



**Southeast Regional Conference:** Shown in a formal picture from the conference are from lower left to top right are LaVonne Kirkpatrick, Joy Graham, Dee Ann Daniel, Linda Vailes, Cathy Toney, Carolyn Pittman, Candace Martin, Paula Williams, Angel Owen, and Cissie Pendergrass.

## Kappa State Members Attend Southeast Regional Conference

On July 19-22, eleven Kappa State Officers and members attended the Southeast Regional Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Incoming president, Joy Graham and Executive Secretary, LaVonne Kirkpatrick were trained from Sunday evening through Wednesday morning. Vice-presidents, treasurers, editors and webmasters were trained also. The conference offered keynote speakers who emphasized the positive influences that teachers have had on their lives. Members attended many breakout sessions for professional and personal development.

Kappa State members had opportunities to go off site for dinner and fellowship with International President, Carolyn Pittman and on Friday morning enjoyed breakfast together in Carolyn's suite. Candi Martin, Southeast Region Representative, presided over the U.S. Forum Session on Friday morning and all Kappa State members attended. Next year the International Convention will be in Austin, TX. Start making plans to go!

Candi Martin

## Kappa State Fall Meeting

The Kappa State Fall Meeting will be on September 23 at 2nd Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive in Little Rock. Come enjoy a time with fellow DKG members. Registration will start at 8:30 along with a light breakfast. Kappa State committee members will meet at 8:30 and the first general session will begin at 9:15.

There will be training sessions for chapter officers including presidents, 1st vice presidents/Educational Excellence Chairman, 2nd vice president/Membership Chairman, secretaries, treasurers and parliamentarians. Other sessions to be offered are: *Finding the Leader Within; Dealing with Difficult Parents; Apps for Teachers; Beginning Quilting; NOAA Teacher At Sea Experience; DKG is in Crisis and We Need Help; and Technology You Use: Our New Kappa State Website, DKG International and the DKG App.*

The luncheon speaker will be Daniel Moix, a computer science educational specialist. Mr. Moix will talk about coding and other new initiatives for the students in the state of Arkansas.

The business meeting will include voting on our standing rules. This is a time when all members are needed to come together to help Kappa State be the best it can be.

To register online go to the new Kappa State Website: [dkgarkansas.weebly.com](http://dkgarkansas.weebly.com) and click the Events page.

Cathy Toney

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## "Continuing the Journey" From The President:

It's been a busy two months for me! Getting ready for DKG's Southeast Regional Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC, consumed the beginning of July. I spent an amazing week at the conference. The 2-day training for new state presidents before the conference officially began was very beneficial. The general sessions beginning on Thursday were fantastic! The conference centered around leading women educators making an impact on students' lives and their education. The conference was well worth my time to attend.

Kappa State's Fall Meeting is not far away. I'm looking forward to meeting the chapter presidents in the afternoon break-out session that is scheduled. There will also be training sessions for other chapter officers led by your state officers. Please encourage your chapter officers to attend our annual Fall Meeting.

Mark your calendars also for DKG's International Convention in Austin, TX, July 16-20, 2018. Our own Carolyn Pittman, International President, will be presiding at the convention and you won't want to miss it!

I hope I see you in September as we continue our DKG journey together.

Sincerely, Joy Graham



Kappa State President Joy Graham and Immediate Past President Candi Martin are shown in the Presidents' Procession at the Southeast Regional Conference in July.

## Fall Meeting Tentative Schedule

8:30	Registration
8:30-9:10	Committee Meetings
9:15-9:45	General Session I
10:00-10:45	Break-out Sessions I
10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-11:45	Break-out Sessions II
11:45-12:00	Visit with Vendors
12:00-1:00	General Session II (Luncheon)
1:00-1:30	Executive Board and Members Meeting
1:30-2:15	Break-out Sessions III
2:30-3:00	General Session III

Early Registration = \$35 (postmarked or paid online by September 1)

Late registration = \$45 (after September 1)

Registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.

If you will be paying by credit card, Sara Watson will e-mail you your bill for this event. You will then be able to make your payment by credit card through PayPal (there is a 2.9% fee for these services). If you will be paying by check, please fill out all information online and send your check to Sara Watson, 297 Hwy 172, Monticello, AR 71655



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## Southeast Regional Conference Photo Highlights

Special thanks to Joy Graham and Linda Navorska for supplying the photos used on pages 1-3.



## From the Kappa State Treasurer

Chapter treasurers should be collecting dues now in anticipation of having them in the mail by October 31.

Chapter Treasurers should also attend the state workshop in Little Rock on Saturday, September 23, where a training breakout session will be offered. KS Treasurer, Linda Vailes stresses that it is "VERY, VERY, VERY IMPORTANT" for Chapter Treasurers to file their 990N by November 15!

Linda Vailes

## Magnolia Girl Scout Troop

Magnolia Girl Scout Troop 2019 members each earned a DKG/ Girl Scout Patch. Kathy Sharp and Sue Cook of Alpha Beta Chapter worked with Troop 2019 members through a Kappa State Educational Foundation Project grant. Each girl earned their patch and learned about the history of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the founder of Delta Kappa Gamma, and compared the history to Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts. The girls recited the Girl Scout Pledge and the DKG mission statement. Girl Scouts made fork daisies and even watched a video of DKG members singing the DKG song.



*Brantlee Westfall and Kathy Sharp make fork daisies with the help of the Alpha Beta Chapter.*

## Foundation Board News

The Kappa State Educational Foundation Board of Trustees met on June 17, at St. Vincent North in North Little Rock with Vice President Cissie Pendergrass presiding.

Business included the reading of President Sharon Rapp's resignation from the Foundation Board. Cissie Pendergrass was elected to fill Sharon Rapp's term as President. The following officers were elected for the 2017-2019 term: Sue Cook, Vice President; Cathy Long, Secretary; and Earlene Hankins, Treasurer. Newly elected trustees to the Board are Terri Leins and Rebecca Jones. The ex officio members are Candace Martin, Joy Graham and Cathy Toney.

The Education Foundation will have a fund raiser at the Kappa State Fall Meeting on September 23. Sue Cook will bring an owl theme basket to be raffled off at that meeting.

Committees were formed for the next meeting that will be held on October 7th. During this meeting, the Projects Committee will select the projects to be awarded that promote excellence in education. The Finance committee will meet and propose a budget for 2017-2018.

Charlotte Akelaitis was thanked for her service on the Educational Foundation Board.

Sue Cook



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## Dates to Remember and Deadlines:

- \* **September 1, February 1, May 1** Applications for Cornet Professional Development Awards deadlines. ([dkgef.org](http://dkgef.org))
- \* **September 9, 2017**, Kappa State Committee Chair Training, St. Vincent Hospital North, North Little Rock in the Regions Room, from 9:00am to 2:00pm
- \* **September 23, 2017** Kappa State Fall Meeting 2nd Presbyterian, Little Rock
- \* **December 1, June 30** Annual deadlines for submitting applications for the Kappa State Scholarship
- \* **July 16-20, 2018** International Convention Austin, Texas



## New Kappa State Committees for 2017-2019

### Communications and Publicity

Heather Eggers, Chairman, Gamma Rho, Area 3  
Audrey Wright, Gamma Chi, Area 4  
Lindsey James, Gamma Rho, Area 3  
Dr. Paula Williams, KS Webmaster, Zeta, Area 3  
Linda Davidson, KS Editor, Mu, Area 2  
LaVonne Kirkpatrick, KS Executive Secretary, Gamma Iota, Area 1

### Technology

Heather Dunn, Chairman, Beta Epsilon, Area 4  
Linda Davidson, KS Editor, Mu, Area 2  
Dr. Paula Williams, KS Webmaster, Zeta, Area 3  
Sara Watson, KS Registrar, Gamma Beta, Area 4  
Jessica Brown, Beta Epsilon, Area 4  
Norma Brown, Iota, Area 1  
Jenny Hodge, Chi, Area 1

### Rules

Elizabeth Waldrip, Chairman, Mu, Area 2  
Ella Reese, Theta, Area 2  
Nancy Rana, Beta Xi, Area 2  
Terri Burton, Alpha Rho, Area 1  
Bettye Hendrix, Alpha Alpha, Area 3  
Paulette Crawford, Alpha Kappa, Area 4  
Rana McClain, KS Parliamentarian, Beta Zeta, Area 4

### State Convention

Sue Cook, KS 2nd VP, Chairman, Alpha Beta, Area 4  
Kathy Sharp, Alpha Beta, Area 4  
Debbie Matthews, Alpha Beta, Area 4  
Sara Watson, KS Registrar, Gamma Beta, Area 4  
Leigh Ann Forehand, Beta Nu, Area 1  
Mary Barnett, Beta Xi, Area 2  
Martha Milam, KS Member at Large, Area 3

### Finance

Earlene Hankins, Chairman, Beta Xi, Area 2  
Betty Kelley, Beta Beta, Area 2  
Ann Averrit, Iota, Area 1  
Cheryl Smith, Gamma Theta, Area 3  
Patsy Reynolds, Beta Epsilon, Area 4  
Linda Vailes, KS Treasurer, Beta Epsilon, Area 4

### Scholarship

Carolyn McGough, Chairman, Alpha Delta, Area 4  
Dr. Kate Stewart, Gamma Beta, Area 4  
Joye E. Ryan-Jones, Iota, Area 1  
Tonia Spradlin, Beta Beta, Area 2  
Rebecca Mills, Theta, Area 2  
Nada DeSalvo, Omega, Area 3

### Educational Legislation

Beverly Cox, Chairman, Beta Nu, Area 1  
Liz Vernon, Alpha Theta, Area 1  
Dianne Rhodes, Beta Lambda, Area 2  
Janet Crabbe, Kappa, Area 3  
Brooke Richmond, Alpha Alpha, Area 3  
Brenda Sharpmack, Epsilon, Area 4  
Rebecca Floyd, Alpha Kappa, Area 4

### Awards

Kathryn Dickinson, Chairman, Alpha Delta, Area 4  
Catherine "Cissie" Pendergrass, Alpha Theta, Area 1  
LaVonne Kirkpatrick, KS Executive Secretary, Gamma Iota, Area 1  
Jane Adair, Chi, Area 1

### Records and Properties

Teri Smith-Leins, Chairman, Alpha Pi, Area 1  
LaVonne Kirkpatrick, KS Executive Secretary, Gamma Iota, Area 1  
Hazel Dickey, Beta Beta, Area 2  
Diana Derr, Alpha Upsilon, Area 3  
Nikki Thomas, Lambda, Area 4

### Membership and Recruitment

Sue Cook, KS 2nd VP, Chairman, Alpha Beta, Area 4  
Laura West, Delta, Area 4  
Susan Hall, Delta, Area 4  
Susan Luebke, Beta Omega, Area 3  
Mable Donaldson, Alpha Mu, Area 2  
Cathy Long, Gamma Eta, Area 1

### Expansion and Revitalization

Leisa Phillips, Chairman, Chi, Area 1  
Mary Catherine Stringfield, Beta Sigma, Area 1  
Karyn Wortsmith, Gamma Omicron, Area 2  
Saundra Harms, Zeta, Area 3  
Michelle Watts, Delta, Area 4  
Donna Tarpley, Alpha Delta, Area 4

### Leadership and Development

Karen Roe, Chairman, Gamma Rho, Area 3  
Candace Martin, Imed. Past KS President, Chi, Area 1  
LaVonne Kirkpatrick, KS Executive Secretary, Gamma Iota, Area 1  
Dr. Teri Cox, Gamma, Area 2  
Cathy Toney, KS 1st Vice President, Theta, Area 2  
Dr. Paula Williams, KS Webmaster, Zeta, Area 3  
Sara Watson, KS Registrar, Gamma Beta, Area 4  
Linda Vailes, KS Treasurer, Beta Epsilon, Area 4  
Ella Reese, Theta, Area 2

### Educational Excellence

Cathy Toney, Chairman, KS 1st Vice President, Theta, Area 2  
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Charlena Johnston, Beta Pi, Area 1  
Clair Pruitt, Alpha Sigma, Area 2  
Dr. Paula Williams, KS Webmaster, Zeta, Area 3  
Julie Campbell, Kappa, Area 3  
Carrie Bowling, Sigma, Area 3  
Susan Bitely, Epsilon, Area 4  
Roxanne Harper, Epsilon Area 4

### Non-Dues Revenue

Linda Fullerton, Chairman, Theta, Area 2  
Sue West, Beta Xi, Area 2  
Connie Gardner, Chi, Area 1  
Tad White, Alpha Theta, Area 1  
Angel Owen, Epsilon, Area 4  
Lynn Strong, Delta, Area 4

### Fall Meeting

Cathy Toney, Chairman, KS 1st Vice President, Theta, Area 2  
Ella Reese, Theta, Area 2  
Sandra Bradberry, Theta, Area 2  
Janie Hickman, Beta Omicron, Area 3  
Karen Kordsmeier, Beta Nu, Area 1  
Sara Watson, KS Registrar, Gamma Beta, Area 4

Committees can also be found on the  
Kappa State Website complete with contact information.

## Meet The New Kappa State Editor

I am so honored to have been selected as the new Kappa State Editor. I will do my best to continue the Kappa State News by building on the tradition of hard work that has come before me.

I grew up in Batesville, Arkansas and graduated from Arkansas State University with a B.S.E. in art. I taught in the Weiner School District for seven years and then moved to Little Rock and continued my career in the Bauxite School District for thirty-three more years. I have been retired from education for five years.

In Bauxite besides teaching art, I was also district gifted and talented coordinator/teacher for 9 years and the last 29 years of my career I was the high school yearbook adviser. My training in art and also in yearbook production taught me quite a lot about design and the technology concerned with working on publications.



I have been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for 34 years. I am a member of Mu Chapter in Saline County and have been their newsletter editor since 1995. I have also served two terms as 2nd vice president, and two terms as recording secretary. I was chairman of the Kappa State Communications and Publicity Committee for the 2015-2017 biennium.

Linda Davidson

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## New Kappa State Webmaster is Selected

I'm proud to be your new Webmaster and will work to keep the site up to date. My background includes several years using Microsoft Office software and having an online presence in every class I taught, whether online or live format. My teaching experience has been all at the college level (36 years) until this year when I began working at Blytheville High School—New Tech teaching computerized accounting 1, technical design applications, advanced spreadsheets and advanced database.

I've been a member of DKG since 2009 and have served as chapter recording secretary, chapter president, and area 3 leader. Originally from Mississippi, I made my way across Tennessee for education, up to Illinois to teach and down to Arkansas to teach again.

Dr. Paula Williams



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