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All State Nominations Due January 1, 2001 Leadership Candidates Wanted!!

The Nomination Committee is actively seeking applications for bright, energetic, qualified women to fill various leadership roles in Alpha State, Texas. Chapters are to be on the lookout for any viable candidate who meets these qualifications. These nominations are due January 1, 2001.

Nominations are sought for president, first and second vice presidents, recording and corresponding secretaries, Nominations, Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund and Finance committee members.

These candidates, if selected, must be committed to a two year term of office. Each of these responsibilities affords the candidate opportunities for service, personal growth and a chance for a rewarding experience in Alpha State, Texas.

Applications are to be mailed to:
Carolyn Grantham
Nominations Chairman
8505 Whitus, El Paso 79925

The Nominations committee is looking forward to YOUR APPLICATION!!

Duties To Begin July 1, 2001

Applications Sought for Position of Alpha State, Texas, Editor/Photographer

Applications are sought for the position of editor/photographer of the *Lone Star News* as the current employee has submitted her resignation effective June 30, 2001. The new employee's duties will begin effective July 1, 2001, the beginning of the new biennium for the new state officers and state personnel.

The editor/photographer is responsible for the production and distribution of the *Lone Star News*, the official newspaper of Alpha State, Texas. The person filling this position must present a positive image and have a sincere desire to serve the Society.

The position is full-time and is detailed in II-C-2-1 through II-C-2-3 of the *Alpha State, Texas, Official Manual*. However, the job description has been revised and updated by the Personnel Committee, and it will be made available to applicants,

Mark Your Calendar for March 4-6

Texas Women's Legislative Days Set for 2001

The biennial Texas Women's Legislative Days, of which Alpha State, Texas, is a part, will return to Austin on March 4 - 6, 2001.

This is a great opportunity for Delta Kappa Gamma members to network with other women from across Texas, representing numerous organizations, who share many of our legislative issues.

Activities will kick off on Sunday afternoon, March 4, with a reception at the Capitol.

Monday, March 5, will be a full day of awards, panels and speakers at the LBJ Library Auditorium. The morning keynote speaker is U. S. Senator Joseph Biden of the state of Delaware.

The afternoon keynote speaker is U. S. Representative Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston. Panels will address women's equity issues and issues related to health care.

Tuesday morning, March 6, will be filled with workshop opportunities at the Joe C. Thompson Center. On Tuesday afternoon, Alpha State, Texas, members will have time to visit the offices of their legislators.

Registration material will be sent to

chapter presidents as soon as plans are completed. A cost of fifty dollars will include registration and the box lunch. Austin area chapters plan to house members on a bed and breakfast plan as in the past.

Further information on housing for Society attendees may be obtained by contacting Rosemary Morrow at email: rmmorrow@swbell.net, fax 512-251-3124 or telephone 512-251-7271.

Members will need to make their plans as soon as possible following receipt of the registration materials in order to give their Austin Society sisters sufficient time to arrange the bed and breakfast accommodations.

Texas members who have taken advantage of the hospitality of Austin members during past Legislative Days are still filled with enthusiasm for this opportunity to meet and fellowship with other Society members. This is a rare opportunity to fulfill several Purposes.

Mark your calendars on March 4 - 6, 2001, to go to Austin for Texas Women's Legislative Days!

--Rosemary Morrow
State Legislation Chairman

Qualifications:

1. Active membership in the Society for a minimum of five years. Must be a current member of the Society.
2. Possess an appreciation for the traditions and magnitude of Alpha State, Texas, and its programs.
3. Outstanding verbal and written communication skills.
4. Evidence of success in leadership situations.
5. Ability to assess situations and determine appropriate courses of action.
6. Ability to relate effectively with diverse membership of the Society.
7. Ability to apply accounting and budgeting techniques.
8. Ability to use and manage technology in an efficient and productive manner.

9. Self-motivated individual.

10. Ability to document a work history and style that includes consistency in meeting deadlines.

Deadline for Applications is set for April 1 in order to give the Personnel Committee ample time to conduct interviews.

Anticipated Salary Range: \$10,700 - \$12,500 annually, depending on qualifications and experience. Health insurance **is not** provided.

Application Procedure: Application and Job Description will be available after January 1, 2001, and can be obtained by writing to:

Dr. Jane Nelson, Chairman
Alpha State, Texas, Personnel Committee
36 County Road 2164-A
Cleveland 77327



STATE DIGNITARIES participating in the Area II Fall Workshop held in Port Neches include, from left, Carolyn Larrison, past State president, 1985-1987; Juanita Harmon, current Alpha State, Texas, president; and Frances White, past State president, 1969-1971.

Manuscripts of 3 Texans Published in Δ KT Bulletin

Three Texas members had their manuscripts published in *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. Beth A. Eardley of Lambda Gamma Chapter, Houston, wrote "The Motivation of Mandates," which appeared in the Spring 2000 issue.

Dr. Linda N. Lucksinger of Eta Xi Chapter, Fredericksburg, received word that her manuscript, "Teachers: Can We Get Them and Keep Them?" would appear in the Fall 2000 issue.

Dr. Marie Stern Plemons of Eta Pi Chapter, Victoria, coauthored with Tina Herrington the manuscript entitled "The Drought in the Teaching Profession: Finding Ways to Replant, Cultivate and Replenish." This also was scheduled to appear in the Fall 2000 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.



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LOOKING AHEAD

Juanita Harmon
President, Alpha State, Texas

*A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...
But a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong.*

Author Unknown

By the time you have received this latest edition of the *LONE STAR NEWS*, you are probably several months from having attended your Fall Area Workshop. I feel confident, though, that the memories are still with you, as well as the exciting new ideas you retrieved from the informative sessions. I personally attended six of the area workshops, and I came away renewed and inspired by the spirit and quality of leadership which I witnessed. In the reports I received from the state officers who attended the other twelve workshops, we can justifiably affirm that the Alpha State, Texas members were exposed to some powerful material. Hooray for the **Area Coordinators!** Their intensity in planning and directing these experiences was well-worth the energies expended.

Speaking of energies expended, let's give the new **chapter presidents** the spotlight! Those of you who have served before as president know the challenges they are facing. When they need support or volunteers, be the first to come forward. Give these important people a hug or a pat on the back.

Being off to such a good start this biennium, let us start actions today to create tomorrow. I have chosen the new theme, **Expanding our horizons....Ensuring our future**, to express the job that we have before us. In order to forge ahead, we must continuously be alert to a broader vision. Our ever-changing world presents many challenges. As Delta Kappa Gamma members, we must employ well-developed strategies to **enlist new members and keep our existing members**.

At one of the workshops I attended, a welcoming speech from the mayor included a challenge for all present to "**make a difference.**" Another speaker gave us the charge to "**look for others to join us and to highlight our place** in the global community." A third speaker said, "**Believe in miracles.**"

Which advice is better or more easily attained? Why not incorporate all that we know to utilize positive change through the personal power of attitude, caring, and commitment? Let us seize the moment as we blaze into the future. **Be energized** with a jump-start for successful membership in an ever-changing world. **Be bold...take action!**

The momentum to do something about our decisions is energized by action.

REMINDER - REMINDER - REMINDER - REMINDER

The Annie Award applications are due April 1, 2001. This year's application was included in the President's *Fall Kit*. (Remember: the project must support the program, rather than in lieu of the program.) Please be sure to submit two (2) copies of the application, one (1) with photos for display, by April 1, 2001, to: Darlene Bealmear, Alpha State, Texas, Program Committee Chairman
411 Softwood Drive, Duncanville, TX 75137



**Find Your ID Number?
Contact Editor for Prize!**

Members finding their ID numbers in this column must send a postcard or brief note to the editor stating this fact.

In turn, a token gift will be mailed to the member from the *Lone Star News*.

Hint: ID numbers are on your label.

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185157	343672	135684
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350361	282923	310048
347102	180568	334949
133566	096147	128727
357919	140515	121625
133369	363008	050748
187953	176870	182882

Note: If you found your number but have not yet received your surprise, please advise the Editor/Photographer.

2 Chapters Named Official Web Sites

Jane L. Posten, Communications Services Administrator at International Headquarters, has advised Alpha State, Texas, President Juanita Harmon that Epsilon Tau Chapter and Iota Iota Chapter have earned certification as an official Delta Kappa Gamma Web Site.

This brings the number of Texas chapters on the official ΔΚΓ web site to five.

Headlines from Headquarters

By Nelda Gossett, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Email: AlphaStTx@aol.com FAX: 940/898-2022

P.O.Box 425857 TWU, Denton 76204 940/898-2021, 800/305-3525

As I write this article, it is a very busy time at State Headquarters. All the Form 18 Dues and Fees are arriving. **Delta Psi** and **Iota Delta** were the first to send in their Form 18 and **Beta Beta, Epsilon Psi** and **Kappa Epsilon** were second. Others received by November 1 were **Gamma Alpha, Zeta Mu, Zeta Xi, Eta Phi, Iota Eta, Iota Upsilon** and **Mu Omicron**.

Thanks to all the TREASURERS for meeting the November 10 deadline for Form 18. Also, thanks to those members who paid their dues and fees to their treasurer without being reminded.

A very special thank you is extended to all the presenters for Finance/Treasurers sessions at the Area Workshops. Also, thanks go to all those who attended these sessions. Remember if you have any questions concerning finances, membership, etc. call me at State Headquarters at 1-800-305-3525.

Be sure to send a yearbook to State Headquarters! At the end of each year these yearbooks are placed in your chapter file in the Archives at the TWU Library. If you do not send one, then your chapter history is incomplete!

Scholarships Applications are avail-

able from State Headquarters!!! Money is available so be sure to request your applications by phone, email or mail. The completed applications are due by March 1, 2001.

NEW VOICE AT THE OFFICE: Jo Beth Lines received an Alpha State, Texas, Scholarship to work on her master's degree. Since she is currently a full time student at the University of Texas at Dallas, she is no longer working as my secretary. I miss her and wish her success. The new secretary is Betty Reed, who has recently retired from education and is currently serving as president of Kappa Psi Chapter.

FYI: Previous columns contained information concerning the Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund, the Leadership Seminar Fund, the Permanent Fund and the Scholarships Funds. This column will address the last one which is the Available Fund. Your Alpha State, Texas, dues of \$10.00 (active) and \$6.00 (Reserve) is deposited into the Available Fund. The Finance Committee, after consultation with state personnel, meets to prepare a budget used in directing expenditures from the Available Fund.

At the present time, approximately \$220,000.00 is invested in CD's, money markets and bonds. The money in the Available Fund is used to pay the expenses of officers, committee chairmen and area coordinators as well as the costs of printing and postage, the annual state convention, bonding for chapter treasurers and presidents and production and mailing of the four issues of the *Lone Star News*.

...\$13,550.00 of the Available Fund was used this year to pay a \$50.00 stipend to each chapter president who attended the Leadership Development of Chapter Presidents Workshop at the State Convention in Corpus Christi. Alpha State, Texas, is responsible for the care and expenditure of a large amount of money. It is the responsibility of the elected members of the Finance Committee to oversee the process and to provide budget guidelines.

The budget and the financial guidelines must be approved by the Executive Board and the General Session at State Conventions; therefore, each of us has a voice in this process.



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE members meeting in Dallas in September include, front, Alma Grace Richardson, corresponding secretary; Juanita Harmon, president; back, J' Ann Aman, recording secretary; Jean Webb, parliamentarian; Dr. Karen Duke, first vice president; Dr. Mary Ann Waldon, immediate past State president; Nelda Gossett, executive secretary/treasurer; JoAnn Brooks, second vice president and Elinor Nichols, editor/photographer.



SCHOLARSHIPS BULLETIN

By Dr. Sarah Sienty, Chairman, Alpha State, Texas, Scholarships Chairman

Texas Members Receive \$51,050 in Scholarship Funds for 2000

Four Texans Awarded \$3,000 Scholarship Awards for Doctoral Study

44 Awards Granted for Graduate or Adult Education Studies

Forty-eight Alpha State, Texas, members received scholarships for doctoral, graduate or adult education study. The State Scholarships Committee, chaired by Dr. Sarah Sienty, reviewed scholarships applications at their meeting in March, and the Executive Board approved the awards during the Corpus Christi State Convention.

Doctoral Scholarships

Four members received the \$3,000 doctoral scholarships. To be eligible, the recipient must have been an active member of her chapter for at least three years and have completed a minimum of 24 semester credit hours toward an earned doctoral degree. The recipient must be recommended by her chapter president and professional supervisor.

Dorothy Allen Birkhead, Kappa Omega, received the Cora M. Martin-Frances Lowrance Foundation scholarship. She is currently pursuing a doctorate at Texas A & M University at College Station.

Catherine Maureen DeCoursey, Theta Rho, received the Annie Webb Blanton Foundation scholarship. She is currently studying for a doctorate degree from The University of Texas at Austin.

Patricia Ann McNamara, Kappa Omega, received the Sue King-Edna Graham Foundation scholarship for her doctoral studies at Texas A & M University at College Station.

Susan Ann Jenkins Nix, Eta Rho, received the Ruby Terrill Lomax-Julia Hubbell Foundation scholarship for doctoral study at Texas Technological University at Lubbock.

Graduate/Continuing Education

Forty-four Texas members received one of four levels of scholarships for graduate or continuing education studies during the

2000-2001 scholarships year.

9 Hours Toward Degree/Certification

Twenty-three members received the \$1,200 scholarships for nine semester hours of graduate study toward a degree or certification. Those receiving the \$1,200 scholarships include the following:

Rachelle Elizabeth H. Alexander, Epsilon Gamma; Nancy Jo Richardson Clark, Theta Mu; Deborah Jeanne Foster Dobie, Theta Upsilon; Debra Gail Gregory Farquhar, Beta Lambda; Cheryl Kay Burdin Gooch, Zeta Eta; Pamela Jo Owen Hall, Mu Lambda; Susan Lentz Hereford, Delta Kappa; Dawn Elise Huff Houy, Beta Iota.

Also, Winona Gaye Green Hubble, Kappa Delta; Dixie Rae Bailey Huckabee, Eta Tau; Victoria Leigh Allen Junek, Alpha Xi; Barbara Rae McFadden Laskowski, Kappa Beta; Jo Elizabeth Reed Lines, Kappa Psi; Lore Layne Atkinson McCarter, Mu Eta.

Also, Reneka Deane Hooker McCracken, Mu Lambda; Jane Gudger Milano, Eta Epsilon; Donna Beth Fain Orsag, Gamma Omega; Connie Jo Hilman Reeve, Kappa Psi; Beatriz Martinez Rodrigues, Omicron; Mary Jan Leuschner Swinson, Eta Epsilon; Doyleen Janice Davis Terrell, Kappa Sigma; Mary Jane Walker Willis, Iota Iota and Jai-Ceri Adams Young, Lambda Chi.

6 Hours Toward Degree/Certification

Nine members received the \$800 schol-

arships for six semester hours of graduate study for degrees or certificates. Those receiving these awards include:

Constance Marie Ferris Donahue, Theta Theta; Bonnie Leann Goza Hull, Eta Chi; Brenda Lea Martin, Lambda Kappa; Carol Ann Adams Marlar, Zeta Sigma; Laurel Frances Goergen Perry, Kappa Chi; Cynthia Mariane Wisdom Ramage, Mu Eta; Terri A. Smith-Chavira, Beta Iota; Paula K. Scott Waddel, Zeta Phi and Donna Marie Edwards Wise, Lambda Phi.

3 Hours Toward Degree/Certification

One member received the \$400 scholarship for three semester hours of study toward degrees, certificates and/or enrichment. This recipient is Brooks A. Moose, Theta Chi.

Adult Education \$350 Scholarships

Eleven members received the \$350 scholarships for adult education. Those receiving these scholarships include the following:

Dr. Vicki Kathryn Tigert Davis, Beta Lambda; Nelda Ruth Francis Gossett, Kappa Psi; Lila R. Holman Hoobler, Iota Omicron; Merle Gray Johnson, Alpha Lambda; Tommie J. Williams, Mu; Letha Grace Brown McCoy, Alpha Gamma.

Also, Edna Lillian Lynch McDonald, Zeta Mu; Glenda Sheryl Cox Minick, Iota Nu; Amy Lynn Cardwell O'Neil, Beta Zeta; Mildred Louise Roundtree Strickland, Alpha Chi and Janis Gray Wood, Delta Psi.

SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINES

FEBRUARY 1, 2001

International Scholarships
Applications come from International Headquarters in Austin

MARCH 1, 2001

Alpha State, Texas, Scholarships
Applications come from Texas State Headquarters in Denton

Ye\$!! Dollar\$ are available for \$cholar\$hip\$. Plea\$e apply.

Something for Everyone

Potpouri of Information about Alpha State, Texas, Scholarships

How often do we sing the words *Deeds of others now we're reaping?* If you have not thought about what that means, let me help you consider the power of the words.

How fortunate we are as sisters in Delta Kappa Gamma that our Founders recognized the need for us to help and support one another.

At the state meeting June 2000 in Corpus Christi, 48 Alpha State, Texas, members were awarded scholarships due to the generosity and giving spirit that exists in this organization.

A total of \$ 51,050 was awarded to pay costs of education of members. How terrific you all are! But, you also need to know the reality that there were about \$1.6 million dollars available. We have money to give away, and not enough members applying for scholarships!

Something Old

Here is a quick review of scholarships opportunities for members.

There are four "sizes" of scholarships available for members who are working on college coursework. Doctoral students are eligible for a \$3,000 scholarship, and it may be repeated two years in a row with continued progress toward completion.

Members who are working on graduate degrees or programs may request \$1,200 to pay for 9 hours of graduate credit or \$800 for 6 hours of graduate credit.

There is also a \$400 scholarship for 3 hours of undergraduate credit for members who want to go back and pick up an un-

dergraduate course.

The Adult Education scholarship for \$350 is available for learning that is offered in an adult learning format. Since this scholarship is not for college credit, avenues for continued learning are encouraged for all members.

All of these scholarships have eligibility requirements such as chapter participation, years of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, transcripts records and letters of support. Please review the requirements carefully when you submit your application.

Something New

Because there was some concern that our scholarships structure did not always meet the needs of members, a new avenue for supporting members was established as a pilot program in Corpus Christi.

Learning for continued professional growth sometimes takes a different format, so a mini-grant proposal form has been established that will be available for the first time in 2001. A total of \$10,000 has been set aside for support of this new pilot.

The maximum amount of the allowance will be \$500 per member, and the grant may be used to support nontraditional activities such as attendance at a professional conference or workshop that has the potential to enhance professional skills; research activities; or other activities that might be justified by the applicant.

Delta Kappa Gamma sponsored activities, such as travel study or purposeful living seminars, will not be funded.

If You Miss It, You'll Be Blue

Applications and guidelines for eligibility for scholarships are available from Alpha State, Texas, Headquarters. The deadline for scholarships applications is March 1, 2001.

All scholarships and support information are to be mailed in one envelope to Dr. Sarah Sienty, State Scholarships chairman. The address is on the application.

Top 10 Reasons

For the last several years there have been scholarships dollars that have not been awarded to deserving members. Let's not let that happen this year. Please, plan ahead and apply for scholarship support.

The top 10 reasons why scholarships are not awarded to Delta Kappa Gamma members are listed below. Do not let this list pertain to you!

- 10 Applicant used an outdated application.
- 9 Application missing one or more letters of recommendation.
- 8 Unclear statement of purpose and area of study.
- 7 There was no signature on the application.
- 6 No updated degree plan was included with doctoral application.
- 5 Transcripts were missing.
- 4 Application was sent to last year's chairman.
- 3 Application postmarked after the March 1 deadline.
- 2 Application incomplete.
- 1 Member did not apply.

Dallas Coordinating Council Honors Special Volunteers

The Dallas Coordinating Council annually awards the non-educator who is deemed to have made the most significant contribution to education during the preceding year. Businesses and other organizations are not eligible.

This year's award went to a retired 83-year-old nurse who is also a double amputee. She travels from her retirement home two days a week in a specially equipped bus and helps at risk students improve their reading skills. She also works with an abused, brain-damaged cerebral palsied youth, helping him with physical coordination and speech rehabilitation.



ARCHIVES COMMITTEE members work to process the files of past state presidents Sarah Tobolowsky and Ruth Johnson. From left are Cydney Braswell, Bess Church McDonald, chairman; Carolyn Bason, Bette Reed and Jane Cole.



Eyes of Texas...

Alpha's (Area VII, Austin) **Janet Elbom** was selected a member of The University of Texas team which is one of four universities in partnership with Harvard University to replicate the Harvard Learning Institute, *The Media and American Democracy*.

Beta's (Area VI, San Antonio) **Evelyn Cobarruvias** is the new principal at Meadow Village Elementary in the Northside ISD.

Theta's (Area II, Orange) **Billie Jo Nelson** and **Mary Ann Hargraves** sing with the Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society. **Hargraves** is recording secretary. **Nelson** also sings with the Southeast Texas Symphony Chorus. She was one of three adjudicators for the Louisiana State Music Educators Choral Festival.

Iota's (Area XVI, Denton) **Audrey Staniszewski** is principal of Woodrow Wilson Elementary.

Lambda's (Area VIII, Salado/Temple) **Dot Epperson** is Distinguished Baylor Woman of the Year from Central Texas.

Alpha Beta's (Area XIII, San Angelo) **Agene Eblen** won first place in Bed Quilts Group at the San Angelo Quilt show, third place in Machine Quilting, honorable mention in Wall Hangings-Appliqué and first in Wearable Art. **Diane Deatherage** is musical director for Angelo Civic Theater's *The Music Man*. **Jody Millican** is Region XV Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Alpha Iota's (Area IV, Boling/East Bernard/El Campo/Louise/Wharton) **Jeanie Merks** is the PIF Sweetheart of the Pilot Club of Wharton.

Alpha Upsilon's (Area XVII, Morris/Cass Counties) **Sharon Moore** received the Naples Citizen of the Year award at the Chamber of Commerce banquet. **Sheila Hurtle** is first vice president of District VIII TRTA.

Beta Zeta's (Area XIII, Fredericksburg) **Helen Usener** is the Area Outstanding Conservation Teacher.

Beta Lambda's (Area XVII, Campbell) **Dr. Vicki Davis** has been named interim provost and vice president of academic affairs at Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Beta Nu's (Area VIII, Rosebud) **Marlene Zipperien**, Clifton school superintendent, is Superintendent of the Year for the Central Texas education service region.

Gamma Delta's (Area VII, Hill

County) **Melanie Watson** is the new assistant principal at Whitney Middle School. **Betty Lowrance**, now retired, is active in the Hillsboro Historical Society in restoration of the 1923 vintage junior high building. **Elsa Goodman** is an administrator in Frisco. **Frieda Grigsby** won first place in her division in the Go Texan/Cotton Pickin's 5K run.

Gamma Sigma (Area XVI, Gainesville) **Nancy Moore** played Dolly Levi in the Butterfield Stage production of *Hello, Dolly*.

Gamma Psi's (Area V, Aransas/Refugio/San Patricio Counties) **Sudie Kornegay** is new president of San Patricio County Retired Teachers.

Gamma Omega's (Area VII, Waller) **Sharon Higginbotham** is the interim head mistress at the St. Mary's Episcopal Day School. **Grace Holtkamp** is treasurer of Austin County Retired Teachers and secretary of District VI TRTA. **Maggie B. Selman** is president of Austin County RTA and health care chairman of District VI.

Delta Epsilon's (Area II, Tyler/Polk/San Jacinto Counties) **Judith Haney** directed *Whispers in the Wind*, a historical production, with **Cindi Cooley** and family performing.

Delta Zeta's (Area II, Liberty/Hardin/Daisetta) **Beverly Davis**, president, received the Edith Fox King Award from the Interscholastic League Press Conference. **Dorothy Shoaf**, honorary member and founder of the Reading Literacy program, was selected Volunteer of the Year by Friends of the Library at the Humphrey Cultural Center in Liberty. **Carol Griffin** and **Beverly Davis** received the E. T. Branch Award for Teaching Excellence given by the Liberty Masonic Lodge. **Anna Lykos** served as president of the Retired Teachers of Liberty County Association. She received the Volunteer of the Year award for giving over 1,000 hours of service to the community. **Dorothy Hajovsky** and **Anna Lykos** received plaques for seven years of working with the Crickets Reading Program. **Shirley Black** is regent for the Liberty Chapter of the DAR.

Delta Iota's (Area XIV, Odessa) **Ruby Rodriguez** is the new principal of the Alternative Center.

Delta Lambda's (Area IV, Jackson/Victoria Counties) **Donna Cole** is superintendent of Industrial ISD.

Delta XI's (Area XI, Hereford) **Dorothy Szydlosky** repeated as Hereford ISD

Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Delta Pi's (Area IX, Dallas) **Sue Passmore** was reelected second vice president of the TRTA.

Epsilon Kappa's (Area VII, Austin) **Dr. Inez Jeffery** was honored with a tribute at a dinner sponsored by the AAUW, with proceeds going to establish a \$35,000 fellowship for research and projects.

Epsilon Psi's (Area III, Baytown) **Cora Bigwood** was selected to be a clinician for the East Texas Music Educators Association workshop, was a guest adjunct instructor of a graduate elementary music course at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln and is teaching a music appreciation course for Lee College this semester in Liberty.

Zeta Beta's (Area VI, San Antonio) **Ninfa Poole** was named Outstanding Vice Principal for Northside ISD by the Northside PTA Council.

Zeta Zeta's (Area XI, Amarillo) **Diana Cox** was honored by the Southwest/Texas Popular Cultural Association with the naming of the Diana Cox Award for Literature, a cash award for the best student paper on women's literature.

Zeta Eta's (Area VII, Austin) **Ann Rogers** was awarded the Leon Jaworski Award for contributions to law-related education while working at the Texas Education Agency. The State Bar of Texas gives the award.

Zeta Mu's (Area III, Houston) **Diane Roberts** is a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program in Japan, where she will spend three weeks helping promote a greater understanding between the two nations.

Zeta Omega's (Area III, Pasadena) **Bobbie Harris** is working on a needlework project to replicate nine of the first buildings built in League City. She is working on the old schoolhouse needlework project.

Eta Mu's (Area II, Beaumont) **Van George** was featured in the *Examiner* for her dedication to education.

Eta Pi's (Area IV, Victoria) **LaVerne Teague** won first place nationally for her school in a national contest sponsored by Positive Promotions on Red Ribbon Week Activities. **Kay Knezek** is ABWA president. **Carolyn Koop** is the new principal of DeLeon Elementary. **Dr. Ileen Foley** is now director of testing and evaluation in Victoria ISD.

Eta Tau's (Area VII, Austin) **Deborah Manhart** is assistant principal at Blanton Elementary and a member of the Region

XIII Alternative Certification Program for Principals.

Eta Omega's (Area II, Lake Jackson) **Aida N. Buchanan**, president, collaborated with the local Rotary Club and the school district to obtain \$3,000 for Cultivating Lifelong Reading, spending money for materials for both elementary students and teachers.

Theta Kappa's (Area VII, Seguin) Mildred Woerndel is this year's Texas Business Technology Educators Business Teacher of the year, as announced during the Business and Marketing Professional Development Conference held in July.

Theta Nu's (Area XIV, Odessa) **Frances Warner** has been notified that she and husband, Paul, will serve as host parents of a Youth for Understanding International Swedish exchange student.

Theta Rho's (Area VII, Austin) **Betty Price** was inducted into the Austin High Hall of Fame.

Iota Rho's (Area II, Nederland) **Mary Ramsey** is Middle School Teacher of the Year for Region V. **Jerry Caldronia** is principal of Langham Elementary. **Carrie Smith** Region V Elementary Teacher of the Year and is now entered into national competition.

Iota Upsilon's (Area VIII, Comanche/Mills Counties) **Patsy Boyd** received the Comanche High School's Ex-Students' Distinguished Service Award during Homecoming festivities.

Iota Psi's (Area II, Cleveland) **Jewel Richardson** is the Pilot Club president.

Iota Omega's (Area IX, Plano) **Bettye Mischen Dunbar** is president of the Plano Retired Teachers Association.

Kappa Alpha's (Area XVIII, Houston) **Shirley Kirk** will have a new elementary school dedicated in her honor.

Eyes of Texas...

Kappa Theta's (Area XVI, Lewisville) **Kathy Uhlich** is among 60 teachers nationwide selected by Street Law and Supreme Court Historical Society to attend the Supreme Court Institute for Master Teachers this summer at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D. C.

Kappa Iota's (Area XII, Lubbock) **Denise Salmon**, Technology Committee chairman, and committee members **Jo Tucker, Margaret Rhode, Rita Bray, Beryl Waddell** and **Jane Tarver** are piloting a chapter community project to train senior citizens to become computer literate. The three-day session introduces them to computer hardware, use of the mouse, desktop and Windows and Internet skills. Ongoing evaluations will determine the future of the project and the possibility of offering more extensive classes next year.

Kappa Upsilon (Area IX, Duncanville) members held a very successful scholarship fund-raiser by hosting a golf tournament. The chapter raised \$1,164.

Kappa Chi's (Area II, Chambers County) **Rosemary Dale** and **Dee Stelly** are East Chambers' Teachers of the Year.

Lambda Theta's (Area IX, Grand Prairie) **Rita Gough** is Grand Prairie's Teacher of the Year. **Judy Wilkinson** received the Dechman Award from the Grand Prairie Historical Association for her efforts to

educate District employees in local history.

Lambda Omicron's (Area VII, Copperas Cove) **Rosalie Blomquist** has been a featured artist in the Saulsbury Gallery of the Cultural Activities Center of Temple.

Lambda Tau's (Area XVIII, Katy) **Freddye Kelly** is the Texas Art Education Association's Principal of the Year, as announced in *The Houston Chronicle*.

Mu Epsilon's (Area XVI, Gainesville) **Sandy Corbett**, Callisburg ISD librarian, is the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year for the Gainesville Wal-Mart service area.

Mu Zeta's (Area V, Harlingen) **Linda Krabill** received one of three Betty Scharff Memorial Awards for building administrators at the National HOSTS Conference. In receiving the Ronald McDonald House Chairman's Award, **Kathy Crum** represented Mu Zeta, the first group to receive the award.

Mu Pi's (Area XVIII, Humble) **Dr. Donnita (Dee) Rogers** wrote an article *Planting the Seeds of Culture* for the *Houston Chronicle* about her humanities class at Kingwood High. **Carolyn Mashburn** is president of the Texas Joint Council of Teachers of English.

Mu Tau's (Area IX, Cedar Creek Lake) **Janice Beasley, Tonya Chapman, Kathy Hyde, Gail Lundy, Sharon McGlothlin, Marvilou Waters** and **Melba Whatley** are among the Top 100 women of Cedar Creek Lake. **Delores Bomberger** was featured in *Gazette's* Knowing Our Neighbor column.

Delta Psi's Twins Awarded Professor Emeritus of Biology

Delta Psi Chapter of Corpus Christi is proud to report that recently retired members Drs. Joyce and Janis Freeman were honored by Texas A&M-Corpus Christi University Regents with the award of professor emeritus of

biology, the highest honor a faculty member at a university can receive.

The twins have shared 25 years together as biology professors at the university. Since the early '70s, they have helped develop and establish undergraduate and graduate curriculum programs in biology.

They have also coordinated numerous efforts to reach out to secondary teachers and students with the help of thousands of dollars in public and private grants they secured for the university.

They originated the annual Coastal Bend Science Fair and plan to stay involved in education consulting and secondary education programs at the university.

OOPS!

The name of Carmen Camp was inadvertently left off the credits in the Fall *Lone Star News* for contributing to the article on the Toronto International Convention. The editor sincerely regrets this omission.



RETIREED GAMMA members **Judy Hines, Alice Young, Dorothy Tyler** and **Pat Middaugh** of Area III, Houston, served as History Fair judges for Waltrip High School.



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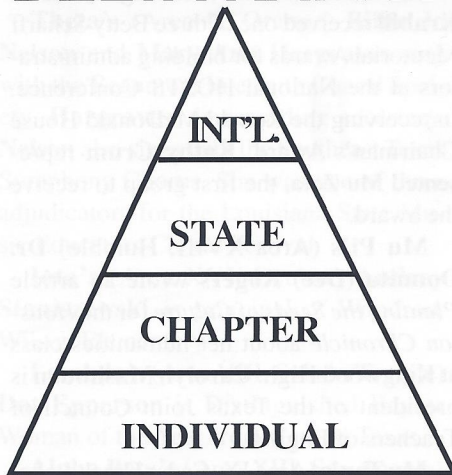
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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEMBERSHIP AND YOU



Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is an on-going focus. Each member must ask and identify why she became a member and why she is still a member.

In a grammar book our Society would be described as an **action verb**. It is *Forward Moving Ever*. Notice, it is not forward moving "yesterday"...but ever! In theater we would be the **actors** on center stage and not the **reviewers**.

In the stock market our Society would be a **blue-chip stock** that pays high dividends. In sports we would be out on the

playing field participating and not in the grandstands yelling.

In government Delta Kappa Gamma would not be three branches. Instead, it would be a four-tiered triangle where the individual is the strong base, where the most benefits are received and where the most effort is given.

The other portions of the triangular pyramid are the Chapter, State and International. With each individual member's abilities and talents sharing the responsibility, then all of the **society** structure thrives.

In other words, our Society is not for sitters but doers. Delta Kappa Gamma recruits and initiates progressive key women educators who are willing to put action with their words.

In history, our Society was an epiphany, where one individual conceived, believed and, with eleven others, built an organization in the state of Texas to one that is now in every state and fourteen countries with some 150,000 members.

The opportunities for the individual are worthy of mention. There are professional benefits with continuing development, scholarships and leadership training, be-

sides the bond of fellowship with others in the teaching profession.

If the base is the individual, the pyramid crumbles if the individual is not strong and committed to the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. Attendance at chapter meetings is a must. Nothing thrives if it is not nurtured.

Most chapters meet just once a month for six to nine times a year. How can a member develop a bond of genuine fellowship if attendance is sporadic? How can a member have professional and personal growth if she is not in attendance? How can the chapter have strong programs of interest without member input?

What's it all about, Alphonse was a popular song by Hal David and Burt Bacharach. One of the lines of the song says, *Are we meant to take more than we give? No!*

A quote from a back issue of *Readers Digest* comes to mind, that *Uncommon commitment allows common people to produce uncommon results!*

Let's use that saying as a motto for this coming chapter year, and let it begin with the "**ME**" in Membership.

--Merle S. Holland

State Membership Chairman

Texans Participate in Historic International Convention in Toronto

