

# Alpha Iota Chapter Meeting

December 1, 2018

## Agenda

- Call to Order
- DKG Song
- Roll Call – Favorite Christmas Carol
- Inspirational Message
- Officer Reports
- Business
- Mock Reading Bowl Competition
- Happy Jar
- Christmas Carols
- Silent Auction



## Lunch Catered by Dawn Carter

Turkey  
Dressing  
Green Beans  
Au Gratin Potatoes  
Key Lime Cupcakes

Alpha Iota  
Treasurer's Report

December 1, 2018

<b>Balance Forwarded</b>	\$7,278.76
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**Expenditures**

October 6, 2018 Ck# 4188	Ferst Foundation	108.00
	sponsor 3 students	

October 6, 2018 Ck# 4189	Martha Tolcher	54.61
	Stamps/books	

October 6, 2018 Ck# 4190	Dawn Carter	195.00
	Lunch	

November 9, 2018 Ck# 4191	DKG - Dues	1,123.20
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<b><u>Sub-Total</u></b>	<b>\$5,797.95</b>
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**Deposits**

November 9, 2018	535.06
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Dues 364.49

Happy Jar 50.57

Elise Boylston Memorial Foundations -Grant- Reading Crates 120.00

November 27, 2018	Dues 330.00	356.00
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Prepaid December lunch 26.00

<b><u>Balance</u></b>	<b>\$ 6,689.01</b>
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## Alpha Iota Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting

October 6, 2018

During our brunch period members visited, signed cards for members (birthdays and those not present-15 cards) and organized items for our service project, Purses with a Purpose.

President Cheryl Goff opened the meeting. Roll call was conducted with members saying what they would do if they were handed \$100.

Kathy Acree gave an inspirational message about focusing on other people and their interests. When we are interested in others, they reciprocate and become your good friends.

Debra Anderson presented the Treasurer's Report. She thanked those who have already sent in dues. A report is due to the state treasurer by October 31<sup>st</sup>, so people will be dropped if dues are not paid. Dues for the next biennium are due at the May meeting (report due by June 30) since the fiscal year runs from July 1-June 30.

Cheryl Goff gave information on the change at International Convention about the fiscal year and what our dues are used for. Bonnie Strohm moved to accept the Treasurer's Report with Kathy Acree seconding. The vote was unanimous.

Anita Thomaston shared the minutes of the summer Planning Meeting. Kathy Acree will send May minutes. Cindy Thompson moved to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee, with a second by Janet Thomaston. Deborah Bhanjirow went to the Georgia State meeting in Macon in September with sisters from other chapters. It was a time of great fellowship and learning. Maureen Keillor shared Debbie's summary. She talked about Alaam, who is from war-torn Kabul, Afghanistan. She has received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the University of Georgia and a fellowship from DKG. Her testimony was inspirational! Kudos to our president, Cheryl Goff, for the marvelous DeltaHostel she planned. Some said it was the best one ever!

Cheryl received a request for a survey for a research study at East Carolina University about DKG and will be sending this out. She shared the history report about our chapter including new members and our service projects. She gave slides to the Georgia State level organization and they go together with slides from other chapters to be shared via CD.

At the DKG International Convention in Texas in July, Cheryl and Vance Wallace learned many things. A huge focus is teaching tolerance and promoting peace. Membership update: 68,395 members, approximately 5000 who have dropped and 1000 new initiates. Only 1% of women educators are in DKG. We should encourage those in teacher education to join (reduced rate). Benefits include scholarships and professional development/conferences. There are discounts at various universities and for travel. The Emergency Fund supported those who had great needs due to floods, etc. Funds were sent to help in Puerto Rico. More people are needed to apply for International positions. DKG helps in developing relationships between women educators in many countries. Keynote speakers Benjamin Zander (conductor Boston Philharmonic) and Dr. Nadia Lopez, author of *The Bridge to Brilliance* were phenomenal. Zander said you can have three responses to life: resignation, anger, or possibilities. Lopez started a school in Brooklyn and raised \$1.4 million for her students to go to college. Breakout sessions-----there was a great variety, inspiring leadership, using primary sources, having themed meetings, Kevin Eikenberry-leadership in color was combined with *Pete the Cat*, games about DKG heritage, garden of roses-recruitment event, webmasters, editors, essential oils in the classroom. She says the convention was wonderful!

A woman named Shelly stopped in and asked if anyone could help her. She is at Calvary Refuge Center and will be leaving there in three weeks and is from Hall County. Members helped her fill a bag with items to help her and gave her monetary donations.

By-Laws: Anita Thomaston shared information on changes to the by-laws made at the convention. Cheryl said there was a great discussion about changing the name, which stayed Delta Kappa Gamma International. The state organizations will be identified geographically (Georgia State instead of Psi State). We will now be initiated instead of inducted and you become a member when you pay your dues, rather than after initiation. Anyone involved in education may join, including education majors. Local chapters determine how members are selected (in by-laws). We may now meet and vote electronically. Changes in the dues are discussed in the Finance report. Rules/Constitution for DKG may be amended every two years.

### Committee Reports:

Communication: Anita shared that she's been updating addresses and phone numbers. Cathy Schreiber was a big help with calling members. DKG News will now be on-line instead of coming in the mail. Make sure your

e-mail address is updated on DKG website. **Use your membership ID number to login and this password: dkg2014society to set up your account.** Our chapter website is in compliance, and Cheryl turned in that report. **Finances:** Debra Anderson reported that everything is changing! We can now do everything on-line, but there is a fee associated with using PayPal. Members agreed with Debra that we do not need to pay these fees. We will no longer receive Membership Cards---so keep the one you received today. Your membership number is on the card (use with dkg2014society) to check your name, address, e-mail, etc. to make sure they are correct. If you lose your card, you may go on-line to request one. We're still paying a scholarship fee (80 cents to chapter and 20 cents to state), but it doesn't include money to International. Those who paid dues early will be in a drawing for Premier jewelry (winners: Anita, Bonnie, Virginia, Cheryl). Debra would like to begin training someone to be our next Treasurer, so let her know if you're interested.

**Hospitality:** This was reported earlier by Maureen Keillor and Debbie Bhanjirow. These are our "fun" activities. We will make cards with Cindy Thompson in March at Cindy's house. Ideas: tickets to see Michael Tolcher (Martha's son) on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at Eddie's Attic in Decatur are \$25. Let Cheryl know if you want to go. Decatur Book Festival - It is Labor Day weekend and would be a great event to attend. Serenbe Playhouse does plays in various locations. Maureen Keillor and Leslie Pratschler shared other ideas like visiting the Atlanta History Center, going to meals together at Fig Tree Café in Jonesboro or other local restaurants. The Magnolia House now has teas and the Pinewood Studios tour would be great. It is important to have get-togethers more often than our four formal meetings.

**Literacy:**

Cindy Thompson shared about our literacy efforts. *Ferst Foundation*-we really enjoyed our time at the luncheon last spring. We decorated a table and were in the newspaper! A local doctor is opening a bookstore and meeting place in McDonough/coffee shop-Story on the Square. She sponsored two tables at the luncheon and also purchased the author's book for each participant. The McDonough Square is currently decorated with scarecrows. Keynote Speaker Joshilyn Jackson was a fabulous speaker and we really enjoyed her book, *Almost Sisters*. This year we will do another table. Members can sign up for the table (10 people @\$35.00). Kathy Acree made a motion that we sponsor at least one child for the Ferst Foundation, which was seconded by Leslie Pratschler. We voted and will sponsor three children (\$108) this year. Voting was unanimous.

**Georgia Book Award Nominees:** The University of Georgia chooses the books yearly for students to read, twenty picture books and twenty chapter books. Darren Hicks is the speaker for the upcoming CCPS Reading Bowl Celebration of Champions. All teams will be invited to hear the speaker. The winning team will attend the after-party for free, but other teams will have a fee. The Stillwell Jazz Band will play and we'll do refreshments. (ask Cheryl for flyer) Cheryl is working with a company called Seat Yourself to sell the tickets. Leslie shared information about the process and teams and how great it is to see kids so excited about reading. Two winners from our county will go to the region and winners go to the state level (literature conference in Athens). Volunteers are needed to help in rooms as moderators, etc. People can also read the books and submit questions for the teams to practice. Georgia Book Award Nominee lists can be found on-line.

**Alpha Iota Members are needed to help with:**

Picture Book Reading Bowl: November 3, 2018

Chapter Book Reading Bowl: January 26, 2019

Refreshment sales-CFA biscuits in the mornings, CFA sandwiches at lunch, chips, candy (Cheryl is checking into the approval process for this.)

After party ticket sales

***Please volunteer! We are small but we're mighty.***

**Pen Pal Project:** two classes are participating this year with 61 Students. Cheryl has been scanning all the student letters. There are 47 adult pen pals including 18 members of the Clayton County Police Department, school board members, central office members, and one person from Parks and Recreation. The reveal parties will include breakfast for 1<sup>st</sup> period and lunch for 3<sup>rd</sup> period.

**Book Crates Project:** The Boylston Grant (\$120) received and Cheryl/Martha have placed crates/books in businesses using \$90.12. Let Cheryl know if you want to place a crate. Thank you to those who brought books today.

Supporting Early Educators: Beverly Garner at Clayton State University works with the student teachers at Clayton State University. GACE testing is quite expensive. There are three tests just to get into the program. We discussed paying for tests and having criteria and an application process. This year there are 28 students in the program. They are hard-working and work well collaboratively. Discussion included ideas about budgeting and expenses. Hopefully CSU will help us with the application process. Our Silent Auction helps provide money for scholarships. Cindy Thompson moved that we provide four \$50 grants to assist students with fees for testing. Leslie Pratschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Upcoming meetings:

- December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting: We should all start saving items for the Silent Auction. Cindy will do a Mock Reading Bowl competition. Luncheon catered by Dawn.
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Speaker Lisa Smith is the regional director at Georgia Power. Premier Jewelry Fundraiser, service: Calvary Refuge Shelter, pot luck lunch. We will invite other chapters.
- May 4<sup>th</sup>: Speaker Sonia Davis is coordinator of Homeless Department in Clayton County and we'll tour Arts Clayton, service: Nothing But the Truth, Meeting-Jonesboro Methodist with catering by Dawn.

**Alpha Iota History:** Virginia Hasty

Seeing our hats and gloves made Virginia feel like she was back in the 60's again.

Virginia's story:

After graduating in 1959 in Dozier, Alabama, Virginia went to Troy State College doing work-study to pay expenses. After graduating in 1961 with a degree in mathematics she was offered many jobs in high schools. After Russia put up Sputnik, there was a great focus on mathematics and science in America and President Kennedy wanted more emphasis on high school math and science.

I was offered a job in Jonesboro, Georgia for the Clayton County School System. My mother, who loved to read, said I should go because it was all in *Gone With the Wind*. I had never been more than 80 miles from home before. The salary was pretty good--\$3700 per year. I was never interviewed, but Emmett Lee from Personnel had gone to Troy searching for prospective teachers, and his wife Frances taught at Forest Park. I found out later she had gone to my high school. I taught at Jonesboro High School over 30 years (including calculus).

I was initiated into *Alpha Iota* in 1968 at Eleanor Gurley's house. Eleanor was a great host with fancy tablecloths, candles and beautiful silver. Joyce Sorrell was also chosen at the same time. The members were wonderful role models for young teachers. We couldn't wear slacks to school then. Joyce and I were asked to do tickets at the football games, and Betty Edmonds told us we could wear slacks. I remember Edith Smith demonstrating the seal with felt pieces and Joyce England leading us in the DKG song. I also remember when AI was a private society. Speakers had to stay in another room until the meeting was conducted. We mostly met in homes, and also met at Rich's Magnolia Room and dining rooms of hotels in downtown Atlanta. We shopped like crazy.

I've been a member for 50 years, and I have been blessed by my participation in this group. We have had wonderful groups of women. You are now the best educated, most sophisticated and demonstrate integrity. The good old days are now, too. It is impressive what this group does.

Donations to the Happy Jar for Liberia. Kathy now owns her home free and clear!

Door Prizes were won by Janet, Anita, Cheryl, and Virginia.

Luncheon provided by Dawn.

Please remember to sign up for brunch items, the inspiration and door prizes for future meetings. You need to respond by November 19 to sign up for lunch at the December meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anita L. Thomaston*