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## State Awards Committee Honors Florida Members

**Coleen Stoffa, Chair**  
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On March 29, 2021, at the recent Florida State Convention at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary Hotel, the Florida State Awards Committee was pleased to announce a full slate of honorees. First, the **Sarah B. Ferguson Achievement Award** was presented to **Beverly Stagg** and Past State President **Gerry Hacker**. This is the highest honor that the Florida State

Organization bestows on its members. Both recipients have displayed outstanding leadership in the Society, at the Chapter, State, and International level. Congratulations to both Beverly and Gerry!

Four deserving recipients were inducted into the Florida State Organization Hall of Fame. This award is given to women who have worked for the Society, either in leadership roles or behind the scenes work that must be done to keep the organization running and moving forward. This year's recipients were **Dr. Margie Raub-Hunt, Dr. Helen Popovich, Bonnie Kelley, and Nancy Bentz**. Congratulations to these exceptional women!

Additionally, two Media Friends of Education were selected. First, **Tennika Hughes** has a passion for community service, promoting education, and youth literacy. For the past three years, Tennika has been running a program called, "Tennika's Books for Kids." Last year, she collected over six thousand books which were distributed to local children. She states that having access to books and being read to at an early age can be critical in a child's development and achievement. Our second Media Friend of Education goes to **Jessica Bakeman**, an investigative journalist who has covered education policymaking. Notably, she won an Edward R. Murrow Award for her 2019 series entitled, "Chartered: Florida's First Private Takeover of a Public School System." She has also provided a collection of news stories exploring the immediate, short-term, and long-term educational and social impacts of COVID-19 school and university closures.



Lastly, two awards were presented to our Legislative Friends of Education. **Loranne Ausley** is currently serving as State Senator for the State of Florida. Loranne has spent her career in public service advocating for children, the disabled, and public employees. She has been a consistent supporter of education, teachers, and increasing funding for schools. During the pandemic, her goal has been to bring computers and broadband service to those children and areas less served. The second recipient of the Legislative Friend of Education award goes to **Anna Eskamani**. This award winner is a product of Florida Schools from kindergarten through her doctoral studies. She has served on numerous boards promoting services for women, the homeless, the financially challenged, and the marginalized families of Florida. Anna promotes investment in meaningful school safety measures including mental health and crisis intervention programs.



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### Spotlight On... Dr. Helen Popovich

Dr. Helen Popovich's article "Growing Up in DKG" was selected for inclusion in the 2020, Volume 87-2 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. She reflected on the positive changes that DKG has made since joining in 1960. Helen, who lives in Tampa is a member of **Beta Theta Chapter** in **District III**. Currently, Dr. Popovich is the Parliamentarian for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.



### Spotlight On... Dr. Roxanne Owens

A Delta Kappa Gamma sister, **Dr. Roxanne Owens**, did an interview with WGN-Radio in Chicago on Dr. Seuss entitled, *Is Dr. Seuss cancelled?* "Not quite," says Dr. Roxanne Owens.

Seuss Enterprises' decision to cease publishing six books by the beloved children's author has sparked another fiery conversation around "cancel culture" and how we handle objectionable content in media.

DePaul University professor, Dr. Roxanne Owens joined host Matt Bualala to explain how we can conceptualize the works of Dr. Seuss in the present day and understand the complicated histories of cultural icons. Congratulations, Roxanne!

### Florida State DKG Corresponding Secretary 2021-2023

Hello Florida State DKG Sisters!

My prayer is that I never forget the sound of unified affirmative voices supporting our officers for 2021-2023. Many thanks for your positive regards. **Pat Eckstein**, thanks for taking time at our state convention to review pertinent details of the work of Corresponding Secretary with me.

Life today offers us so many opportunities to impact our world. I'm motivated by Helen Keller's words, "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." Indeed, YOU are counting on us and WE are counting on you.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Wallen  
National Board Certified Teacher



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## President's Message Florida DKG State Organization



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

Greetings Florida DKG,

As I write this article, I am reflecting on our Convention for this biennium. What changes we had to make in order for us to have this event! With the help of many we were able to give recognition to members and friends for accomplishments, remember members who have passed, conduct our business, and for a small number meeting in person - lay our eyes on one another and socialize. We had our first hybrid meeting, meeting in person and also offering those unable to attend to "meet" electronically. Were there challenges? Of course, but we were able to circumvent those and provide a meeting that Annie Webb Blanton would be proud of. I thank each of you who planned, organized, presented,



served behind the scenes, or attended (whether it was in person or virtually). Our meeting was successful because of you.



We now must move forward to summer. I encourage you to have your chapters meet to stay in touch and plan your good works and meetings for the fall. Doing the planning now will allow you to start off in August at full force. Don't stop the search for ladies who are deserving of membership, they are everywhere you are.

I hope to see you in San Antonio for our International Conference held July 21-24, 2021. Check the International website for details.

Roses to all,

Nancy Henning  
Florida DKG State Organization  
President 2019-2021



## Incoming President's Message Florida DKG State Organization

**Roxanne Berger, President, 2021-2023  
Florida DKG State Organization**

The 2021 DKG Florida State Convention was awesome. The best part, of course, was meeting in-person. Hugs and smiles were evident even with face coverings. **Missy Jones**, our state webmaster, made it possible to include our members attending virtually. We had 195 members and guests registered with 72 members using zoom.



Friday evening began with time for committee meetings and for district directors to meet with their chapter presidents. Next, we celebrated chapters and individuals with our Awards Ceremony, led by Coleen Stoffa.

- Star of the Southeast (**Carolyn McGowan**),
- Legislative Friend of Education (**Loranne Ausley** and **Anna Eskamani**),
- Media Friend of Education (**Jessica Bateman** and **Tenikka Hughes**),
- Chapter Communications Awards (see page 8),
- The Florida DKG Educational Foundation Grant, **Missy Jones**,
- Hall of Fame (**Dr. Helen Popovich**, **Bonnie Kelley**, **Nancy Bentz**, and **Dr. Margie Raub-Hunt**), and the
- Sarah B. Ferguson Achievement award given to **Beverly Stagg** and **Gerry Hacker**.

***Congratulations to all the award recipients!***

**Linda Petuch** orchestrated the Ceremony of Remembrance which provided a time to reflect on the lives of our sisters who have passed away this biennium. A beautiful reception ended the evening with plenty of time to socialize with our sisters from all across the state.

The Executive Board meeting and the General Session on Saturday morning resulted in the adoption of an amendment allowing electronic meetings and voting. The Nominations Committee proposed their slate of officers, and the officers were elected.

The Break-out sessions were well attended and engaging. There was a variety of sessions including:

- "Why Should the Presiding Officer Use a Script" with **Sam King**,
- "You Can't Break It (I promise)" with **Angie Wright-Nash**,
- "Developing Intercultural Competence and Global Mindedness Through Short-term Teaching Abroad" with **Dr. Mary Kay Pieski** and **Dr. Teresa Wojcik**,
- "Virtual Travel Abroad and in the United States Leads to a Level of C.A.R.E. via the Power of Engagement Book Talk" with **Terry Stanilonis** and **Rebecca Richey**,
- "Destination Moon: ETA 2014" with **Missy Jones**,
- "DKG Voices Making a Difference in Education," with **Dr. Vivian Posey**, **Maria Metge**, **Donna Heald**, **Kathy Raiford**, **Beth Hess**, and **Merle Jones**.
- "My Experiences as a World Fellowship Recipient" with **Saniya Ashraf** and
- "Mighty Women" with **Pat Litterick**, **DeeDee Rice**, **Sarah Watters**, **Darlene Laird**, and **Allyson Gantt**.

The luncheon was delicious and provided time for table conversations with friends. The Nominations Committee Chair, **Gale Carter**, led the installation of the 2021–2023 officers.

Overall, there were many presentations of awards creating a festive and celebratory atmosphere. The best part of the Convention was greeting old friends and meeting new friends. Hopefully, the September 2021 Fall Board Meeting and Workshops will bring more members out as we continue to connect and reconnect.





## 2021 Florida State Hall of Fame

### Coleen Stoffa, Chair Florida State Organization's Awards Committee

The women who are in the Florida State Hall of Fame have given substantially to the Society at the Chapter, State, or International levels. Some have served at all three levels. All women in the Hall of Fame have contributed much to the cause of women in the Society. The Florida State Awards Committee is proud to induct four new members into the Hall of Fame, to join those members who are already there. Each is a fine example of what Annie Webb Blanton envisioned when she thought of forming this Society. We honor these new inductees as well as all women in our organization because we are all "key women educators."



**Dr. Helen Popovich**

**Chapter:** Corresponding Secretary, Second Vice President, First Vice President, President

**District:** District III Director 1975-1977

**State:** Served several positions in State 1972-1979

**Regional and International:** Helen has also served in regional and international positions and is most recently serving as International Parliamentarian and Constitutional Committee Consultant. She has attended most International Conventions and Regional Conferences. She has presented a number of workshops in connection with the committee on which she has served and performed various Administrative Board assignments.

Helen has her B.A. and M.A. degrees from University of Texas at El Paso and her Ph.D. degree from University of Kansas.

Helen began her DKG career in Beta Kappa in 1960.

Helen is married and has one son and two step-children. She is also a grandmother to three children.



**Dr. Margie Raub-Hunt**

**Chapter:** Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Second Vice President, President

**District:** Northeast Ohio District Chair 1997-1999

**State:** Margie served as Ohio's DKG State Finance Chair and State Nominations Chair.



Margie moved to Florida in 2000, and she served as Florida State Organization Finance Committee member and Chair. In 2017, she was active in starting a new chapter, Delta Xi.

**Regional and International:** Margie has attended numerous International and Regional DKG Conferences.

Margie holds a B.A. degree in Mathematics from Youngstown State University, Ohio; a M.A. degree in Mathematics from Cleveland State University, Ohio; and Ed.D. degree in Management of Programs from Nova Southeastern University, Florida. Her doctorate degree was in part, funded by a DKG International scholarship.

Margie was married to William J. Hunt, an exceptional mathematics teacher. She has three accomplished sons, five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

## 2021 Florida State Hall of Fame Continued



### Bonnie Kelley

**Chapter:** Vice President 2002-2004 and President 2004-2006 of Beta Omega

**District:** Photographer at all District III meetings as well as presenter

**State:** Attended Jessilyn McBride Florida Leadership Seminar

2000, Editor of Florida Rays from 2013 to present, presented several workshops

**Regional and International:** Bonnie attended 7 Regional Conferences and 6 International Conferences, and she participated in both an individual presentation and in a panel discussion.

Bonnie began her DKG career in 1998 with the Beta Omega Chapter.

Bonnie holds a B.S. degree in Education from The Ohio State University, a Masters degree in Library and Information Science from Kent State University, an Educational Leadership degree from National Louis University.

Bonnie has acquired several awards throughout her distinguished career including Teacher of the Year, LaVoy Exceptional Center 1989; St. Petersburg Times' Nelson Poynter Newspaper in Education Golden Apple Award 2008; Administrator Advocacy Award, Florida Association for Media in Education 2012.

This summer she will celebrate her 17 years of marriage to husband, James. They have two sons, a grandson, and one expecting a granddaughter in July.



### Nancy Bentz

**Chapter:** Events and Community Outreach 2012-present

**District:** Coordinating Council Member and District V Meeting Planning Committee from 2014 to present

**State:** Secretary and Vice Chair DKG Educational Foundation 2015-2020, State Legislative Chair 2018-present

**Regional and International:** Nancy served as a presenter at the 2015 Southeast Regional Conference and participated as a U.S. Forum attendee.

Nancy began her DKG career by being initiated into Beta Xi Chapter in 2010.

Nancy is currently a National Board Certified Teacher. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and has received several awards including Beta Xi Hall of Fame Award. Nancy has been a School Teacher of the Year nominee.

Nancy has been married to husband Mike for 35 years and has two grown children.



## Florida State Organization Star of Southeast: Carolyn Danford McGowan

**Diana Brown,  
dbrown4710@gmail.com**



The 2019-2021 Southeast Star was initiated into Gamma Delta Chapter of District IV on May 1, 1982. Carolyn reflects servant leadership throughout all levels of Delta Kappa Gamma. Her committee work, chairmanships, and offices held at the chapter, district, state, and regional levels reveal her commitment to DKG. Her attendance at nine International Conventions demonstrates her quest for personal and professional lifelong learning.



Examples of Carolyn's exemplary leadership roles include Second Vice President of Gamma Delta, Chapter President for two bienniums, District IV Director, and both volunteer and presenter at Regional Conferences. Her state activities including Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, State Chair of numerous committees, along with the honor of being inducted into the Florida State Organizations' Hall of Fame.

Carolyn celebrates and spiritually nourishes members strengthening our Society. Her deep religious faith and church leadership are at the center of her core. Her knowledge, positivity, radiance, and outstanding character illuminates others to develop their talents thereby giving them a forum to shine.

She spreads the light of passion and service to our Society. Her star shines brightly by refreshing spirits and souls in Delta Kappa Gamma! Congratulations to our Southeastern Star, Carolyn Danford McGowan!

## International Nominations

**Carrie Frye, Executive Secretary  
cfrye@att.net**

The International Nominations Committee encourages qualified state members to apply for an elected position. Nomination documents are now available on the DKG international website ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)) with a firm deadline submission date of midnight on September 15, 2021. Please access the nominations page on the DKG website where you will find important facts about the Application Form, the Endorsement Form, the processes for submitting these forms, and action steps for interested applicants, nominators, and endorsers.

The International Nominations Committee also invites you to attend a breakout session entitled "Next Steps in Leadership" at one of the International Conferences to be held in Portland, Oregon, from July 7 – 10, 2021, and in San Antonio, Texas, from July 21- 24, 2021. Registration forms for both conferences can be found on the DKG website ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)). This session will be Zoomed.

As the Southeast Representative on the International Nominations Committee, **Carrie Frye** ([cfrye@att.net](mailto:cfrye@att.net)), will be happy to answer any questions or requests for additional information.





## 2021 Communications & Marketing Award

**Angie Wright-Nash, Chair**  
**FL Communications & Marketing Committee**  
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Congratulations to the following Florida Chapters that have earned the Communications & Marketing Award for 2021:

**District I - Alpha Kappa Chapter** submitted by **Connie Lewis**

**District II - Alpha Chapter** submitted by **Kathy Raiford**  
**Alpha Beta Chapter** submitted by **Pam Pierce**  
**Beta Mu Chapter** submitted by **Ruth Paine**

**District III - Beta Iota Chapter** submitted by **Lauren Evanovich & Erin Pottinger**  
**Beta Omega Chapter** submitted by **Michelle Hardy**  
**Beta Theta Chapter** submitted by **Debra Graff**  
**Kappa Chapter** submitted by **Angie Wright-Nash**

**District IV - Beta Chi Chapter** submitted by **Missy Jones**  
**Beta Nu Chapter** submitted by **Judith Mix**  
**Delta Eta Chapter** submitted by **Cindy Wickham**  
**Gamma Delta Chapter** submitted by **Diane Revels**

**District V - Alpha Pi Chapter** submitted by **Susan Slimack**  
**Beta Alpha Chapter** submitted by **Betty Bunnell**  
**Omicron Chapter** submitted by **Susan Jones**  
**Pi Chapter** submitted by **Nancy Marmesh**  
**Xi Chapter** submitted by **Neena Grosvenor**

**District VI - Gamma Nu Chapter** submitted by **Mary Jo Holleran**



## Schedule at a Glance

### Florida DKG State Organization

### Fall Executive Board Meeting/Breakout Sessions

**September 17 - 18, 2021**  
**Orlando Marriott Lake Mary**

**Friday**

Registration	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
First Timers Meeting	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
<b>Ticketed Dinner</b>	<b>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</b>
FL DKG Educational Foundation Annual Meeting	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
“Friday Night Fling”	8:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**Saturday**

Registration	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM
Executive Board Meeting	8:00 AM - 9:45 AM
Workshop Session I	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
Workshop Session II	11:00 AM - 11:50 PM
<b>Luncheon Included</b>	<b>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</b>

## At 2021 DKG FL State Convention



**Kathy Raiford and Terry Mosley  
Co-Directors, District II**

**District II Co-Directors Kathy Raiford and Terry Mosley** announced plans at the State Convention for a Parade of Nations. Donned in brightly colored costumes, Kathy and Terry shared their visions for the theme, "DKG, Linking Globally." In keeping with their theme, chapters were asked to participate in the following activities:

- Procession of chapters in costumes judged by a panel,
- 2-3 Minute Video of chosen country or city,
- Raffle Baskets, and
- Table Decorations.

The directors explained that only two chapters should choose the same continent. The rationale was to have as many continents represented as possible. Antarctica was not included. The chapter presidents, or representative in attendance, staked their claims on the following continents:

- **Kathy Raiford, Alpha**--Central & South America,
- **Pam Pierce, Alpha Beta**--Africa,
- **Elisabeth Davis, Alpha Sigma**-- Europe, and
- **Annie Ashworth, Gamma Gamma**--Asia.

The designation of continents is to be done on a first come, first serve basis.

Rose bouquets to District II Chapter Presidents, along with **Barbara Thompson** and **Linda Zeiler** of **Alpha Beta Chapter**, for their attendance and support. Kudos to Kathy for the useful and lovely goody bags with the theme "Everything Coming Up Roses!" Linda Zeiler baked her decadently delicious and artistically decorated cookies! Hugs and kisses to **Katie**

**Plank** for decorating the lovely poster displayed in our meeting room.

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and the founding members were true visionaries when they sought to make DKG an international organization with a global focus. It is our intent to refocus and reaffirm their DKG vision of "Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education World Wide."

Hearing **Annie Ashworth** remark about how excited she was with the plans for our District Meeting makes the time in planning all worthwhile. We hope that you, too, will find it as delightful and exciting! Save the date of February 5, 2022. We can hardly wait to see where your global spin takes us!

## Report of the Registrar



**Donna Heald, Designee  
2021 Florida State Spring Convention**

### 123 Registered Attendees

112 Members registered In person  
11 Guests registered in person

### 72 Members Registered Virtually

52 Members attended virtually on Friday  
50 Members attended virtually on Saturday

### 195 Total Registered Members & Guests



Florida DKG State Organization
Fall Executive Board Meeting/Breakout Sessions
Registration Form
September 17 – 18, 2021
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

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/Designee District Director Past State President
State Officer or Related Personnel
State Committee Chairman (Name of Committee)
Special Dietary Needs (please indicate)

Postmarked on or before September 1, 2021.

- Member Registration \$60.00 (includes materials and Saturday Lunch)
Friday night dinner for member \$12.00 (for your convenience)
Guest ONLY Friday night dinner \$25.00
Name:
Guest ONLY Saturday Luncheon \$30.00
Name:
Late Registration Fee \$40.00
Total Included \$

No refunds after September 8, 2021.

Make checks payable to:
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for Automated Registration (TBA)
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Check online for Convention Schedule/Agenda: dkgmustateflorida.weebly.org or previous page

Please note: Unless you indicate below, your attendance at this meeting gives permission for your photo and contact information (if needed) to be used in the Florida Rays or any DKG publication.

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

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
1501 International Parkway
Lake Mary, Florida 32746
Phone: 407-995-1100 or 800-380-7724
Group Reservation
2021 DKG Fall Ex. Board
September 17 -18, 2021

Rates: Single - \$117.00 Double - \$117.00
Triple - \$117.00 Quad - \$117.00
(Room rates do NOT include taxes and fees.)

Each reservation must be guaranteed with a first night's deposit or major credit card.
Please specify the group name (above) to receive your group rate.

Reservation cut-off date: September 1, 2021
Any reservation after this date is subject to availability
Refund Policy: Cancellations, no shows, or early departures without a 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.

Directions from Turnpike
Take I-4 exit, Exit 259 Orlando/Tampa
Merge onto I-4 E toward downtown Orlando
Take Exit 101A (CR-46A exit, Sanford/Heathrow)
Turn left onto H.E. Thomas Jr. Parkway CR-46 W
Turn left onto International Parkway
Turn left at 2nd driveway for Marriott

Directions from I-95
Take I-95 to exit 223 (Sanford/Mims)
Head west on Rt. 46
Turn left onto International Parkway
Turn left onto Heathrow Center Lane
Destination ahead

Directions from West on I-4
Take 429 (toll road) on west side of Disney Attractions
Stay on 429 until it dead ends into CR-46
Travel east toward Sanford/Daytona Beach
Turn right onto International Parkway
After 3rd Stop Light, take second driveway.



**Breakout Session Proposal Form  
Florida DKG State Organization  
2021 Fall Executive Board Meeting**

**September 17 -18, 2021  
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary**

**"Engaging DKG Members Through the Lens of Technology"**

What or how does technology impact your life daily? Consider sharing your presentation in which technology is incorporated personally or professionally. Possible ideas include zooming for meetings, preparing a webinar, digital storage of family or meeting photos, Instagram, etc. Breakout sessions will be held Saturday morning, September 18, 2021.

**Contact Terry Stanilonis  
at t1stan@bellsouth.net or 904-707-0239 (C) with questions.**

**Committee Presenting:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Or**

**Presenter:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information: Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breakout Session Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Description of Session:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Check equipment needed for your presentation:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Projector      \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Screen      \_\_\_\_\_ 3. WiFi

**Room Set-up:**                      \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre                      \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom

**Please note: You are required to furnish your own laptop. If connecting to our projectors, bring your own cables or contact us to make sure we have appropriate cables.**

**Mail to:**

**Terry Stanilonis, 1st Vice President  
2427 Halperns Way  
Middleburg, FL 32068**



## Personnel Committee Part IV: Missy Jones, FL State Webmaster

**Carol Ann Casey, Chair  
Immediate Past Florida State President  
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With this issue, the Personnel Committee features the last of its four state related personnel, **Melisa “Missy” Jones**. She is our very tech savvy webmaster. If you need some IT help, she is the one to go to. She is the person who keeps our website up to date and functioning. At our state meetings, you will find her zipping around, making sure

all the breakout rooms are properly set up with audio visual equipment, and taking care of any problems the presenters might have with the equipment. She also spends many hours developing and displaying the PowerPoint presentations that are used during our executive board and general assembly meetings.

Missy is a Florida native living in Sanford. She received her B.S. in Elementary Education at University of Central Florida and her M.S. in Curriculum, Instruction and Technology and an Ed.S. in Instructional Leadership at Nova Southeastern University. Since 1998, she has been teaching in the Seminole County Public School System as a math, science, and technology specialist, mainly at Winter Springs Elementary School. Since 2013, Missy has been the STEAM and Digital Learning Coach at Winter Springs Elementary. Along with all of her positions in the Seminole County School System, she has also been an adjunct instructor at Seminole State Community College and an assistant camp director at the Jewish Community Center.

Missy’s middle name should be “STEAM”. This is the area that has kept her busy for more than ten years. She has planned and coordinated STEAM events at her school for the past several years, along with presenting at numerous seminars, workshops and conferences.

If you are interested in applying for a grant in the area of STEAM, look her up. She is a pro at writing and receiving grants for projects at her school. The following are the titles of some of her grants: “Plant the Moon Grant,” “Rockin’ and Rollin’ From Land to Space,” “Full STEAM Ahead Code On,” and “3D to Life: Data, Discovery and Design.” Her most recent professional development award is from our Florida DKG Educational Foundation. She will be attending the Space Academy for Educators at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, this summer.



When not STEAMing ahead, Missy does find some time to spend with her husband, John, and their seven cats. She has also worked with the Children’s Miracle Network and the Kennedy Space Center Educational Department. In the few minutes that are left in her busy schedule, she enjoys going to the beach and attempting craft projects.

## Parliamentary Moment: 9 Steps to a Motion

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*A great meeting takes more time to prepare than to present.* S. King, PRP

Have you attended a meeting where a motion is made and then the meeting immediately dissolves into chaos? What happened? Unfortunately, this can occur at any meeting, but let's review motion pre-planning and the nine steps that assist in making motions clear and concise during a meeting.

In the preparation for a meeting, the agenda is usually sent out to the members a few days before the meeting. If a member realizes that they would like to make a motion during the meeting, they should notify the officer responsible for the agenda stating that they would like to add a motion to the agenda.

Since many chapters are still meeting via Zoom, this pre-meeting motion process is even more important. For Gamma Nu Chapter meetings, every motion must be written on a motion form before the meeting, and if a motion is made during the meeting, a copy of the motion must be sent to the secretary afterwards for the official minutes.

The nine steps in making a motion are easy and, when put into practice, will make for less confusion during a meeting.

1. **Member seeks recognition** of the President (i.e. raises hand, speaks to President, or waves).
2. **President recognizes the member.**
3. **The member states the motion** (preferably written ahead of time with copies going to the President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and one for themselves).
4. **Motion should be seconded.** If discussion starts, that is recognition that the members would like to discuss the motion. If I am the chair, I always ask, "Is there a second?" That is not required or necessary, but I do it for the secretary's benefit for the minutes. This way it can be noted in the minutes that the motion was seconded.
5. **President restates the motion.** This is why the written motion is a time saver. Also, if the chair and secretary have copies, any amendments can be written on the motion form.
6. The President should **allow the maker of the motion to speak first.** "Does the maker of the motion wish to speak to her motion?"
7. After debate, the **President takes the vote** - both the ayes and the noes.
8. The **President announces the result of the vote** - whether the motion was adopted or lost.
9. **Effect of the vote or how will it be handled.** The President should assign the task of making sure that the motion's intent will be handled properly. This assignment should include who, what, where, when, why, and how, when needed. If the responsibility is not delegated to an individual or a committee, then the follow up action may not happen. For example, a donation to a local charity has been adopted, so the President would say, "The secretary will write the donation check to The Boys and Girls Club for \$100 and mail it within the next 10 days."

All of this makes for a shorter meeting and a more engaged audience.

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

## “Moving Forward with SPIRIT and Vision:” Ruth Pridgen

### State Organization President 2009-2011

This issue of the Florida Rays focuses on the biennium of 2009-2011 during which **Ruth Pridgen** from Jacksonville was president. This and the previous three articles are intended to serve as recognition of the state organization president, provide a walk down memory lane for those who were involved, and a glance at the history of the state DKG organization for those who are new to it (and maybe younger).



During the 2009-2011 biennium, Ruth developed and led a new officers retreat, compiled a notebook for chapter presidents, encouraged greater use of technology, celebrated International's 75th Anniversary, emailed chapter presidents and state leaders sharing opportunities available to members, and encouraged chapters to initiate beginning teachers.

Ruth is a Florida native and holds an M.S. in Education, Counseling and Guidance from Purdue University, Indiana. She retired from Duval County Schools with 32 years of service. Subsequently, she became a consultant, motivational speaker, and adjunct instructor working for 10 years as a member of the National Training Faculty of the Cooperative Discipline Institute. Ruth also worked with Weight Watchers as a leader, coach, and mentor from 1986-2012.



Individuals who served at the state level with Ruth were **Carrie Frye, Merle Jones, Gerry Hacker, Sally Finley, Myra Ponder, Dr. Beverly Helms, Judith Mix, Kris Sternberg, Dr. Peg Dunn Snow, Neena Grosvenor, Evelyn Stevens, Tanna Gartside, Angie Williams, Norma Hardin, Sherry Snarr, Sandra Smith, Dr. Nancy Henning, Carolynne Foosee, Barbara Van Diepen, Pat Litterick, Morita Hadlock, LeAnn Pollard, Connie Kostyra, Ann Blossfield, and Dr. Ann Lumsden.**

District directors during this biennium included **Clancy O'Donnell, Susan Hofrichter, Pat Hazellief, Lonnie Kirsch, Elizabeth Decker, and Sheila Knoche.**

177 members attended the first executive board meeting in 2009, and 236 in 2010. At the 2010 International Convention in Spokane, **Peggy DuBose** was recognized as the “Star of the Southeast” representing Florida.

At the state convention in 2011, there were 196 in attendance. **Carol Ann Casey** and **Dr. Ann Lumsden** received the Sara B. Ferguson Achievement Award. Members inducted into the Hall of Fame were **Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow, Sally Finley, Dr. Nancy Henning, Ann Perrine, and Kris Sternberg.**

The Florida DKG State Organization salutes **Ruth Pridgen** and thanks all who led during the 2009-2011 biennium.



## Sharing COVID-19 Experiences

### Eta Chapter's Mini-Grants

**Eta Chapter** awarded \$2,000 in mini-grants to five very worthy teacher projects. **Amanda Callihan's** project helped fifth grade students learn about electrical circuits. **Sarah Infinger-LaPorte's** project provided two skeleton models that helped the fifth-grade students at her school learn the name and location of assigned bones. **Greer Harvell's** project provided eighth grade students in her school an owl pellet dissection lab to review several science standards to prepare for the Science FCAT test. **Lora Howell's** project creates a habitat for butterflies and other pollinators her whole school will use. The process of creating and maintaining the area involves using hands on science and math skills. **Marian Gilmore's** mining for gems project will be used to teach special education students cooperative group skills and help them learn about different types of rocks and gems.



### Gamma Delta Chapter Update

Due to COVID, our February and April meetings were held via Zoom. Unfortunately, we didn't hold our "New Member Orientation" in March, and we won't be having our annual "banquet" in May. We're hoping to hold our "New Member Orientation" in the fall.

On Monday, May 17, at 6 PM, our chapter had their first ever "Snack and Yack" social. Members fixed their favorite snack and beverage before joining us for a completely social Zoom time. No business conducted. This was strictly a social time for those who could not get together in person to have a time to share with their DKG friends. **Diane Revels** hosted an in person get together, "Gamma Delta's Splash into Summer Pool Party" on Saturday, May 22nd

from 2-6 PM at her home. On the menu were grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, sides, and desserts. Refreshments included sweet and unsweet tea, lemonade, and water.

DKG's Spring Convention was held April 31-May 1 in Lake Mary, Florida. Seven members of our chapter were in attendance as well as some Zoomers for the awards program that was held on Friday evening, April 30th. Our very own **Gamma Delta** member, **Carolyn McGowan**, was awarded the "Star of the Southeast Award." Needless to say, she was very, very surprised when **Diana Brown**, also a **Gamma Delta** member, introduced her as the recipient. She received a beautiful star pin and was presented with a vase of red roses from our chapter. Also, that evening, our chapter received the DKG Florida State Organization Communication & Marketing Award for Chapter Excellence. Three members were in attendance for Saturday's events. We're anxiously awaiting Florida's Fall Board Meeting and Workshop held in September.

The executive board is looking forward to getting together over the summer to make plans for the 2021-2022 year. Look for our next article in the Fall issue of the **Florida Rays**.

### Lambda Chapter's Rising Star Award

Beginning teacher, **Abigail Babcock**, is all smiles as she receives a \$50 check from **Lambda Treasurer**



**Pam Barnes.** Abigail was one of the 22 recipients of the Rising Star Award that Lambda gives each year to a promising beginning teacher who was nominated by her principal. The event was a zoom presentation this year due

to the pandemic, but each recipient was featured in a Powerpoint presentation and then received their checks in the mail. The Rising Star program was begun five years ago in an effort to retain exemplary beginning teachers. The program generates much interest in DKG from the educational community in **Polk County.** Assistant Superintendent **John Hill** joined **Lana Tatom Headley** to congratulate each of the recipients.

### Florida Members Accepted to DKG's Gallery of Fine Arts

The DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury thanks **Kathy Yarborough** for being among the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts entrants of the January 15-February 15, 2021, submission period. Her colored pencil picture, "Magnolia," and graphite picture, "Sophie," have been accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.



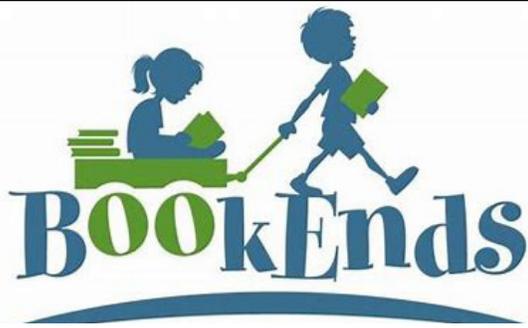
The DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury congratulates **Beth Werner** for being among the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts entrants of the January 15-February 15, 2021, submission period. Her watercolor submissions, "Morning Visitor" and "Hawaiian Memories," have been accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.



The DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury thanks **Susan Salesses** who is chapter president of **Beta Iota** in District III. for being among the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts entrants of the January 15 – February 15, 2021, submission period. Her photography submissions, "Island Sunset" and "Florida Sunrise," have been accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

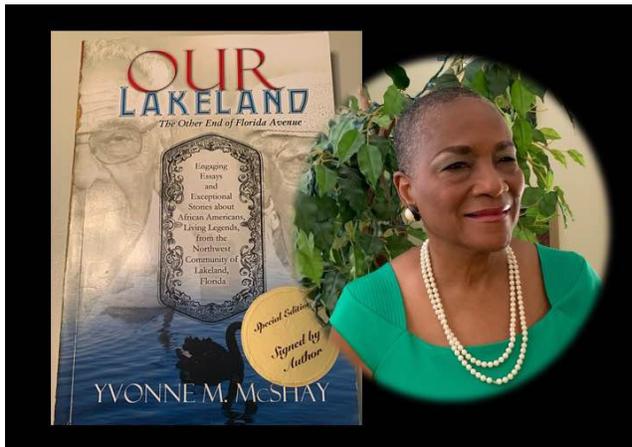


The DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury unveiled the new DKG Fine Arts Gallery in April. Their work will be displayed in the gallery for six months, after which it will be archived for two years.



### DKG Author Presents a Slice of Her Community

In the early summer of 2010, Yvonne M. McShay decided to embark on a journey to document the historical recollection of the Northwest Lakeland Community. During her research, she uncovered the experiences, challenges, triumphs, and silent contributions of successful individuals who have impacted the other end of Florida Avenue.



The 155 page nonfiction book, ***Our Lakeland: The Other End of Florida Avenue*** is subtitled ***Engaging Essays and Exceptional Stories about African Americans, Living Legends from the Northwest Community***. The book was well received throughout the county. In the book, Yvonne presents the contemporary selfless journey of thirty diverse living legends, African Americans of which ten are deceased. The book, which is a slice of the community, is divided into four sections: engaging essays, exceptional profiles, local organizations, and interviews. A book review with study questions and answers were included in the second edition. In ***Our Lakeland***, Yvonne gives readers a glimpse of the present with an invitation to contribute to future conversations.

#### About the Author

**Yvonne M. McShay**, Professor Emerita, is the author of three books. She is a dedicated member of **Delta Beta Chapter** and served as 2018-2020 District III Director. For additional information, contact Yvonne at [ymcshay@gmail.com](mailto:ymcshay@gmail.com).



### Featured Artist from Florida's Betty Thornton Arts & Crafts Gallery:



#### Judy Rees

**Judy Rees**, a member of **Beta Pi** in **District II**, has held many offices in her chapter and coordinating council. Judy is a graduate of the University of Louisville and Indiana University. She taught elementary school for 30 years before retiring.

Judy, a dedicated quilter, became interested in machine embroidery when she won a drawing for a machine at a quilt show. She donated it to a group home where she was teaching sewing skills to young women. While teaching its features, she fell in love with the ease and joy of machine embroidery.

The exhibit featured below are the first things Judy learned to make in a class taught by the sewing machine shop where she bought a used machine. Machine embroidery has added a dimension to a busy retired life, as she completes many charity projects. She is teaching sewing classes this summer to 4H youth, as she has done in the past.



During the pandemic, Judy has been busy sewing masks and hospital gowns for others. At Christmas, she made 20 small tote bags and gave them to teachers to thank them for their dedicated service.



**Johncyna McRae  
Kappa Chapter**

**Johncyna Williams McRae** is a native of Bradenton, Florida. Upon graduation from Lincoln Memorial High School in Palmetto, Florida, she attended the University of Florida. In 1966, she was distinguished as the first African American female to graduate from the University of Florida's College of Education.



In 1967, she married Harold "Hal" McRae who was a native of Avon Park, Florida. They met on a blind date when she visited Tallahassee from Gainesville. Hal played baseball at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

Hal had an illustrious 42 year career in professional baseball as a player, manager, and coach. His career took the family to Caracas, Venezuela; San Juan,

Puerto Rico; Indianapolis; Cincinnati; Kansas City; Philadelphia; St. Louis; and Montreal, Canada.



Fourteen years of his playing time was spent with the Kansas City Royals as an outfielder and their son, Brian, also played outfield for the Kansas City Royals. Another interesting fact is that Hal managed and coached the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He retired in 2009.

Johncyna taught History, Geography, and Civics at Riverview High School in Sarasota. Her teaching career was cut short to follow her husband during his baseball career. Once he retired, she became active with volunteering and community service in her hometown. Johncyna and her sister, **Deborah Thomas**, volunteer each week at the Annie Lucy Williams Elementary School in Parrish, which was named for their mother who spent 40 years as an educator.

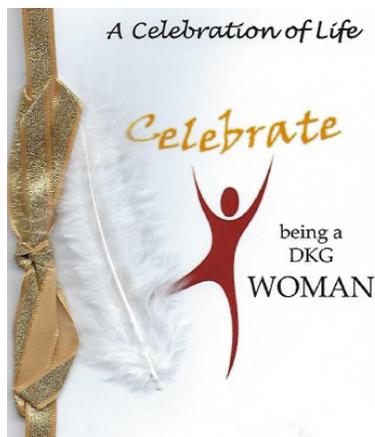
Since 1960, Johncyna has been an active member of DKG's Florida State Organization's Kappa Chapter serving on the World Fellowship Committee and the Nominating Committee. Her sister, **Deborah Thomas**, invited her to join and is a Past President of Kappa Chapter, Past District III Director, and Past Florida State World Fellowship Committee Chair.

During the poetry workshop at the DKG Florida State Organization's District III Meeting held in Lakeland in March 6, 2020, **Johncyna Williams McRae** composed the following acrostic poem:

**GRAND SLAM**

**G**etting out of the game gracefully.  
**R**ounding third – heading for home.  
**A**thlete on field no more.  
**N**eeds an RBI to finish in first place.  
**D**oing all I can to stay in the game.

**S**tealing home  
**L**eaving them all out in left field.  
**A**ll Stars of the Year.  
**M**oving to the beat of "I don't care if I ever get back."



**Dr. Judith Ann (Rataiczak)  
Bonar  
Beta Sigma Chapter  
District IV  
February 25, 2021  
Melbourne Beach, FL**



Judy Bonar, age 79, passed away suddenly on February 15, 2021. Formerly of Bellaire, Ohio, she was born on June 13, 1941. Previous to Judith's current city of Melbourne Beach, Florida, she lived in Roseville, Ohio, and Hoover, Alabama.

Judy was the daughter of an elementary teacher. Early in life she dreamed of being a teacher, and she started as the first and only Protestant teacher at a Roman Catholic School. Judy taught various grades, but her ideal positions were her years in the elementary grades. Judy devoted more than 30 years to educating and loving young children. In 2004, Judy was so honored and proud to be selected Teacher of the Year at Christa McAuliffe Elementary.

On September 1, 1997, Judith became a DKG member, and served as Beta Sigma Chapter's Vice-President from 2006-2008. Anyone wishing to share a memory of Judy can do so by going to "Bauknecht-Altmeier Funeral Home" and sharing a memory under her obituary.

**Joan Dunlop Bonifazi  
Gamma Lambda Chapter  
District V  
September 15, 2020  
Juno Beach, FL**



Joan Dunlop Bonifazi, 87, of Juno Beach, Florida, passed away on September 15, 2020, after battling the effects of multiple strokes and COVID-19. Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Joan graduated from Brush High School and received a Bachelor's degree at Bowling Green State University.

After teaching some years at Belvedere Elementary School, Joan earned a Master's in Education at Florida Atlantic University. Joining DKG in 1976, Joan was a founding member and past president of Gamma Lambda Chapter. She trained student-teachers at FAU.

Joan was married for 44 years to the late Steven Bonifazi. Together they raised orchids from around the world and enjoyed live musical theater. Joan was also known for decorating uniquely beautiful and delicious cakes.

As Palm Beach County grew, Joan became a leader in community organizations. She was a Girl

Scout troop leader and served on the Board of Directors. Joan also served on the board of the United Way of Palm Beach County and helped found the Volunteer Center. She was an active volunteer and a president of the Junior League. Most recently, Joan held several offices in PEO, a philanthropic organization of women helping women.

**Marian E. Bunch  
Beta Rhi Chapter  
District II  
December 18, 2020  
Fleming Island, FL**



**Marian Bunch** was a graduate of Stetson University. She was initiated into DKG on May 1, 1969, where she served as Scholarship Chair and President of Beta Rho Chapter in District II. She was also an active member of the American Association of University Women.

Marian retired as a media specialist in Duval County Public Schools. Her residence at the time of her death was Allegro Senior Living on Fleming Island near Jacksonville, Florida.

**Louise Thrasher Carpenter  
Alpha Rho Chapter  
District II  
January 27, 2021  
Ocala, Florida**

Louise Carpenter was born in Jacksonville on April 17, 1920, and moved with her family to Ocala in 1922. She was a 1936 graduate of Ocala High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music

from The Florida State College for Women, now Florida State University.



Mrs. Carpenter began her career in education, teaching in Crescent City, Florida. She returned to Ocala in the early 1950s, where she taught students in elementary, junior high, and high schools directing glee clubs and musicals.

She joined the The Marion Players, an Ocala community theater group, as soon as she moved back to Ocala, and directed the group's first musical in 1954. She served The Marion Players and its successor name, The Ocala Civic Theater, in many capacities, including actress, director, musician, musical director, box office staff, and probably janitor!

She was an avid traveler. She enjoyed traveling by ship and made several trips to Europe. She even transited the Panama Canal during one of her voyages. The Carpenter family were enthusiastic campers and made many trips along the Eastern seaboard, driving as far north as Quebec. They loved the mountains and spent many summers in North Carolina.

In 1961, Louise Carpenter was one of the founding members of the Alpha Delta Kappa Chapter in Ocala. She was a dynamo in every way, and hers is a big loss for the Alpha Rho Chapter.

Louise, who spent her life teaching music and serving generations of Ocalans, joined a heavenly

choir on January 27, 2021, having fulfilled her dream of passing the century mark. She turned 100 years of age last April 17 and lived a few months short of her 101 birthday.

**Dr. Kay L. Clawson**  
**Alpha Delta Chapter**  
**District VI**  
**April 24, 2021**  
**Naples, FL**



Kay L. Clawson died of cancer on April 24, 2021, at her home in Naples, Florida. She was born on October 29, 1949, in Grafton, West Virginia. She received two undergraduate degrees, a master's degree, and a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from West Virginia University..

Kay taught at an elementary school in Grafton, West Virginia. She also taught classes at Fairmont University in Fairmont, West Virginia, and completed her teaching career at West Liberty University in West Liberty, West Virginia.

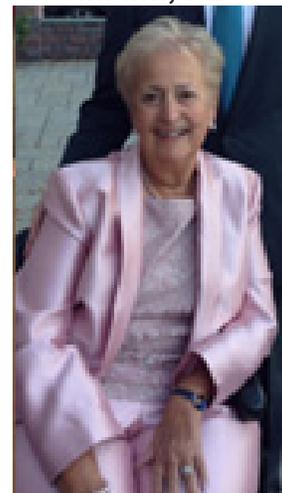
Kay began her West Liberty career in the Department of Home Economics, but soon transferred to the Department of Education. During this time, she was asked to work for the North Central Association of Colleges where she evaluated other colleges and universities. She was the faculty representative for the honors

society at West Liberty University. When Kay retired in 2012, she was a full professor and Director of Graduate Education. Initiated on October 1, 1990, Kay actively served in many roles while a member of DKG including local, state, and international committees in both West Virginia and Florida. She was a Chapter and State President of West Virginia, state Recording Secretary, President of Florida's Alpha Delta Chapter, and Chair of the Florida DKG Educational Foundation, as well as the International Educational Foundation.

Kay loved to travel, especially when it came to cruising. She could grow anything that could be found in a garden. She had a deep love for the arts, such as theater, music, museums, and art. Her home economics skills were unmatched. Kay physically helped her husband and son build a new home.

If you would like to make a donation in her name, do so by giving to the DKG International Educators Foundation, 416-12th St., Austin, Texas 78701 or online at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org).

**Carol R. Cortes**  
**Beta Zeta Chapter**  
**District V**  
**April 23, 2021**  
**Miami, FL**



Born on August 16, 1944, Carol Cortes passed away on April 23, 2021. Carol was an extraordinary person, educator, administrator, region superintendent, and in her retirement, a world traveler. She was a loving compassionate mother, grandmother, and friend to so many. She has shown strength when others would have fallen apart and given up.

Inducted in October of 1984, Carol was a dedicated Beta Zeta member. She inspired us all to be and do better. She will be missed and forever remembered, Her Beta Zeta sisters express their heartfelt condolences to her family, friends, and colleagues during this time of bereavement.

**Dr. Sharon Ivy Marie Grant**  
**Gamma Beta Chapter**  
**District V**  
**December 23, 2020**  
**Oakland Park, FL**



Sharon Ivy Marie Grant, age 64, passed away on December 23, 2020. She was born on May 19, 1956. Dr. Grant was inducted into Gamma Beta on September 3, 2011, and remained an active chapter member. Her contributions to education include high school English teacher, guidance counselor, and assistant principal with Broward County Schools.

The Sharon I. Grant Exceptional Student Scholarship was established to honor her life and dedication. Sharon's devotion to Whiddon-Rogers' students and

staff was above and beyond her job duties. In her honor, this scholarship was created for an exceptional student who plans to pursue their post-secondary education.

Donations may be made by submitting a check made out to Whiddon-Rogers Education Center. In the memo of the check, note "Sharon I. Grant Exceptional Student Scholarship." Checks may be mailed to Mr. Wylie L Howard Jr, Principal, Whiddon-Rogers Education Center, 700 SW 26 Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315.

**Dr. Margaret Harley Greulich**  
**Lambda Chapter**  
**District III**  
**April 4, 2020**  
**Auburndale, FL**



Margaret Harley Greulich passed away on April 4, 2021. She was born on October 7, 1925, in Alcolu, South Carolina. She attended Auburndale schools and graduated from high school in 1943.

Following graduation, Margaret attended Florida State College for Women in Tallahassee where she graduated with a double major in English and Spanish. Later, she obtained her Masters in Library Science from University of South Florida.

Upon college graduation, she began a long and productive

career as an English, Spanish, and Humanities teacher. She later went on to be the school's librarian and was awarded Teacher of the Year twice.

Margaret was a member of DKG since February 12, 1955. She always encouraged those around her to seek out higher knowledge.

She retired in 1984. She and her husband Al enjoyed retirement at their home in the Florida Keys. They split their time between the Keys and Auburndale enjoying life long friends.

Margaret was very involved in her church life. In Auburndale, she attended St. Alban's Episcopal church and St. James the Fisherman in Islamorada. She served as Sunday school teacher and Senior Warden.

**Dr. Anna Patricia Hill Flanagan**  
**Lambda Chapter**  
**District III**  
**November 1, 2020**  
**Lakeland, FL**



Anna Patricia Hill Flanagan passed away on November 1, 2020. She was born as one of nine children on April 19, 1930, in Mulberry, Florida. Her family moved to Lakeland during her childhood, and she graduated as valedictorian from Lakeland High School in 1947.

She received a full teaching schol-

arship to Florida State University and graduated in 1950 with highest honors. Immediately following graduation, she married her beloved Pat in the new sanctuary of First Baptist Church where they had met.

She began her 43-year teaching career in Auburndale where she taught for one year. She then taught fifth and sixth grades at Lime Street Elementary and Central Avenue Elementary in Lakeland.

In addition to her teaching duties at Central Avenue, she also served as librarian. She then decided to pursue a masters degree in special education, driving four nights a week to the University of South Florida in Tampa after teaching all day. She taught special education at Jesse Keen Elementary for a number of years while pursuing her second masters degree in library science/AV at USF.

She became librarian at Lakeland Senior High in 1968 and served as the state secretary of the Florida Association for Media in Education and legislative chairman of the Polk Educational Media Association. Her library was chosen to be a state 'demonstration' library for its excellence.

She also served as an adjunct professor at USF, a reference librarian for Florida Southern College on weekends in 1974-75, and librarian for the West Area Adult School in the evenings for many years. In 1979, she served as the first librarian at Lake Gibson High School until her retirement in 1990.

Anna was a member of DKG since 1965. Her endless energy, work ethic, generosity, and optimism was amazing. At the age of 76, she decided to return to teach-

ing and taught gifted students at Crystal Lake Middle and Kathleen Middle for three years.

**Mildred C. Lamm  
Alpha Beta Chapter  
District II  
March 6, 2021  
Jacksonville, FL**



Mildred C. Lamm, 93, passed away on March 6, 2021, in Jacksonville, Florida. She was born in Fremont, North Carolina, where she met and married the love of her life on her 18th birthday.

With Masters Degrees from both the College of William and Mary and the University of North Florida, she served as a teacher and reading specialist at schools in Newport News, Virginia and Jacksonville, Florida.

Mildred was a member of Parkwood Baptist Church for 44 years and a member of the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary for 25. Private interment took place at the Peninsula Memorial Park Cemetery in Newport News, Virginia.

The Lamm family would like to thank the Haven Hospice for all the wonderful palliative care they gave Mrs. Lamm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Haven Hospice, 4200 NW 90th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606 or to Parkwood Baptist

Church. Please sign the Guestbook @ Jacksonville.com.

**Dr. Carolyn H. Smith  
Beta Rho Chapter  
District II  
December 20, 2020  
Jacksonville, FL**



Born on March 11, 1930, Dr. Carolyn H. Smith completed her undergraduate studies at Ohio State University and her Masters and PhD at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She is a retired professor at the University of Florida focusing on poetry, English, and Women's Studies.

She tutored high school students at Mandarin High School, developed workshops for STEM activities for girls in middle and high schools in Duval County, and spoke at regional conferences on poetry.

Initiated on February 12, 1955, 2005, Carolyn served 2 terms as Chapter President of Beta Rho. She was Legislative Representative for District II and President of Duval Coordinating Council. She passed away on December 20, 2020.



**Florida Rays**

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 August 1.....Fall



**The Florida Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar**

June 13-16, 2021  
 Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

**DKG International Conferences**

July 7-10, 2021, in Portland, Oregon  
 July 21 -24, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas

**Florida State Organization's Fall Executive Board Meeting & Workshops**

September 17-18, 2021  
 Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

**Florida State Organization's District Meetings**

District I	January 22, 2022	Port St. Joe Elementary
District II	February 5, 2022	Mandarin Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville
District III	March 5, 2022	Pinellas Technical College Clearwater
District IV	April 2, 2022	First United Methodist Church, Clermont
District V	February 19, 2022	TBA
District VI	March 19, 2022	Carlisle Inn, Sarasota

**DKG International Convention**

July 12 -16, 2022  
 Sheraton New Orleans, Louisiana

**Florida State Organization's Fall Executive Board Meeting & Workshops**

September 23-24, 2022  
 Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

**Florida State Organization's Florida State Spring Convention**

April 28-30, 2023  
 Orlando Marriott Lake Mary



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