



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**<sup>TM</sup>

Georgia State Organization, Alpha Iota Chapter

## **Alpha Iota Chapter Meeting**

November 7, 2020

9:00 am

### **Social Time**

**Welcome** - Cheryl Goff

**Guests and Roll Call** - Share the title of a good book you've read

**Inspiration** -

**Speaker** - Sue VerHoef and Maureen Keillor, Atlanta History Center

**Reports - Treasurer's Report** - Kathy Acree

**Secretary** - Anita Thomaston/Cindy Thompson

**Business - Service Project** - Ideas for Service

**February Chapter Meeting** - Tonia Lindsey

**Power of Sisterhood Luncheon** - Cheryl Goff

**Announcements** - Fine Arts Gallery

**Socialize & Adjourn**



Alpha Iota  
Treasurer's Report  
11/7/2020

**Balance Forwarded** \$ 5,611.62

**Expenditures**

Date	Check #	Paid To / Payment For	Amount
10/31/2020	1008	Ferst Foundation	\$ 350.00

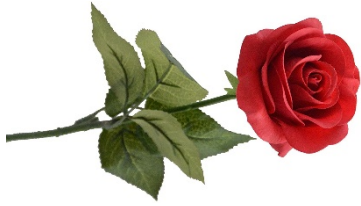
**Total Expenditures** \$ 350.00

**Deposits**

Date	Cash	Check # / Received From / Payment For	Amount
9/30/2020	Check	Cheryl Goff - Ferst Foundation & Happy Jar	\$ 45.00

**Total Deposits** \$ 45.00

**Current Balance** \$ 5,306.62



## Georgia State Organization, Alpha Iota Chapter Alpha Iota Chapter Meeting

September 12, 2020 10:00 am

**Welcome**-Cheryl Goff called the meeting to order. [attendance: Cheryl Goff, Betty Richardson (GSO Corresponding Secretary), Tonia Lindsey, Elaine Kilgore, Maureen Keillor, Terdra Brooks, Cindy Thompson, Kathy Acree, Deborah Bhanijirow, Janet Thomaston, Anita Thomaston, Michelle Hanners (former Kendrick teacher), Janice Arcuria, Martha Tolcher, Laura Michelle Wood, Debra Davis, Debra Anderson, Alaenna Williams]

**Roll Call**-Elaine Kilgore called roll and asked “What is one good that has come out of this COVID situation?” Members shared about positive aspects of dealing with the pandemic.

**Inspiration** - Martha Tolcher shared a beautiful poem, *Desiderata* by Max Ermine, to inspire us.

**Installation of Officers 2020-2022** - Kathy Acree led our installation of Cheryl Goff and Maureen Keillor as co-presidents, vice presidents Elaine Kilgore and Tanya Telfair, recording secretary Anita Thomaston, corresponding secretary Cindy Thompson, treasurer Tonia Lindsey, and parliamentarian Bonnie Strohm.

### Reports

**Business** – *Minutes* were sent out from the Summer Planning Meeting and the May chapter meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Martha moved and Elaine seconded that the minutes be accepted as read. Information from the *Treasurer's Report* was shared by Tonia Lindsey. Kathy Acree has been contacting members about dues. If you haven't paid, please do so as soon as possible.



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### GSO Executive Board and Membership Meeting -

Cheryl said this meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26 at 9:00 AM. It is open to all members and will be held virtually. Because Cheryl will be voting as a state officer, Maureen will vote for our chapter on any necessary items. There will be training for all local officers. GSO will be providing opportunities for grants in an effort to help all state members. Attendance will be a wonderful means of staying abreast of so many different initiatives on which our organizations are focused. Both state and national branches have jumped into technology as a means of keeping members involved.

**Ferst Foundation Luncheon** - Cindy Thompson shared the news that the Ferst Foundation of Henry County (focus on literacy and providing books to young children) luncheon has been cancelled. It was originally planned for the spring but was postponed because of COVID concerns.



It was rescheduled for September, however Stockbridge city government has kept all of its community buildings closed, so this date has now been cancelled as well. The Foundation is hoping that all of the organizations will donate the money they would have spent on their table. Alpha Iota decided to donate the \$350. Anyone who would like their money refunded or saved until the next luncheon, please let either Cindy or Cheryl know.

**November Chapter Meeting** - Anita Thomaston said the Morrow Methodist Fellowship Hall will probably be available. In planning for November's meeting, we will hold our breaths for news of how to handle the meeting in person. It was decided to ask Tanya LeBlanc Telfair to speak at the November meeting to provide sufficient time for her to share her very pertinent information.

**February Chapter Meeting** - Tonia Lindsey is locating a speaker on issues related to Women's Health. Hopefully, February's meeting will be in person. We have planned to have a mini-market with Caroline Soto's Premier Designs Jewelry and assorted other products, Beverly Garner who sells essential oils and a bake sale. This will be a fundraiser for the chapter. Members present voted that lunch should be provided by Dawn's catering service.

**May Chapter Meeting** – The *Power of Sisterhood Luncheon* will take place on May 1, 2021 at the Magnolia House. We will only have a two- hour time span at the facility.

**Fundraisers** - Elaine Kilgore introduced fundraising ideas: Domino's Pizza or Krispy Kreme donuts. Their cards sell for \$10 our chapter would keep \$5. The members discussed these fundraisers and decided to table this initiative until schools open and there is more face-to-face contact with people who would purchase the cards.

**Service Project - Helping Members** - Cheryl Goff noted that our initial service project for September was to collect school supplies. So many other organizations have stepped forward during the Covid crisis that the need is not as great. Cheryl suggested that we attend to our chapter members and their needs. She also asked that we stay in touch with members who have dropped and to continue to invite them to meetings.

## **Program**

**Introduction of Speaker** - Anita Thomaston shared that Senator Gail Davenport (District 44) has served since 2007. She is a graduate of Spelman College, America's oldest historically black college for women. She serves on many committees in the Georgia Senate including Appropriations, Natural Resources and the Environment, and the Retirement Committee. She is also a Real Estate professional. Ms. Davenport is the daughter and sister of retired Clayton County educators, and has been a life-long advocate of education.



**Speaker – The Honorable Gail Davenport**

Senator Davenport shared pertinent information on many topics. In the area of education, more resources are needed for low income schools and greater parental involvement should be encouraged. The Georgia Lottery funds need monitoring to make sure they go where they should. Regarding the environment, legislators work to keep things safe and protect air quality. Our elections need to be safe and secure. She said there should be a record of voting by mail so that those who have already voted do not vote in person. There are many vacancies among the poll workers since COVID-19. In the areas of civil rights and social justice, she works to uphold the Fair Housing laws and to keep communities safe. The police and sheriff departments are vital in this regard. Reform of the criminal justice system is also needed. There will probably be no



special session this year at the Georgia legislature. She has contacted the Department of Labor about people not receiving their unemployment compensation and is also working to help with eviction/foreclosure issues. A new stimulus package may be forthcoming from the U. S. Congress. She works with Community Outreach in Action to get food boxes to those in need. In the last session, the Hate Crimes bill was passed. In the new session, some topics will be Medicaid expansion, fully funding K-12 education, seeking Federal funds for hospitals and a First Responders bill. Protecting women's rights to make reproductive decisions is important. Of special interest to our group is Senator Davenport's service on the Retirement Committee, where she works to help protect the *Teachers Retirement System*. She brought up the minimum wage, which at the Federal level is \$7.25 but only \$5.15 in Georgia, which needs to be addressed along with transit/transportation improvements and maintenance of the state's infrastructure.

Senator Davenport entertained questions from our group. Kathy Acree inquired about TRS, and she said that the state does not need to bother it. Laura Michelle asked about the help with protection of coastal areas. Ms. Davenport mentioned several bills that will be introduced this year including School Board Accountability for System Finances and noted that the budget was cut 10% this year.

### **Announcements**

**Correspondence:** Cindy will send cards to people who weren't here today. Martha will share the birthday list with Cindy. Cindy shared a card she created with people on FB Live. Debbie Bhanjirow's students will make 100 cards for the troops this year.

**DKG International Fine Arts Gallery** Don't forget to submit entries for the Arts Gallery. Photography, poetry, art work and crafts may be submitted.

### **Socialize & Adjourn**

Alaenna is a counselor in the Atlanta Public Schools in a newly renovated school that serves PK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade. She says they now have a full-time technology person in addition to the Media Specialist. Cheryl is grateful for Terdra (Technology Contact at Kendrick MS) for her

participation in service with technology. Laura Michelle shared that laptop distribution at Stillwell was organized and well-done. Craig Coleman (CCPS Media Coordinator) is doing a great job, which is not a surprise since Cindy was his mentor. Maureen has a new grandson, Austin Joseph, born two weeks ago. Cindy has been enjoying her granddaughters. Anita said her grandchildren are doing well, with Stella starting first grade this year. A discussion was had about hearing aids and their benefits.

Cheryl adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Anita Thomaston and Cindy Thompson