Kappa State Fall Meeting Was Held September 23rd

The Kappa State Fall Meeting was held on September 23 at 2nd Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. There were 99 members registered to attend, but 92 were actually present. The day started at 8:30am with registration, a light continental breakfast and then Kappa State committee meetings.

The first general session started at 9:15am with a welcome from President Joy Graham and then continued with the Collect and Response led by Claire Pruitt, Alpha Sigma. First Vice President Cathy Toney made introductions and Second Vice President Sue Cook recognized the first time attendees present at the meeting. There were reports about the DKG International Convention made by Paula Williams and Sue Cook. Immediate Past President Candace Martin gave a short report about the National Legislative Seminar.

The first break-out sessions started at 10:00am. A break to visit with vendors started about 10:45am and was followed by the second break-out session at 11:00am.

Luncheon and the second general session started at 12:00pm. Cathy Toney presided at this session which included an inspirational thought delivered by Leslie Gomes, Theta. Daniel Moix was the guest speaker. Daniel, a computer science educational specialist, shared his thoughts about coding and other new initiatives for students in the state of Arkansas. He also shared how he had been guided into educational and life choices by Kappa State Past President Ella Reese.

The business meeting included the official roll call, officer reports, committee reports and several standing rules changes that were passed as stated. After the adjournment of the business meeting the third group of break-out sessions was held.

The meeting was concluded with the last general session of the day. During this session the door prizes and other winners were announced and President Joy Graham gave her closing remarks.
At the annual Kappa State Fall Meeting, members donated $1,106 to the DKG International Emergency Fund to help members who have been victims of the recent hurricanes in both Texas and Florida, as well as wildfires in the northwest.

The fund is distributed by the DKG Supporting Corporation. It is endowed solely by donations and is a 501(c)(3) charitable fund, making all contributions tax-deductible to donors.

To give members a little background, the Emergency Fund got started following a 1948 flood that destroyed Vanport, Oregon. A plea for help in the DKG News resulted in more than $3000 that became the Emergency Fund.

The fund continues as natural disasters affect members. Contributions demonstrate the Society’s “genuine spiritual fellowship.” Members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires and other natural disasters may be recommended by their chapter and state organization presidents to receive a U.S. $500 Emergency Fund Award.

If you or your chapter would like to contribute to the DKG Emergency Fund, go online to dkg.org, click on Emergency Fund, and download the form, print a hard copy, fill in the information and mail it with a check to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, P.O. Box 1589, Austin, TX 78767-1589.

Joy L. Graham, Kappa State President

President Joy Graham presides over the Fall Meeting in Little Rock on September 23rd.
Kappa State Fall Meeting Photo Highlights
KS Foundation Board News

The Kappa State Education Foundation Board of Trustees met October 7, 2017, at St. Vincent North in North Little Rock, to select and award the Kappa State Education Projects for this year.

The following projects were selected and each received $500.00 to promote excellence in education.

Area 1- Alpha Theta - Missy Stubberfield - STEM-Next Generation Science
Area 2- No applications submitted
Area 3- Kappa - Janet Crabbe - Dolly Parton Imagination Library
Area 4- Alpha Delta - Kathryn Dickinson - Hope High School Robotics Team
At Large - Area 1- Beta Nu – Kristin Motley - Makerspace
Area 4 - Delta - Aspen Ham- Environmental and Spatial Technology
Area 4 - Alpha - Nanette Darden – El Dorado Children’s Home
Area 4 - Alpha Beta - Kathy Sharp - Columbia County 4-H O’Rama

The finance committee prepared a budget for 2017-2018 and the board members voted to approve it.

Trustees in attendance: Cissie Pendergrass, Chairman (Alpha Theta); Sue Cook, Vice Chairman (Alpha Beta); Cathy Long, Secretary (Gamma Eta); Earlene Hankins, Treasurer (Beta Xi); Terri Leins, (Alpha Pi); and Rebecca Jones, (Kappa).

Kappa State President Joy Graham and Kappa State First Vice President Cathy Toney, both ex-officio members were also present.

Sue Cook, Vice Chairman

Recent KS Education Foundation Grant Will Help Start Imagination Library for Randolph County

Kappa State Education Foundation monies are used to promote excellence in education by funding worthwhile projects for education. One such project is the Randolph County Dolly Parton Imagination Library. The Foundation recently awarded the Randolph County committee $500 for the program.

Kappa State Education Foundation operates only from the interest earned from the original principal when it was incorporated in 1982. Members contribute to the Foundation by making honoraria or memorial gifts. Chapters also donate, including Kappa Chapter, made up of educators from Randolph and Lawrence Counties.

The Kappa State Area 3 grant of $500 will support the first phase of the Randolph County Dolly Parton Imagination Library. In 1995, Dolly Parton launched the program, which is available for replication to any community willing to partner with her to support it locally. United Way has been a sponsor of the program since 2005.

The Imagination Library fosters a love of reading among preschool children and their parents by mailing to their homes a gift of a specially selected book each month. A committee comprised of educators and interested citizens is accumulating funds to begin the program in Randolph County, where test scores indicate a need for such a program. More than 600 Randolph County children could benefit.

A description of the Kappa State Education Foundation asks, “What could we do with imagination and monies?” Support for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library answers that question.

Janet Crabbe
Dianne Letsch (Gamma Iota) is a Member of the 2017 DKGNext Think Tank

Kappa State member Dianne Letsch is a member of the 2017 DKGNext Think Tank. She was one of 10 selected from more than 130 applicants. The group met in Austin at the end of September to consider the present as well as movement to the future of DKG. The conversation was profound—both in what all learned about the reality of DKG and what the possibilities are. They identified what they deem valuable and challenging about the Society, and they examined the DKG Purposes and Mission and Vision statements for relevance and application to DKG needs.

An article in the next issue of *DKG NEWS* cites the substance of the conversations (that were non-stop!), as well as, group and individual commitments to DKG. A group plan is already in motion: to contact state organization presidents to offer a capsuleized “think tank” experience for other members. Individual commitments ranged from writing articles for DKG publications to developing training modules, to proposing governing document amendments, to translating DKG materials for members whose first language is not English.

Dianne is a significant DKG member. Kappa State is fortunate to count her as a member and among state organization’s leaders. The Society is fortunate to have the benefit of her energy, spirit, and commitment to Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

Thank YOU for fostering growth and development of women educators.

Carolyn Pittman, International President

KS Education Foundation Chairman Cissie Pendergrass announces winners of various drawings at the KS Fall Meeting.

Janie Hickman won the Education Foundation raffle of an Owl Basket at the Fall Meeting on September 23rd.

Winners of the Education Foundation Grants from the previous year brought display boards about their projects to the Fall Meeting in September.

Diane Letsch, second from the left and other members of the 2017 DKGNext Think Tank experience continue discussion during a break in the meeting in Austin.

Top Left, This photo shows a formal shot of the Think Tank participants including Kappa State members Diane Letsch standing 7th from left and Carolyn Pittman, International President, seated on the left.
Eight Million in Grants received by University of Arkansas Faculty Members

Diana Gonzales Worthen, a member of DKG in Iota Chapter, is one of two University of Arkansas faculty members who recently received three federal grants totaling more than $8 million to fund programs to increase the number of educators prepared to teach English language learners in Arkansas schools.

Janet Penner-Williams and Diana Gonzales Worthen are faculty members in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education and Health Professions. They have partnered with the Arkansas Department of Education and the Springdale School District on other, similar grant-funded projects in the past and will continue the partnership with them and others statewide on these new grants. Parts of the projects will be offered online to reach the entire state.

The previous grants Janet Penner-Williams and Diana Gonzales Worthen received concentrated on helping teachers earn ESL endorsement. The new grants continue with that goal but also add new components.

For more information about the grant projects here is a link to the University of Arkansas announcement: https://news.uark.edu/articles/39754/faculty-receive-8-1-million-in-grants-to-improve-esl-education-in-arkansas?utm_source=Newswire&utm_medium=email2017-09-29&utm_campaign=faculty-receive-8-1-million-in-grants-to-improve-esl-education-in-arkansas

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Kappa State Gamma Omicron members are featured in the Member Spotlight section of the DKG home page currently. ( www.dkg.org )
The picture being featured shows members of Gamma Omicron honoring Elizabeth Eckford, one of the Little Rock Nine. Visit the DKG website to read the rest of the story about the event.

Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

* November 15 Chapter Treasurers remember to file IRS 990N by this deadline
* December 1, June 30 Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Kappa State Scholarship
* January 1, 2018 Arts & Humanities Submissions for Spring Gallery
* February 1, 2018 Annual deadlines for Chapter Presidents’ Annual Report and Chapter Necrology Report
* February 1, May 1, September 1, Applications for Cornetet Professional Development Awards deadlines. (dkgef.org)
* July 16-20, 2018 International Convention, Austin, Texas