



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Alpha Kappa – Florida

Mission Statement - The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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President's Message – Monica Hayes



Dear Sisters,

On Tuesday, December 12, we gathered at Jo Anne Arnett's beautifully decorated home, filled with holiday cheer, and symbols of the season, to share cookies and good cheer. We enjoyed sisterhood and friendships, and focused on family, friends, and holiday plans.

My spirits were uplifted as I witnessed the spirit and joy this season has created in those present. Thank you to the sisters who were able to make it on such a cold wintry night. I enjoyed listening to one of our newest members Terri Sellers Hatten, talking about her love of history with Lisa Phillips; Jean Williams, Lane Matthews, and Sally Roberts were waxing prolific about the headlines of the day. Nikki Abels delighted us with stories about firefighters; Dawn James and I were enthralled. Nancy Watson and Rhonda Work shared pictures of Nancy Rosenbaum's beautiful Nora, as June Townsend, Connie Lewis, and Susan Vinson looked on.

The chaos in today's world wears heavily on my soul. Communing with my Alpha Kappa Sisters helped me to focus on blessings and joy during this wonderful evening.

A gentle reminder: our District I meeting will be held in Tallahassee on January 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend. Sarah Watters and her team are working diligently to put together a fabulous program. Do your best to support their efforts by registering and participating.

Season greetings to you all, and continued blessings, love, and good health. Pray for our country and citizenry around the world.

Hugs to you all
Monica



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, January 20, 2024 - District I
Meeting in Tallahassee FL at Trinity
United Methodist Church,
120 W. Park Ave. Tallahassee, FL 32301

May 2024, Founders' Day

Congratulations to our Newly Elected Officers - Alpha Kappa Roster for 2024-2026 The elected officers will take office July 1, 2024.

President – Stacy Thompson
President-Elect – Lisa Phillips
Vice President – Susan Vinson
Recording Secretary – Nikki Abels
Corresponding Secretary – Gina Daniels



Other Board Members

Past President – Monica Hayes
Parliamentarian – Nancy Watson
Treasurer – Patti Casey
Treasurer Emeritus – Rhonda Work
Education Excellence – Ninamarie Sappupo
Communication Chair and Webmaster – Connie Lewis

District I Meeting

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Florida State - **District I Meeting**

“With DKG We Can Do It!”

Saturday, January 20, 2024

8:30-2:00 Eastern Standard Time

Trinity United Methodist Church

120 W Park Ave, Tallahassee, FL

8:30 Check-in, Breakfast & Baskets

9:00 General Meeting



If you have not registered and need a registration form, contact
Connie Lewis, lewisc47@comcast.net. We hope you can join us.

Membership Resources for Chapters on the DKG International Website

To access, go to www.dkg.org

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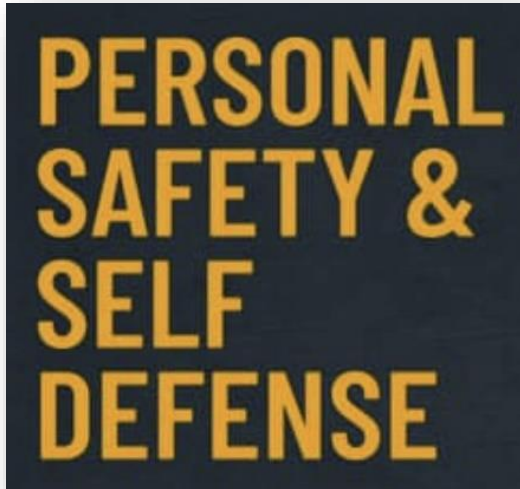
For Questions contact the Membership and Expansion Committee at [dkg.org>about>Leaders>Committees>Membership & Expansion](https://dkg.org/about/Leaders/Committees/Membership%20&%20Expansion)

Lundquist House Visit – October 22, 2023 - AK members provided dinner for the ladies of the Southern Scholarship House. The girls were most excited to have us there and to get to know us as we got to know them.



Program Meeting – November 30, 2023 – Personal Safety

TPD Lt. Maria Mercurio. presented a program on the topic of personal safety. She emphasized a number of points and demonstrated several techniques. In addition she mentioned that TPD has a Consolidated Dispatch Agency 850-606-5800 and an app “TOPS” which can provide some crime stats for different areas of Tallahassee. She offers a self-defense course called RAD, which is essentially a rape defense course. The classes are free, but do involve several dates for each session. If you are interested, you can contact her at maria.mercurio@talgov.com



Holiday Cookie Exchange Social, December 12, 2023

What a wonderful event. Alpha Kappa Sisters joined together to celebrate the holiday season. We interacted with one another, shared stories of families, activities we enjoyed and other events. We tasted the yummy display of cookies before each selected the cookies to carry home and to share with family and friends. Thanks so much to Jo Anne Arnett for hosting us in her home again this year. Her house is beautifully decorated for the season and we enjoy her warmth. This year she prepared popcorn and beverages for everyone. Thank you Jo Anne!

Pictures reflect the joy we shared together!



Season's Greetings

