between August 15 - September 15, 2020.

Take a look at some things you might want to do. How about writing a poem or essay about your take on this pandemic, or any other topic of your choice? For all of you camera buffs, what amazing pictures can you come up with? You would be surprised what good pictures your smartphones can take. Are you into 2-dimensional art? Get out those paint brushes, pastels, or colored pencils and go to town. Are you crafty at knitting, weaving, embroidery, quilting, pottery, sculpting, jewelry making? If so, make something beautiful. Are you spending time cleaning out a lot of junk from your place during your spare time? Why not take some of that junk and see what unique piece of 3-dimensional artwork you can create before it all goes in the garbage?

Take your pick of whatever interests you the most. Go to it. See what creation you can come up with. I look forward to seeing or reading your creation.

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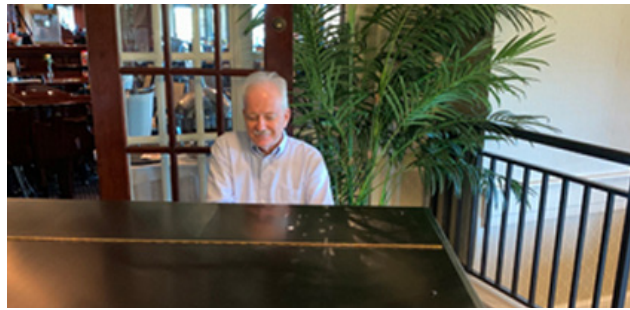
Beta Eta Chapter

Congratulations to **Debbie Bohanan** of Kissimmee, Florida, from **District IV's Beta Eta Chapter** for winning a 2020 Professional Development Award to attend ISTE20 in June! The chapter is so proud of her #BetaEta #AllWeDolsWin"

Beta Omega Chapter



Congratulations to **District III's Beta Omega** members for their 24th Annual Doorways Fashion Show, which was held on Saturday, March 7, 2020. **Chair Petey Henning** would like to personally thank the members of Beta Omega for their commitment to investing in the *Take Stock in Children Program* and the members of the Doorways Committee. **Treasurer Alma Griffith** reports that the total profit from the fashion show is \$1,827.21. This amount represents \$1,020.00 in basket ticket revenue and \$807.21 in the luncheon reservation sales. There were 70 attendees and 34 baskets.



A special thanks to **Julie Whiteley-Wood** for her coordination of the 34 beautiful baskets. Everyone hopes that their lucky ticket will win a beautiful basket. Another thank you goes to our models for showcasing the new spring fashions from Patchington. Finally, our gratitude goes to pianist **Eddie Entreken** and vocalist **Marc Sternberg** for sharing their musical talents to enhance the fashion show.



In 2021, **Beta Omega** will present their 25th Doorways to Fashion Show Scholarship luncheon. This is our Silver Anniversary. For a quarter of a century, Beta Omega has invested in scholarships for young women. Congratulations to each member as we prepare for our 25th Anniversary Fashion Show!

Eta Chapter

Eta Chapter honored our **First Chapter President, Maude Saunders (1941-1943)**, as part of our 79th Chapter Birthday Celebration held on February 1st. A biographical poem about Miss Saunders' life was shared. As part of Eta's Supporting Schools and Teachers project, members worked together putting motivational sayings on snacks for a basket that was taken to the staff of Maude Saunders Elementary School in DeFuniak Springs. Members also put together gift bags to recognize Teacher of the Year Finalists for the three counties representative of Eta Members. Since our February meeting, members volunteered 37 hours to support schools and teachers. **Eta Chapter** is very happy to announce the induction of three new members- **Janis Griffin Barnes, Deborah Brunning, and Michele Stockton.**

From left to right in the photo below are the newest Eta members with **Chapter President Sharon Rich-**

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Gamma Delta Chapter

On December 2nd, at our annual World Fellowship Christmas party, members graciously donated well over \$1,000 in gift cards for teenagers in foster care at Kid's Central, which is our biggest community involvement project. Before the Christmas festivities began, a new member was inducted. We continued the evening enjoying delicious appetizers, salads, desserts, drinks, fellowship and singing Christmas carols. A great time was had by all.

Our January meeting was hosted by the Personal Growth Committee who provided a variety of soups, salads, and desserts. The guest speaker was Yvonne Milejczak, Mental Health Liaison for Pine Ridge Elementary in Clermont, Florida. She discussed Lake County's Student Services Mental Health Services/ Mental Health Liaison responsibilities and Positive Alternative to School Suspension (PASS) which replaced In School Suspension (ISS). Also, our members were very generous with their donations of baby items for Kid's Central this month.

Many thanks to our chapter for hosting the District IV Regional meeting, "Greater, Stronger, Farther," which was held on Saturday, February 29, 2020, at the First United Methodist Church in Clermont. Our Friday evening Hawaiian themed event, "Pontooning at Pats," included pontoon rides through some of Florida's lakes in Clermont, fellowship and food, thanks to **Gamma Delta, Delta Xi,** and Jack's BBQ in Minneola. Well over 50 members including 16 from **Gamma Delta** attended.



Registration started at 7:30 AM on Saturday morning with 106 registered and 95 attending including 20 from our chapter. Once registered, attendees had a continental breakfast followed by triathletes speaking and then onto the general session. From there, break-out and poster sessions were held where members could network, share, and learn new ideas to bring back to their chapter. The meeting concluded with a delicious lunch, sensational speakers, and DKG basket winners. The baskets generated \$1,250 with the funds earmarked to DKG's state emergency fund.

Finally, a BIG shout out and thanks to everyone who helped make the District IV meeting possible, especially **Co-directors Diana Brown and Sandy Reaves, Gamma Delta,** for their leadership, communication, and organizational skills for an excellent event.

In conclusion, we look forward to our annual banquet on June 15, 2020, where we will be installing our 2020-2022 officers as well as inducting two new members. Hoping everyone stays healthy and has a safe summer.

Love to Read? Join the DKG Book Club!



1. Go to www.dkg.org.
2. Sign in with your membership number & password.
3. Click on MyDKG Tab.
4. Click on Communities.
5. Select DKG Book Club and complete information.
6. Subscribe and write topics to share with others.
7. Please post! The value of the community lies in its members contributing.



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Jane Bakke, Chair
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The Florida DKG State Organization's Educational Excellence Committee (EEC) offered an interactive workshop at four of the six district meetings. The presentation entitled "Getting Connected to the International Website" offered participants easy accessibility to the website using step by step instructions. Instructions to the website were presented for participants to share this information with their members and chapters. The EEC believes it is necessary that ALL members be made aware of the impact the international website can have on us as members and the sharing of ideas through this mode of technology.

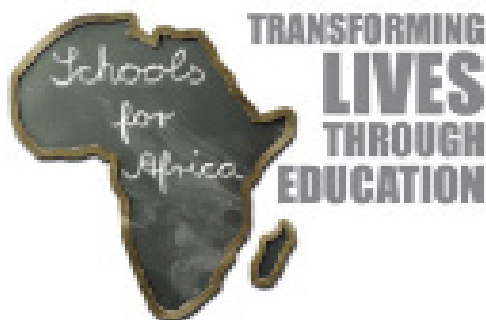
The Educational Excellence Committee shall promote programs and projects for excellence in education. The committee will identify long-term and short-term programs and projects that focus upon topics adopted by the Society. This EEC shall support programs of action that promote the personal well being, intellectual growth, and global awareness of women educators and develop strategies that will enable chapters to encourage members to become leaders.

The following are four focus areas based on the Society's Strategic Plan:

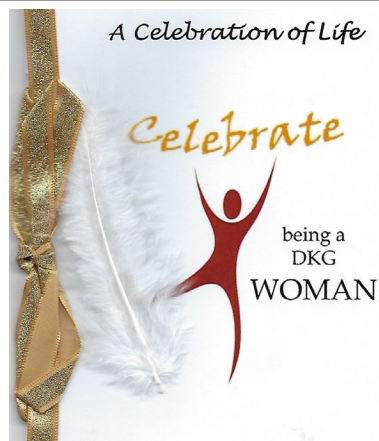
1. Promote the mentoring of new educators through the Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE).
2. Increase support of the Schools for Africa (SFA) Project at all levels.
3. Promote UN activities.
4. Train leaders to advocate for educational law and policy.

Plan now to attend our workshop session at the Fall Executive Board Meeting and Workshops on September 18 - 19, 2020, at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary which will include interactive participation and discussions involving the first two focus areas:

Promote the mentoring of new educators
and
Increase support of the Schools for Africa.



Attendees will leave with a plan for their chapters to put into action.



Kathleen Brownell
Gamma Lambda Chapter
District V
December 9, 2019
Lake Park, Florida



Kathleen Brownell passed away on December 9, 2019, after suffering a debilitating stroke. She began her active membership in DKG on May 5, 2007. For the 2020 - 2022 bienium, she was to be **Chapter President of Gamma Lambda.**

Kathy served hundreds of students as an adjunct professor at Palm Beach State College and a guidance counselor at Jupiter Middle and Eisenhower Elementary Schools. She was an avid reader, enjoyed thrifting, traveling, and spending time with her friends and family. She loved her friends dearly, who were amazingly supportive during her last months, offering love and compassion. Kathy enjoyed entertaining everyone and lifting their spirits.

Dr. Mary Katherine Kelly
Kappa Chapter
District III
February 28, 2020
Tarpon Springs, Florida



Mary Katherine (Alissandra-tos) Kelly, age 99, passed away February 28, 2020. Katherine was a life-long resident of Tarpon Springs who lived briefly in Tallahassee while attending and graduating from Florida State College for Women.

She returned to begin her long teaching career at Tarpon Springs High School, Palm Harbor School, and Tarpon Elementary. During her early years at Tarpon Springs High School, she met and married her loving husband of 52 years, Henry Rea Kelly, who predeceased her. On April 1, 1965, Katherine was inducted into DKG, and she was a current member of **Kappa Chapter**.

Katherine loved everything about food. Her Greek heritage taught her to be an excellent cook. She loved entertaining friends and family, always ready for the next gathering. From early adulthood, she loved playing bridge and the camaraderie that went with it. She also loved to sew and knit, even making garments for her great-grandchildren and many FSU pot holders.

She celebrated her 100th birthday with her family on February 22, 2020, greeting her guests

for two hours. She surprisingly passed away on Friday, February 28, 2020. Her 100th birthday was March 3, 2020.

Ruth E. Kingry
Beta Lambda Chapter
District I
March 21, 2020
Pensacola, Florida



Ruth Kingry, age 96, of Pensacola, Florida, passed away on March 21, 2020. Ruth was born on October 31, 1923, in Englewood, New Jersey. In 1945, she graduated from Barnard College for Women in New York City.

Ruth and her husband moved from New York to Pensacola in 1947. She was a public school teacher in Escambia County for 31 years, having taught first and third grades at Agnes McReynold Elementary and third grade at Scenic Heights Elementary.

In April of 1958, Ruth was inducted as a member of DKG lasting for over 60 years. She loved teaching, and she loved children. Ruth was the final Charter Member of Beta Lambda Chapter. She served on many committees during her long membership. In 2018, she was awarded a certificate as one of Florida DKG State Organization's Golden Girls.

Ruth loved to travel, read, go camping, and do crossword puzzles.

Dr. Carol Ann Luna
Zeta Chapter
District VI
May 5, 2020
North Port, Florida



Carol Ann (Levinson) Luna, 73 years old of North Port, Florida, passed away on May 5, 2020, in her home of an acute myocardial infarction. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 26, 1947.

Carol Ann began her career in education as a preschool teacher in the late 1970s. After moving to Florida in 1984, she became a public school teacher's assistant. In 1995, she graduated cum laude with her bachelors degree from Lynn University in elementary education at the age of 53 years old.

She taught English through science for Speakers of Other Languages at Boca Raton Middle School. After retiring, she returned to teaching, this time English for Speakers of Other Languages for Adults in the church school for Boca Raton High School. She retired again in 2013, moved to Venice, Florida, and helped raise her granddaughters.

Carol Ann was inducted into Delta Kappa Gamma on May 17, 2014. She was president of Zeta Chapter in Venice, Florida. She attended state meetings and organized annual Christmas donations for students and their families.

She is survived by her loving husband since 1970, Daniel Luna.

Myrna Janice Santos
Alpha Pi Chapter
District V
May 6, 2020
Coral Springs, Florida



Myrna Janice Santos of Coral Springs, Florida, passed away on May 6, 2020, due to complications from atrial fibrillation and lymphoma. She was born on June 17, 1942, in Albany, New York, and lived her early life in Hempstead, New York.

Myrna excelled in numerous pursuits during her lifetime. She was a model in the garment district of New York City, a long-time teacher of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and an author and editor of multiple books and conference presentations. She was a valued member of DKG, where she held the offices of chapter president, district director, chair of the Florida DKG State Organization's World Fellowship Committee, and an International World Fellowship Committee Member.

She was passionate about her collections and dealership of motorcycle memorabilia. She was an avid lover of traveling, horses, all things nautical, music, **Beauty and the Beast**, Audrey Hepburn, and theater.

She is survived by her beloved daughter **Marlisa Rose Santos Burling** who is a DKG member of **Alpha Pi Chapter** like her mother.

Lucille R. Strickland
Mu Chapter
District III
September 23, 2019
Mount Dora, Florida



Lucille "Lu" Parrish Strickland, age 96, passed away September 23, 2019, in Tavares, Florida. She was born on July 17, 1923, in High Springs, Florida. Lu graduated from High Springs High School in 1941 and from FSCU (now Florida State) in 1945 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

For 38 years, Lu taught general education from kindergarten through junior high with 34 of those years in Wildwood, Florida. She received bonus pay for being an outstanding teacher. She returned to substitute for 20 more years.

On June 2, 1947, Lu married Charles Strickland, and they moved to Wildwood in 1949. They lived there until late 2003 when they moved to Mt. Dora, Florida, to be near their son and daughter-in-law.

Lu was inducted into DKG on April 1, 1964, and she was buried at the Florida National Cemetery.



Dr. Beatrice J. Winchell
Alpha Delta Chapter
District VI
August 18, 2019
Fort Myers, Florida



Dr. Beatrice "Bea" Joyce Phillips Winchell, age 91, died on August 18, 2019, at Lee Memorial Health Systems in Fort Myers, Florida. She was born on December 20, 1927, in Jackson, Michigan. On February 26, 1950, she married Carl Winchell at the United Methodist Church in Hudson, Michigan, and they shared sixty-nine years of marriage.

Bea graduated from Hudson High School and continued her education graduating from Lenawee-Hillsdale County Normal School and Eastern Michigan University. She completed her graduate work at the University of Dayton and Wittenberg University in Ohio.

She was an elementary school teacher with her career spanning forty years which started in Hudson, Michigan, and continued with school districts in Springfield, Fairborn, and Athens in Ohio.

On December 1, 1958, Bea was inducted into DKG in Michigan. Later, she transferred membership to Ohio and finally to **Alpha Delta Chapter** in Fort Myers, Florida. Having served in various leadership positions, she remained active in DKG for 22 years after retirement. Bea was a member of DKG for 64 years.

Florida Rays

Members are encouraged to email information to be used in the **Florida Rays** to Bonnie Kelley at MuStateEditor@gmail.com

December 1.....Winter
 February 1.....Spring
 May 1.....Summer
 August 1.....Fall



Deadline to Pay Your Dues for 2020 - 2021
Send to Your Chapter Treasurer
June 30, 2020

Florida State Fall Executive Board Meeting
September 18 - 19, 2020
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

Florida DKG State Organization Convention
April 30 - May 2, 2021
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

The Florida Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar
June 13 - 16, 2021
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

DKG International, formerly Regional, Conferences
July 7 - 10, 2021, in Portland, Oregon
July 21 - 24, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas
July 28 - 31, 2021 in Tampere, Finland

DKG International Convention
July 12 -16, 2022
Sheraton
New Orleans, Louisiana

DKG International Convention
Summer of 2024
Gaylord National, D.C. Area
National Harbor, Maryland

DKG International Convention
Summer of 2026
Gaylord Rockies
Aurora, Colorado



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