



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Psi State, Alpha Delta Chapter

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello DKG Sisters!

Happy New Year! I hope you all are having a happy, healthy 2018 so far! It's hard to believe it's already February! I am looking forward to a great year in DKG! The year is already packed with many opportunities for us to connect with other members across the state. I hope that you join me in taking advantage of those opportunities.

First, I want to share some exciting news with you about our Belk Charity Sale fund raiser that we were a part of in November. As I stated in previous publications, we earned around \$400 from the original ticket sales. Thanks to those members who helped out with that. On the day of the sale, Jan Westberg and I helped work the door at Belk and sold tickets to walk-up customers. Belk splits the proceeds from sales at the door with all organizations who work the day of the sale. I got a call from Belk a few weeks ago that our money was ready, and I was shocked when I went to pick it up. Drum roll please.....our share was \$618.50!!! Isn't that exciting???? That makes our total profit from this fund raiser around \$1000!! That is so exciting! We now can increase our annual scholarships and have some operating funds! Thank you so much to all those who participated in this fund raiser. Belk will be having another charity sale in the spring, and I hope we can participate in that one as well.

Next, I want to encourage you to attend our February 13 meeting at Cross Creek Media Center in Thomasville, beginning at 4:30. We have several important items on the agenda for this meeting. We will hear a report from our Nominating Committee and vote on our slate of officers for the 2018-2020 biennium. We will also vote on prospective members who have been nominated so far. It is NOT too late to nominate someone to join our group. Send me names and contact information for those key women educators that you would like to nominate and who have expressed interest in joining our group. At this meeting, we will also hold our annual World Fellowship sale. The World Fellowship Fund was established to provide opportunities for women from foreign countries to pursue graduate studies in Canada and the United States. Bring craft items, baked goods, and other items that can be sold to raise funds for this international fund. Also, invite friends and family members who might want to shop at the sale (they won't have to stay for the meeting if they don't want to; they can shop beforehand and then leave). We will also have a short program, time permitting.

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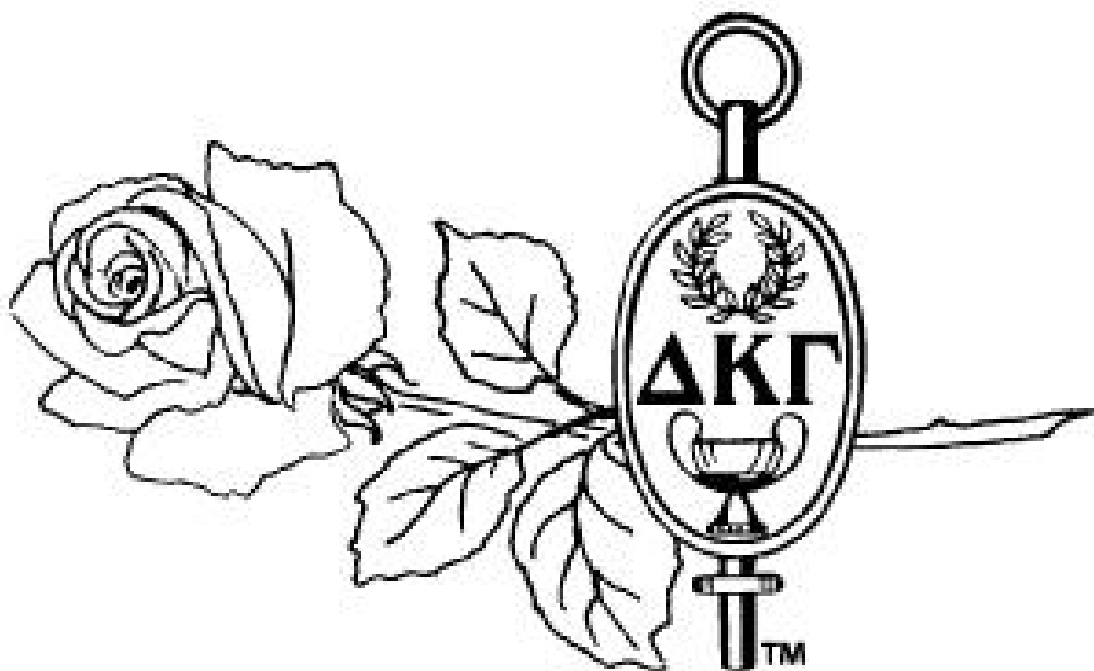
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Finally, I want to make you aware of upcoming events and opportunities at the state level. Coming up March 16-18 is Psi State's Delta Hostel to be held in Morrow, GA. The theme is "Gone With the Wind" and will include historical tours in the Clayton County, Jonesboro/Morrow area. You can register at any time, but the deadline to sign up and pay is February 14, 2018. Go to this link to register <http://dkgga.weebly.com/upcoming-events.html>. I would love for one of you to go with me so that I don't have to have a stranger for a roommate! The Spring Leadership Conference is scheduled for April 20-21, 2018 in Warner Robins. Registration information and other details will be forthcoming from Psi State soon. I would love to take a large group to this meeting, so put it on your calendars.

I know that is a lot of information to digest, but I wanted to share all of this with you. I hope to see you at the meeting February 13, 2018 at Cross Creek Media Center in Thomasville. Don't worry, I will send plenty of reminders!

Lisa Gilligan

Alpha Delta President



## NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES - ALPHA DELTA

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at Cairo High School media center in Cairo, GA. President Lisa Gilligan opened our meeting and welcomed everyone. Jan Westberg presented our inspiration of the familiar story of a man helping the starfish by throwing them back to the sea.

**Report:** The minutes were presented and accepted. Deborah Fiveash gave the treasurer's report. The balance in our chapter account is \$1,547.81 as of November 14, 2017. A printed treasurer's report was available at the meeting. Deborah also gave the necessary expenditures in budget.

**Membership/Attendance:** There were 11 members present, 2 new members and 1 guest. We collected 10 children's books.

**Program:** We initiated 2 new members that were present at the meeting. They were Angie Manning and Mandy Russo. The feature speaker was Melanie Webb. She shared about the CASA volunteer program which is a nonprofit organization. CASA is a trained community volunteer who is appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interest of an abused or neglected child involved in juvenile court dependency proceedings. She gave out pamphlets to share about the program and how to become qualified to volunteer. Lisa shared upcoming events: March 16-18, 2018 is Psi State Deltahostel @ Clayton County, Jonesboro and April 20-21, 2018 is Psi State Spring Leadership Conference in Warner Robbins. Lisa encouraged members to go to some upcoming seminars and conferences. Our Belk charity event raised \$350.00. We will get more for our members that worked the table that Saturday. There is another Belk charity event in March. Lisa reminded members to turn in new prospect cards so we can vote at February meeting and initiate new members at the May meeting.

Feature: Jan Westberg and Mandy Russo won the featured items of fall plant and fall decorative plates and napkins.

**Next Meeting:** February 6, 2018 at Cross Creek Elementary. Program is World Fellowship. Members are encouraged to bring things for craft/baked goods fundraiser.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after singing our Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Clark





# INITIATION OF MANDY RUSSO AND ANGIE MANNING



Don't forget to bring children's books to donate at our next meeting!