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**Roll Call:
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Mary K Acree – Sons of Jubal at FBCJ
Debra P. Anderson – Absent, church commitment
Carol Bentley – Casting Crowns
Deborah Bhanojirow – Christmas Cantata at the Fox Theatre
Karen Burns – Absent, not feeling well
Cheryl Goff – Michael Jackson
Shirley Hanner – Absent, ill
Virginia R Hasty – Reserve Member, not present
Linda Holcomb – North Georgia Gospel of Music closing program
Toni Holt – Absent, We miss you!
Maureen Keillor – Absent, on the beach with grandchildren!
Donna Mc Donald – Reserve Member, not present
Benita Moore - Absent
Leslie Pratschler - Absent
Cathy Ann Schreiber – Up With People
Jeanette Serbin – Reserve Member, not present
Toni Smith – GREA commitment
Joyce B Sorrell – Reserve Member, not present
Bonnie Strohm – Babb Jr. High Band
Anita Thomaston – Jethro Tull
Janet Thomaston – Janet Jackson
Cindy Thompson – Her son's all state honor band
Martha Tolcher – Andrea Bocelli
Lynne Vidiksis – Absent, assisting with new grandchild
Vance A Wallace – Jason Aldean
Allaenna Williams – Absent, We miss you!
Angela Hall Windisch – Rolling Stones/Casting Crowns
Laura M Woods – Prince
Guest – Elaine Kilgore – Michael Murphy



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Inspirational Message: Angela Windisch

It Couldn't Be Done

BY [EDGAR ALBERT GUEST](#)

Somebody said that it couldn't be done

But he with a chuckle replied

That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.

So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin

On his face. If he worried he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it!

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;

At least no one ever has done it;"

But he took off his coat and he took off his hat

And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.

With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,

Without any doubting or quiddit,

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure,

There are thousands to point out to you one by one,

The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,

Just take off your coat and go to it;

Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing

That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

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Debbie Bhanojirow, Treasurer's Report
Martha Tolcher, Corresponding Secretary
Cathy Schreiber, December Minutes

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Debbie Bhanojirow presented the treasurer's report, in Debra Anderson's absence.

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Two hours of genealogy research was donated by Maureen Keillor, for the silent auction. It was not displayed at the December chapter meeting and is available for bid. Research is Maureen's expertise. She said of the Superbowl, "It's four hours of uninterrupted genealogy research!"



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Cindy Thompson, Martha Tolcher and Cheryl Goff are working as the Literacy Project Committee.

Cindy reported that Randolyn Friendlander has happily agreed to be our guest speaker at the Reading Bowl Championship Celebration.

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl



Cindy Thompson volunteered at the Clayton County Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Competition on Saturday, January 27th. Cheryl Goff coached a team for Kendrick Middle School and hosted the event at her school. Cheryl Goff volunteered at the regional competition, at Clayton State University, on Saturday, February 10th.

Pen Pal Project

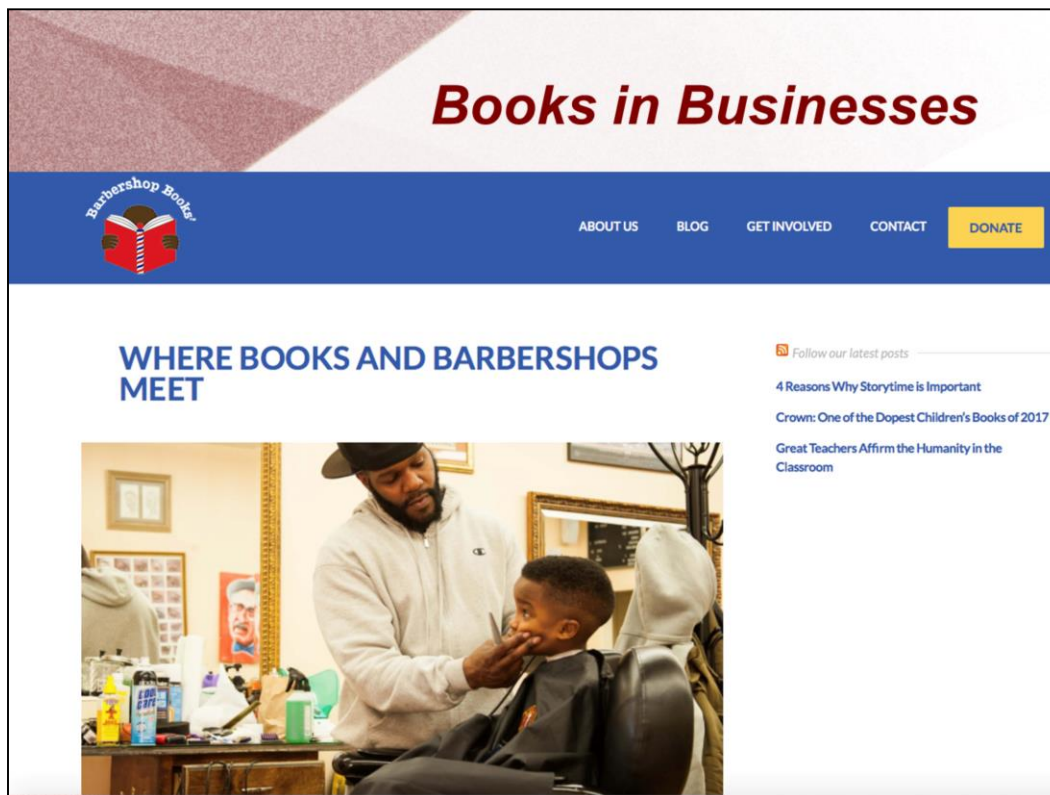
Letter due to KMS	March 1, 2018	DKG Pen Pals
Students Write Letters	By 3/9	Ms. Knight/Mrs. Goff
Pick up from KMS - to DKG/ gather DKG letters	Week of 3/12	Send letters to: Cindy Thompson 1110 Charleston Ridge McDonough, GA 30252 cynthiat@mindspring.com
Letter due to KMS	March 30, 2018	DKG Pen Pals
Students Write Letters	By 4/13	Ms. Knight/Mrs. Goff
Pick up from KMS - to DKG / gather DKG letters	Week of 4/16	Send letters to: Cindy Thompson 1110 Charleston Ridge McDonough, GA 30252 cynthiat@mindspring.com
Letter due to KMS	May 1, 2018	DKG Pen Pals
Students write	If time is available	Ms. Knight/Mrs. Goff
Reveal Party	05/15/17	DKG Pen Pals

The pen pal project is a little behind schedule. Please try to get your letters to Cindy Thompson in a timely manner, so that Ms. Knight can plan her lessons.

Please remember to make a copy of your pen pal letter.

Due to the severe weather days we were out of school, testing has been pushed back to May. Sixth grade will be testing, the morning of the reveal party, so we will provide lunch instead of breakfast.

We decided to poll the students and ask Ms. Knight what they might prefer for lunch.



We are not the only ones providing books for children in local businesses! This organization gives books to boys who come in for a haircut.

Cheryl Goff applied for a Boylston Grant, to help provide book crates for our literacy project.

Boylston Grant

Dear Cheryl:

Congratulations! The Trustees of the Boylston Foundation are pleased to support your project titled: "Reading Crates for Kids." A check in the amount of \$120 will be mailed to you in July 2018.

We look forward to hearing about your project and request that you complete both mid-year and end-of-year reports, which are found on the state website. Of course, we always appreciate hearing from you about this project anytime prior to the mid-year report! We also wish to see pictures of your students actively participating in the project. With these pictures, we request that you describe how your students are enjoying and progressing in the project. We will share this information with our Delta Kappa Gamma members.

We are happy for you and your students. Please accept our congratulations!

Gail Ford, Chair

Gail

Elise Boylston Memorial Foundation
Georgia State Organization (Psi State)

Funding Request Rationale (A detailed budget of proposed expenditures must be included. Salaries and overhead cost will not be funded.): Reading crates would promote literacy in our community and provide a valuable service for families. Book labels & signs for the crates would be provided by members of Alpha Iota.

Project Budget

Crates: 12 @ \$5.00 each \$60

Books: 20 per crate @ \$1.75 average per book \$420

The Boylston Grant was awarded! Becky Avera, who was on the grant committee, said they reduced the amount awarded on several grants, so they could award more grants.

We have funds for 5 additional crates of books.

The following members volunteered to create and distribute a crate: Carol, Cindy, Debbie, Laura, Martha, and Shirley. Please remember to keep your receipts, take photos and get quotes for the 6 month and year end report.



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Cheryl will contact Beverly Garner at CSU about a lunch with the education majors and grants for testing fees.

We had a wonderful discussion about ways to attract and keep highly qualified teachers.

Cindy shared that a new book store is opened on the square in McDonough.

We also discussed the spring luncheon to support the Ferst Foundation. Cheryl will check with Patti Brown for details.



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Plans for the Deltahostel are going well.
The deadline was pushed back to Saturday, February 24th, so
there's still time to register.

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Table cloths were ordered from Tableclothes.com, as suggested by Karen Burns. The prices were better than Sam's Club and the reviews on the site stated the table clothes were of excellent quality.

Still staying within the allotted dollar amount, we were able to purchase 8 red and 8 white 108" table clothes that will fit the tables at the Methodist Churches in both Morrow and Jonesboro.



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Cheryl Goff attended the Leadership Institute, in Macon, on Saturday, February 3rd. "It was the best Leadership Institute I have attended. It was not another workshop for developing leadership and identifying your strengths and weaknesses. Nita Scott, the new International Director, led a wonderful discussion and presented very useful information."

Cheryl Goff

Nita shared a personal story about her membership pin and asked us to look at our traditions and their purpose. She asked that we be open to change. There will be hundreds of proposed amendments to the constitution. They will be sent in your next DKG newsletter and voted on at the International Conference in July.

Some major changes Nita shared:

- Collegiate membership options
- Membership on payment vs. Initiation
- Initiation vs. Induction (professional vs. sorority)
- \$10 initiation fee (\$7.50 chapter, \$3.50 state)
- Regional Conferences – scheduling, state leadership training, shall vs. may so that change can occur)
- Voting – state president vs. every member (possibly electronic)
- Name change – Women Educators International was proposed



Nita Scott presented membership data:

- Peak in 1991 with 168,000 members
- Currently 69,000 members

Why do members drop?

- Most common answer is family or professional obligations
- Largest age group - 56- 65 years old
- Most would come back if asked at a later date
- 10% by death

Despite all the benefits of membership, what keeps members?

Fellowship

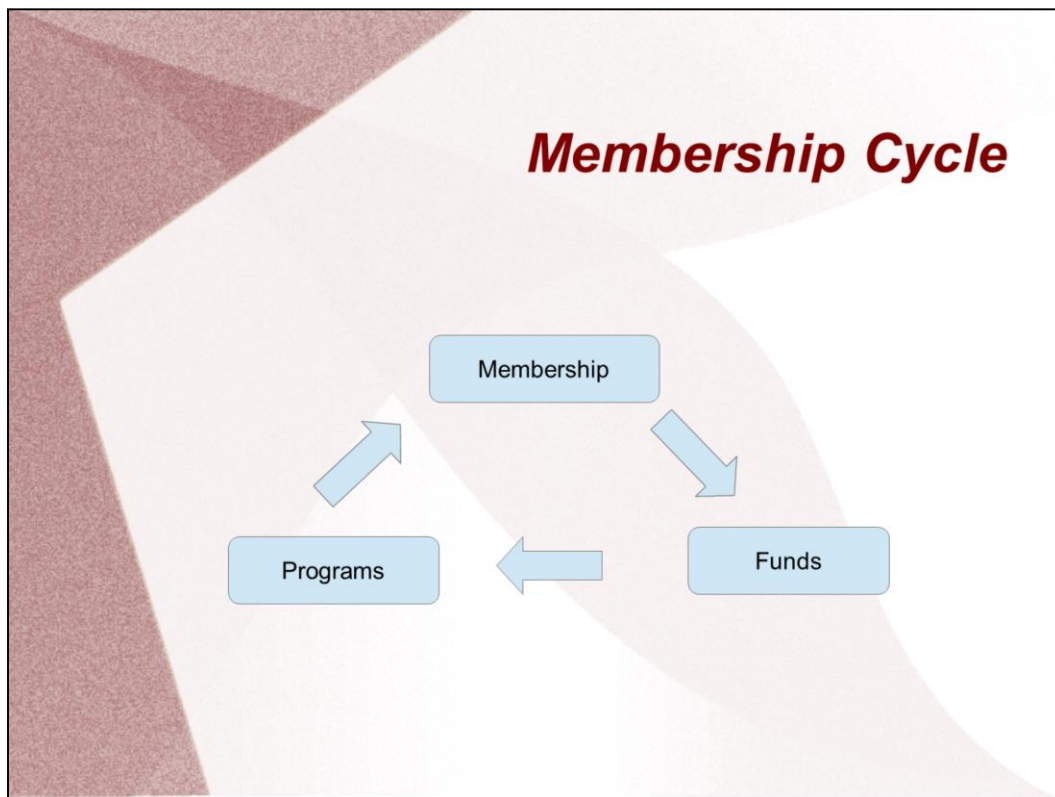
Younger members want the opportunity to:

- Learn
- Lead
- Make a Difference

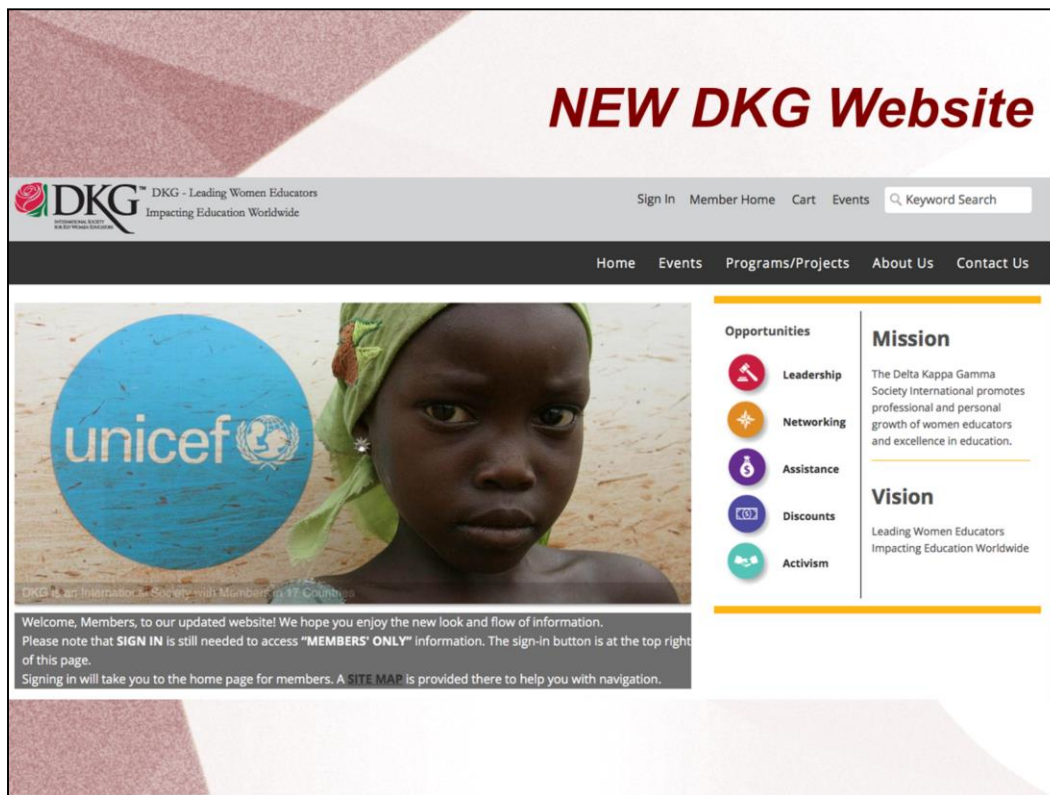
Why membership is being heavily stressed:

- We lose a lot of teachers at the 3-5 years.
- Mentors through DKG, could assist in reducing these numbers.
- Membership drives funds, which drives quality programming, which drives membership.

DKG gave \$3 million to education and educators last year! We are a unique organization in that we provide both fellowship AND make an impact in the world.



In order to continue to provide quality programming and leadership opportunities, we need to increase membership.



Nita Scott gave a preview of the new International website. The public site and the member site look very different. She shared some very important reasons members need to register and complete their profile:

- Communication by mail and e-mail
- Networking (programming, speakers, etc.)
- Membership data
- Funding opportunities – Example:

If we were to ask a company such as Dell to support a program we need data about membership work in technology.

Delta Log In news Cheryl misc social media Google The Weather Channel

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Members must login with member ID to access members-only resources and forms.

Website Navigation Guide

Member login (Username = DKG member ID)

Username
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Sign In


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Media Specialist



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To update your information, click the  edit icon next to the section containing the information to be modified.

Note: Some fields may be read-only and cannot be changed online.

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MyDKG

- My Account
- Communities
- Directory (Member Only)
- Insurance Benefits
- Discounts
- Emergency Fund

Membership Card

After logging in with your member ID number and the password above, you will be able to create a unique password.



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The Leadership Conference will be held April 20-21 at Warner Robins Middle School. It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about DKG, meet wonderful women from around the state and develop personally and professionally.

We will be awarded the Boylston Grant, so our chapter needs to be well represented!

Chapters were asked to donate a themed basket for a silent auction to help reduce the cost of the next state convention. Benita Moore volunteered to make a basket for our chapter. Thank you Benita!

As soon as a schedule and registration is available, we can make decisions about carpooling, and the overnight stay.




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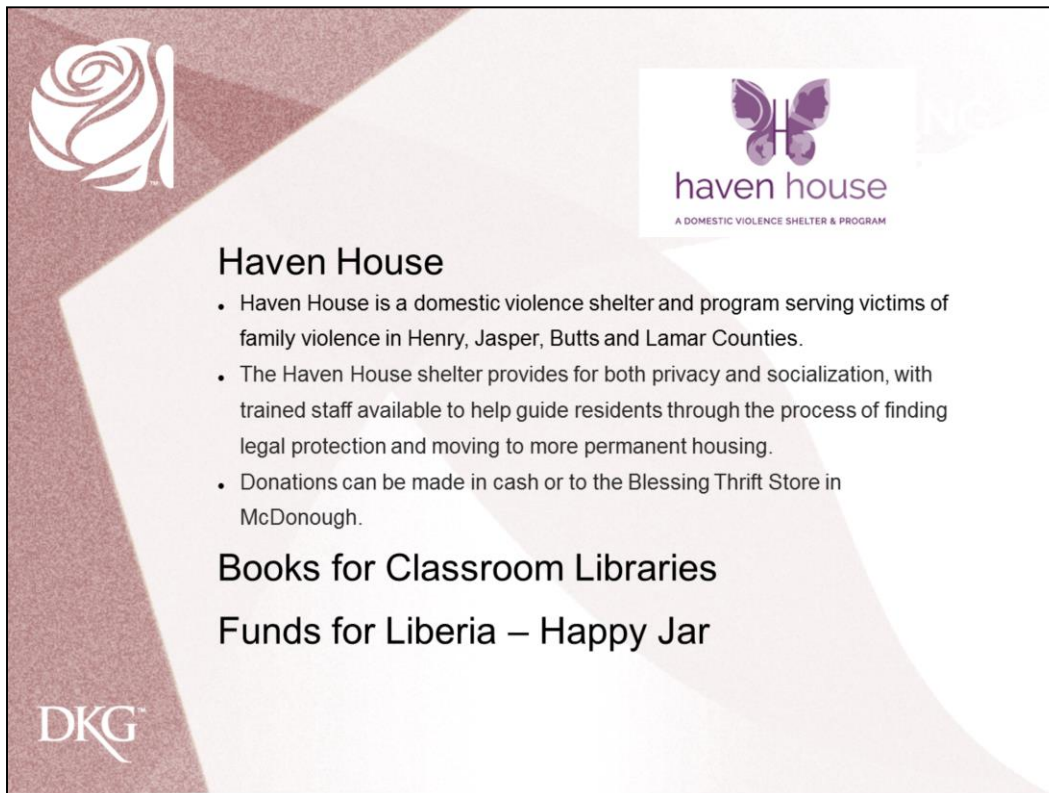
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Haven House

- Haven House is a domestic violence shelter and program serving victims of family violence in Henry, Jasper, Butts and Lamar Counties.
- The Haven House shelter provides for both privacy and socialization, with trained staff available to help guide residents through the process of finding legal protection and moving to more permanent housing.
- Donations can be made in cash or to the Blessing Thrift Store in McDonough.

Books for Classroom Libraries

Funds for Liberia – Happy Jar

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Linda Holcomb volunteered to take our items to Haven House. Please contact her if you did not bring your items to the meeting.

We will continue to collect books and donate them to a classroom after the May chapter meeting.

The happy jar was passed and much good news was shared. We collected \$50 for our school in Liberia. Vance volunteered to send the funds to Debra.




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Thank you to the Nominations committee for our slate of officers. (Bonnie Strohm, Cathy Schrieber, and Toni Smith)



Slate of Officers 2018-2020

President: Cheryl Goff

1st Vice President: Deborah Bhanojirow

2nd Vice President: Carol Bentley

Recording Secretary: Anita Thomaston

Corresponding Secretary: Martha Tolcher

Treasurer: Debra Anderson (chosen the
by board)

Parliamentarian: Bonnie Strohm (chosen
by the President)

Cathy Schreiber volunteered to install the officers at the May chapter meeting. Please contact her if you would like to assist.



We watched [Drew Dudley: Everyday Leadership](#).
Cheryl shared...

Leadership can be a big thing, like Leslie leading the chapter meeting at the last minute. However leadership doesn't have to be a big gesture like getting up in front of a group. Martha took leadership at the December meeting by sitting next to me to provide comfort. (My dog had passed that morning.) And not just sitting next to me, but sitting **really close**, to the point I felt physically supported. That's also an action of leadership.

We were all chosen to be in this organization because we are leaders. When I was nominated, I'm sure someone saw the *potential* for leadership. It took a long time for me to feel comfortable taking a leadership role for many reasons. But, I'm glad I did, because I have grown a lot in the last several years. Passion overtook fear and as president of our chapter I've been able to work on projects that I am passionate about, such as literacy. One of the driving forces behind my desire to organize the Deltahostel, which was **way** out of my comfort zone, was to combat all the negative publicity about Clayton County.

We need to take leadership for our chapter's culture and ultimately the chapter's future. I have heard members who have held office in our chapter say, "I have done my time." We need our officers to say, "I enjoyed working with the ladies of my chapter. What's next?"

We can do this by supporting our officers through committee work.

Committees

- Supports the officers
- Divides the workload
- Represents, involves and serves members of the chapter
- Increases communication in the chapter
- Reach chapter goals as a group

The committee survey is a proposed selection of committees that would provide representation for all members of our chapter.

Proposed Committees for 2018-2020 Biennium:

Finance Committee – Debra Anderson, chair; Kathy Acree

Hospitality Committee – Debbie Bhanojirow & Carol Bentley, chair:
Martha Tolcher; Angela Windisch; Bonnie Strohm

Communications Committee – Kathy Acree & Martha Tolcher, chair;
Angela Windisch; Martha Tolcher; Carol Bentley; Shirley Hanner;
Cathy Schreiber

Literacy Committee – Cindy Thompson, chair; Martha Tolcher; Carol Bentley; Cheryl Goff

Supporting Early Educators – Cheryl Goff, chair;

If you have not signed up for a committee, please contact Cheryl. We need assistance, especially on the Finance and Supporting Early Educators committees.

The chapter voted to pay \$500 in expenses for Cheryl to attend the International conference in Austin this summer. Please consider attending, as the International bylaws will be updated and we will have the opportunity to tour DKG headquarters.

Through the Premier Jewelry fundraiser, we raised \$215 for our literacy projects and \$345 in free jewelry to be used for the silent auction and as incentives for early dues payment.