

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Alpha Kappa of Mu State Mission Statement

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

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Rhonda Work – Member Applause



Rhonda Work spent 40 years in education as a speech-language pathologist. She came to Tallahassee as an employee of the Florida Department of Education from which she retired. She was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in Broward County, FL in 1961 and transferred to Alpha Kappa chapter in 1975. From 1984-86 she served as chapter president and has been treasurer since 2000.

Rhonda has found many activities to keep her busy during retirement. Not only has she served Alpha Kappa, but she also has been financial manager of the Big Bend Coordinating Council since 2000 and recently accepted the position of chair of the council for the next biennium. One of her loves is volunteering at the Florida Museum of History and Natural Science where she is an educator and animal presenter. She has volunteered there for 20 years, greeting visitors and teaching the public the beauty of nature, the role of all critters in our world, and the need to preserve this world.

Recently, Rhonda became involved with the FSU Coastal and Marine Laboratory and has been asked to serve on the Advisory Committee to the Board of Trustees. She is working with staff on the fourth annual “Whatever Floats Your Boat” contest and is heading up an effort to develop a docent program for the Lab.

Rhonda lives with her two cats, Maddie and Olivia, and her recently acquired small dog, Rosie. Life is good!

Congratulations to our newly elected officers for 2016-18!

- President - Susan Womble
- Vice President - Gale Workman
- Recording Secretary - Linda Rogers
- Corresponding Secretary - Delores Hudson

2016-2017 Meeting Schedule – Mark your Calendars (tentative)

- Monday, July 25, 2016, 11 a.m. Summer Luncheon, Beef 'O' Brady's, Thomasville Rd.
- Saturday, August 20, 2016, 11:00 - 1:00, Annual Workshop Theme: Creating a Culture of Integrity in the Classroom, Building Relationships, Ginny Densmore's home (each member should bring a brunch/lunch item to share.)
- Sunday, October 9, 2016, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Program Presenter: Melanie Hester on Science With Argument Driven Inquiry, Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library, Downtown, (members should bring a finger food/appetizer)
- Saturday, November, 2016, Initiation.
- Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 5:30 p.m., Cookie Exchange, Fellowship - AK members bring new or used books to be donated to the Early Learning Coalition. (Jo Anne Arnett's home)
- Saturday, Feb. 2017, - 10:30 a.m. - Legislative Meeting.
- Saturday, April 8, 2017, 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. Program Presenter: Delores Hudson on Bridging the Gap, Delores Hudson's home. (Members bring a brunch item).
- Saturday, April 2017, District I Meeting
- Saturday, May 2016, Founders' Day Luncheon.
- July 2016, 11:00 a.m. Summer Social

Alpha Kappa Mentoring Program Proposal

The AK Board Officers met on June 11 and discussed a mentoring project to connect AK with first-year and new-to-a-school teachers.

In the past, we have tried to reach out to all new teachers in the district, which was a cumbersome undertaking. Our proposal is that any Alpha Kappa sister currently teaching in a Leon County School will place a DKG brochure and personal letter in the mailboxes of all first-year teachers and teachers new to the school.

The letter will welcome the new teacher to the school and encourage her/him to contact the AK member at that school if they have any questions or concerns. The letter volunteers all AK sisters (retired or otherwise) to lend assistance to any school or institution in Leon County that is not already represented by an AK member.

Our desire is to make our wonderful society known, but also to reach out in professionalism and collegiality in providing mentoring to newcomers.

This project is totally voluntary. We do not anticipate it will take much time out of the Alpha Kappa sister's already busy schedule.

Book Project

In addition to the mentoring program, we will continue for the second year to contribute books to the Early Learning Coalition. Books can be brought to any of the chapter meetings ending with our Christmas Cookie Exchange in December. More details will follow.

Gale Workman's Summer Trip to Serbia to Restore Historic Wine Cellars.

In May, Gale Workman joined a Fulbright team in Serbia to restore stone foundations of 150-year-old wine cellars.

“Fulbrighters worked with master craftsmen from the Balkan region to mortar limestone foundations, mud-plaster walls, repair tile roofs, and survey wine cellars for future restoration work,” said Gale.

Each wine cellar is an approximately 400-square-foot wood-plank building on a stone foundation with a tile roof. The timber walls are plastered with a mixture of mud and straw. A cellar houses wine casks/bottles and a “tasting room” with a table, chairs, and often a fireplace.

The Fulbrighters partnered with Cultural Heritage Without Borders (CHwB) – a non-governmental organization – to restore wine cellars in Rogljevo, a village southeast of Belgrade. CHwB coordinates the Rogljevo Regional Restoration Camp, recruiting master craftsmen, architects, engineers, historians and student volunteers from the Balkans.

Approximately 120 wine cellars – in various conditions – still stand in the village of Rogljevo. Forty of the cellars make and sell wine; eight have become taverns or exhibition spaces. According to residents, there were once more than 300 cellars. CHwB hopes restoration will enhance economic development in Rogljevo.

“I hand-mixed a lot of mortar in Albania,” Gale said. “We used methods and materials used by original craftsman. Last year, in Gjirokastra (Albania) my team – the Stoners -- rebuilt a 400-year-old stone arch.”



Pict. 1 - Gale Workman mortars stone foundation of historic Serbian wine cellar.

Pict. 2 - Wine cellar in Rogljevo, Serbia, being restored by international team.

Dr. Gale Workman is the Vice President of Alpha Kappa, a member of Tallahassee Sunrise Rotary Club and owner of Tighter Brighter Communication. Also, she is a Professor Emerita at FAMU’s School of Journalism & Graphic Communication.

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