



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

Georgia State Organization, Alpha Iota Chapter

## Alpha Iota Chapter Meeting

November 2, 2019

9:30 am

**Social:**

Card Workshop by Cindy Thompson  
Jewelry Sales with Caroline Soto

**Roll Call:** What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?

**Inspirational Message:** Linda Holcomb

**New Member Initiation:** Terdra Brooks  
Debra Davis  
Elaine Kilgore

**Officer Reports:** Recording Secretary, Anita Thomaston  
Corresponding Secretary, Martha Tolcher  
Treasurer, Debra Anderson

**Business:**

State Executive Board Meeting  
Fine Arts Gallery Submissions  
February Joint Meeting  
Fundraisers  
Service Projects  
Other

**Lunch:**

Catered by Mom and Me Catering  
Freida Smith



## DKG Meeting Minutes, May 4th, 2019

Present at the meeting were: Debra Anderson, Kathy Acree, Debbie Bhanojirow, Cheryl Goff, Elaine Kilgore, Bonnie Strohm, Shirley Hanner, Martha Tolcher and guest, Tonia Lindsey. We first met at 10:00 am at The Clayton Arts Gallery on Main Street in Jonesboro. We toured the entire Gallery, focusing most on the art created by disabled students in our area. The artwork we saw was truly remarkable!

Our meeting was held at the Taste of Thai Restaurant in Jonesboro. We began with two scheduled speakers, Diane Soroko and Sonia Davis.

Representing "Nothing But the Truth", Diane spoke about the roots of this organization and its purpose.

This is a faith-based organization, begun by several area churches, whose goal is to extend into the community, meeting the impoverished and helping them, with the goal of bringing Jesus Christ into the conversation/relationship. Volunteers come from five churches (mostly Baptist and Methodist) across North Georgia. At this time, 180-190 children identified by the school counselors, in 5-6 schools are given bags of food to eat over the weekend. The premise is, if the children are hungry, then they cannot learn. NBTT strives to change these students' lives through education.

High school female students often miss days of school because they lack hygiene products. This problem also is being addressed. Next year, middle schools will be incorporated into the program.

Jonesboro Crossing, near the Clayton Arts Gallery, and formerly known as "Keystone Apartments", had no resources or funding for the summer, resulting in students, including those from Suder Elementary, getting into trouble. NBTT is attempting to enrich their lives, especially since children typically stay within their apartment boundaries unless they go to the grocery store with their parents. A weekly Bible Study for women is held on Wednesdays, with an attendance of about 25 ladies.

There also is a community garden for the residents. Spaghetti dinners are held during the summer.

This July, NBTT is holding a school supply drive for this apartment complex, which will culminate with school supplies being selected by the students at a Block Party. We agreed to bring school supplies to our planning meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>. At our meeting, snacks were collected from our DKG members, and taken by Cheryl to The Rock at First Baptist Church. At the beginning of the next school year, a reading program will resume. Diane will let us know when this begins; it is an hour commitment per month. Diane then thanked us for our support – she can be contacted for further information at [clayton@nothingbutthetruth.org](mailto:clayton@nothingbutthetruth.org).

Our second speaker, Sonia Davis, is the Clayton County Liaison for Homeless Students. Other groups, including NBTT, assist the 1,700 students currently served. The office is located across from Morrow High School. Sonia's job is to ensure educational rights and success of these students. There are four criteria for being considered "homeless", which are: families

live in a car, a shelter, a hotel, on the street, or are doubled up in a residence with another family, usually due to financial hardship (75% of the students are in this latter situation).

They are protected under the McKinney/Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987.

Transportation is provided to the school of origin, with 500-700 students being coordinated in this way each year. A brochure was given to members present.

Upon filling out a questionnaire, students are referred to a social worker. The Federal Grant given to the Office for Homeless Students provides uniforms and school supplies. Donations may be given to this organization, but mostly what are needed are chrome books and monetary donations (no food). Also, some fees, such as graduation fees, field trip money, etc. are provided by the government. At Christmas, sponsors of families supply gifts.

Students graduating with a 3.2 or higher average receive a scholarship toward college funding. To distinguish these students at school, their enrollment card will have "HED" written (Homeless Education Department) on them.

Following these interesting reports, we all ate a delicious strawberry cake to celebrate DKG's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

While waiting for our lunches, the following items were discussed:

- Cheryl and Debra attended the DKG State Meeting, where there was a wonderful guest speaker, and a beautiful Remembrance Ceremony. Greek letters no longer will be used to identify our state organization.
- The First Luncheon in Henry County also had a great speaker, the Henry County Superintendent Mary Elizabeth Davis.
- Some food items still are leftover from the Celebration of Champions, which will be used for the Pen Pal Reveal parties. Sandwiches also may be served for lunch.
- There will be a joint meeting with the Gamma Alpha and Gamma Psi on February 1, 2020, at Morrow Methodist Church. Dr. Kathy Brown, GSO President, and Lynda Woodall, District III Director, are being requested as speakers and caterers are being contacted for lunch.
- We will have a planning meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM at Monterrey Mexican Restaurant on Tara Blvd. in Jonesboro. Martha made a motion that everyone bring school supplies at that time to donate to NBTT.
- There will be a prospective member event in the Fall, time and place TBD.
- We need a nominating committee to present candidates at our November meeting. Bonnie and Elaine volunteered to do this task and present nominees in February, to be inducted at our May meeting, 2020.

Submitted by Martha Tolcher, Recording Secretary

Alpha Iota  
Treasurer's Report

September 7, 2019

**Balance Forwarded** **\$5,229.56**

**Expenditures**

June 6, 2019	ck# 4209	DKG International	Dues	<b>640.00</b>
June 6, 2019	ck#4210	DKG PSI State	Dues	<b>157.80</b>
August 21, 2019	ck# 4211	Cheryl Goff-		<b>181.00</b>
		cake 90 yr celebration-flowers-pen pal party		
August 21, 2019	ck# 4212	DKG International	Dues	<b>120.00</b>
August 21, 2019	ck#4213	DKG International	Dues	<b>20.00</b>
August 21, 2019	ck# 4214	DKG PSI State	Dues	<b>29.00</b>
August 21, 2019	ck# 4215	DKG PSI State	Dues	<b>6.00</b>

**Sub-Total** **\$4,075.76**

**Deposits**

May 20, 2019	Happy Jar 24.00	Total	348.00
	Dues 324.00		

June 5, 2019	Dues	100.00
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July 15, 2019	Dues	100.00
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August 23, 2019	Dues	200.00
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**Balance** **\$4,823.76**

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