



## *Alpha Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma*

### **Planning Meeting July 13, 2021**

The planning meeting for the 2021-2022 year was held at the home of Co-President, Maureen Keillor. Members in attendance: Kathy Acree, Debra Davis, President Cheryl Goff, Maureen Keillor, Treasurer Tonia Lindsay, Recording Secretary Anita Thomaston, Corresponding Secretary Cindy Thompson, and Martha Tolcher.

**\*\*\*\*\*Mark your calendars for the following dates: August 28<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>.\*\*\*\*\***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Meal</b>	<b>Service Project(s)</b>
<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>Ricky Clark, Jonesboro City Manager (Morrow United Methodist Fellowship Hall)</b>	<b>Olive Garden catering, RSVP by August 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ferst Foundation Pen Pal Project School in Libya Homeless project</b>
<b>Nov. 6</b>	<b>Local history-“Doc Holliday” with Victoria Wilcox (MUMC FH)</b>	<b>Catering by Dawn, RSVP needed</b>	<b>“Christmas” project to be chosen by members</b>
<b>Feb. 5</b>	<b>Joint Meeting with Gamma Alpha and Gamma Psi with speaker Kimberly Alexander (MUMC FH)</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Nothing But the Truth: non-perishable food and school supplies</b>
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Magnolia House Luncheon with speaker Corinna Barbie</b>	<b>Catered by Magnolia House</b>	<b>Sponsoring child(ren) for Music Camp at Spivey Hall</b>

(It is suggested that you print this table and post it where you will be reminded of our meetings for the year.)

Members had a great time catching up and discussion topics including the pandemic, vaccines and travels. We had mixed feelings upon finding that the Jonesboro Branch Library is permanently closed and a new library is open in Riverdale. Lovejoy Middle School will be closed with those students attending the Eddie White Middle School. LMS may reopen as a 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy. We talked about how we are a support system for each other. Cheryl does a

fantastic job with the newsletters, and everyone is reminded to let her know if there are needs we can assist with.

### August 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**Program:** We usually have a legislative update or other information on the area. Several possibilities were discussed: Representative Mike Glanton for a legislative update, Commissioner Jeff Turner about Clayton County, and Ricky Clark, Jonesboro City Manager, about changes in the city of Jonesboro. We decided on Ricky Clark and Cheryl will contact him.



**Meal:** We also discussed options for lunches (Chick Fil A, Moe's, Olive Garden, Farmhouse in Flippen. . .), and decided that we would have all catered meals this year, since some members may be uncomfortable with "pot luck" meals due to concerns from the pandemic. Anita will check into a Pasta Station meal from the Olive Garden (details forthcoming) and ***reservations for this meal need to be made by August 14<sup>th</sup>***. The meals on August 28<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup> are included with our dues.

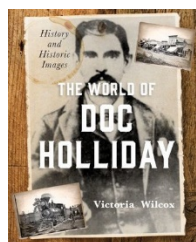
**Service Projects:** Cindy Thompson will contact the *Ferst Foundation of Henry County* for current information so our group can discuss options including sponsorship of children and decorating a table for the spring luncheon.

Cheryl Goff will talk about the *Pen Pal Project* at Kendrick Middle School and propose keeping it small this year. Reliable volunteers are needed to write letters monthly to children.

Linda Holcomb can share about the *school in Libya* where she does mission trips. We typically sponsor children for their schooling.

Debra Davis does a wonderful project with her students to *help homeless* in the area. We can bring donations of gently used clothing, adult sized socks (preferably grey or black), thinking of you cards, and/or containers of wipes. A more specific list will be forthcoming in an e-mail from Cheryl.

### November 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting



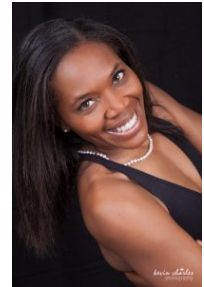
**Program:** Maureen knows Victoria Wilcox, an expert on Doc Holliday, a native of Griffin, Georgia. Ms. Wilcox has written several books, including one about Doc Holliday. When the antebellum home of Holliday's uncle was scheduled for demolition, she formed a non-profit organization to save the structure and turn it into a museum. The Holliday-Dorsey-Fife Museum in Fayetteville was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. Maureen will arrange for this presentation.

**Meal:** Cheryl will contact Dawn at Jonesboro United Methodist about catering a festive meal. Reservations will be necessary.

**Service Project:** Several possibilities were discussed. Kathy Acree will check into the *shoebox project* done by Samaritan's Purse to give us details. We can sponsor *children in foster care* through the Clark Howard Christmas Kids Program. We can get information from Sonia Davis, CCPS Homeless Coordinator to sponsor *homeless children* in our area.

### February 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**Program:** Every other year we plan a joint meeting with Gamma Alpha and Gamma Psi chapters. Cheryl has already been in touch with Arloue about ideas and she asked that we meet at the church, as we did two years ago. Health and fitness guru, Kimberly Alexander, will be our speaker. Many of you will remember how inspirational she is.



**Meal:** to be decided with the other chapters

**Service Project:** We will bring supplies for *Nothing But the Truth* to distribute. They always take school supplies and non-perishable foods. Kathy Acree will contact Gail Smith about this.

### May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting



**Program:** We will have our long-awaited "The Power of Sisterhood" catered luncheon at Magnolia House in Jonesboro. Corinna Barbie will talk to us about their mission.

**Meal:** catered by Magnolia House (cost to be paid by members)

**Service Project:** sponsorship of students for the Summer Music Camp at Spivey Hall.

### Other Chapter Business

For each meeting will need the following: brunch items (including plates, cups, flatware, food and drink), door prizes, an inspiration, and table decorations. There will be a sign up document in the e-mail that Cheryl is sending out. For August, Debra Davis and Anita volunteered for table décor and Debra will do the inspiration. Cindy will do table décor in November and Kathy will do the inspiration. Please sign up---be involved in your organization!

Anita proposes that we consider doing something nice for our Reserve Members each year. This could be a card, flowers, a fruit basket . . . please come with your ideas.

Several of our members are Media Specialists, and once we know what is being allowed this school year, they will ask for volunteers to help with Book Fairs, shelve books, etc.

### Georgia State Organization News

Congratulations to our *Cheryl Goff* for being chosen as the *District III Director* for the GSO! She wants to set up a District III meeting for October 23<sup>rd</sup> with keynote speaker, Lisa Morgan, GAE President followed by various



workshops including Cindy Thompson-card making and Maureen Keillor-genealogy. She's going to get us a list of the dates she will be visiting other chapter meetings, and any (and all) of us are invited to go along with her.

The GSO Fall Membership and Executive Board Meeting will be held September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted, *Anita L. Thomaston*