



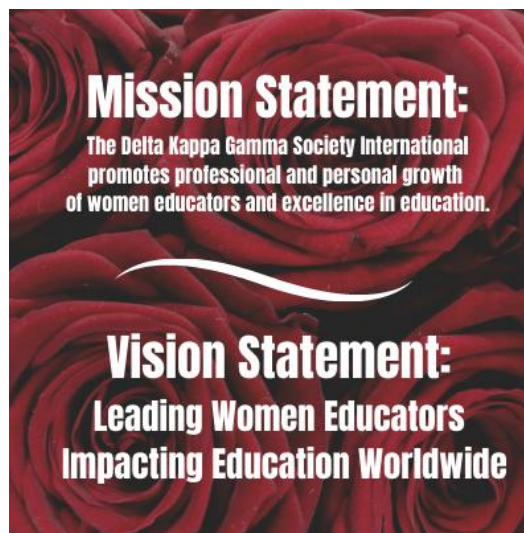
They're Headed to Music Camp!

With ticket sales from the Power of Sisterhood Luncheon, donations and the silent auction on April 30, 2022 we raised over \$700.00 to sponsor children at the Spivey Hall Summer Music Camp at Clayton State University. Members voted to use additional funds from the Rickie Clark grant to sponsor a total of six children. Pictured is Mary Miller, the Education Assistant at Spivey Hall, receiving a check for \$1,110.00 from President Cheryl Goff and Treasurer Tonia Lindsey.



Exceptional Plans for 2022-2023

Alpha Iota Members met at Silver Bay Restaurant in Stockbridge on June 1, to plan programs and projects for the next year. Plans reflect the mission, vision and seven purposes of DKG. Details for each meeting date follow and are also located on our Alpha Iota website (alphaiota.weebly.com) and on the Alpha Iota [planning document](#). Remember to sign up to assist at meetings on the Planning Document. Volunteers are needed to share an inspirational message, bring door prizes and decorate tables.



Alpha Iota Meetings – 2022-2023

Date	Program & Activity	Service Project	Meal
08/27/22	<p>Back to School Theme</p> <p>Speaker: Sex Trafficking (#7-Professional & Personal Growth)</p> <p>Group Planning for November Activities</p>	<p>Support for Early Career Educators</p> <p>Adopt new teachers in an elementary school, assemble and donate gift bags. Members may nominate a school.</p>	<p>Box Lunches from Chicken Salad Chick (paid with full dues, RSVP required)</p>
11/05/22	<p>Tea Party Theme</p> <p>Groups Decorate Tables</p> <p>Speaker: Self Defense (#7-Professional & Personal Growth)</p>	<p>Support for Our Community</p> <p>Adopt Two Families with recommendations from CCPS Homeless Education Dept. (Provide food, gift cards, books, etc.)</p>	<p>Groups bring tea party type finger foods. Bring your favorite tea cup.</p>
02/04/23	<p>85 Year DKG Anniversary Theme</p> <p>Possible combined meeting with Gamma Alpha and Gamma Nu, planned with leadership from all three chapters</p> <p>Possible DKG Themed Quiz Bowl Competition</p>	<p>Support for Our Community</p> <p>GSO 85 for 85 Challenge: Donate 85 food items for distribution by Nothing But the Truth</p> <p>Possible silent auction with themed baskets to raise funds for Spivey Hall Music Camp scholarships</p>	<p>Dawn Carter was suggested, but other options can be explored.</p>
05/06/23	<p>Derby Theme</p> <p>Decorate hats and conduct a fashion show. Cindy will read a Derby or hat themed picture book. Teams, represented by their horse, will race by answering questions about the book.</p> <p>70 Year Alpha Iota Anniversary Celebration</p>	<p>Support for Children</p> <p>70 Year Challenge: Collect and donate 70 books for Free Little Libraries</p>	<p>Lunch catered by Olive Garden (paid with full dues, RSVP required)</p> <p>Members bring Derby themed pies for dessert</p>

Social activities and field trips may be planned throughout the year.

7 Purposes of DKG

1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
4. To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators
6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

The Library Dragon Was a Hit!

Our *The Library Dragon* themed table at the Ferst Readers Luncheon was fabulous! Cindy Thompson, chair of the Literacy Committee created the design. She was assisted by Cheryl Goff, Vance Wallace, Anita Thomaston and Anita's granddaughter Stella, who donated her dragons. We were joined by guests Mr. Randall Thompson and Mr. Sonny Strohm. The program was full of inspiring stories and even poetry about the importance and influence Ferst Readers has for the development of children in Henry County. We heard from Doris Griffin, the Chair of the Ferst Readers of Henry County, and Davida Morgan Washington, President of the Ferst Foundation. Guests enjoyed chicken salad on croissants, chips, pasta salad, and chocolate chip cookies.



Pen Pal Reveal Party

Leaders in our community were asked to serve as anonymous pen pals for sixth grade students in Miss Washington and Mr. Smalls English Language Arts classes at Kendrick Middle School. The volunteers and students exchanged letters once a month during the 2021-2022 school year. The adult volunteers included Clayton County School Board Members, Clayton County Public Librarians, staff at Jonesboro First Baptist Church, members of Gamma Alpha, government officials, retired educators and members of our own chapter. Participants are listed on the following page. Through the project, students learned the form for a friendly letter, the importance of proof-reading, writing skills and social skills.



On Wednesday, May 18, 2022 the identity of the pen pals were revealed! At the party, students and their pen pals were given identical animal flash cards and located their new friend by matching the cards. They enjoyed finally meeting in person and opening their gifts. Thank you to all the Alpha Iota members who served as pen pals, donated breakfast items, stood in for pen pals who could not attend the party, and helped with setup and cleanup.



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Cheryl Goff, Media Specialist
Kapri Washington, ELA Teacher
Jessie Goree, Chair of CCPS School Board

2021-2022 Community Volunteers for the Pen Pal Project

Mary Baker, School Board Member
Jasmine Bowles, School Board Member
Julianna Butler, Jonesboro First Baptist Church
Terry Cullen, Business Owner
Debra Davis, Educator
Sue Farber, Business Owner
Arolue Flemen Prater, Retired Educator
Gay German, Public Librarian
Jessie Goree, Chair CCPS School Board
Ebony Gregory, Public Librarian
Carolyn Haldeman, Retired Educator
Patrick Ham, Jonesboro First Baptist Church
Pat Houlihan, Retired Educator

Erica James, Public Librarian
Maureen Keillor, Educator
Kim Kinsey, Retired Educator
Bonita Powell, Retired Educator
Lora Roby, Jonesboro First Baptist Church
Pat Sebo-Hand, Jonesboro City Council
Helen Souris, Public Librarian
Monica Thomas, KMS School Secretary
Janet Thomaston, Retired Educator
Martha Tolcher, Retired Educator
Cress Welch, Jonesboro First Baptist Church
Doug White, Delta Aviation Mechanic
Victoria Williams, School Board Member
Joe Williams, Retired Educator



