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Committee Names Davis to Head State Slate Murphy, Reid, Osborne, Bull Complete List



Joanne Davis

Dr. Jo Murphy

Katherine Reid

Mary Pat Osborne

Sandra Smith Bull

Marilyn Gregory

Gregory To Serve As State Parliamentarian

The Texas State Nominating Committee met at the Headquarters Building in Dallas on Saturday, January 22, 2011 to select the nominees for state officers and elected personnel to present to the convention body in McAllen in June.

The nominees selected are as follows: **Joanne Davis, Beta Zeta** (6-Fredericksburg), president; **Dr. Jo Murphy, Iota Iota** (16-Oak Point), first vice-president; **Katherine Reid, Theta Sigma** (3-Houston), second vice-president; **Mary Pat Osborne, Zeta Tau** (18-Houston), recording secretary and **Sandra Smith Bull, Lambda Iota** (7-Bastrop), corresponding secretary.

Presidential Nominee Davis, editor/photographer of the *Lone Star News* for the last seven years, has served as state parliamentarian, chairman of the leadership seminar committee, chairman of the finance committee, chairman of the 1996 state convention in Beaumont and as area coordinator. She attended the International Leadership/ Management Seminar in 1990 and has been awarded the state achievement award. Currently, she serves as chairman of the International Communications and Publicity Committee.

Before retirement, Davis was a school counselor for 15 years after teaching English for 20 years. She holds B.A. and M. Ed. degrees from Lamar State University.

Moving to Fredericksburg eight years ago, Davis has been married to Billy Davis for nearly 47 years. They have two sons, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren.

Dr. Murphy, nominee for first-vice president, is serving as chairman of the

McAllen Readies for June Convention



Dr. Gloria Crum

Barbara Johnston

Karolyn Caldwell

The steering committee for the McAllen convention, June 23-25, is busily preparing for Texas state members to arrive. Chairing the convention is **Dr. Gloria Crum, Epsilon Upsilon** (5-McAllen). Crum, a 1988 DKG initiate, moved to the

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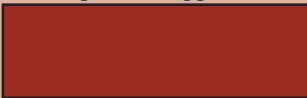
2009-2011 State Executive Committee

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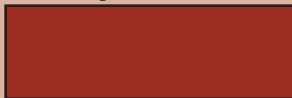
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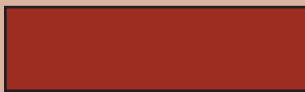
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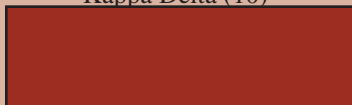
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by Dr. Vicki Davis
2009-2011
Texas State President

The Next Step... Advance the Society

State organizations can begin to update their bylaws and standing rules and submit them to the Constitution Committee for review and assistance.

This quote from the Jan/Feb 2011 *DKG News* conveys what the Texas Executive Committee was considering last fall when it directed the state president to request International Parliamentarian Jean Gray to analyze Texas State Organization documents: bylaws, online *Official Manual*, and a reformatted document from the Special Committee to Revise the *Official Manual*.

Gray completed an analysis of the documents. She

- 1) Compared Bylaws (article by article) and statements from the *Official Manual* with content required by the *Constitution, International Standing Rules* and *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR)*.
- 2) Pointed out statements from the *Official Manual* that might be standing rules.
- 3) Identified content more appropriate for instructional purposes or "how to documents"

The Texas Executive Committee concluded that

- 1) Texas State Organization governing documents should be identified as state bylaws and standing rules in concordance with the *Constitution/International Standing Rules* and *RONR*.
- 2) Governing rules of Texas State Organization can only be passed by the general assembly at state convention.
- 3) Instructional statements and advice for carrying out tasks including "how to documents" that provide leadership training/support, continuity between biennia, and historical documentation, **MAY** detail procedures but are **NOT** governing documents.
- 4) The many recent changes at the international level as well as a multitude of changes throughout time at the state level, necessitate bringing the state documents in order and making them congruent with the 2010 *Constitution/International Standing Rules* and parliamentary law.
- 5) Action by the 2011 state convention in McAllen is needed to permit the revision of state governing documents.

So, what is the next step? It's not a baby one!

The responsibility to bring the documents in line begins with the state Constitution/Bylaws Committee. According to RONR, when changes are so extensive and general that they are scattered throughout the bylaws, the substitution of an entirely new set of bylaws, called a *revision* is required.

Two motions will enable Texas State Organization to undertake this critical project. (1) One requires **members** present and voting at convention to approve the project. (2) A second establishes a **special committee** to study the present governing rules and Texas State Organization practices and projected needs; and to recommend to the general assembly proposed revisions for consideration and adoption.

There were many changes to the 2010 international documents. There will be many changes to the state bylaws/rules. Fewer changes are anticipated for chapters. An opportunity to discuss these proposed motions will be provided at the state convention prior to the business meeting. **Let's take the next step to advance in McAllen, June25!**



Betty's Buzz

from Headquarters

By Betty Vines, Exec. Sec./Treas.

The Texas State Organization Headquarters Building is a showcase for our Texas organization as well as a busy workplace. Committees, chapters, and coordinating councils have enjoyed having a place to meet. Visitors continue to come. The business operations of the organization keep the place buzzing.

Texas continues to have wonderful chapter treasurers! You are commended for being so positive, cooperative and supportive. New and experienced treasurers accepted the challenge of collecting and reporting the dues this fall. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

April 1 is a very important date, so mark your calendar. Keep it in mind when your chapter initiates new members this spring. If the initiation is before April 1, the initiate must pay 2010-11 dues (\$52), scholarship (\$1 or \$.40), and the initiation fee (\$5), all of which is sent to the TSO Headquarters in Dallas. If initiated after April 1, only the \$5 initiation fee is sent to Headquarters. Make it a priority to send the money and the yellow initiate card immediately after the initiation. The information included on the card is the means by which the new member is entered into the Society data base; thus receives all of the Society communications. The same is true for reinstatement of members except the card is green! There is no reinstatement fee. Both the initiate card and the reinstatement card can be downloaded from the International website. A Form 18 should also accompany the card(s) and the payment.

April 1 is also the deadline for contributions in order to be recognized at convention. Contributions are certainly welcome at any time!

Spring is a great time to recognize 25 and 50-year members. Certificates are available from the TSO office. E-mail or call, and they will be mailed to you. The cost is \$2 for the 25-year and \$4 for the 50-year certificate.

Last, but certainly not least, have you filed your chapter's 990-N and sent a copy of the e-card receipt to Headquarters? Maintain a file of your receipts and filing information. Although we were told in the beginning that chapters would have to file for three years, the IRS is now requiring that it be done every year.

Plans are being made for a great workshop in McAllen. See you there!



Betty Vines

Come Join the Chorus in McAllen



Sign up for the Texas State Chorus on the registration form on page 4. Music Chairman Natalie Eustace will send music to those signing up. It is fun, exciting and enjoyable to sing in the chorus. Instrumentalists are also needed. Share your talents in **McAllen**.



Zumba!
Refreshments!
Meet!
Greet!
When: 8:30
Wed. evening
June 22
Holiday Inn
McAllen

i Fiesta! It's a party; you're invited!
Get **energized** for the convention fun at the Pre-Convention Party!

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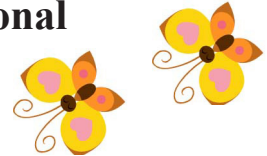
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MEMBERS: Send address changes to International Headquarters: call, write, go on-line or e-mail LindaD@deltakappagamma.org.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Texas State Organization Convention
McAllen, Texas June 23-25, 2011



All members must register. Please use one form per member. Only one form is necessary for a member with a guest. **To avoid late fee, registration must be postmarked on or before May 9th. No meals may be ordered after June 6th.** Address registration questions to Sandi Causey at 512-892-0433 or crscausey@sbcglobal.net Mail completed form to: Sandi Causey, 6105 Oakclaire Drive, Austin, TX 78735. Please type or print plainly. **Name badge will be required of all attendees at each event.**

NAME _____
 Title Last First Middle Initial Badge Name

MAILING ADDRESS _____
 Street Address or PO Box

City State Zip Chapter Area
 E-mail address (for a receipt) _____ Day Phone _____

Special Needs for Meal Events ---Check all that apply.
 Diabetic Vegetarian Gluten-free Limited Mobility Hearing/Visually Impaired

Please check all that apply.
 2010-2012 Chapter President 1st State Convention Attendee Member 50 Years or more _____

Indicate number of tickets you want for each function. Cost includes tax and gratuities.

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Registration Fee --paid by each member:			
Regular--postmarked on or before May 9th	\$ 50	_____	_____
Late--postmarked after May 9th	\$ 75	_____	_____
Guest --Badge Name: _____	\$ 5	_____	_____
Leadership Seminar Reunion <i>Sip 'n' See</i>:			
Year_____ (FRI, 4:45-5:30 P,M June 24)	\$ 5	_____	_____
Birthday Luncheon (FRI, June 24)	\$ 35	_____	_____
State Personnel Dinner ---By Invitation (FRI, June 24)	\$ 30	_____	_____
Informal Box Lunch ---Open to All (SAT, June 25)	\$ 20	_____	_____
Presidents & Founders Banquet ---Favor Included (SAT, June 25)	\$ 40	_____	_____
Convention Photo CD ---Sent to you after Convention	\$ 10	_____	_____
Continuing Professional Education Credit (CPE)	\$ 15	_____	_____
Chorus Music ---Chorus Participants Only	\$ 15	_____	_____

Voice Part Requested: Soprano I Soprano II Alto
 Instrumentalist (Prelude/Postlude) Requested: _____ Piano _____ Other

Contribution to Headquarters _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED..... _____

_____ CHECK--Payable to Alpha State Texas Convention Fund OR _____ MasterCard _____ VISA

Cardholder's Name _____ Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder's Billing Address: _____ 3-digit Sec. Code _____

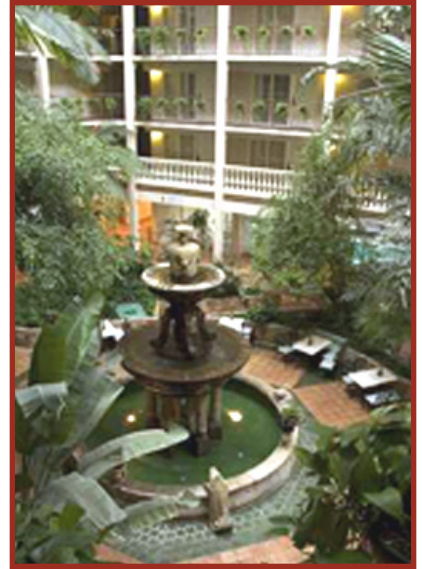
Cancellation requests must be made in writing to Convention Registration Solutions, 6105 Oakclaire Drive, Austin, TX 78735, by May 26th. By your attendance at this event, you grant permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped or photographed by any means and you grant full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

McAllen Features Two Hotel Choices

Embassy Suites Hotel

1800 South Second Street, McAllen
Convention Headquarters
956.686.3000

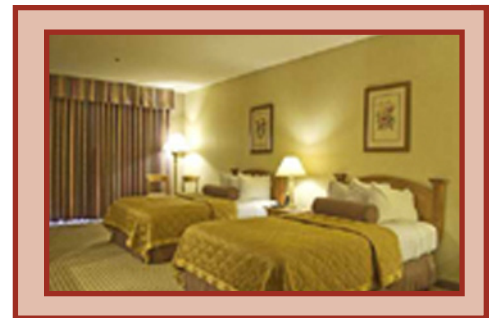
Online: mcallen.embassysuites.com
GROUP/CONVENTION CODE:
DKG



Embassy Suites at left. Embassy atrium above. Sample double room below.

DKG Rate: \$139 single or double standard suite plus taxes
Breakfast included--Complimentary parking--Transportation to Convention Center by City of McAllen--25% off at in-hotel Remington's Restaurant--
Complimentary beverages and snacks each evening--Monday-Saturday

CUT OFF DATE: 5/27/2011 Convention Dates: June 23-25, 2011



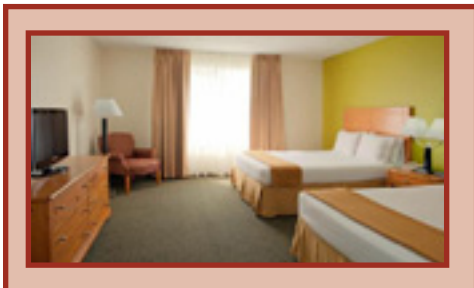
Holiday Inn Express and Suites

1921 South 10th Street, McAllen 956.994.0505

Convention Dates: June 23-25, 2011

Online: www.hiexpress.com/mcallentx
Go to right side **BOOK THIS HOTEL**
Go to check in for dates needed. Group Code: **DKG**

DKG Negotiated Rates: \$109 Standard-\$139 Suite plus taxes-free local calls--
Breakfast included--Complimentary parking--Complimentary Happy Hour Reception Monday-Wednesday--
Complimentary transportation within a two mile radius from the hotel--On site 24 hour restaurant--Transportation to Convention Center by City of McAllen **CUT OFF DATE:5/27/2011**



Holiday Inn at right. Sample double room above.



82nd Texas State Convention Schedule McAllen, Texas-June 23-25,2011



Wednesday, June 22

- 8:00PM - 5:00 PM Tours (see article)
- 3:00PM Executive Committee - **Embassy Suites**
- 8:00PM - 9:30 PM Pre-Convention Party: **¡Fiesta! Holiday Inn**

Thursday, June 23

- 8:00AM - 1:00PM Tours (see article)
- 9:00AM -11:00AM Set Up: Raffles, Annies, Marketplace
- 10:00AM -12:00PM Rehearsals: Necrology, Chorus, Flag
- 12:00PM - 1:00PM LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS CONVERSATION
- 11:00PM - 5:00PM Annies, Marketplace
- 12:00 PM - 5:00PM Raffles, Visual Arts
- 12:00PM - 3:30PM WORKSHOPS: CPE; Personal Development Interest (PDI); Society; ASTEF, Health Strand
- 2:30PM - 3:30PM **LEADERSHIP EVENT** (all registrants)
- 3:45PM - 4:45PM FIRST TIMER ORIENTATION
- 3:45PM - 5:00PM REHEARSALS: 1) Installation Ceremony; 2) Chapter Presidents Honor Walk

Dinner on Your Own

- 7:00 PM OPENING SESSION: Keynote Speaker/Awards/Photos (CPE)
- 7:00 PM - 10:00PM Raffles

Following Opening Photos for Awardees, Rehearsal State Chorus (as needed)

Friday, June 24

- 7:00 AM - 9:00AM Set Up: Society Info Fair; Visual Arts 7:00 AM- 8:00 AM
- 8:00 AM - 5:00PM Raffles, Annie and Poster Displays, Visual Arts Gallery, Marketplace (closed for lunch)
- 9:00 AM-10:00AM MORNING SESSION: Keynote Speaker (CPE) and WORKSHOPS (cont.)
- 10:15AM -11:00AM WORKSHOPS (cont.): Casual Café Conversations: Society; 50+Tea (10:30-11:30 AM)
- 11:30AM - 2:00 PM 82nd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Tributes/Awards/ Style Show (Ticketed)
- 2:30 PM - 4:45 PM SOCIETY INFO FAIR
- 2:30 PM - 4:45 PM WORKSHOPS (cont.): Bylaws/Rules Conversation; Finance Conversation; Health Strand
- 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Leadership Seminar Reunion: **Sip 'n' See** (Ticketed)
- 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Rehearsals: Necrology and Chorus

Dinner on Your Own

- 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM State Personnel Invitational Dinner (Ticketed)
- 7:30 PM -10:30PM CULTURAL STREET FAIR: Keynote Speaker (all registrants)

Following Fair Rehearsal: State Chorus (as needed)

Saturday, June 25

- 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM Rehearsals: Chorus and Necrology
- 8:00 AM CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND REMEMBRANCE
- 9:30 AM BUSINESS SESSION: General Assembly and Executive Board
- 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM Informal Box Lunch (Ticketed): AC's and CP's, Coordinating Councils, Webmasters, Editors
 \Casual Café Conversations—Member's Choice
- 1:15 PM- 2:45 PM Power Dating 1-2-1 for Officers and Committee Chairs: Leadership Info Exchange
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ASTEF Meeting
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Health Strand & WORKSHOPS (cont.)
- 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM Photo Ops for AC's and Chapter Presidents; Rehearsal for Chorus
- 5:15 PM - 6:30PM CHAPTER PRESIDENTS HONOR WALK & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- 6:30 PM - 7:30PM GATHERING to Honor Chapter Presidents, State Personnel, International Representative
- 7:30 PM PRESIDENTS and FOUNDERS BANQUET (Ticketed)

Sunday, June 26

- 7:00 AM Idea Exchange: McAllen and Las Colinas Steering Committees (Sunday)
- 8:00 AM Leadership Orientation for 2011-2013 State Personnel

Registration and Materials Pick Up: McAllen Convention Center		
*Texas Treasure Box--Birthday Luncheon Collection Wed./Thurs.		
Wednesday	June 22	Noon - 6:00 P.M.
Thursday	June 23	8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday	June 24	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	June 25	8:00 AM - Noon

King Ranch, Kingsville
Wednesday, 8AM-5PM
June 22

Tour 1

Visit a symbol of traditional Texas. The world famous King Ranch was founded by Captain Richard King in 1853. Today the ranch is well-known for its innovations in cattle and horse breeding and continues to be on the forefront of modernization in farming. Tour includes a visit to the ranch, Henrietta Museum and Leather Shop, local Train Depot Museum, the Connor Museum, Sellers Market & Running W Saddle Shop. Transportation to and from McAllen, tour guide and barbeque lunch in the bunkhouse included.

Cost: \$70, Seats limited. Dress comfortably. Bring your camera.

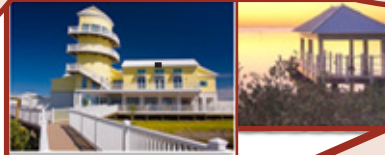
(www.king-ranch.com)

South Padre Island
Wednesday, 8AM-5PM
June 22

Tour 2

Visit the tropical tip of Texas, located between the Gulf of Mexico and the Laguna Madre Bay linked by the 2 1/2 mile Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge. Activities include a dolphin watching cruise, a visit to a world birding center at the new South Padre Island Birding and Nature Center and observation deck (www.spirding.com), tour of Sea Turtle, Inc., dedicated to caring for and education about endangered sea turtles (www.seaturtleinc.com), and visit to the Port Isabel Lighthouse built in 1852. Transportation to and from McAllen, tour guide and lunch on the island included.

Cost: \$70, Seats limited. Dress comfortably. Bring your camera.



CPE credit available for tours.

Tours in McAllen



Museum of South Texas History
Thursday, 8AM-1PM
June 23, Edinburg, Texas

Progreso Lakes, Texas
Thursday, 8AM-1PM
June 23

Tour 3

Get a taste of Old Mexico! Visit Gabiis Unlimited, a family run retail/wholesale business that specializes in Mexican handcrafts. The well-appointed store includes four major departments: Home Decor, Pottery, Jewelry and Ladies' apparel. Merchandise from the Mexican states of Guerrero, Michoacan, Jalisco, Oaxaca available.

(www.gabiis.com) Tour includes a stop at Mex-Crafts imports (www.mexcraftersonline.com), transportation and lunch at Ciro's in Weslaco.

Cost: \$40, Seats limited.



Tour 4

Take a trip back in time with a visit to the Museum of South Texas History. Discover the rich heritage and blended culture found in the Rio Grande Valley and Northeastern Mexico. In the 22,500 square foot modern museum, visitors encounter prehistoric fossils, Spanish colonial artifacts, Rio Grande River steamboat treasurers, the early cattle drive and farming era, arrival of the railroad to the 21st century all in state-of-the-art multimedia and diorama exhibits. Tour includes transportation and lunch.

Cost: \$40, Seats limited.

(www.mosthistory.org)

Nominees... *Continued from page 1*

personnel committee. She has served as chairman of the scholarships committee and attended the Texas Leadership Seminar in 2005. Murphy earned a B.S. and M.Ed. from Texas A&M-Commerce and an Ed. D. from the University of North Texas. She is an adjunct professor in the College of Education at the University of North Texas. Murphy has been married to George Murphy for 15 years. She has two step-sons, two daughters-in-law and two granddaughters.

Nominee Reid is chairman of the research committee. Prior to this position, she was Area 3 Coordinator and served on several state committees. She holds a B.A. from Baylor, an M.Ed. from University of Houston and supervision certification from U. of Houston. She retired from Pasadena ISD as a specialist for art and special programs. Reid now serves on the PISD Education Foundation Board of Directors. She has attended many state, regional and international conventions.

Nominee Osborne is chairman of the program of work committee. In 2008, Osborne chaired the state convention in The Woodlands. She has also served as Area 18 Coordinator and as chairman of the professional affairs committee. Osborne was awarded the state achievement award in 2009. Osborne earned a B.S. degree from Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and a M.S. degree from Purdue University. She has twins sons, two daughters-in-law and two grandchildren.

Bull, nominated for corresponding secretary, is chairman of the state membership committee. She has served as area coordinator and chairman of the nominations committee and as member of several other state committees. She attended the first leadership seminar in Texas and received the state achievement award in 2000. On the International level, Bull was awarded the International Achievement Award in 2008 and attended the Leadership/Management Seminar in 1999. Bull is Interim Membership Services Administrator at International. She is married to Eddie Bull. They have a son, Ryan, a daughter-in-law and a grandson.

Presidential Nominee Davis has named **Marilyn Gregory, Epsilon Kappa** (7-Austin), to serve as parliamentarian during the next biennium. Gregory is serving as first vice-president and is on the International Golden Gift Committee. She has served as state recording secretary, program of work chairman, an area coordinator and registrar for the Austin convention in 2004. Gregory attended the Parliamentary Procedure Seminar in Chicago in 2009. She is also a graduate of the International Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar and the Alpha State Leadership Seminar.

Gregory holds a B.S. and M.Ed. from Texas State University. She retired in 2008 from Lake Travis ISD as a kindergarten teacher. She has been married to Spark for 37 years. They have two sons, a daughter-in-law and four grandchildren.

The Alpha State Nominating Committee presented the following names for the Finance Committee: **Marcia Kirkland, Epsilon Kappa** (7-Austin), and **Martha Surratt, Epsilon** (9-Richardson). The nominees for the Eula Lee Carter Fund are **Sandy Whitney, Eta Kappa** (15- El Paso), **Sandra Morales, Nu** (7-Wimberley), and **Chris Morrison, Lambda Alpha** (18-Katy). Nominated to serve on the 2011-2013 Nominations Committee are **Linda Somervill, Lambda Pi** (10-Granbury), continuing member; **Nelle Gentry, Alpha Gamma** (10-Cleburne); **Diane Moose, Zeta Omega** (3-Deer Park); **Donna Jean Caffey, Lambda Xi** (13-Abilene); **Carol Horton, Theta Mu** (14-Odessa); **Shalan Inmon, Alpha Sigma** (12-Slaton); **Frances Ziegenhals, Alpha Iota** (4-Wharton); and **Rita Curington, Epsilon Epsilon** (1-Athens).

The 2009-2011 Nominating Committee includes **Corlea Plowman, Theta Kappa** (7-Seguín), chairman; **Mary Armstrong Lindsey, Delta Omicron** (9-Dallas); **Virginia Bowers, Epsilon Delta** (11-Muleshoe); **Kay**

TSO Seeks New Communication Services Specialist

All interested and qualified TSO members are encouraged to apply for the position of Communication Services Specialist. This is a new title given to the position formerly known as Editor/Photographer. As the state organization moves forward and creates a buzz, the new title reflects the broader scope of this important work and position. Qualifications, application form and general guidelines for the position can be found on the TSO website. Applications must be post-marked no later than March 31, 2011. Send to **Dr. Jo Murphy, TSO Personnel Chairman**. Please consider applying yourself and/or encourage others who might be interested to check out the possibilities on the TSO website at www.alphastatetexas.org

Communications Group Seeks Member-in-Print and Newspaper Awards

By Shirl Hawes, Communications Chairman

Ring out the good news for your chapter's published author by nominating her for the Member-in-Print Award. Chapters no longer need to enclose a complete manuscript with the application. A photocopy of the title page, copyright page, or table of contents showing authorship is sufficient.

To honor excellence in coverage of local chapter news, nominate your local newspaper for the TSO Key Award. Newspaper clippings may now be scanned for emailed applications.

Both of these awards require an April 1, 2011, postmark. Complete directions and interactive applications are on the TSO website under the Communications Committee link. Email Shirl Hawes at shirlhawes@gmail.com or your area committee member if you have questions.

Knezek, Eta Pi (4-Victoria); **Barbara Rountree, Epsilon Chi** (8-Waco); **Betty Jo Watts, Beta Eta** (3-Cypress); and **Sue Wright, Theta Mu** (14-Odessa).



Really Kool Stuff for Really Kool Guys

Thursday: “Meet and Greet”- 3PM Courtyard, Embassy Suites, McAllen:

Join with other Delta Kappa Gamma guests to plan your activities while in the Rio Grande Valley.

Friday, June 24, 8 AM- 4PM-“From the Past”-Brownsville & Harlingen Trip

- Visit Commemorative Air Force-RGV Wing-Brownsville Museum for an exciting and educating tour through our Nation’s WWII history. Residing in the hangars and holding “status of flying” are WWII Trainers, Liaison Aircraft, Transport Aircraft & Attack Aircraft (www.rgvwingcaf.com)
- Lunch in San Benito. Dutch treat.
- Next stop-Iwo Jima Memorial & Museum –Harlingen. View the original full-sized creation of Dr. Felix de Weldon, used for the casting of the monument erected at Arlington Cemetery. Museum contains memorabilia of famous WWII battles. (www.mma-tx.org)
- Afternoon Treat: Cooley’s Classic Car Museum – Harlingen- Remember a ride from the past as you reminisce in a private collection of restored automobiles from the 50s, 60s and more.
- Complete the day by joining DKG members at the McAllen Convention Center for the 7:30 PM program by Richard Moore, native & professional wildlife journalist & photographer followed by a night of fun for all at the South Texas Cultural Street Fair.

Saturday, June 25, 9:00 AM, Coffee, Embassy Suites Courtyard, McAllen

Meet for a morning chat followed by choice of activities: local golf, sites or special speaker to learn about the Maquiladora Industrial Plants along the Border with Mexico / Homeland Security and Border Patrol updates. You are also invited to register for pre-convention tours on Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Tour Registration Form

Deadline for all tours: May 9, 2011



Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Chapter: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone _____ Make checks payable to **Alpha State Texas Convention Fund**

Tour	Day	Cost	Number	Total
#1	W 8AM-5 PM	\$70	_____	_____
#2	W 8AM-5 PM	\$70	_____	_____
#3	T 8AM-1PM	\$40	_____	_____
#4	T 8AM-1PM	\$40	_____	_____

Mail reservation form + check: Barbara Johnston, 1825 N. Bluebird Lane, Harlingen, TX 78550
 (956)425-7487 Email: bpiej@aol.com

Note: All spouses or friends of DKG members are invited to register for pre-convention tours.

New Chapter Will Be Installed in April

By JoAnn Brooks, Expansion Chairman

The Texas State Organization is forming a new chapter, Mu Psi. This chapter will be located in the upper north-east corner of Area 5 in the town of Tivoli in Refugio County. The school district in the area is Austwell-Tivoli ISD. Charter members will consist of transferees and initiates. Members are invited to attend the Founding Ceremony on April 30, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Dow Clubhouse, Hwy. 185, Seadrift, between Tivoli and Port Lavaca. Please RSVP to Expansion Chairman, JoAnn Brooks, joannbrooks@verizon.net, if you plan to attend. Members or chapters wishing to support this new chapter by a gift of money or an item for their chapter ceremonies, please contact JoAnn Brooks. We will recognize and honor this newest chapter in the Texas State Organization at our state convention in McAllen.

Convention Leaders...

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valley in 1992. She has served as state Membership Chairman, Co-Program Chair and Area V Coordinator as well as on several state committees. She attended the state leadership seminar and was chosen to attend the 2010 International Leadership/Management Seminar. After many years of teaching and administrative work, she now operates an educational consulting firm.

Co-chairman of the McAllen Convention is Barbara Johnston, Lambda Eta (5-Harlingen). Johnston retired after teaching 34 years, 29 as a fourth grade teacher in the same school in Harlingen. She continues to work part time for Harlingen ISD. Initiated in 1987, Johnston has been chairman of Texas Program of Work, Ceremonies, and Personal Growth and Services. She attended the 1999 Texas Leadership Seminar and received the 2009 Texas State Achievement Award.

Also serving as Co-chairman is Karolyn Caldwell, Epsilon Upsilon (5-McAllen), a native Valleyite, who retired in 2010 after 37 years in elementary education. Caldwell was also initiated in 1987 and has been a frequent presenter at area workshops. She is an alumnus of the Leadership Seminar and a past Area 5 coordinator.

These members plus members of the steering committee are ready to welcome Texas members from throughout the state. Registrar for the convention is Lois Kildahl, Rho (5-McAllen). Lee Bourg, Epsilon Upsilon (5-Mission), is serving as treasurer of the event; Christine Warren, Epsilon Phi (5-Weslaco), is secretary. Available as consultants are Catherine Davis, Beta Zeta (6-Fredericksburg), and Susan Hancock, Rho (5-Edinburg). Completing the leadership group is Barbara Stroop, Beta Xi (5-Corpus Christi), who is the Area 5 Coordinator.

ASTEFL Update

By Jean Webb, ASTEF Chairman

At the 2010 state convention, the voting body charged President Vicki Davis with the task of appointing a special committee to investigate the possibility and then plan for the development of a non-profit organization to be known as Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEFL).

The committee began their task by attending a workshop for Educational Foundations, consulting an attorney who specializes in educational foundations and meeting with executive directors of nonprofit organizations.

They learned that for a non-profit educational foundation there were specific steps to be taken and approval gained at each step.

With this realization the committee asked the TSO Executive Committee's approval to move forward in a timely manner. If the committee was not active during 2010-2011, the report to TSO members at the 2011 convention would just be a To Do List. Inaction would mean that ASTEF would be a year behind in the process of becoming a reality.

Following advice received from professionals, the following steps have been completed:

- Developed Mission Statement
The purpose of the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEFL) is to provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and promote educational excellence for Texas students.
- Obtained EIN (Employer Identification Number)
- Filed for Certificate of Formation for Nonprofit Corporation in State of Texas
- Received Texas Certificate of Formation for Nonprofit Corporation from the Secretary of State of Texas
- Wrote ASTEF Bylaws which were reviewed by an attorney specializing in educational foundation law
- Submitted IRS Form 1023, Application for 501(c)(3) status, after the application was reviewed by attorney.

At their own expense the ASTEF Committee has attended an Educational Foundation workshop in Houston, met in Austin for a retreat to write bylaws, and met at TSO Headquarters to work on the IRS application. Many hours have been spent

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Fulbright Teacher Exchange Revitalizes Participant

By Genia Klein, Xi (7-Pflugerville)

Several years ago, I was involved in a National Science Teachers Association funded study investigating teacher retention. I had 16 years of education under my belt, and frankly, I was not feeling like I could do too many more years. I was burned out. The primary investigator after interviewing me for the third and final time answered my desperate question about how teachers stayed or worked through burn out. According to everything that she had accumulated through many interviews, teachers at about 16-20 years of service were subject to burn out and many left the teaching field at that time. Those who didn't found a way to revitalize their teaching. I was all for that, but just **how** does one DO that? Well, for me, I taught in Scotland for a semester on a Fulbright Teacher Exchange.

Applying for a Fulbright Teacher Exchange is not an unusually tiresome process. It pretty much works like any other grant. You send your application, a resumé, references; answer some questions that explain why you would like to teach in another country and at the same time try to convince the readers and interviewers that you would do well. The application deadline is usually in October. There is another task you are asked to do in January. That is to set up a support system for the incoming teacher. This support system will help the teacher both during school hours and after duty and weekends.

In March 2009, a thick packet was sent to my principal, Lorraine (my Scottish counterpart), her headteacher and me. It was the proposed exchange and the first inkling I had that the exchange was even a possibility. It was both exciting and terrifying. My principal wished to interview Lorraine before she made a commitment and so they arranged a time to talk on the telephone. I crossed my fingers that this stranger would impress my administrators enough to agree to the exchange. We had ten days to agree to the exchange. There was a chance that another spot could be found if this exchange did not suit us, but that was not very likely.



Gold Piece

In May, my principal and I flew to Chicago to meet with other U.S. teachers, who would be going abroad, and their administrators. For me, it was a time to learn what needed to be done in order to live in another country. My principal learned how she could best support the new teacher and still maintain the continuity of learning that she expected for the students in her school. Most exchanges are for a year, but Lorraine was a newlywed and her husband would be coming along on the exchange with her. His business was quite happy to give him a leave of absence for six months so our exchange was rather unusual in that it was only a half of a year. Despite this, everything worked out well, and July found each of us tidying up our houses, talking to neighbors and friends about the people coming in, and writing directions on how to use everything like the stove, washer, dryer etc.

In August, Lorraine and I (and the other 30 exchange teachers and their partners) met in Washington DC. It was like meeting a friend for the first time since there were many emails and "Skype" calls that had gone back and forth as we got to know one another. I was concerned that they might melt in the heat of Washington DC. I worried how they would do when they got to Texas with its triple-digit temperatures!

So many things still remain in my head that I would like to share with you, but I would like to end with two final thoughts. My time in Scotland did so much for me as a teacher (and as a person) that I could easily teach another 20 years just on what I learned and lived for those all too brief six months. And finally, if you are thinking that this might be something for you and your family, DO IT! Teaching abroad is an amazing experience that will bring out a "you" that you never knew existed.

Genia Klein is currently a second grade teacher at Windermere Primary School in Pflugerville. She has taught over 20 years and currently serves as second vice president of her chapter.

Research Group Updates Web Site Information

By Katherine Reid, Research Chairman

It has been the pleasure of our Research Committee to showcase our outstanding Texas members these past two years by researching information and compiling several documents which highlight the accomplishments of our members.

Please check our TSO Web site to find these resources that have been added or updated by the Research committee. These include the state author's listing (active and honorary members,) buildings and facilities named for state DKG members (active and honorary,) and a listing of our state honorary members and their personal bios (to be completed this spring 2011.) The information is interesting and useful and can be shared in chapter meetings and programs.

The expansion of our state Web site resources will continue to enlighten our members for years to come.

A Cruise? Survey Results

The Headquarters Committee sponsored a fundraising cruise survey in the Fall 2010 *Lone Star Newsette* which was posted on the Texas website. Members were asked to share their cruise preferences by completing a survey and submitting it via email. Thank you to the approximately 110 members who responded. The results are in and here are your preferences:

Time of Year Spring Break-38; Not Spring Break-20; Summer-60; Fall-26

Destinations Western Caribbean-52; Mexico-17; Hawaii-46; Eastern Caribbean-50

Cabin Inside-26; Oceanview-63; Balcony-37

Length of Cruise 4 Days-32; 5 Days-59; 7 Days-39

The fundraising cruise information will be given to the ASTEF Committee to use in future planning of a possible cruise, pending approval of ASTEF by the general assembly at the 2011 state convention.

What do we need to do now? Start saving our money, so when the cruise is scheduled we will be ready to go. See you on the ship.

Chairman Explains Membership Issues

By Sandra Bull, Membership Chairman

Chapters in Texas will be very happy to learn that there is a brand new Orientation Program available for all of those spring initiates that members are busy inviting! The Orientation is available as a PowerPoint presentation and, for chapters without that technology, a print version. Both formats are posted on the International and Texas Web sites. Soon to follow will be a new Reorientation Program. Both programs follow a new perspective of orienting prospective members to the Society. Prospective members need to have a clear understanding of the benefits and also the responsibilities of membership so that their decision to join is based on a firm foundation of understanding.

The Membership Q&A in the Jan/Feb 2011 DKG NEWS seemed to create a bit of concern with some of our members! In case you didn't see it: **Question** – *A dear friend taught for four years while completing her certification as a lawyer. She has spent the last 22 years, serving as a defender in family court. Is she now eligible for invitation to membership?* **Answer** – *Potential members come from two groups (1) Women presently contracted as professional educators; (2) Women who are retired professional educators. Women who are not presently employed as professional educators or who left the profession before retirement are **not eligible**.*

Perhaps more explanation would help. Our rules do not define retirement with any type of qualifier such as a number of years worked. But there is an understanding that retirement occurs after a woman has devoted a significant amount of time to the profession and leaves with some type of pension or annuity. In the question posed above, the woman in question did not work the significant amount of time as an educator to be a candidate for active membership but she certainly has made a contribution to children and families and might well be a candidate for honorary membership.

Another issue that is bothersome to some is the new rule that an employed professional educator is eligible for active membership even in the first year of employment. Members ask if their own chapter rules can indicate that an educator must have been employed for a certain number of years before being a member of chapter. The DKG *Constitution* states that each chapter shall have chapter rules which are consistent with the *Constitution* and its state organization bylaws. One way to look at it is a member selected by one chapter is a member of the Society and is therefore eligible to transfer or reinstate to any chapter. If a first year teacher is initiated in Chapter A, she should be able to transfer to Chapter B which is awkward if Chapter B has imposed membership restrictions on itself that other chapters do not have. We are suggesting that every candidate for membership be looked at individually. Some chapters have sponsored candidates for the teaching profession through early grants and other types of support during internships. These chapters can feel very confident about the candidate's potential for future teaching success and will be in a position to mentor her through those difficult first years. This is a very positive way for chapters to continue to grow and also to combat one of the most crucial issues that face education today: the loss of early career educators!

Chapters, do you need to make money for projects, scholarships or to supplement your budget? **Be a vendor** at the State Convention in McAllen. Contact Marilyn Gregory at teachkind@aol.com

Wordles Are Fun

By Shirley Owens, Technology Chairman

Have you discovered wordles?

Wordle.net is a Web site for creating "word clouds." This is a great classroom tool that I've written about before. To the right is a demonstration of a word cloud created in Photoshop. Clearly, this one is about the convention in McAllen.

I decided that I wanted the butterfly in the background, but couldn't do it with wordle.net. This is how the ad is created:

The butterfly image is from Microsoft's Clip Art Gallery. The Gallery has thousands of images that are free. If you need an image, you can probably find one there. I selected the butterfly, saved it to my desktop as a jpeg image.

In Photoshop, I opened the butterfly jpeg image, then added the text to the graphic, one word at a time.

Each word was sized, positioned and rotated as I decided to weight the word. Some are smaller. Some are lighter. The sizes and color in wordle.net are based on the number of times the word is used in the document. I chose the size and color based on what I wanted to call to the reader's attention.

In the classroom, use wordle.net to generate random word clouds for favorite quotations, paragraphs from reading assignments, vocabulary lessons or art projects. It's a fun tool.



CTAUN To Hold Austin Conference

By Marilyn Gregory, First Vice-President

CTAUN, The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations Conference will be held in Austin in April. Delta Kappa Gamma is partnering with several other organizations to help present this conference. The theme is "Global-Local Partnerships for the 21st Century: A UN Collaboration" with the emphasis on looking at global issues and how we can make a difference locally. Issues to be addressed are sustainability, social justice, and education trends.

There will be speakers, panelists and breakout sessions with presenters from the United Nations, University of Texas, and Austin School District. An Info Fair with resource materials relevant to school curriculum will be available to participants.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 2, 2011**, from 9am-4pm and join other Delta Kappa Gamma members, fellow educators and concerned citizens at the Lady Bird Johnson Auditorium at the University of Texas. High school and college students are also welcome to attend. Included in the \$45 registration fee will be lunch and six hours of CPE credit. You can register online at www.teachun.org or go to www.dkg.org to learn more about the conference.

ASTEFL Progress...

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assimilating information and brainstorming to assure that TSO and ASTEF are beneficial to each other, meet the needs of all members and provide new and exciting opportunities for members in the future.

The committee welcomes the opportunity to answer questions or concerns that members may have about ASTEF. An hour for conversation has been tentatively set from 1:15 – 2:15 on Thursday in McAllen for all members to learn more about the educational foundation.

If there are questions concerning ASTEF, please contact a committee member. Jean Webb, Chairman, webbjeanh@sbcglobal.net; Evelyn Barron, Ebarron106@aol.com; Lee Bourg, leebourg@aol.com; Sandi Causey, magnificentmom@sbcglobal.net; Ruth Hull, RHull416@aol.com; Vicki Davis, Vicki_davis@tamu-commerce.edu; Betty Vines, alphasttx@sbcglobal.net

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If your chapter has a Web site, please send the url, chapter name, president and Webmaster's name to Diane Moose, dianemoose@yahoo.com before June 1 for recognition at Texas State Convention.

Hundreds for Headquarters Campaign Deadline Nears

By Jeanie Stiles, Headquarters Chairman

Relief...elation...accomplishment! These are feelings you might have when your home mortgage is paid. As members, we are ALL a part of headquarters and will share these same feelings **WHEN** our loan is repaid.

Alpha State borrowed money from the Scholarship Fund **six** years ago to purchase the new Texas State Organization headquarters building. The *Hundreds for Headquarters* campaign began in 2006 with the goal of each chapter contributing \$100 per year for five years to **HELP** finance the purchase. This is the **last year** of the *Hundreds for Headquarters* campaign to **HELP** repay the loan and the **campaign ends April 1, 2011**. 141 chapters out of 284 in the Texas State Organization have met the \$500 campaign challenge as of January 4, 2011. The deadline is getting closer. Don't miss the chance to be recognized in McAllen and have your chapter's name listed as a chapter that "met the challenge" by donating \$500 to the *Hundreds for Headquarters* campaign.

Check out the Texas website for *Hundreds for Headquarters* information. Click on the big red checkmark on the home page for a list of chapters that have completed the *Hundreds for Headquarters* campaign challenge. This list will be updated monthly. There is also a countdown clock that tells you how much longer you have until the April 1 deadline. The clock is ticking...send your donations in now.

At the state convention in McAllen, the Headquarters Committee plans to report to the Texas State Organization members the amount of money that was collected from the *Hundreds for Headquarters* campaign as a **PARTIAL** repayment to the loan from the Scholarship Fund. We urge all chapters to "do your best" to meet this challenge.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 11 chapters whose names have recently been added to the list of chapters completing the *Hundreds for Headquarters* campaign challenge!

Beta, Alpha Theta, Alpha Tau, Alpha Phi, Gamma Psi, Delta Iota, Eta Epsilon, Eta Eta, Iota Delta, Iota Rho and Mu Iota.

Share Programs/Projects "Annie" Award Apps Due

By Pat Osborne, POW Chairman

As chapters across the state embark on planning yearly programs, they have focused on quality programs to promote the purposes of the Society. They have taken a Wellness Check of their own chapter, researched needs, sought professional speakers and created engaging projects to serve the needs of individual communities. Members of Delta Kappa Gamma know it is not enough to improve their own personal and professional growth, but must also find a way to give back to the communities in which they reside.

Quality programs enhance our membership, engage our members in genuine fellowship, help each of us to learn new ways of conserving, improving and energizing our world and most importantly lead us to new and improved personal and professional goals.

Chapters are encouraged to submit one program or project for the "Annie" Award. They are asked to identify the one they felt best represented the goals of the society and had the greatest impact on the chapter or community. The official application can be found at www.alphastatetexas.org Along with the current application there is a document on the Program Committee link entitled *Helpful Hints for Writing a Successful Annie Application*. As a reminder, applying for the Annie Award is one of the criteria for PACE.

An additional resource is on the International website www.dkg.org On the website go to Library heading, click on Resources, scroll down the link to Program Ideas and then click on Programs and Projects with Purpose. Here is a collection of ideas taken from various chapters in the Society. Hopefully, these will give you some ideas.

Submissions must be sent to the Program of Work Chairman, **Pat Osborne, 103 Redbud Crossing #419, Houston, TX 77077, postmarked by April 1, 2011**. At the 82nd Texas State Convention in McAllen, the committee will recognize outstanding programs/projects with the Annie Award Certificate and Ribbon. Presidents will receive their certificate and ribbon in their packets. Presidents can wear their ribbons throughout the convention, inviting other members to ask about their outstanding program or project.

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LDCP Announces "Conversation" with 2009-2011 Chapter Presidents

By Rhonda Posey, LDCP Chairman

All 2009-2011 Chapter Presidents, or their designees, are encouraged to attend a question and answer session on Thursday, June 23 from 12:00 – 1:00 PM at the Texas State Convention in McAllen. Gain more information about LEADING strong chapters and LEARNING what to expect during this final year of your biennium. Do you have questions? To get the answers, come be a part of this unique, ENGAGING "conversation" with LDCP committee members. We BELIEVE that during this one-hour session, all attending will become even more prepared to LEAD their chapters and ADVANCE THE SOCIETY.

UP With Texas Treasure Boxes

By Lou Hitt, Personal Growth and Services

When packing for McAllen, be sure to leave room to bring a **Texas Treasure Box**.

“What is that?” you ask. A **Texas Treasure Box** is the second annual Unifying Project for Alpha State Texas. Research by the Personal Growth and Services Committee led to the adoption of boxes similar to the Jared Boxes that lift the spirits of chronically ill children throughout the United States.

The Jared Box project was started in 2001 by children in Pennsylvania to honor their friend, Jared, who was battling cancer. Since its inception, over 50,000 boxes have been delivered in 38 different states.

Texas Treasure Boxes will be delivered to hospitals in McAllen, Harlingen, Brownsville, and Corpus Christi. The boxes will provide a special diversion for young patients as they receive chemotherapy and other medical treatments. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are not only filled with small gifts, but bushels of well wishes, hope and love.

Each plastic, shoe-sized box should be filled with small gifts, toys and games. Some suggested items include:

Under 2: bibs, rattles, soft books, teething rings, booties, pacifier, sippy cup or bottle.

Ages 2-4: dolls, Matchbox cars, Play-Doh, crayons, coloring book, bubbles, card games, soft balls, puppets, soft animals.

Ages 4-8: Silly putty, Play-Doh, paints, art supplies, bubbles, card games, puzzles, travel-size board games, cars, stickers, Nerf balls.

Ages 8-11: card games, paints, Silly putty, calculator, gel pens, yo-yo, craft kits, brainteasers, books, puzzles, small toys, Nerf balls, travel-size games

Ages 11 & up: electronic games, word search/crossword puzzles, books, playing cards, craft kits, journals, nail polish, stress balls.

All boxes should contain a book, since literacy is especially important. No food, used items or hair products should be included. They should be packed with items selected for a specific age and gender of child. There are children and families who speak Spanish as well as English, and the children are ages from infant to teen. For ease in delivery, label each box with the child's age, gender and language.

Members may participate in this project individually or as a chapter. Please bring them to the registration area of the 82nd State Convention in McAllen.

Alpha State Remembers

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

Names of members whose deaths have been reported to Texas Necrology Chairman Eileen Pink, 6947 Misty Meadow Court, Fort Worth, TX 76133, between November 1, 2010, and February 1, 2011, their chapter and residence at time of death.



In Loving Memory

- Ms. Mary Lou Matlock, Alpha (7-Austin)**
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- Mrs. Graciela G. Segura, Beta (6-San Antonio)**
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- Mrs. Dorothy Lane Niesen, Iota Pi (10-Fort Worth)**
- Mrs. Ollie Oneta Gary, Iota Tau (11-Hale Center)**
- Mrs. Barbara Dean, Kappa Tau (5-Alice)**
- Mrs. Loraine Daniels Pemberton, Mu Theta (2-Beaumont)**
- Ms. Louise Ware Smith, Mu Theta (2-Sour Lake)**

Educational Excellence Committee Explains Focus

By Dr. Helen Popovich, International Educational Excellence Committee Chairman

The room buzzed with excitement as the 15 members of the new Educational Excellence Committee met for the first time to build on the wisdom of the past as it charted its new course. Focusing on the Society's mission and vision statements, the committee adopted a self-definition, which will

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be equally appropriate for state organization and chapter committees: "The Educational Excellence Committee promotes International projects, supports early-career educators, and encourages programs and activities that further educational excellence worldwide."

For the Society to have the greatest impact on education, chapters and state organizations need to focus on no more than two Society-wide initiatives. In addition, chapters and state organizations will benefit from resources for programs and activities that encourage educational excellence by addressing the professional and personal growth of women educators and the diverse interests of members.

To embrace our vision, "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide," the Educational Excellence Committee urges every chapter and state organization throughout the Society to focus on two major initiatives:

- Support for the Society's official Schools for Africa project, and
- Support for early-career educators.

Information on these initiatives is readily available on the DKG website and in its publications. UNICEF will maintain records of DKG's support for the Schools for Africa project. Chapters, on the other hand, should maintain a record of the money and the number of hours members spend in support for early-career educators. Recognition for support of both initiatives will be showcased at the 2012 convention

To assist chapters, the Educational Excellence Committee will use the DKG Web site library, the DKGNetwork and Society publications to offer ideas for programs and activities that focus on educational excellence, promote the DKG/UN relationship, increase members' global awareness, impact educational law and policy, and increase members' personal and professional pride. Join the excitement! Unite with other Delta Kappa Gamma members as we become a global force in achieving educational excellence.

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