



A Joyous Event!

Our first face-to-face meeting since the pandemic began was such a joyous event! Twelve members were present and five members joined us via Zoom. We had two special guests, Rebecca Hardeman, Director and County Extension Coordinator and Arolue Flemmen, Gamma Alpha President.

Mr. Ricky Clark, Jr. the Jonesboro city manager was our guest speaker. He is passionate about serving the people of Clayton County and a dynamic speaker. We learned about all the projects happening in Jonesboro and our members even shared some Jonesboro history with him! Cindy Thompson shared the Ferst Foundation Fall Celebration and plans for the Fictional Character Contest. Cindy and Anita are going to take that contest to a whole new level! Cheryl Goff shared tentative plans for a District III workshop on February 26, 2022 and the group voted to make the event a “girls weekend” and pay for hotel rooms on Friday night.



Debra Davis presented an inspirational moment and encouraged members to make that phone call or send a note to let someone know that you care about them. She provided “starter kits” with a note card, a scripture tea bag, mints, and a cookie. We were blessed with Debra's beautiful singing voice! Members brought items for her homeless community outreach work and books for those supporting free libraries. We finalized future meeting details and service projects, and enjoyed an Olive Garden pasta station for lunch.



Alpha Iota Members with Mr. Ricky Clark, Jr.
August 28, 2021

Represent Alpha Iota at GSO Event

The Georgia State Organization Member and Executive Board Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 25 in Macon. We will celebrate the 85 year anniversary of the



"Building on the Purposes"

DKG Georgia organization. It will be an unusual day, as we will also finish up business from the virtual GSO convention in April. Our chapter will receive awards and Cheryl Goff will be inducted as the new District III Director. Cheryl has offered a challenge for the chapters in our district. The chapter with the most members present will be awarded a surprise. Please make plans to attend for a day of celebration, learning, fellowship and fun!

Don't Miss It!

Our next chapter meeting is going to be a trifecta of events! On November 6, our very own chapter member and Co-President Maureen Keillor will be our featured speaker and share her expertise with genealogy. Our service project will be packing boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Kathy Acree is organizing our donation and will communicate items needed before the meeting. And last, we will enjoy another fabulous holiday meal by Dawn Carter.





Deborah Bhanojirow was recently able to travel to India to visit her father. Commodore Lancelot Gomes (AVSM) will celebrate his 95th birthday on September 4! AVSM stands for an award for valor and service to his country in the Indian Navy.



President's Message

Alpha Iota Sisters,

Thank you for making Saturday's chapter meeting such a wonderful morning of fellowship and fun. Thank you Anita, for taking care of lunch and ordering tablecloths. Thank you Debra, for sharing your passion for service and your positive spirit. Thank you Maureen, for being our technology guru. Thank you Cindy, for serving as our liaison with the Ferst Foundation. Thank you Tonia, for all your bookkeeping skills. Thank you Kathy, for bringing drinks and assisting with our service projects. Thank you everyone, who brought door prizes, set up, cleaned up, and showed up.

In the past, I started preparing and packing for our meetings the week prior and spent the afternoon afterwards recovering on the couch. Thanks to our teamwork, today was a different experience.

Today, I was inspired by our service and fellowship, and typed up this newsletter when I got home! I am honored to be part of a chapter with so many resourceful, wise, and caring women.

Respectfully,
Cheryl



Important Dates

August 15-Sept. 15	DKG Fine Arts Gallery Submissions Accepted
September 25, 2021	Membership & Executive Board Meeting
September 28, 2021	Ferst Foundation Fall Celebration
November 6, 2021	Chapter Meeting
February 5, 2022	Joint Chapter Meeting with Gamma Alpha and Gamma Psi
February 26, 2022	District III Workshop (Tentative)
March 18-20	Deltahostel
May 7, 2022	Power of Sisterhood Luncheon at Magnolia House & Garden
June 3-5, 2022	Leadership I Seminar