



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS  
**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™**

Psi State

Alpha Iota Chapter

October 2017

## New Members Initiated

We would like to welcome four fabulous educators to Alpha Iota! Maureen Keillor and Janet Thomaston were initiated at our chapter meeting on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Carol Bentley and Shirley Hanner will be initiated at the next meeting, in December. We are so excited to have such leaders in education join our group!

## Dia de los Muertos

The Atlanta History Center is hosting a Day of the Dead Celebration on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5 pm. If you would like to carpool to this event, please sign up on the [Alpha Iota Planning Doc](#) or e-mail [Cheryl](#). We can carpool at a time and from a location convenient to those who are interested in attending. For more information about the event see the Atlanta History Center [website](#).



*Janet and Maureen*

## Holiday Celebration

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> our chapter meeting will be a celebration of the holidays. Please invite a guest to this event! Your guest could be a relative, a friend who needs some girl time, or a potential member. We'll begin with brunch at 9:00 am and the silent auction. Cindy will guide us in making birthday cards and new members will be initiated. Our service projects will include donating food for children to Nothing But the Truth, books for classroom libraries and funds for schools in Liberia. Lunch will be a traditional holiday meal with roasted turkey, cornbread dressing with cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, red velvet cupcakes and tea. Reservations must be received by November 19. Mail checks to Debra Anderson at 5345 Crestwood Circle, College Park, GA 30349-4242.

# Pen Pal Project

Members chose 6<sup>th</sup> grade pen pals for the 2017-2018 school year. Our first letters to the students are due to Cheryl Goff by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Cheryl is hosting a pen pal breakfast on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at The Best Breakfast at 9:00 am. The restaurant is located at 4961 N Henry Blvd in Stockbridge. Come and enjoy breakfast, write your letters or just drop them off. Please RSVP to Cheryl at 678-478-4476 or by [e-mail](#). You can also mail your letters to Cheryl at 2563 Tabor Court, Morrow 30260. Additional information about the pen pal project is located on the [Google Doc](#).

## Donation to the Ferst Foundation



Patti Brown, of the Ferst Foundation of Henry County, spoke at our chapter meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The services they provide are phenomenal and we voted to support their organization by sponsoring a child. The child will receive a book each month from birth to 5 years of age. In the spring, the group will host a luncheon and members chose to sponsor a table. The tables will be decorated with the theme of a children's book. Details of the event are not yet available, but the program chair has been made aware that we will support the event.

## Volunteers Needed

Please help us support literacy, by volunteering at the Clayton County Picture Book Reading Bowl on Saturday morning, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The competition will take place at Kendrick Middle School, 7971 Kendrick Road in Jonesboro. Volunteer training will begin at 8:30 am and the competition starts at 9:30. Volunteers will act as timekeepers and scorekeepers, read the rules and questions for each round of play and guide the children during the parade of schools. Please RSVP to Cheryl at 678-478-4476 or by [e-mail](#).

### Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

## *Mrs. Maureen Keillon*

# Member Spotlight

Maureen was born in Germany as an Army brat and grew up just outside Boston, Massachusetts. She has always had a great love of history, probably because school field trips were to Plymouth Plantation, the USS Constitution and other places of historical significance. When she was 17, she gained a further interest in family history, sitting with her grandmother as she worked to diagram the "Who's Who" of the regular but convoluted family reunions. As they worked, she would tell stories of her parents and grandparents, and as a result, she's been researching the family history ever since – or anyone else's! She's a typical product of that melting pot known as Boston with Irish, Italian, Scots, French and German ancestry.



Happily married since 1977, she and Howard have five children and 12.6 grandchildren. Her semi-retired husband runs a printing business in Fayetteville, GA and on weekends they enjoy finding historical sites and old cemeteries on the back of a Victory Kingpin. In 2011, she graduated with honors from Clayton State University with a BA in History and a minor in English. It took her seven years to complete the degree while working full time at Lovejoy Middle School in Clayton county, Georgia as a media secretary. She was the first person in her family to graduate from college, and since her graduation, her oldest son has completed a master's in leadership from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, her next son completed a BS in Aeronautic Engineering at Embry-Riddle



Aeronautics University; both boys completed their bachelor's degrees at multiple on-base campuses around the world while serving their country in the Air Force and Navy and completing six deployments between them.

Her two youngest sons have completed Associate's degrees at Southern Crescent Technical College and Brigham Young University – Idaho's Pathways Program. She is the author of three titles, a family history published via amazon's CreateSpace as well as "Naval Air Station Pensacola" and "The Blue Angels" for Arcadia Publishing.



## Gratitude Expressed

This week, as Cheryl checked on her book crates, she had two wonderful surprises. At the Georgia Center for Women, they asked if she could provide book crates for their other two locations! The practice administrator is even willing to transport the books, since the offices are in Atlanta. Her dentist thanked her for providing this service. He loves that the children have something to read while they wait and the children enjoy the books so much they ask to take them home. He tells them that they must share with others, so they'll need to leave them in the basket.



### To Do List

- Send a check for dues & the December lunch
- RSVP for the Day of the Dead Celebration
- Submit your pen pal letter before October 31
- Volunteer at the CCPS Picture Book Reading Bowl
- Sign up for a committee on the Alpha Iota Planning Doc
- Invite Guests for the Holiday Celebration on December 2nd
- Submit your biography form
- Update your profile at MyDKG
- Collect books for a reading crate & an elementary classroom
- Sign up for duties for the December chapter meeting
- Save money for the International Convention in Austin, TX

### DKG Online

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