

# The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

## Florida Rays



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### Leadership Opportunities

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As we eagerly look forward to summer, many of us are finalizing vacation plans. With a sense of excitement, we look forward to a wondrous adventure. As bags are packed for the journey, we open ourselves to new experiences. Understanding that no two experiences or vacations are the same, each journey adds a new dimension to our personality and the way we perceive the world.

Likewise, leadership is a never ending journey. As members of our organization, we are all leaders by virtue of membership. However, membership alone does not allow for optimal growth in leadership as experiences and/or opportunities are limited. As such, the Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar provides a unique setting for DKG members to participate in a life-changing adventure. As we encounter new experiences, we use these opportunities to grow both personally and professionally. The Leadership Committee is charged with providing opportunities for members to participate in leadership activities through seminars, workshops, and recommended resources, such as books and websites. Your State Leadership Committee encourages all members to actively seek opportunities and/or experiences for personal and professional growth. We believe true leadership involves action.

**L** is looking for ways to make a difference.

**E** is exploring and investing in activities to grow and learn.

**A** is acknowledging that continued growth is necessary.

**D** is developing the skills necessary for positively influencing others.

**E** is enhancing one's own understanding of themselves.

**R** is reacting in a positive way when confronted with new opportunities.

**S** is supporting one another .

**H** is honoring our organization's past leaders.

**I** is implementing a plan towards obtaining stated personal and/or professional goals.

**P** is participating in DKG activities beyond the chapter level.



If your leadership journey has stalled or you desire to add to your resume, we encourage members to consider applying to attend this year's Jesslyn McBride Leadership Seminar. The seminar dates are June 24-27, 2018. Members who missed applying at their district meeting will need to apply using the application located on the website. The mailing application deadline is April 15, 2018. Make this seminar an adventure of a lifetime!

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## Spotlight on Florida Members

### Dyhana Zeigler Named Chair of Florida Commission on the Status of Women

(Credit: *Tallahassee Democrat*, February 11, 2018, p2A)

The Florida Commission on the Status of Women (FCSW) announced the election of its 2018 Officers. Among the officers elected for 2018 was Commissioner Dhyana Ziegler DCJ, Ph.D., who was named the chair. Dr. Ziegler is interim dean of the School of Journalism & Graphic Communication at FAMU. The 2018 Officers was installed by Judge Nina Ashenafi Richardson in a special ceremony on February 6, 2018, at the Historic Capitol in Tallahassee.



"I'm pleased and honored to have been selected as chair of this dynamic group of Florida women who care deeply about improving the lives of women and girls. Throughout our 25-year history, the Florida Commission on the Status of Women has been an agent of positive change, bringing the voice, needs and conditions of women to the forefront," said Commissioner Ziegler. "With the energy and skills of our Commissioners, we'll continue to capitalize on the momentum to advance the opportunities for women and girls in our state."

### Maureen Templeman Wins Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award

**Maureen Templeman** of **Beta Theta Chapter** in Tampa received a February 2018 Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award in the amount of \$1,300. She plans to use her award to attend the Cornell Translational Research Summer Institute. Mu State is proud that a member from Florida has received assistance to enhance her professional expertise. All educators, members and non-members, who need professional development assistance need should check the DKG International Foundation Website for the Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award information and application.

### Janice Tucker Inducted into University of Florida's Alumni Hall of Fame

On April 13, **Janice Tucker** of **Beta Mu Chapter** was inducted into the 2018 Hall of Fame, College of Health and Human Performance, University of Florida. Every year, they recognize the achievements of their finest alumni and staff. Previously, Janice taught at Oakleaf High, and she currently is the Vice Principal at Orange Park Junior High. In 2012, Clay County honored Janice with the "Outstanding Assistant Principal Achievement Award" for Outstanding Leadership, and the Florida Association of School Administrator named her FASA Assistant Principal of the Year.



## Florida (Mu State) President's Message...



At last, long awaited Spring is beginning to do just that. Spring in. Finally, the chilly and sometimes freezing and snowy months of December and January are behind us. I hope you were able to stay warm. South Florida is loving this weather, especially the early blooming/fruited mango trees. They are busting out all over with beautiful blossoms.

With the coming of Spring, in the even numbered years, comes our District Meetings. We are well underway. By the time you read this, we will have had several very successful and rewarding ones. I do hope you were able to attend your district meeting or have plans to do so. It is a rewarding and enjoyable experience. It gives you a chance to learn more about our society, how it works, what it can do for you, network and have the opportunity make or renew friendships with your DKG sisters. Even though district meetings are opened for all of our members, their main purpose is to train the incoming chapter officers. If you are a newly elected officer, please make plans to attend.

It is time to elect new chapter officers. I thank all of you that have taken on the challenge of becoming one of your chapter's incoming officers. Oh, the places you can help your chapter go in DKG! Remember that there is lots of support for you on the state and International levels. Your state officers, committee chairs and members and district directors are here at your service. Just reach out to us. We are just a phone call, text or e-mail away. And, even closer to home, you have your own chapter members who are there for you. Remember to DELIGATE! Give them some ownership to your chapter's successes.

Thinking of chapter successes, take time to take on a new project or finish making plans for one you already have scheduled. Remember our International Mentoring Early-Career Educator Project. Do something nice for some of your early-career educators in your community. They are over halfway through the year and might need a little pick me up at this time.

In case you have not seen the proposed amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules, they have been posted on the International website. All 140 of them. They will also be in the March/April issue of the DKG News. Please take some time to read through and get acquainted with them. Some of them are big changes to consider. Plan on spending some time at your chapter meetings to discuss them and let your thoughts be known to sisters that will be attending Convention this summer. Better yet, start making plans now to head to Austin, Texas, July 16-20, 2018, for a fun-filled, change-making, challenging and exciting several days. Many of your Florida Mu State sisters will be there to join you.

You might think that September is a long way away, but it will be here before you know it. Check out the registration form in this issue of the Florida Rays. Be the first in your chapter to register. Dr. Nancy Henning is looking for some outstanding workshop presentations. There is an application in this issue. You may also go to our Mu State website and download both forms.

Have a wonderful Spring. Looking forward to seeing you at your district meeting. Remember...**"Oh, the Places You Will Go with DKG!"**

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**Florida Mu State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Workshops**  
**"Oh, the Places We'll Go with DKG!"**  
**September 21 - 22, 2018**  
**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**     **State Officer or Related Personnel:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Past State President**     **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 7, 2018**  
 (packets not guaranteed after this date)  
**No refunds after September 10, 2018**

**Send to:**      **Pat Eckstein**  
 6939 Sylvan Woods  
 Sanford, FL 32771  
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Please Note: Unless you indicate below, your attendance at this meeting gives permission for your photo & contact information to be used, if needed, 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**  
**Delta Kappa Gamma or DKG**  
**September 21-22, 2018**  
**Rooms rates will also include tax.**

**On-line booking link: Book your group rate for Delta Kappa Gamma Fall Workshop**  
**Rates: Single-\$121.00 Double- \$121.00 Triple - \$121.00 Quad - \$121.00**

**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: September 4, 2018**  
**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.**

**Directions from Turnpike:**  
 Take I-4 exit, EXIT 259 Orlando/Tampa  
 Merge onto I-4E toward Downtown Orlando  
 Take CR-46A exit, EXIT 101A toward Sanford/Heathrow  
 Turn left onto H.E. Thomas Jr. Pky. CR-46A W  
 Turn left onto International Pky.  
 Turn left onto Heathrow Center Lane

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



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Mu State Fall Executive Board Meeting  
September 21-22, 2018  
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

**Call for Workshop Proposals**

Each workshop will be 50 minutes in length, and there will be three sessions.

- Session 1 - Friday, September 21, 2018, 7:00 – 7:50 p.m.
- Session 2 - Saturday, September 22, 2018, 10:15 – 11:05 a.m.
- Session 3 - Saturday, September 22, 2018, 11:15 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Presenter(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Time to Reach You: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief description or outline of your workshop (2 sentence maximum):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment needed:**

Presenters must provide their own laptop and appropriate cables for hooking to our projectors. We have a limited number of projectors of which state committees have priority use. You may wish to bring your own.

- Room Setup:  Classroom Style (with tables)  Theater  
 WiFi Access  LCD Projector  Screen

**Note: Internet service is limited.**

Availability for Presenting:  Friday  Saturday  Either

**Deadline for submitting proposal: Friday, June 15, 2018**

Send proposal to:  
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## Florida Key Women Educators of Delta Kappa Gamma

### Rally in Tally

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“Encouraged!” “Informative!” “Different perspective!” “Less threatening than anticipated!” These were just some of the words from the attendees of the Rally in Tally. On Monday and Tuesday, January 29th and 30th, twenty educators gathered in Tallahassee, Florida, to meet with their state, elected officials to discuss their 4 top issues: preserving public education, human trafficking, the Florida Retirement System, and legislation relating to science standards and curriculum. **Carrie Frye, Nancy Bentz, and Dr. Nancy Henning** organized this event.



**Nancy Bentz, Carrie Frye, Linda Petuch, Donna Heald, and Deane Ugalde with Senator Hukill's aide.**



**Michelle Hardy, Carrie Frye, and Gwen Graham**  
(Candidate for Governor)

On Monday, January 29, several participants visited the offices of their district legislators. **Carrie Frye, Nancy Bentz, and Donna Heald** finalized Tuesday’s schedule by visiting the offices of 14 legislators. In the evening, members convened at the Table 23 Restaurant to not only enjoy the company of fabulous, positive-spirited educators and tasty foods, but they had the opportunity to meet with Gwen Graham who is running for governor. Even though **Carrie Frye** tried repeatedly to get Adam Putnam, Commissioner of Agriculture and candidate for governor, to attend as well, he was unable to meet during our visit. (For more information on these candidates, you may search the Internet.) **Nancy Bentz** shared her research and reviewed the information we needed in order to be fully prepared to speak on the issues.

Participants met on Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in a large conference room reserved for our group at the Capitol. Nine legislators or legislative aides spoke with us from 8:00 - 12:30 p.m. (Several other legislators were visited throughout our 2-day visit.) Three of our members attended the PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee hearing to get the latest developments on one of the most important pieces of legislation affecting public education, House Bill 1 – Hope Scholarship Program and reported back to those meeting in the conference room.



**FL DKG Advocates in Senate Conference Room**



**FL DKG Advocates with Gwen Graham**

This is our fourth year representing our organization in Tallahassee, but our second year to encourage attendance of all Florida DKG members. Delta Kappa Gamma was well represented and has become a respected, well-recognized organization at the state’s Capitol. We are proud of this accomplishment! We plan to continue this advocacy work for education and the rights of women and children next year. Start planning now to join us!

## Membership: Leading the Way

**Nancy Marmesh, Chair  
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We have good news to share! After months of meeting and planning, our newest chapter, **Delta Nu**, has become a reality! The Initiation, Chapter Installation, and Officer Installation were held on December 2, 2018, at South Fork High School in Stuart which is District IV. This is the first new DKG chapter chartered in Florida in the past 20 years. It was an exciting time, and we had a wonderful reception. Congratulations to all the charter members of this special new chapter!

We are also working to set up a second new chapter in The Villages in May of 2018. Our Planning Committee is busy working on this project and will keep everyone updated. Thanks to **Mu State President-Carol Ann Casey** and **Mu State Executive Secretary Carrie Frye** for leading the way.

During the past few months, the Membership / Expansion Committee has been putting together a list of creative ideas and best practices. We will be sharing these suggestions in breakout sessions at the upcoming District Meetings. Throughout this biennium, we will continue to focus on recruiting, mentoring, and supporting DKG members. Our goal is to be a resource to help chapters increase membership and strengthen participation. Please continue to contact us to share ideas, ask questions, and make suggestions.

We are currently gathering ideas for the Ceremony of Remembrance at the 2019 Mu State Convention. **Our Necrology Representative, Joann Higgins**, and I will be working closely with leadership and our committee to put together this important event.

### Membership Tip:

Be sure and take a look at the DKG International website where the Orientation and Reorientation PowerPoint presentations have been updated with audio. The resources available on the DKG website provide many excellent ideas and can lead to important conversations within the chapter setting.

## Awards Committee Awaits Your Nominations

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The Mu State Awards Committee is responsible for selecting two members for receipt of the Sara B. Ferguson Mu State Achievement Award, selecting the recipient of the Legislative Friend of Education Award, the Media Friend of Education and members to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Recipients of these awards will be recognized at the Mu State Convention in 2019.

In order to perform its duties, the members of the committee anxiously await your nominations for three of these awards. The members to be inducted in the Hall of Fame are selected by state committee chairs, Mu State officers, and the past state presidents. They are not nominated by individual members or chapters.

Chapters may nominate individuals for the Sara B. Ferguson Achievement Award. The deadline is February 1, 2019. All chapter presidents and district directors have been sent an electronic copy of this form. However, you may also download the form as well as the guidelines from the Mu State Website. If you have an outstanding and dedicated member who is an active member, well informed of the principles and Purposes of the Society, has contributed to the advancement of the Society and education, rendered outstanding service to the Society at the chapter, district and state levels in the past 10 years, and participated in activities of the community, you should nominate her for this award. Two awards will be presented at the 2019 Convention.

Anyone may nominate a Media Friend of Education and a Legislative Friend of Education. Members may read the guidelines for these awards. The deadline for both is January 15, 2019. Chapter presidents have the guidelines as well as the forms themselves. However, if you have trouble getting them, they are available to be downloaded from the website. Give recognition to a Media or Legislative Friend in your area by nominating them for these awards.

If you have questions, you may contact Jeanne Jones, chair of the Awards Committee (gatorview@comcast.net), any member of the committee, or your district director.

## Why I Go to Conventions

**Claire Swanson**  
**NJ Past President & Editor**  
**International Membership**  
**Committee Member**

(Credit: DKG Convention Times #1)

I go to international conventions for several reasons. One of the most important is the networking with other DKG members from around the world. I like the stimulation of discussing educational issues with women from different parts of the globe, and I appreciate discovering our commonalities and differences.

I find it's always great to see "old" friends and meet "new" ones, too. Attending conventions gives me the opportunity to meet women I would never have a chance to meet otherwise.

Also, I have the opportunity for professional learning. I've heard keynote addresses by thought-provoking educational trailblazers, and I've come away from breakout sessions with new



ideas to take back to my school. The 2018 International Convention in Austin should be especially invigorating as we discuss and vote on amendments to the Constitution and Standing Rules that will determine DKG's future direction. I hope to see you there!



## Start Planning for DKG International in Austin! @ J. W. Marriott July 16-20, 2018

**Joan Hester, Convention Co-Chair**  
 (Credit: DKG Convention Times #2)

What kinds of activities will interest you when you come to Austin? Austin's famed "quirky and weird" side? For an "Austin style" experience, you might opt for one of many tours on the list at the Austin Visitor Center website. A brunch bus, a craft beer tour, an amphibious vehicle tour, a kayak tour, a ghost walking tour, a Segway tour, a public art tour—this list names only a few tours. These tours, and many more, can be found on the Austin Visitor Center website at [www.austintexas.org](http://www.austintexas.org).

A popular out-of-the-ordinary attraction for locals and visitors is watching the bats emerge from the Congress Avenue Bridge at dusk. You can witness the spectacular sight by standing on the bridge and watching or by going out on the bat-watching boat on Lady Bird Lake. Bridge watching is free and very close to the convention hotel, but for viewing by boat, visit [www.capitalcruises.com](http://www.capitalcruises.com) (512-480-9264) for information and reservations.

Interested in Austin's historical parts? Numerous historical tours visit different places, such as the University of Texas campus, the Texas Governor's Mansion, the Texas State Capitol, and Congress Avenue.

Want to experience a night of live music? When visiting the "Live Music Capital of the World," you'll want to take advantage of the many musical performances throughout the city. On any given night, seasoned and up-and-coming musicians are playing in venues large and small. Many shows are free, and all welcome new listeners to hear their music. Steps from the convention hotel are some local favorites, including The Elephant Room for jazz, Antone's for the blues, and Cedar Street Courtyard for dance music.

If you're interested in getting the "lay of the land" or simply an Austin overview, you might wish to hop on a red double-decker bus for an open-air ride around the central part of town ([www.doubledeckeraustin.com](http://www.doubledeckeraustin.com)).

July means hot weather in Texas (even after dark), so perhaps you'd prefer an air-conditioned coach ride that would present a broader sweep of Austin. You can get information and make reservations for a variety of tours on the following websites: [www.austindetours.com](http://www.austindetours.com), [www.aotour-saustin.com](http://www.aotour-saustin.com), and [www.accessatx.com](http://www.accessatx.com).

In short, the Austin Visitor Center website has a wonderful collection of tours, upcoming events, access to a visitor's guide, and much information to make the most of your visit to Austin. We're excited for you to come and experience all our city has to offer!



## **Parliamentary Moment: Questions About a Quorum**

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### **What is a quorum?**

A quorum is the minimum number of members who must be present at a meeting for business to be validly transacted [Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11th ed.) (hereafter RONR), p. 21, ll. 3-6].

### **Why is it important to require a quorum?**

Requiring a quorum protects the rights of the absentees. It prevents an unusually small unrepresentative number of members from taking action in the name of the whole organization (RONR, p. 21, ll. 6-8).

### **How many members constitute a quorum for a chapter meeting?**

If the chapter rules do not specify the number, a quorum is the majority of the entire membership (RONR p. 21, ll. 17-23). Therefore, chapter rules should specify a number approximating the number of members that can be expected to attend the average chapter meeting.

It is unwise to specify that the quorum shall consist of those present at a meeting, because that would enable as few as two members—the minimum necessary to conduct a meeting—to take action on behalf of the entire chapter. Also, it makes no sense to specify that a quorum shall be half the number of members present at any meeting because the smallest number that can be present at any meeting is all of those present.

### **Once a quorum has been established, does it continue to exist no matter how many members leave during the course of the meeting?**

No. The continued presence of a quorum is presumed to exist only until the chair or any other member notices that a quorum is no longer present (RONR, p. 349, ll. 8-11).

### **Is it okay to continue to conduct business in the obvious absence of a quorum as long as neither the chair nor any other member asks if there is a quorum present?**

No. The prohibition against conducting business in the absence of a quorum cannot be waived, even by unanimous consent of those present. [RONR, pp. 348-349, ll. 11-28].

### **What can a chapter do in the absence of a quorum?**

The only actions the chapter can take are:

1. To fix the time at which to adjourn; that is, to establish a time for a continuation of the meeting, thus giving members an opportunity to obtain a quorum,
2. To adjourn,
3. To recess, or
4. To take measures to obtain a quorum. For example, agree to call absent members to see if enough of them to constitute a quorum could get to the meeting within a reasonable time. (RONR, p. 347, l. 30-32).

The chapter can also do things that do not involve transacting business, such as saying the Pledge of Allegiance, socializing, or presenting a program.

## Chapters Share Their Vision

### Beta Lambda



**Chapter President Clancy O'Donnell** proudly announces financial support for Saturday Scholars as an initiative of **Beta Lambda Chapter**. At a recent chapter meeting, Quinn Evans, the Assistant Principal of Brentwood Elementary School, accepted a check for \$250 to purchase books for the students.

### Beta Omega

On March 3, **Beta Omega Chapter** held their 21st Doorways to Fashion. Held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, doors opened at 11:00 a.m. to peruse the baskets, purchase drawing tickets, and sample hor d'oeuvres. The fashion show was followed by lunch- a beef, salmon, or vegetarian entree.

**Petey Henning** inspired **Beta Omega** to begin its quest to sponsor **Doorways Scholarships**, and chaired the Fashion Show Committee since its inception in 1996. Now known as **Take Stock in Children**, these four-year scholarships to any Florida college or university are awarded to Pinellas County students whose families could not otherwise afford a college education for their children. The students who are selected are assigned a mentor who meets with them weekly and helps keep them focused on their goals. They are expected to maintain regular at-

tendance and satisfactory grades, and to remain drug and crime free.

**Beta Omega** is very proud of our Scholars! Our first, funded in May of 1998, has graduated from college, others are in college, or are achieving their goals in middle school and high school. We have sponsored ten scholars, and will soon be able to fund an eleventh.



### Beta Xi

What are the members of **Beta Xi** doing this year? We started off with an organizational meeting at Tom Sawyer's Restaurant in West Palm Beach in October. As in other years, it was a time to catch up with members and talk about upcoming events for the new year.

In December, what else would we do but play Santa to the Children's Hospital at Saint Mary's Medical Center? The hospital is our community service project for the year. They tell us what the children need and we provide it. This is ongoing throughout the year as the children take home the books, toys and gift cards we provide. And what is December without a party? This year we met at the home of **Linda Petuch, Beta Xi member** and **District V Director**. A great time was had by all!

### Gamma Delta

For the past several years, **Gamma Delta Chapter** has supported Kids Central, an agency that helps



create brighter futures for abused, neglected and abandoned children and their families in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter counties by focusing on prevention services, in-home care, foster care and adoption. This year, we collected gift cards for the holidays for teens who were aging out, baby items in January, and toiletry and hygiene items in February. At our February meeting, we were delighted to have **Kids Central CEO John Cooper and Board Member Gail Burry** in attendance and pictured above. **Gail is also a longtime member of our DKG chapter**. We look forward to continuing this outreach in the future!

### Gamma Nu

What do pecans, drawings, auction items, and clothing have in common? They comprise the combination fund Grants-in-Aid for Charlotte County graduates majoring in education. The annual **Gamma Nu** fundraiser, "Reach to Teach" Fashion Show and Benefit Luncheon, was held January 28th at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club. Two hundred people attended the fashion show and luncheon with representation of our DKG sisters from Ohio, Illinois, New York, Miami-Dade, and a large contingent from Arcadia! Everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon to support young women in their effort to become strong future educators.



## Florida DKG Educational Foundation Update

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The Florida DKG Educational Foundation Board looks forward to reviewing applications submitted for professional development awards. Awards up to \$1,500 each will be granted this year for activities that take place between April 1, 2018, and March 31, 2019. All applicants and recipients will be notified by April 1. If you did not get a chance to submit an application this year, please consider the opportunity for next year as you learn about upcoming programs that will support your role in education. More information is available at <http://FLDKGEF.org>.

A director of the Foundation will represent the Florida DKG Educational Foundation at each of the six Florida District meetings. We look forward to seeing DKG members at the District meetings and will be available to answer any questions. We will also provide donation forms for all attendees in case you would like to contribute at the meeting. Contributions may be made in honor or in memory of anyone. In such cases, appropriate letters of acknowledgment will be sent.

We thank members for their generous contributions to the Foundation last year and to the chapters that have set up annual donations. This helps the organization thrive to provide opportunities for educators in Florida, to pursue professional and personal growth and supports educational excellence worldwide. We also thank those who have set up accounts with Amazon Smile to give back a percentage of sales to the Foundation. If you have not set up an account, the process takes only a minute at <http://smile.amazon.com>. Please remember to assign the Foundation as your preferred charity.



The latest edition of the Educator Express is now available on the Foundation's website if you have not received it. We wish you a happy spring!

### **2019 *Leading Effective Meetings* Seminar**

**Dr. Gwen Simmons, International Parliamentarian**

Interested in effective meeting management?

A parliamentary seminar, *Leading Effective Meetings*, will include:

- pre-seminar independent study;
- 20+ hours of training on site;
- topics such as fairness to each member, protection of the minority, decisions based on the majority; and
- instruction by Gwen Simmons, Ed.D., PRP, international parliamentarian, and others.

The seminar will be in the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville, NC.

Friday evening June 21, 2019. thru Monday morning June 24, 2019

(The weekend before Southeast Regional Conference, June 27-29, 2019.)

Seminar will be limited to 35-40 participants with some spaces already filled.

If interested, contact Simmons **ASAP**, but no later than **August 1, 2018**, via [simmonsgs@earthlink.net](mailto:simmonsgs@earthlink.net).

## Building a Chapter Website

**Neena Grosvenor, Chair**  
**Mu State Communications & Publicity**  
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One important reason to have a chapter website is to attract educators to the organization and to provide a place where a candidate can learn more about the chapter. Consider building a chapter website to share the link with potential candidates. The chapter website can showcase the contributions the chapter has made to education, local educators, schools, and the community. It can also feature a historical perspective of the chapter, and spotlight the chapter's support for educational initiatives at the chapter, state, and International levels. When a potential candidate wants to know more about the organization or the chapter in which she is considering membership, she can visit the chapter website beforehand to learn more about the chapter.

In order for the chapter website to be certified and linked to the Delta Kappa Gamma International, there are a few requirements. There are items that must be added to the chapter website such as the seven purposes and the organization's mission and vision statements. To access the complete DKG website criteria, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yacr8rcn>



A free website builder that easy to use is Weebly. There are other free website creators such as Google Sites, and Wix.com. If building a website for the first time, Weebly is the best choice. Weebly essentially is a drag and drop platform for easy website creation. To view a playlist of how-to videos on creating a website using Weebly created by Delta Kappa Gamma, visit:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9LGbIV1\\_pS1Me9QwYgA0f\\_afosQDNKiJ](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9LGbIV1_pS1Me9QwYgA0f_afosQDNKiJ)

Weebly offers a free URL, or if you prefer a unique URL, there are paid third party domain name hosts, such as GoDaddy, which offers this type of service. There are many other companies that offer this service. Keep in mind most domain name services are paid plans.

Once your chapter website is built, vetted and approved, the link can then be included in a chapter brochure which can then be shared with potential candidates. Those wanting to know more about your chapter and our organization can visit your website to learn more about the important work your chapter does, and the variety of activities and events in which your chapter is involved.

The DKG.org website offers many useful resources to aid in launching a successful web presence for your chapter. See the tools tab and the Communications and Publicity tab to preview additional helpful resources. If you have further questions, about website creation, please contact the Mu State Communications Committee at [mustatecommunicationscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:mustatecommunicationscommittee@gmail.com).



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
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## Featured Poet: Rosemary Penderly

Rosemary has an extensive background as a school teacher in California and in Florida, an ordained minister, and a Prison Chaplain. She and her husband (now deceased) raised 22 foster children and built and developed 13 spring fed lakes in Northwest Florida.



A member of Eta Chapter since 1976, Rosemary has served as vice-president, chaired numerous committees and presented numerous programs. She has always loved to write short stories and poetry.

Her first book, *A Home for Hopper*, published by William Morrow, Inc., was a New York Times most notable children's book selection in 1971. In 2012, she was given the name, "Little Turtle" by the Chief of the Muskogee Creek tribe of Northwest Florida. Her books are available on Amazon.com. They include *Beyond Eagle Mountain, Stories and Legends of the North American Indians; Curve in the Road; I'd Walk a Mile; When All the Packages Were Green; Daily Lifts for Teachers; Love's Blessings; Angels Were There and Little Lights for Your Journey.*

### Don't

Should you meet a mental arrow  
Shot from  
Someone's throbbing bow  
And your dander  
Starts to rise up  
When your cool's about to blow –

Just remember  
That without your thought  
To barb it in its quest  
There is nothing  
Wrong can cling to  
If you never do ingest.

So don't ever  
Bite the slightest bit of bait...  
'Cause the smallest mite ingested  
Grows until it has infested  
Every thought and word  
And action with its hate.

Don't taste the bait.

Never swallow  
Or it just might be too late –  
Proving pride has made you angry  
When your self-will took offense  
Then with egotism puffed up  
Pity played at your expense.

So a little bitty bite  
Don't contemplate –

No, no never,  
Never ever taste the bait.

### The Flaw

It's plain –  
When another's flaw I see  
The greater error is in me.  
If other deeds I should condemn  
It is my pride accusing them.

My criticism turns my way  
To point where righteousness  
did stray.  
My heart has lodged  
Vain self-conceit –  
The cure?

To wash my brothers feet.

### Counting

Count your praises, never losses.  
Count your joys, never crosses.  
Count your smiles, never fears  
Count your good times, not your  
tears.

Count your blessings:  
Don't count sheep.  
Count on God, His angels keep.

This is how to  
Move those mountains  
In their places,  
living fountains.

### First Day



I rode the yellow bus to school today  
But found some "don't go" thoughts  
were in the way...  
Suggestion that I might not find a  
seat  
Or that I might trip over someone's  
feet.

The sky grew dark and wind began  
to blow  
I just about decided, "I won't go."  
Inside the bus, I noticed someone  
wave  
Which made me start to feel a little  
brave.

I took a breath and held my lunchbox  
tight  
Climbed up the steps and found a  
seat all right...  
Then someone new sat right down  
next to me  
Who said, "May I sit here? I'll be  
your company."

## Get Connected Carolyn H. Pittman 2016-2018

**International President**  
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### First...

The new DKG app is ready for use, so please add it to your cell phones. The announcement is on the rotator of the DKG homepage. Clicking on the image will direct members to the instructions and information for downloading and using the APP. Access the APP yourself, and spread the word among members in your chapter! Remember to delete the previous DKG app and download this new one.



### Second...

Set up your account on the DKG International Website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) so DKG Headquarters can add your email to its bank of DKG email addresses. We have 49,081 email addresses of our approximately 70,000 members. Clearly, the need to "connect" all our members is ongoing! The efforts of the DKG Headquarters Technology Team, the Communications and Publicity Committee, and all the headquarters' staff have helped to expand those connections.

### Also...

The proposed amendments are posted on the website, and they were printed in the DKG NEWS.



## Celebration of Life

**Eda L. Chappell**  
**Beta Omega**  
**March 8, 2018**  
**Pinellas Park, FL**



**Eda Chappell** passed away on March 8, 2018, at the age of 82. She was born on November 25, 1935, in Hartford, CT. Eda earned her BA and MA Degrees in Music at the University of Connecticut. She taught music in Bristol, CT, and later in Pinellas County Schools where she retired in 1990. Holding dual citizenship in both the United States and Finland, Eda led a colorful and adventurous life spending time in both countries.

In 1971, Eda joined the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as a charter member of Beta Omega Chapter. In September of 2014, she was honored for her 40+ years of membership and presented with a DKG Pin. Heartfelt condolences to **Beta Omega member Kim Short** who is Eda's niece.

**Patricia Bowen Crane**  
**Beta Sigma**  
**December 2, 2017**  
**Indialantic, FL**

Patricia Bowen Crane, 76, passed away unexpectedly on December 2, 2017, at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, FL. Born in Duffield, VA, she was an only child and moved to West Mel-

bourne, FL, in 1971 from Ohio.

Pat earned a Bachelors Degree from Ohio University and a Masters Degree from the Florida Institute of Technology. During her over 30 years in education, she taught at Meadowlane Elementary and briefly at Lockmar Elementary. Pat was a new member of Beta Sigma who volunteered to participate in several chapter activities and attended all chapter meetings since her initiation in December of 2016. She was laid to rest in the Bowen Family Cemetery in Duffield, VA.

**Jeanne Freeze**  
**Beta Iota**  
**February 10, 2018**  
**Largo, FL**



At age 85, Jeanne Gailbreath Freeze of Largo, FL, passed away on February 10, 2018. Jeanne was born in Deland, FL, and worked in the Pinellas County School system for 38 years. She was an elementary teacher, a district level elementary supervisor, and the K-12 Director of Social Studies. She was instrumental in developing Economic Education programs including Enterprise Village. She also coordinated law related programs including the School Resource Officer Program and Officer Friendly-type programs. In 1966, Jeanne became a charter member of the Beta Iota chapter and very active in the chapter until poor health interfered. At the time of her death, she lived at Palms of Largo.

**Betsy Kaplan**  
**Alpha Zeta**  
**February 27, 2017**  
**Miami, FL**



**Betsy Kaplan** was born in Bridge-  
 ton, New Jersey and moved to Mi-  
 ami in 1934. She lost her battle to  
 lung and brain cancer at age 90.

After graduating from Miami  
 Edison Senior High and Wesleyan  
 College in Macon, Georgia, with a  
 bachelor's in speech and theater  
 arts, Kaplan worked as a fourth-  
 grade teacher at Miami Shores  
 Elementary. She taught English as  
 a second language at Miami-Dade  
 Community College's South Cam-  
 pus (now Miami Dade College).

She was instrumental in the  
 development of arts education  
 programs at schools such as  
 New World School of the Arts,  
 and the Design and Architecture  
 High School. In 1987, she re-  
 ceived Wesleyan's Distinguished  
 Achievement Award. In 2013,  
 the Jewish Museum of Florida  
 awarded her the Breaking the  
 Glass Ceiling Award, giving her  
 the moniker, "mother of public arts  
 education."

In 1988 at 61 years old, Betsy  
 defeated several challengers for a  
 vacant school board seat. She ran  
 on her background as a legislative  
 chair for the Florida Parent Teach-  
 er Association and chairwoman  
 of Citizens Coalition for Public  
 Schools.

**Betsy**, a dedicated public servant,  
 championed arts programs and  
 a broad curriculum with passion  
 during her 16-year run on the Mi-  
 ami-Dade County School Board.

She retired at age 77 from a  
 school board and public school  
 system that she helped forever  
 change, but up until her 90th year,  
 she still participated in the com-  
 munity.

**Kathleen Skullane Phaneuf**  
**Gamma Kappa**  
**January 13, 2018**  
**Merritt Island, FL**



Kathleen Skullane Phaneuf was  
 born on December 17, 1932, in  
 Fitchburg, MA, and graduated  
 from St. Bernard's High School  
 in 1950. She married Clarence  
 "Mickey" Phaneuf on March 17,  
 1951, and they moved to Merritt  
 Island in 1965 where they raised  
 their family.

Kay earned her Master's in Educa-  
 tion from the University of Central  
 Florida where she was a member  
 of the univeristy's first graduat-  
 ing class. She taught at Saturn  
 Elenentary School for her entire  
 professional carreer. After retire-  
 ment, she tutored adults in English  
 as a Second Language.

Initiated in 1976, Kay was a  
 valuable and influential member  
 of the Gamma Kappa Chapter.  
 She stepped up to be President  
 serving a 2-year term to keep the  
 chapter from closing.

**Lori Sue Smith**  
**Alpha Eta**  
**April 28, 2017**  
**Orlando, FL**



**Lori Smith** was born on October  
 11, 1966, in Ocala where she grew  
 up. Following high school, she  
 moved to Orlando, where she  
 received a Bachelor's Degree in  
 Elementary Education from the  
 University of Central Florida. She  
 dedicated her life to teaching, and  
 spent the majority of her career at  
 Cypress Springs Elementary. She  
 taught kindergarten, first, and fifth  
 grade.

Initiated in 1986, Lori served as  
 Vice-President and President  
 of **Beta Gamma Chapter**. She  
 returned to the University of Cen-  
 tral Florida to receive a Master's  
 Degree in Curriculum Leadership  
 in May of 2016. Currently, she was  
 a member of **Alpha Eta Chapter**.

**Margaret Lawhon Turnbull**  
**Gamma Alpha Chapter**  
**January 4, 2017**  
**Avon Park, FL**

Margaret Turnbull, age 84, passed  
 away on August 24, 2016, in Avon  
 Park. She was born on August 1,  
 1932, in Avon Park and has been  
 a lifelong resident. She was a  
 board member for the Highlands  
 County School  
 Board and a  
 member of St.  
 John's United  
 Methodist Church  
 in Sebring.

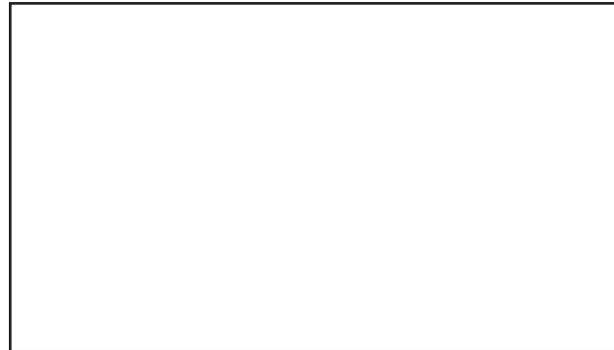


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February 1.....Spring  
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 September 1.....Fall  
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 Thanks for your patience and understanding.

### **Information Sources**

**DKG Mu State Florida Website**  
[www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com](http://www.dkgmustateflorida.weebly.com)

#### **DKG Mu State (FL) on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/DKG-Florida-State-Organization-128818413969052/>

**Florida (Mu State) on Twitter**  
 @DKGMuState FL

**Florida DKG Educational Foundation Website**  
[www.fldkgef.org](http://www.fldkgef.org)

**Florida DKG Educational Foundation on Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/FLDKGEF](http://www.facebook.com/FLDKGEF)

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### **Chapter President**

Form 6, Report of the Death of a DKG Member, is to be prepared by the chapter president immediately upon the death of a member. A copy is to be sent to each of the following:

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### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

**District VI- April 28- Port Charlotte**  
**"DKG: Everything We Do Matters; It;s the Butterfly Effect!"**  
**Murdock Baptist Church**

**2018 International Convention**  
**J. W. Marriott**  
**Austin, Texas**  
**July 16-20, 2018**



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**Mu State Fall Executive Board Meeting/Workshops**  
**September 21-22, 2018**  
**Orlando Marriot Lake Mary**

**Southeast Regional Conference**  
**June 27-29, 2019**  
**Crowne Plaza Resort**  
**Asheville, NC**