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Lunelle Anderson, Past State President

PSP Anderson Dies In San Marcos In April

By Juanita Harmon, Past State President

A professional, competent and elegant lady, **Lunelle Anderson**, passed away April 21, 2010, in San Marcos, Texas. She was an outstanding educator for 38 years, serving as a classroom teacher and in higher education. Those fortunate to have known Lunelle, or who had their lives impacted by her, used the same words to describe her: stylish, fearless, smart, organized, dedicated, dependable, humorous and loving.

In one of her earliest memories, Lunelle said that teaching was always a part of her rearing, and she believed that it was important for her to share with others what she had learned. Her parents had also stressed to the family that there was always some good in everyone and that you should have a deep and abiding interest in one's fellow man. With these lessons being such an integral part of her home environment, Lunelle knew that she would launch a career in teaching.

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McAllen Convention Plans Take Flight for June 2011

The Kick-Off meeting for the 82nd Texas State Convention was held August 20-21 in McAllen, site of the convention set for June 23-25, 2011. Several state leaders, headed by **Dr. Vicki Davis**, TSO State President, attended the sessions which included tours of the convention center, contracted hotels and sites of McAllen. Others attending the preview were **Marilyn Gregory**, **Gail Herring**, **Joanne Davis**, **Sandi Causey**, **Jo Murphy** and **Mary Claire Welch**.

Members of the 2011 Steering Committee who planned the kick-off include Area 5 members **Dr. Gloria Crum**, Convention Chairman; **Barbara Johnston** and **Karolyn Caldwell**, Convention Co-Chairman; **Lois Kildahl**, registrar; **Lee Bourg**, treasurer; **Christine Warren**, secretary and **Barbara Stroop**, Area 5 Coordinator.

Presidents and leaders of chapters in areas five and six assisting in the convention attended a kick-off meeting on Saturday afternoon at the McAllen Chamber of Commerce. This informational meeting gave attendees a better understanding of convention responsibilities.

The logo for the convention is the butterfly, and the slogan is "Take Flight-McAllen 2011!"

State personnel attending the kick-off were impressed with the beautiful convention facilities and the hotel offerings. More information about registration will be printed in the winter edition of this publication.



McAllen leaders meet with state president for planning the June convention. Pictured (l-r) are Barbara Johnston, Co-Chairman; TSO President Dr. Vicki Davis; Dr. Gloria Crum, Convention Chairman and Karolyn Caldwell, Co-Chairman.

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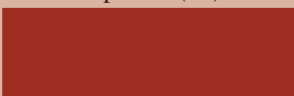
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by Dr. Vicki Davis
2009-2011
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LEAD...Visioning the A

The last word in the theme for this biennium is lead. In prior issues of the *Lone Star News*, editorials focused on the words in the theme that follow the charge, **advance the society**, and begin the acronym BELL for **believe, engage, learn** and **lead**. By believing, engaging and learning, members lead.

Have you ever thought about what **lead** would be if it had only one vowel instead of two? Drop the a and the word becomes **led** implying something done in the past that is now without action, no longer visionary and moving forward.

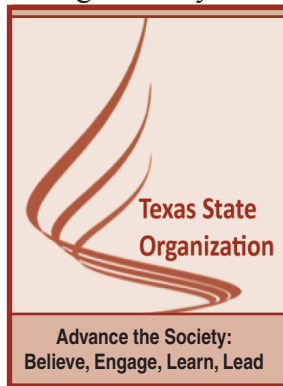
Educators use the letter **A** to symbolize excellence. DKG members are alert to excellence and support the organization's mission to promote **excellence in education**. Being the first letter in the modern English alphabet, the **A** also represents a beginning and is the first in a long string of characters having a variety of sounds.

When we hear the word **led** and do not see it, we may be confused as to whether the word is referring to **led** as in the past or to the metallic element **lead** as in a pencil or paint. Without vision, we listen for the context. With only one sense to guide us, we wish for another; primarily, vision to help us lead.

DKG has a newly approved vision statement: **Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide** (*Constitution*, Art. II, Sec. C). Thematically, we can advance the society by believing in our mission, engaging our purposes through projects, learning to design the future and leading with vision. To give a human quality to the acronym BELL, add an **e** for enjoy or embrace! We need this human quality to help us celebrate our successes!

Texas State Organization **belles** have rung **bells** for over a year and their leadership is strong, clear, motivational, progressive and futuristic! Texas members are awesome, ardently inclined, eager and moving toward a position in front.

Embrace the positive nature of DKG and enjoy the Society's successes. With the **A** for excellence and a clear vision, Texas leads.



Apply for Texas Leadership Seminar
Deadline: October 15, 2010

Betty's Buzz from Headquarters

By Betty Vines, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

Welcome to new treasurers! Thanks to the treasurers who have agreed to serve again! The Area Workshops have been designed to help you with your upcoming responsibilities. You should have received your "dues" packet containing the Form 18 from International.

Fall is a busy time for all Delta Kappa Gamma members, and especially for treasurers. In our world today, we all live with deadlines. In order for the state to meet its deadlines, it is important for your chapter information to be received in a timely fashion.

Many chapter treasurers have met the July 15th deadline for your Treasurer's Report (Form 15). If you have not sent Form 15, please do so immediately.

It is "Dues" time again. State dues are \$12 for active members and \$7 for reserve members. International dues are \$40 for active members and \$20 for reserve members. Local dues vary with the chapter. The scholarship fee should also be collected. Members should pay their dues and fees by October 31. Treasurers should submit the Form 18 by November 10. Sending the dues and fees earlier is certainly acceptable.

Immediately after an individual is initiated, the yellow "Initiate Card" or initiate form should be completed and, with \$5 of the initiation fee, sent to State Headquarters. You should also complete a Form 18 to send with the initiate cards. If you submitted initiate names during the summer, the names may not appear on your preprinted Form 18 that comes from International. Add them to your list and indicate that the initiation fee has already been submitted. If you have any initiate cards not yet submitted, please send them with your dues.

Be reminded that the 990-N e-postcard must be filed again this year for your chapter. Many of you have already completed this task. (See finance article on page 10.)

Several have asked about the security of your credit card number when you bought raffle tickets at convention. The form you completed is handled just like we would handle a check. After it is processed, it is filed for audit. Following the audit, the form will be shredded.

Another frequently asked question is where to find member ID numbers. The best source is the preprinted Form 18 that the treasurer receives each year. Each member's number is listed on the form.

Yes, this is a busy time, but together we will accomplish our goals. Questions are always welcome. Have a great year and thank you for meeting the challenges.



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International Representative Says, "Thanks"

Dear Texas State Organization members,

Your commitment to your convention theme "Believe, Engage, Learn, Lead" is certainly evident. Training for your new Area Leaders and chapter presidents is impressive and valuable. The outstanding, informative and interesting speakers, including the dynamic Amanda Gore on video, and the beautiful music were BELL events of the convention. Thorough planning and preparation made this convention efficient, engaging and impressive. That indicates to me that President Vicki Davis teaches by living what she believes.

Thank you for including me in your convention events with your friendliness, generosity and warmth. I especially thank you for those intangible qualities that bind us, but I also thank you for the memories and the lovely mementos of our shared time. I will repeatedly enjoy the book of Texas wildflowers, and my new Don't Mess with Texas shirt will definitely be a favorite part of my lingerie wardrobe. From the moment when the Texas executive committee greeted me at the Waco airport, I felt that special Texas hospitality. Thank you for making my time with you one of Believing, Engaging, Learning and Leading. You Texans are special to me!

Sincerely, Carolyn H. Pittman, 2008-2012 Member-at-Large

Area Workshops Provide Members Training



Above: Area 2 incoming presidents meet with Bobbie Fagan, Area 2 Coordinator during the workshop held August 7 in Cleveland. Marilyn Gregory, Texas First Vice-President, was the state representative to the meeting. Seated (l-r) are Tracy Gartner, Bobbie Fagan, Margie Wheeler, Olga Graham, Norma Distefano and Rhonda Hall.

Area Workshops have been taking place throughout the state during August and September. With the theme, Celebrate being a DKG Woman, chapter officers have been receiving training and chapter members have had opportunities to attend special workshops in all 18 areas of the state.

Each area workshop had a special state representative who assisted the area coordinators in the training of chapter presidents and brought greetings from the state organization. These were assigned by TSO President Dr. Vicki Davis.



Above: Area 15 thanks Area Coordinator Connie Hernandez for all her work on the El Paso Workshop. (l-r) Carolyn Grantham, Sandy Whitney, State Representative Joanne Davis, Janye Brainard, Hernandez and Barbara Lewis.



Dr. Marlene Zipperlen presides at Area 8 workshop.



Above: Area 7 Coordinator Sandra Morales welcomes special guest International President Jensi Souders to the area workshop in San Marcos.

Below: Area 17 members are (l-r) unidentified member at press time, Sheena Sikes, Carmen Hammack, Diane Stegall and Lea Metcalf. They demonstrate the biennium theme while State Representative Gail Herring speaks.



Workshops combine learning and fun. Above: Area 3 Flower Power girls perform. Participants are (l-r) Carolyn Allen, Betty Courtin, Kim Birkelbach, State Representative Nancy Newton, Ruth Estes, Pat Bumpus and Janice Gabriel.



COMING SOON!**2011 Leadership Seminar
“The Belles of Success”**

February 11-13, 2011

Marriott Quorum by the Galleria—

Dallas

**Applications Due:
October 15, 2010****Committee Named
To Investigate ASTEF**

During the Waco Convention business session, a Special Committee to investigate the possibility and plan for the development of a non-profit organization to be known as the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation was approved.

President Vicki Davis has named the committee to investigate this possibility. Chairing the committee is Jean Webb, Headquarters Committee member. Other members are Sandi Causey, Finance Chairman; Ruth Hull, past TSO Executive Secretary/Treasurer; Lee Bourg, Epsilon Upsilon (5-McAllen) chapter president; and Evelyn Barron, Past International President. Dr. Davis and Betty Vines, TSO Executive Secretary/Treasurer serve as ex-officio members of the committee. Each member has unique experiences and expertise that will assist this committee's task.

The committee participated in a workshop for Education Foundations' Board of Directors in Houston on August 26. The workshop was a special day designed for participants to learn from other educational foundations how to raise funds effectively and how to develop a successful foundation. It was also an opportunity to network and share ideas with area education foundations.

**Leadership Seminar
Deadline Nears**

DBy Shalan Inmon, Leadership Seminar Chairman developing skills in leadership and friendship, what could be a more powerful experience for 30 key women educators? The Leadership Seminar will be held in Dallas, February 11-13, 2011, at the Marriott Quorum. This weekend is planned and conducted by the Leadership Seminar Committee to help develop leaders for our schools, chapters and communities as well as helping potential state leaders excel.

The committee encourages members from all areas of the state to submit their applications. More than one person per chapter may apply. Members who have applied before, but were not accepted, are encouraged to apply again. Members who have attended Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar are not eligible. Upon receipt of a letter of acceptance, each participant is responsible for her own transportation to and from the seminar, a \$50 registration fee, and the purchase of a designated book. The cost of lodging, meals, and seminar materials is provided by the Texas Leadership Seminar Fund: A promotional video, application form and directions for completing the form are available at the following: <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/leadership.html>

For more information contact: cinmon@poka.com
Completed applications MUST be POSTMARKED by OCTOBER 15, 2010, and sent to Shalan Inmon, 2598 CR 3, Slaton, TX 79364 or EMAILED to cinmon@poka.com by OCTOBER 15, 2010. In December applicants will be notified about acceptance.

Nominations for State Officers Sought**By Corlea Plowman, Nominations Chairman**

Oh, no! Is it that time already? Yes! Nominations for 2011-2013 elected committees and officers are due by Jan. 1, 2011. The forms are online and interactive!

Create a DKG resume or update your current resume with DKG details. Include your chapter/state/international assignments and list your attendance at area workshops, state conventions, regional conferences and international conventions. It will be needed for nominations (now or in the future).

Elected committees are Finance, Eula Lee Carter and Nominations. Elected officers are President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary. Details about qualifications and duties may be found in the Official Manual, which is under Resources on the state Web site.

Apply online by choosing Nominations Committee and selecting the appropriate interactive form. E-mail the form electronically to corleap@satx.rr.com Mail hard copies to Corlea S. Plowman, 612 East College Street, Seguin, TX 78155. If you need additional information, contact any member of the Nominations Committee.



Linda Robinson, Texas State Organization honorary member, joins Former First Lady Laura Bush, also a TSO honorary member, in greeting returning troops at Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport. Robinson has worked to build the "United Through Reading" program for troops, which Mrs. Bush strongly supports. In this program a soldier being deployed through DFW can visit the USO Library and choose a new book. The soldier then sits and reads the new book to his/her child as the event is filmed. The USO sends the book and the DVD to the parent reading it so that the child may follow along in the book as he/she watches Dad or Mom read it on television. Many chapters support this project through the donation of books. For more information contact Linda Robinson, llrobinson12@hotmail.com

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Not all of her work was in the classroom. She received many honors throughout her career, including being selected as Woman of the Year in San Marcos. She was elected as president of the Federated Business and Professional Women. She was appointed to the Texas Historical Commission and The Commission for Women by Governor Mark White.

In an interview in 2003, Lunelle said that she had always been interested in furthering young women into having a greater part in the world around them. From the time she was a student in school, to the time when she started teaching, she was aware of the revered teachers who continued to make such a strong impression on her. When she heard of Delta Kappa Gamma, and realized that those very strong teachers whom she admired were members of the Society, she wanted to be just like them.

Lunelle's commitment and dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma were seen through varied, challenging and rewarding experiences she had while serving at all levels of the Society. At the state level, she served on numerous committees and as a state vice president. She was Texas State Organization president in 1975 – 1977. Her commitment continued at International where she served as a member of several committees. One of the most memorable moments during her biennium as state president was the chartering of Mexico.

To quote Lunelle, from her autobiography, printed in 1991: "Delta Kappa Gamma membership means a great deal to me. When I was invited to membership, I was so proud and excited. I have kept this feeling of pride. My respect for the Founders and those who have followed in their footsteps is high and always will be. I am always extremely proud to wear my Delta Kappa Gamma key that reflects my membership in this special organization."

For Lunelle's special gifts, the endless commitment and her hope that women educators will continue to further their knowledge, we say thank you.

Chairman Requests Information

By Katherine Reid, Research Chairman



A state organization booklet was printed in 1993 and updated in 1994 entitled, *School Buildings and Other Public Facilities Named for Society Members in Texas*.

This document needs to be updated. Please send any information on members who have buildings named in their honor to the state research committee. In order not to leave out any buildings or facilities, please send all known information regardless of age.

Descriptive information needed: Name of building/ parts of buildings/ other facilities which contain the name of the DKG member, the member's chapter name, the name of the city in which the building/ facility exists, dates of construction/dedication (if available), and the name of the school district if the building is a school related building.

Please forward any known information on these buildings/facilities to: **Katherine Reid, Chairman, TSO Research Committee**, 106 Ravenhead, Houston, Texas 77034 or e-mail the information to klreid2@comcast.net This information will be compiled as it comes in and will be updated and published on the state Web site by February of 2011.

Texas Speakers' Bureau Will Benefit Headquarters Fund

By Katherine Reid, Research Chaiman

The TSO Bureau of Speakers has been established to assist chapters in choosing outstanding presenters for meetings. Within Texas there are many qualified and outstanding members willing to share their expertise in many diverse areas.

TSO Bureau of Speakers

1. Outstanding Texas women presenters will be recognized through the state Web site.
2. Chapters can access information on successful programs and outstanding presenters.
3. The bureau showcases the finest teacher/educators Texas has to offer.
4. The TSO Headquarters Fund will increase. Contributions/honorariums resulting from the presentations will be made to the Headquarters Fund since building its balance is a top priority.

Steps To Become State Recognized Speaker

1. Submit an application form to the TSO Bureau. Information is on the Web site.
2. If accepted, return to the TSO Bureau of Speakers the presenter agreement form sent with the acceptance letter along with a high quality photo (head and shoulders).
3. The photo, personal bio and contact information are posted to the Web site.

Speaking Engagements

1. Persons wishing to invite a speaker will contact the speaker using information posted on the Web site.
2. Necessary arrangements will be made between the speaker and the chapter.
3. The presenter will provide a survey for the chapter to complete and return to the speaker's bureau within a week after the event.

Chapter Responsibilities

1. The chapter contacts the chosen speaker well in advance of the desired date for the presentation.
2. The chapter initiates plans with the speaker for the following: personal biographical information for advance local publicity, needed audio-visual equipment and any other needs.
3. The chapter creates a buzz in local newspapers concerning the upcoming presentation. Non-members can be invited, allowing others to view an outstanding DKG program.
4. After the program, the chapter presents the speaker an honorarium for the state Headquarters Fund.
5. The chapter completes and mails the program survey.

Members Receive Honors

Melissa Wafer-Cross, Kappa Iota (12-Lubbock), is one of three finalists for the Texas Education Agency's Secondary Teacher of the Year. The winner will be named October 15 in Austin. A 32-year teaching veteran, Wafer-Cross teaches at Lubbock High School. She was named High School Educator of the Year by the Lubbock ISD Council of Parent Teacher Associations and was the secondary teacher of the year for the Region 17 Education Service Center. Wafer-Cross not only is known for her outstanding teaching, but she spends part of each summer working on volunteer projects. This summer, she made her second trip to Guatemala, helping build schools in the mountains.

Dr. Mary Jo McLaughlin, Beta Tau (6-San Antonio), was recognized for being named a finalist in the HEB Excellence in Education Awards Program. She received a check for \$1000.

Mapra Gentry, Mu Phi (18- Houston), was named the 2009-2010 Texas Supervisor of the Year at the Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association Awards.

Gwyn Bray, Delta Delta (4-Alvin), was selected by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Science Teachers Association to attend the 2010 Mickelson Exxon Mobile Teacher Academy. Gwyn, a newly initiated member, joined 200 third through fifth grade teachers from across the nation in Jersey City for a one-week intensive, all expense paid professional development opportunity in July.

Patt Sims, Beta Iota (15-Big Bend National Park), was selected Texas Conservation Teacher of the Year.

Shelly Hickey, Kappa Alpha (18-Houston), left the USA to teach sixth grade English at the Al-Bayan Bilingual School in Hawally, Kuwait, a suburb of Kuwait City. She says she should have great stories to share when she returns.

Carolyn Kuhlmann, Beta Zeta (6-Fredericksburg), was named Fredericksburg ISD Teacher of the Year. She teaches middle school language arts currently, is head of the department and has taught in Fredericksburg for 31 years.

Dr. Glenda Simmons, Iota (16-Denton), received one of three 2010 Founders' Awards given for exceptional service to Texas Woman's University and to the community. For 22 years she taught business and economics and then served as vice-president of student life for fourteen years. When she retired in 1997, she became the only person to ever earn the title of vice-president emerita for TWU.

Mary Jo Lovingier, Alpha Kappa (12-Lubbock), received a Values in Action Award from Covenant Medical System for her volunteer work at Hospice of Lubbock. The award is for excellence, fostering personal and professional development, accountability, innovation, teamwork and commitment to quality.

Louise Hamilton, Shirley Kirk, and June Metcalf, Kappa Alpha (18-Houston), have been recognized by Cypress Fairbanks ISD by having schools named in their honor.

Andrea Barnes, Kappa Alpha (18-Houston), is the National Scholastic Teacher of the Year for 2010. She is a reading teacher at Aragon Middle School in Cypress Fairbanks ISD. She will receive the honor in Nashville, Tennessee this summer.



Proudly displaying their new state achievement awards are (l-r) Nancy Newton, Martha Surratt, Sandi Causey and Carolyn Waller.

Achievement Award Winners Honored at Waco Meeting

Four members received the Alpha State Achievement Award and three members were recognized with the Golden Rose Award during the Birthday Luncheon of the Waco Convention.

New Achievement Award winners are Sandi Causey, Epsilon Kappa (7-Austin); Martha Surratt, Epsilon (9-Richardson); Carolyn Waller, Kappa Sigma (10-Albany) and Nancy Newton (10-Burleson). Gold Rose Award winners are Emma Jean Tanner, Eta Omega (4-Lake Jackson); Beth Cotner, Alpha (7-Austin) and Bobbie Brownlee, Lambda Pi (10-Granbury)

The awards recognize service to the Society and are presented by the Achievement Awards Committee during the Birthday Luncheon yearly at convention.



Bobbie Brownlee (l) receives award from Rachel Gasperson, committee member.



Emma Jean Tanner (l) accepts the award from Donajean Caffey, committee chairman.

Beth Cotner's award will be presented at her chapter meeting on September 13.

Workshop Proposal 82nd Texas State Convention McAllen, TX June 23-25, 2011

Postmark Deadline: March 1, 2011

Select the type of workshop:

- Continuing Professional Education (CPE)
 Personal Development Interests (PDI)
 Society Business (SB)

Presenter: _____

Chapter President? Yes No

Address _____ City _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Cell _____

Chapter _____

Email ***most important _____

Title of Workshop: _____

Co-Presenter: Yes Name _____

Brief Description: _____

Presenters are responsible for providing their own AV equipment for presentations.

Return to: Lynda Anderson, Professional Affairs Chairman
2406 Canary Circle

Tyler, TX 75701

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(Interactive form is available on the TSO website.)



Texas members attending the 30th Leadership Management Seminar in Austin in July were (l-r) Dr. Gloria Crum, Natalie Eustace, Mary Claire Welch, Carol McMillan and Cooke Johnson. They were chosen by the International Golden Gift Committee to attend the two-week seminar held every two years in Austin. The article to the right was written by the participant to encourage others to apply for this opportunity of membership.

Here Come the Pearls

By Mary Claire Welch

What are Delta Kappa Gamma Society's most prized assets? As you know, they are the key women educators who make up the membership and the leaders who have emerged from the membership. Learning to lead is a life long endeavor. It begins when you are shown by a trusted mentor that you have the potential for leadership and then that mentor offers to travel the road to leadership with you. The invitation to the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar was the gift of faith and commitment by Delta Kappa Gamma to thirty members from chapters far and wide to travel the road to leadership.

As we mixed and mingled at a Welcome Dinner at the Littlefield House, we were asking ourselves, "How did I get here?" or saying to ourselves, "These women are incredible leaders already." As the weeks progressed it was apparent that our personalities and strengths had been closely studied by the Golden Gift committee because we found that the strengths of one member were able to shore up the weakness of another member and vice versa. The group was composed of scholars, singers, comedians, writers, dancers, thinkers, and politicians. Activities, songs, skits, trips and classes together brought us together and melded us into the group we chose to call the *Pearl Girls*. While we may have been chosen because of a mentor's belief in us, another's support or previous volunteer experience, we realized that the path of leadership was being paved with our fellowship with each other, our finding our own voice of leadership, celebrating who we are, engaging with others, and working toward a common goal. When asked what our future path of leadership would be, each of us expressed in our own way that we had been empowered to greet new opportunities with confidence, courage, boldness and grace.

We were honored to have been chosen for this incredible gift of time with each other to grow. We were awed by the trust of the Society in us that we could grow into the leaders they believe we have the potential to be. Pearls are the gift for the anniversary of thirty years. Speaking for my "Pearl Girl" sisters,

"May our gifts and talents be a gift to the Society in the coming years."



Save the Date!

Capitol Rally February 3, 2011

On the morning of February 3, 2011, Texas members will meet at The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Building in Austin. Participants will have a brief orientation and briefing on current issues and legislation and review protocol for visiting legislators. Participants will then go to the Texas State Capitol Building to meet with respective legislators.

Prior to arrival, members are asked to contact their representative and senators to arrange an appointment. It is also suggested that members research issues and current legislation to discuss with their legislator. This would be a good project for chapter research and legislation committees.

Please share this information with other members. Members planning to attend, please contact:

Sallie Frederick at 210-493-3794 or sallfred@yahoo.com

Include the following information:

Chapter _____ Area _____ Number of members planning to attend _____

Chapter Contact Person _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

IRS 990-N E-Postcard Change in Filing Requirements

By Sandi Causey, Finance Chairman

At the Finance Workshop in Waco we celebrated what we thought would be the last year to file the 990-N E-Postcard. We were initially told the filing requirement for the e-postcard was three years. Now we have been informed that chapters, and coordinating councils with separate banking accounts, must file the 990-N EVERY YEAR by November 15th. We recommend that each chapter select a chapter member who is willing to file this document on behalf of the chapter each year – as opposed to making a change every biennium. Keep a file of the receipts you receive each year and forward a copy to Betty Vines at headquarters in Dallas – be sure to include the name of your chapter in the correspondence.

If you have not filed at all, you may receive a letter from the IRS telling you that the chapter owes them fines for not filing. If this happens to you, call the number on the letter and ask them what you should do.

If you need assistance in accessing the postcard and filing it, contact Sandi Causey at magnificentmom@sbcglobal.net The link to file is <http://epostcardform990.org>

Money Matters

Question: Jo Linda Martinez, Delta
We have a place we can meet at no charge, but we need to show we are non-profit. Do we have access to a document that will identify us as a non-profit?

Answer: Find out if a letter from our executive secretary treasurer on TSO stationery would be sufficient. At the present time such a letter would identify us as a 501 (c) (6) non-profit organization. Find out if the meeting place would accept you at no charge as a 501 (c) (6).

If they require you to be a 501 (C) (3), you would not qualify – YET. In Waco, the convention body approved investigating the formation of the Alpha State Texas Education Foundation which would, if approved, be a 501 (c) (3). This, in turn, may benefit chapters such as yours in securing meeting places. Stay tuned for news from the committee appointed to investigate this issue.



A Word from the Web master



By Diane Moose, Web master
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Many chapters are now planning to publish their yearbooks on their chapter website. This is very handy since many of us now go to the web for our information; however, online publishing of yearbooks presents a certain problem...how to protect sensitive information. To solve this problem, we may use password protection for our sensitive information.

Last year, the TSO website began publishing the Presidents' Kit online with the sensitive information safely tucked away in a Secure Area. To reach this area, one must have the User Name and the Password. This service is provided by Yahoo! Small Business, which the Texas site uses for web hosting. Chapters using weebly.com may upgrade their service to Weebly Pro which offers that capability of password protecting pages of the website. Another option is to password protect a MS Word document or a PDF before uploading to the website. The process for password protecting a MS Word document varies with the version of Word being used. Here are some online instructions:
<<http://www.wikihow.com/Password-Protect-a-Microsoft-Word-2007-Document>>
<http://www.ehow.com/how_4501803_password-protect-document-microsoft-word.html>

If your chapter decides to publish password-protected sensitive member information, be sure that you have written permission for each member on file. If a member declines to participate, consider leaving their name on the list but redacting their contact information.

Chapter webmasters should take note that the wording of Purpose 5 has changed. It now reads "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators."

Attention: Texas Musicians Do you play an instrument, any instrument?

Natalie Eustace, Music Chairman, wants you to perform at the state convention in McAllen. Please contact Natalie at NENotes@aol.com
Phone: 432-559-7082.



Nurturing and Fostering Human Connections

By **Huntyce Moore, Lambda Gamma Chapter President**

The nourishment we take in so as to satisfy our appetites can have a profound impact on the quality of our lives. In 1973, while working on a sugar plantation in Hawaii, Dr. John McDougall observed the effects of different diets in 5,000 first, second and third generation Filipino, Chinese, and Japanese workers. The first generation, who ate mainly the whole-grain rice and vegetable diet that they had previously eaten in their homeland, were seldom ill. The second generation, who consumed refined rice and a diet more plentiful in red meat had more illness. The third generation, who subsisted largely on a Westernized diet of fast and processed foods, experienced many of the ailments that accompany such a diet – cancer, cardiovascular problems and autoimmune diseases. Dr. McDougall was amazed at his observation.

Aside from our need for food, what are our other appetites and which ones are we feeding? In *The Republic*, Plato writes that a man is like a city. The largest portion of himself is likened to the rabble, or common folk, and forms the base of a pyramid. The next, somewhat smaller portion is composed of the guardians, or militia. The pinnacle of the pyramid is the ruler. Plato then explains that the “rabble” are the appetites of man, which we might interpret as the desires for food, power, sex, charisma. The “guardians” are the passions of man; the driving forces that determine which appetites to “feed”. The top-most point, the “ruler,” represents reason. The responsibility of reason is to constrain the various appetites from stepping out of line.

The role of passion is to inspire the appetites, ideally toward positive change and noble pursuits. But passion can become depraved, and as such, inflame the appetites toward self-destructive behavior.

In the musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*, what begins as an attractive, diminutive plant ultimately evolves into a monstrous, menacing behemoth. A well-meaning shopkeeper feeds the plant blood. But the plant’s unrestrained appetite for blood grows. The plant bellows, “Feed me!” rattling the windows of the floral shop and the nerves of the shop’s proprietor. The plant’s demands ultimately escalate to the consumption of live, human flesh. In the end, both the shopkeeper and the plant are corrupted. Like the shopkeeper, we must constantly determine which appetites to feed and which to squelch.



Gold Piece

One of the strategies that can help us stay on track with our appetencies is the fostering of human connections. Human connections can help us get through the day, finish a task, ease a burden or experience joy. Nurturing these connections, though perhaps time and energy consuming, is vital to our well-being. Holly Stack, a friend of mine remarked:

“Tending that garden of connectedness is oh so important. Truly none of us can exist in isolation – not socially and not intellectually. To this day I remember the speech given by the dean during graduation when I received my Ph.D. It only briefly touched on our intellectual achievements. He talked movingly about family and friends – how none of us would be there without their help and support – and the memory of it makes

me teary-eyed to this day, *many* years later.”

After my mother’s death, I knew I did not want to spend much time at the funeral home watching friends and family tell my mother “good-bye.” My plan was to make the perfunctory appearance and then leave to wallow in my own grief. But the first ones to come were two of her Delta Kappa Gamma, Chi State, sisters. We had such a great time talking and laughing about our experiences at home and in travels that I decided to stay and enjoy Mother’s other connections in California. Her loving presence was very vivid during the ongoing recollections that evening.

The choices for us as individuals are extensive. These choices include the foods we eat, our passions, goals, and the people with whom we share our lives and aspirations. We are what we allow ourselves to take in, both physically and in our other realms of existence. The choices are for the individual. The effects of these choices are for the world.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society provides a feast of opportunities for the whole person. The international “family” as well as the local chapter can encourage, enhance, and enlarge our horizons through provisions for scholarships for educational growth, travel and leadership development. As with our physical selves, satisfying our “appetites” in Delta Kappa Gamma can profoundly impact our quality of life.

Huntyce Moore, Lambda Gamma (18-Katy), teaches Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness at Katy High School. She has served her chapter as president, treasurer and music chairman.

Money Matters---When People Count

By Sandi Causey, Finance Chairman



The finance committee anticipates recommending a state dues increase when it presents the 2011-2013 budget next June. In a time of declining membership, we are facing an increased cost of doing business to support our programs, staff, volunteers and building. In 2008, the committee elected to cut \$32,000 in expenses and balance the 2009-2011 budget from the savings of the Available Fund. It was agreed a state dues increase, on top of the significant dues increase from international, would be too much of a burden for our members. At the same time, we warned that accumulated savings would not be large enough to balance the next budget without significant growth in membership

Being mindful of the human impact of a dues increase, looking for additional ways to cut expenses will continue to be part of the process – however, because our yearly budget deficit is so large, and the cost of doing business continues to rise, it is unrealistic to think that we can erase a \$50,000 yearly deficit by reducing expenses alone.

Building a Dues Increase

Our plan is to build a dues increase based on specific need with a sound rationale – we do not intend to just “pick a number”. Our best chance of retaining members in the face of an increase is to educate them on TSO finances and engage them in the process by soliciting their best ideas and opinions.

If you want to be part of the process but need more information go to the TSO website, link to the Finance Committee, where you will find the 2009-2011 TSO Budget and the 2009-2010 Financial Report. In addition, you will find graphs showing TSO Dues Compared to Other States, Dues History, Membership History and Distribution of TSO Dues.

Introduce these graphs at chapter meetings or in your newsletter to start a dialogue about the likelihood of a state dues increase. Spark discussion by asking long time chapter members to search back to determine what their yearly salary was in 1986 when TSO dues were \$7 and what it would be now when dues are \$12? Devote a chapter meeting to TSO finances using the powerpoint presentations provided on the website – *Improving your Texas State Financial IQ and Money Matters-When People Count*.

Questions? Contact a member of the finance committee. We solicit every members’ “two cents” between now and April as we build a dues increase that is “cents”itive to the human impact. Our contact information is on the website, and we await your constructive suggestion.

World Fellowships Assist Women Educators

By René Pittman

World Fellowships Chairman

Did you know that the World Fellowships Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco? World Fellowships was originally under the Personal Growth and Services Committee. In 1972, the World Fellowships Committee became a standing committee, with state and chapter committees added to the Constitution in 1974. World Fellowships support Purpose 5, “To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.” This fund depends upon the active participation of the local chapters in each state as it is maintained by voluntary contributions. The World Fellowships Fund grants fellowships to women educators who are not members of the Society and who live in countries other than the United States and Canada.

Alpha State Texas contributed approximately \$10,000.00 to the World Fellowships fund this past biennium. You can find a list of fundraising ideas on the Texas Web site along with other information about the recipients of this grant. Let’s see if Texas State can’t go above and beyond this next biennium as we continue to support women educators from non-member countries.

Fundraising Idea

Pam Jones, Delta Pi (9-Dallas County), offers help with computer software in a member’s home in exchange for a minimum \$30 donation for chapter projects. What a great idea to offer a talent for a donation for the chapter!

Fun, Useful Photo Freebies Available

By Shirley Owens, Technology Chairman

Did you take a lot of photos this summer? What are you going to do with them now? Would you like to organize them, edit them, play with the colors, make a puzzle, or make a really large poster? There are many resources that provide opportunities to work with the images you have gathered, and they are free. Below are just a few of the fun and useful freebies that are available for download.

A useful tool for organizing your pictures is **Picasa**. It is a Google application that is available at picasa.google.com. **Picasa 3** is the current version available for download. After it is installed, it will scan your hard drive and display thumbnails of all the images it finds. The images can be ordered or deleted from the window.



Another speedy image viewer can be downloaded from www.faststone.com. The FastStone Image Viewer supports all major file formats, and lets you create a

slideshow with one click. Share it with your selected audience.

Just for fun create a photo collage of a meeting. Take a little time to play with Collage It. It is available at www.collageitfree.com. Take some pictures of the meeting you want to submit for the Annie Award and then create a collage for the display at State in 2011.

Print a life-size poster, or larger. BlockPosters will blow up your favorite photo to create any size, from a two-foot to a 15-foot, poster. Simply print the sections, trim them, and piece them together. Go to www.blockposters.com to download the application.

One more fun thing to do. Play with the photos by making jigsaw puzzles. Download the free application from [Jigsawlite at puzzle.watype.net](http://Jigsawlite.at.puzzle.watype.net). This is an Adobe Air application that is very easy to use; however, you may have to update the Adobe Air program to be able to use it.

I will post more resources on my blog that is available on the **DKGNetwork**. Hint: Go to the International site and sign up for the **DKGNetwork**. Post the pictures you took at State and International on your own blog to share. Take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the new social networking site, another fun and useful freebie!

Are You GREEN?

By Dr. Gloria Crum, 2011 State Convention Chairman

Are you **GREEN** yet? If you are or want to be, start by saying I'll fly away to McAllen in June 2011. Come look for the **GREEN** Palm trees and learn about the World Birding Center and that all four Wildlife Corridors travel through the Rio Grande Valley. Be **GREEN** and bring your favorite DKG TSO Convention bag from a previous year. Be **GREEN** by learning new ideas and sharing with others how to use those ideas to help your chapter be **GREEN** and your members experience professional and personal growth. For as long as we are growing, we are **GREEN**.

Educators have a passion for learning, and there is nothing more invigorating than learning a new idea or a new twist to an already great idea. The 82nd Texas State Convention ideas are soaring like the flight of a multitude of beautiful butterflies. The McAllen 2011 State Convention Kick-Off in August involved chapter members learning the different roles that are needed for a great convention and selecting the roles that match their chapters' strengths and talents. Sharing ideas, being flexible and questioning the different ways to carry out the vision for the 82nd state convention were plentiful and exciting. During the Kick-Off, Texas state officers and state chairman toured the convention hotels and the McAllen Convention Center, helping to ignite the creative thought processes and to design a unique and vibrant convention.

Are you getting excited about traveling to the Rio Grande Valley, where there are nine different World Birding Centers, where intriguing historical events have occurred and where there are multi-cultural arts and artisans? People come from all over the world to see many species of birds and butterflies.

So plan to be **GREEN** and come to McAllen June 23-25, 2011, where great ideas Take Flight.

Plan now! Be in McAllen for the 82nd Texas State Convention. Bring a member as a "First Timer." Mark the date now, June 23-25, 2011. Watch for details in the Winter Issue of the Lone Star News.

President Announces PACE Winners for 2010

Dr. Vicki Davis named 45 chapters as PACE (Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence) winners at the 81st Alpha State Convention. Chapters apply for the award and are judged on criteria listed on the application form which is posted on the state Web site.

Chapters receiving the 2010 award are Alpha Chi (7-Marble Falls), Alpha Iota (4-Richmond), Alpha Phi (4-Nordheim), Alpha Sigma (12-Lubbock), Beta Eta (3-Houston), Beta Psi (17-Ivanhoe), Beta Tau (6-San Antonio), Beta Zeta (6-Fredericksburg), Delta Mu (3-Houston), Delta Theta (2-Port Neches), Delta Xi (11-Hereford), Epsilon Delta (11-Muleshoe), Epsilon Lambda (10-Fort Worth), Epsilon Pi (4-Port Lavaca), Epsilon Upsilon (5-Mission), Eta Alpha (11-Darrouzett), Eta Eta (9-Mesquite), Eta Zeta (9-Dallas), Gamma Beta (9-Dallas), Gamma Chi (2-Groveton), Gamma Nu (3-Baytown), Gamma Omega (7-Burton), Gamma Omicron, (4-Kenedy), Iota Eta (11-Littlefield), Iota Pi (10-Fort Worth).

Additional winners are Iota Upsilon (8-Hamilton), Kappa Beta (6-San Antonio), Kappa Psi (9-Sachse), Lambda Alpha (18-Houston), Lambda Omicron (8-Lampassas), Lambda Pi (10-Granbury), Lambda Upsilon (9-Rockwall), Mu Iota (2-Dayton), Mu Kappa (15-El Paso), Nu (7-San Marcos), Omega (13-Brownwood), Phi (1-New London), Theta (2-Orange), Theta Chi (10-Fort Worth), Theta Zeta (3-Houston), Zeta Omega (3-Friendswood), Zeta Omicron (12-Lubbock), Zeta Tau (18-Houston) and Zeta Xi (14-Midland).

Dr. Davis also gave the following chapters an Honorable Mention designation: Alpha (7-Austin), Alpha Alpha (9-Midlothian), Alpha Kappa (12-Lubbock), Alpha Omega (2-Port Arthur), Alpha Pi (17-Texarkana), Beta Omega (1-Ben Wheeler), Eta Delta (3-Houston), Gamma Epsilon (16-Decatur), Lambda Delta (18-Humble), Mu Chi (6-Floresville) and Mu Tau (9-Mabank).

Headquarters Committee Thanks Chapters for Fundraising Successes

By Jeanie Stiles, Headquarters Chairman

Thank You, Texas State Organization members! Once again our convention fundraiser was a great success. The gift packages, silent auction items, Xi quilt, Leadership Seminar classes and registration donations at the 81st Texas State Organization Convention in Waco totaled just over \$16,750.00! Every area donated at least one raffle item with a minimum value of \$100.00. The gifts were spectacular, and the winners were very excited when their name was drawn! Thanks to everyone who donated raffle and silent auction items and/or bought raffle tickets.

Our Headquarters Fund is continuing to build due to the generosity of our loyal members. The Headquarters Fund currently has approximately \$177,800.

Be sure and check the website to see if your chapter has met the Hundreds for Headquarters campaign challenge. We have 283 chapters, and 119 chapters have met this commitment. Congratulations to each of you!

April 1, 2011, will mark the completion of the Hundreds for Headquarters campaign. We encourage all chapters to “do your best” to meet this challenge and help build the Headquarters Fund. Our goal is for Headquarters to operate on the interest of the fund and begin to repay the Scholarship Fund the money borrowed to pay for our new building.

Support the Headquarters Fund with donations. If you have any fundraising ideas, suggestions or questions for the Headquarters Committee, please contact Jeanie Stiles, stiles@prodigy.net



PACE winners are pictured following the opening night session in Waco.

Tips Given To Achieve Five-Star Award Status

By Shirl Hawes

Communications Chairman

The Five-Star Award for publishing at least five newsletters with two or more pages of pertinent chapter news was earned by 222 chapters at the Waco convention. The essential components of an outstanding newsletter include a complete header plus information about the upcoming chapter meeting.

Other important articles feature such items as the president's message, committee reports, and member news. Visit the Communications section of the Texas State Organization website for the essential components list, as well as templates for a one-column and two-column newsletter with a complete header.

Printed copies of chapter newsletters should be mailed to Vicki Davis, TSO President; Joanne Davis, TSO Editor/Photographer; Shirl Hawes, Communications Chairman, and your Area Coordinator. Newsletters should be mailed as soon as they are published, rather than being sent as a bundle in May. It is important that we access current chapter news for accurate reports.

Your chapter newsletter provides an excellent opportunity for involving chapter members. Invite one member to be the "webwatcher". Her article in each issue would highlight new information posted on the state or international Web sites.

Another member could serve as chapter photographer by sending digital photos of each meeting or event. These photos that tell a story also enhance the visual appeal of the newsletter. A new member's assignment could be to interview and compose an article for the Spotlight on a Member section. Communication via email expedites the process of sharing essential information to create an outstanding newsletter for your chapter. Set your goal for Five-Star status this year!

Alpha State Remembers

We mourn the passing and celebrate the lives of these cherished members of the Society.

Names of members whose deaths have been reported to Texas Necrology Chairman Eileen Pink, 6947 Misty Meadow Court, Fort Worth, TX 76133, between April 1, 2010, and August 15, 2010, their chapter and residence at time of death.



In Loving Memory

Mrs. Carolyn Elizabeth Gregory, Alpha (7-Dripping Springs)
 Ms. Bonnie McLeod, Mu (13-Abilene)
 Mrs. Lunelle A. Anderson, Nu (7-San Marcos)
 Mrs. Mary McBroom, Pi (11-Canyon)
 Mrs. Lee McConnell, Pi (11-Canyon)
 Mrs. Olivia Q. Lopez, Rho (5-Edinburg)
 Ms. Willie Rhea Stanley, Phi (1-Tyler)
 Mrs. Barbara Jo VanZant, Psi (9-Sherman)
 Miss Mae Dell Schiller, Alpha Xi (7-Caldwell)
 Mrs. Sibyl Graybill Slocumb, Alpha Xi (7-Bryan)
 Mrs. Roberta Wilson, Beta Omicron (3-Houston)
 Miss Modesta C. Pena, Beta Pi (5-San Diego, TX)
 Mrs. Katherine Carson, Gamma Gamma (14-Carlsbad, MN)
 Mrs. Mary Josephine Ondracek, Gamma Xi (11-Dalhart)
 Mrs. Eleanor S. Patton, Gamma Chi (2-Crockett)
 Mrs. Marjorie (Sandy) Thompson, Delta Mu (3- Albuquerque, NM)
 Mrs. Lavinia F. Webb, Delta Omicron (4-Dallas)
 Mrs. Vivian Virginia Wristen Eubank, Delta Psi (5-Corpus Christi)
 Mrs. Jessie Helen Ramsey Jackson, Epsilon Iota (1-Carthage)
 Ms. Phoebe Sue Perlman, Epsilon Iota (1-Carthage)
 Mrs. Merle Henderson Williams, Epsilon Kappa (7-Austin)
 Ms. Vestal Maner, Zeta Lambda (12-Snyder)
 Mrs. Jean Sealy, Zeta Lambda (12-Snyder)
 Mrs. Dorothy Grace Kohutek-Tasin, Eta Pi (4-Victoria)
 Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Smith, Eta Sigma (8-Richmond, VA)
 Mrs. Juanita Gage, Theta Alpha (9-Dallas)
 Mrs. Juanita Crume, Theta Nu (1-Tyler)
 Mrs. Bess Church McDonald, Iota Pi (10-Fort Worth)
 Ms. Mabel Magehee, Kappa Alpha (18-Tomball)
 Ms. Linda Traw, Kappa Alpha (18-Houston)
 Miss Katherine Louise Lennard, Kappa Beta (6-San Antonio)
 Ms. Wilma Ruth Waller, Kappa Pi (1-Tyler)
 Mrs. Mary Arnold Hefley, Lambda Alpha (18-Houston)
 Mrs. Nancy Ervin, Lambda Upsilon (9-Rockwall)
 Mrs. Mildred Boyles White Corbett, Mu Theta (2-Jasper)
 Mrs. Thelma Easterling, Mu Lambda (16-Graham)
 Mrs. Willie Faye Wiley, Mu Lambda (16-Denton)
 Mrs. Beverli Helmke, Mu Chi (6-Floresville)



The Texas delegation to the International Convention in Spokane is pictured above. Photo printed is with permission of Photographs by Jim, Floresville, TX.

Convention Adopts New Constitution

The International Convention in Spokane, Washington, July 20-24, attracted approximately 1500 women from the 17 member countries. Among those were 107 Texans.

The theme of the biennium was From Vision to Action: Advancing the Society. Each session spotlighted visions for the future as well as actions that are in progress or have been accomplished. Guest speakers presented ideas for leadership in today's world. Featured were John Brock, CEO of Coca Cola; Amanda Gore, noted motivational speaker; Anne Marie Rhodes, writer and communications guru and Christopher Rants, state representative in the Iowa General Assembly.

The most important business item was the adoption of a complete revision of the Society's Constitution and Standing Rules. The thrust of the changes give more flexibility to chapters. For example, Article III, Section B 1. reads "An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or who has been retired from an educational position." Complete information on the revisions is available on the Texas Web site.

Another important business decision was the agreement on Schools for Africa as a new international project for the society. The project in association with UNICEF will help five million African students gain access to basic education with a special focus on girls, orphans and vulnerable children. More information is available on the DKG Web site.

The next international convention is set for New York City from July 24-28, 2012.

Texans Tapped for 2010-2012 Leadership Roles

Several Texans have been named to International leadership roles for this new biennium. **Dr. Barbara Baethe** was elected to be the Southwest Regional Director for 2010-2012. In addition, she has been asked to chair the International Speaker's Fund.

Jill Foltz was elected to serve on the International Nominations Committee.

Joanne Davis is the incoming International Communications and Publicity Committee chairman.

Others chosen to serve on International Committees are **Catherine Davis**, Leadership Development; **Marcia Kirkland**, Non-Dues Revenue Committee; **Janye Brainard**, Educational Excellence, **Marilyn Gregory**, Golden Gift ; **Elizabeth Polk**, Membership and **Dr. Beverly Irby**, Editorial Board.

Sandra Smith Bull was chosen to serve as the Interim Membership Services Administrator.



Southwest Regional Director
Barbara Baethe



Jill Foltz, Nominations
Committee member

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