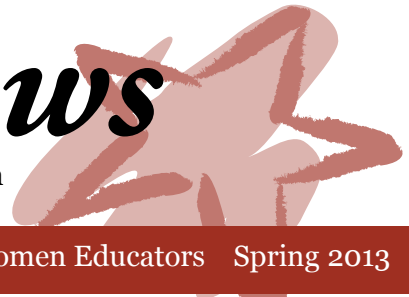


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Nancy Newton nominated as Texas State president

Committee selects Daugherty, Hawes, Murphy and Eustace for other positions

Nominees for state officers and elected personnel for the 2013-2015 biennium have been announced by the Texas State Organization Nominating Committee.



Nancy Newton

New officer nominees include **Nancy Newton**, Iota Pi (Burluson-10), president; **Sharon Daugherty**, Lambda Xi (Abilene-13), 1st vice president; **Shirl Hawes**, Kappa Kappa, (Fulshear-18), 2nd vice president; **Dr. Jo Murphy**, Iota Iota (Oak Point-16), corresponding secretary; **Natalie Eustace**, Zeta Xi (Midland-14), recording secretary. **Andi Kirby**, Alpha Pi (Texarkana-17), has been appointed by Newton to serve as parliamentarian.

Presidential nominee Nancy Newton has experience serving Delta Kappa Gamma in the states of Arkansas and Texas. In Texas, Newton served as area coordinator and has been co-chair of the program of works committee and chair of the leadership seminar committee. She was TSO second vice president for the 2009-2011 biennium. Most recently, Newton was the chair of the Las Colinas Convention. She is a proud member of the Texas State Leadership Seminar Class of 2005. In 2010 she received the Texas State Achievement Award.



Sharon Daugherty

Sharon Daugherty, nominee for first vice president, is a member of the ad hoc committee for the revision of state bylaws. She has served as area coordinator and chair of the 1999 state convention in Abilene. Daugherty attended the 1993 Texas State Leadership Seminar, the 2008 International Leadership Management Seminar and the 2009 Parliamentary Procedure Seminar in Chicago. She is a member of the International Constitution Committee.



Shirl Hawes

Currently serving as chair of the leadership development for chapter presidents committee, Shirl Hawes is nominated for second vice-president. She has also provided leadership as area coordinator and chair of the communications committee. Hawes is a graduate of the International Leadership Management Seminar and the 2008 Texas State Leadership Seminar. A National Board certified teacher, Hawes holds a BA in German and history from the University of Texas at Austin. Recently retired after 31 years of teaching primary, she is currently an educational consultant and private tutor.

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It seems rather incongruous that in a society of supersophisticated communication, we often suffer from a shortage of listeners.

Erma Bombeck

Accentuating the positive

Joanne Davis
2011-2013
Texas State President



Dr. Beverly Helms, our international president, wrote in the January/February edition of the *DKG News* an article entitled, "Is DKG Worth It?" She lists many responses that have been given including:

- Genuine spiritual fellowship and lasting friendships
- Scholarships
- Leadership development and mentoring
- Networking
- Global affiliation
- World fellowships
- Funding for projects (ASTEFA is offering \$5000 in stipends.)
- Professional development (We offer CPE's at convention.)
- Opportunities to publish, make presentations, conduct workshops, attend outstanding seminars, conferences and conventions
- Ability to make a difference in local communities and worldwide
- Promotion of the professional and personal growth and excellence in education

Dr. Helms goes on to say other than individuals with whom she works or has met professionally, she would know very few members of Delta Kappa Gamma. I would imagine this is true for most of us. I know that my membership has opened so many opportunities for me that I would be a different person if I had not accepted the invitation to membership.

What's the first step to getting more out of your membership?
I think it is involvement.

What can you do to contribute more to your chapter?

It might be inviting prospective members to visit your chapter, asking to serve as a chairman of a committee that you feel strongly about or telling the chapter nominations committee you are willing to serve as an officer next biennium. You will definitely be enhancing your membership by going to state convention. The registration form is in this issue. If you want to strengthen your chapter and get more out of your membership, make sure you are in Austin, June 20-22, and bring some other chapter members with you.

If you want to strengthen your chapter, the best way to accomplish this is to have a group of five or more at every convention. You will return home with new ideas to help your chapter find new members, ideas for projects and programs, new friends with whom you can exchange ideas during the year and an enthusiasm that will be contagious to your chapter. Register today. It will benefit both you and your chapter.

Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines

Executive Secretary/Treasurer



April 1 is a very important date to keep in mind when your chapter initiates new members this spring. If the initiation is before April 1, the initiate must pay 2012-2013 state and international dues (\$60), scholarship (\$1 or \$.40), and the initiation fee (\$5), all of which is sent to Texas State Organization 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 (or form) attached to a Form 18 immediately after the initiation. The information included on the card is the means by which the new member is entered into the Society database and 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 form and the reinstatement form are interactive and found at www.dkg.org. You may submit the forms by email, but you still must mail the dues and fees. If you send the forms by email, be sure to send copies to both the state and international offices.

April 1 is also the deadline for contributions in order to be recognized at convention. We check the postmark so you do not need to spend money sending them special delivery. You may use the state contribution form found on the TSO website or the international form found at www.dkg.org. If you make contributions to more than one fund, please send a separate check for each fund. The checks can all be mailed in one envelope. Be sure to specify which fund should be credited!

The four state funds for contributions are Scholarships, Leadership Seminar, ASTEF Projects, and Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund. Contributions are certainly welcome at any time! Any contributions postmarked after April 1, will count for next year.

Spring is a great time to recognize 25 and 50-year members. Certificates are available from the Texas 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.

Texas has wonderful chapter treasurers! You are to be commended for being so positive, cooperative, and supportive. The challenge of collecting dues was much smoother this year. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

All treasurers, both new and experienced, should plan to attend the convention in June in Austin. Special workshops are being planned for you.

Know the rules before you vote

Proposed changes to the Texas Bylaws and State Rules will be voted on in Austin. Read the information which will be posted on the TSO website this spring and attend at least one of the two question and answer breakout sessions at the convention. Be a knowledgeable voter.

At-A-Glance

Deadlines

March 1	State reports due: President Necrology Scholarship Applications Budget requests Convention reports
March 15	Breakout proposals
April 1	Contribution to state funds Annie Award applications LSN deadline
April 15	AC status reports

Committees

March 9	Achievement Awards Committee
March 16-17	Scholarship Committee
April 5-7	Finance Committee

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Nominations continued from page 1

Dr. Jo Murphy, nominated for corresponding secretary, is currently the TSO first vice president. At the state level Dr. Murphy has served as chair of the scholarships committee and the personnel committee. Retired from full time work in education, she continues to teach as an adjunct professor for Texas Woman's University in Denton. Her greatest DKG moments have been attending the 2012 International Leadership Management Seminar and having a state scholarship named for her.



Dr. Jo Murphy

Presently chairing the program of works committee, Natalie Eustace is nominated for recording secretary. She has also been chair of the music committee and an area coordinator. Eustace is a member of the 2008 Texas State Leadership Seminar and the 2010 Leadership Management Seminar class. In 2012 she received the state achievement award. At this time she operates her private piano/music theory studio as a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music.



Natalie Eustace

Andi Kirby, parliamentarian appointee, served as Area 17 Coordinator, chair of necrology, finance, constitution/bylaws and LDGP committees and received the State Achievement award. Kirby is a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians. During the last biennium she served as corresponding secretary on the TSO Executive Committee. Currently she serves as a director on the ASTEF Board. She participated in Texas State Leadership Seminar in 1997 and serves on the leadership seminar committee this biennium. She is a retired elementary teacher/librarian and enjoys volunteering at her church and at the local arts council.



Andi Kirby

The Texas State Organization Nominating Committee presented the following names for the Finance Committee: **Lynda Anderson**, Zeta Gamma (Tyler-1), and **Kathryn Wright**, Xi (Austin-7). **Brenda Storey**, Mu Pi (Porter-18), was nominated pending a rule change at convention

The nominees for the Eula Lee Carter Fund are **Sandy Whitney**, Eta Kappa (El Paso-15), **Glenda Black**, Alpha (Austin-7), and **Debbie Parrish**, Epsilon Alpha (Ft. Worth-10). This committee may become an appointed committee at the Austin convention. Nominees were informed that the incoming state president might appoint them or appoint others, pending proposed changes at 2013 state convention.

Nominated to serve on the 2013-2015 Nominations Committee are **Donajean Caffey**, Lambda Xi (Abilene-13), chair and continuing member; **Janye Brainard**, Kappa (El Paso-15); **Bobbie Brownlee**, Lambda Pi (Granbury-10); **Dr. Karen Duke**, Alpha (Austin-7); **Lou Hitt**, Gamma Epsilon (Decatur-16); **Barbara Johnston**, Lambda Eta (Kerrville-5); **Emma Joven**, Zeta Gamma (Hideaway-1); **Nancy Lowry**, Omega (Bangs-13).

AUSTIN
STRAIGHT AHEAD



EARLY CAREER EDUCATOR

Inspiring children by sharing a vision

Jessica Smith, Delta Omega



Chihuly Tower at the Dallas Arboretum

Were you one of the lucky ones who caught the Dallas Arboretum's Dale Chihuly glass sculpture exhibit in 2012? I was drawn to these sculptures many times both day and night during the show's tenure last year. The very first time I went was soon after I found out I got the job at Bradfield Elementary in Highland Park teaching art to k-fourth graders. Seven hundred young artists awaited me, and the planning book was completely empty for the 2012-2013 school year. After visiting the Arboretum I knew the first big exhibit I was going to plan for my new students...Chihuly creations!

The Chihuly installation at the Dallas Arboretum provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to see many of the artist's works firsthand. Many students were excited to run up and tell me that they had gone to see the exhibit. Some came with pictures they had taken of their favorite pieces. This made it easy to build on their interest as we studied Chihuly methods of creation in class. Students were quietly in awe watching DVDs of

Chihuly and his team working together to construct their sculptures. The students learned all the steps of glassblowing through videos and interactive websites on our electronic board. Mothers of kindergartners came up to me telling how impressed they were that their children were guiding them through the exhibit describing how the glass once started as colored sand and melted into a hot liquid in the fire.

The children enjoyed getting to do their own versions of Chihuly's works using plastic, paper and the ever-popular heat gun! All grade levels were involved with age-appropriate projects. Kindergartners created Macchia forms from coffee filters and spray starch, while 2nd and 3rd graders created chandeliers out of recycled plastic bottles and cups. The fourth graders organized themselves to work together to construct their papier-mache plastic bottles into our 7 foot tower!

When all was done and displayed, the children took much pride in showing off their work to school visitors and explaining how Chihuly makes his creations, as well as how they made theirs.

It was easy to inspire excitement when the children were able to see the works so beautifully displayed at the Arboretum. As an art teacher, being able to inspire children to create their own masterpieces is my ultimate goal!



Tower Created by 4th grade artists

Convention schedule at a glance

Wednesday, June 19

10:00 a.m. ASTEF Board: Presidential Suite
1:00 p.m. Texas Executive Committee: Presidential Suite
1:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Registration: Renaissance Hotel lobby
8:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Pre-Convention Party: Ice Cream Social Renaissance Hotel-Austin

Thursday, June 20

8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Registration: Renaissance Hotel lobby
8 :00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.. Set up Vendors/Raffles/Annie/Visual Arts: Glass Oaks
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Tours: International Headquarters
9:30 a.m.-12:05 p.m. Informercial Presentations: Rio Grande A & B
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Bazaar, Arts, school supplies accepted: Renaissance Hotel lobby
11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Box Lunch (ticketed)
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Necrology meeting
12:05 p.m.-1:05 p.m. Breakout Sessions
1:10 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Leadership Speaker: Anne Barab (open to all-ticket required-see registration form)
2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions
2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. LDCP update for chapter presidents
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. First Timers
4:30 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Flag Rehearsal
Dinner on Your Own
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Raffles
7:00 p.m. Opening Meeting: First General Meeting Keynote speaker, recognitions

Friday, June 21

7:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Leadership Seminar Breakfast (ticketed)
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration: Renaissance Hotel lobby
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Annies/Visual Arts/Raffles/Bazaar: Glass Oaks (closed during luncheon)
8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions
8:15 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Conversation on Bylaws
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Treasurer's Session
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Rehearsal for Presidents' Presentation
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Informal gathering for 50 and 50+ years members
12:00 p.m. **84th Birthday Luncheon** International President Beverly Helms speaking
2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions
2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Discussion on State Rules
3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. PSP Signing of Autobiographies
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Necrology Rehearsal
4 p.m.-5:15 p.m. **Second General Meeting: TSO Business Meeting Important that we have a quorum present!**
5:45 p.m. State Personnel Dinner by invitation
Dinner on Your Own
8:00 p.m.-10 p.m. **Belles and a Broadway Beau/President's Presentation of 2012-2014**

Saturday, June 22

6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m. Rehearsals: Necrology/Choir
8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE Renaissance Ballroom**
9:00 a.m.-Noon Registration: Renaissance Hotel lobby
9:10 a.m. **Third General Meeting: TSO Business Meeting**
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Box Lunch (ticketed)
12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Incoming and Outgoing Chapter Presidents meet with Area Coordinators
1:15 p.m. **ASTEF Business Meeting**
2:30 p.m. Installation Rehearsal
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions
4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. **Installation of 2013-2015 State Officers**
6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. **Meet and Greet Reception**
7:00 p.m. **Banquet (Ticketed Event)**

Sunday, June 23

7:30 a.m. Steering Committees from Austin and Lubbock exchange ideas
8:30 a.m.-Evening Leadership Orientation for State Personnel





A Capital Experience tour registration form

Come tour The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Headquarters in Austin. Built in 1956 and now listed on The National Registry of Historical Places, you will view the Wall of Roses and marvel at the historical gifts on display. Learn what happens at the international headquarters and meet the dedicated staff who handles all of the business operations for our members in 18 countries.

*The deadline to submit your registration for our International Headquarters tour is Friday, May 11, 2013. There are only 96 spots available so register soon so as not to miss out!

Name _____	Email _____
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State _____	Zip _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Alpha State Texas Convention Fund** **Cost: \$10.00**

ALL THREE TOURS ARE ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2013. Please select 1st-3rd choice and we will try to accommodate. Also, please indicate if you would like to be on the same bus with anyone _____.

- _____ Trip 1 8:30 a.m. pick up from hotel for 9 a.m. tour
- _____ Trip 2 9:30 a.m. pick up from hotel for 10 a.m. tour
- _____ Trip 3 10:30 a.m. pick up from hotel for 11 a.m. tour

Note: The buses **do not** have handicap access. Special arrangements will be made for those with wheelchair needs. Please email **dsansom@aol.com** by May 11 if special transportation is needed.

MAIL RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK TO: Debbie Sansom
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Hands On
CENTRAL TEXAS

Unifying Project for Austin Convention

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As you begin to prepare for convention, don't forget to pack your items for the Unifying Project. These items will be shared with schools in the Austin Convention area by the Hands On Central Texas Project.

The supplies are divided into two target groups: early childhood education and middle school youth. The requested items are specific. See the details of the project on the personal growth and services committee page on the TSO website.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Texas State Organization Convention Austin, Texas, June 20-22, 2013

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 6th. No meals may be ordered after June 5. 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 _____

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City State Zip Chapter Area

Email address (for a receipt) _____ Daytime Phone _____

Special Needs—Check all that apply.

Diabetic Vegetarian Gluten-free Limited Mobility Hearing/Visually Impaired

Please check if you are the current president or will represent her at the Executive Board meeting:

I will represent my chapter at the Executive Board meeting on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

Please check all that apply.

2012-2014 Chapter President 1st State Convention Attendee Member 50 or 50+ Years Member less than 3 years.

National Board Certified 2012-2013 Doctoral Recipient

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

Registration Fee: (Choose one that applies.)

Cost Number Amount

2012-2014 Chapter President *or representative attending LDCP update and Executive Board* \$ 0 _____ _____

All other members —postmarked on or before May 6 \$ 50 _____ _____

Late Registration—postmarked after May 6 \$ 75 _____ _____

Guest--Badge Name _____ \$ 5 _____ _____

Leadership Speaker 1 PM, Thursday, June 20 (ticket required) \$ 0 _____ **\$ 0**

Informal Box Lunch (THU, 11-11:45 a.m. June 20) Open to all \$ 20 _____ _____

Leadership Seminar Breakfast: Year _____ (FRI, 7-8 a.m., June 21) \$ 32 _____ _____

Birthday Luncheon (FRI, NOON, June 21) \$ 35 _____ _____

Belles and a Broadway Beau Chapter Presidents' Presentation (FRI, June 21, 8 p.m.) \$ 0 _____ **\$ 0**

State Personnel Dinner—By Invitation (FRI, 5:45 p.m. ,June 21) \$ 32 _____ _____

Informal Box Lunch—Open to All (SAT, June 22) \$ 20 _____ _____

Presidents Banquet—Favor Included (SAT, June 2) \$ 43 _____ _____

Continuing Professional Education Credit (CPE) \$ 20 _____ _____

Chorus Music—Chorus Participants Only \$ 15 _____ _____

Voice Part Requested: Soprano I Soprano II Alto

Instrumentalist (Prelude/Postlude) Requested: Piano _____ Other _____

Contribution to ASTEF..... _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

_____ CHECK—Payable to Alpha State 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 22nd. 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.



RENAISSANCE HOTEL IN AUSTIN

84th TSO Convention
June 20-22, 2013

Register now at:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/aussh-renaissance-austin-hot-el/?toDate=6/24/13&groupCode=dkgdkga&fromDate=6/18/13&app=resvlink>

Points to remember in making reservations:

- When using the online link, if a banner comes up saying that the registration is sold out, enter the specific dates for which you want rooms during the convention, June 20-22. If banner indicates that our block has been reached, call Patty Long at the Renaissance Hotel and ask if there are any rooms available.
- Deadline for the special rate of \$159 plus taxes per room is May 28, 2013, as well as the deadline for TSO to meet our guaranteed block.
- Reserve only the number of rooms that you will need.
- Pre-Convention activities include Wednesday evening party.
- On site valet and complimentary self-parking is available.

If the Renaissance Hotel becomes filled, an additional hotel will be added. Watch the TSO website for new hotel information.

Renaissance Hotel
9721 Arboretum Boulevard
Austin, TX 78759
512-343-2626

Visiting the top 10 places in Austin

1. Barton Springs – Three acres in size, the pool is fed from underground springs and water temperatures remain a constant, cool 68 degrees year-round.
2. Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum – From rare artifacts to interactive displays, the TSHM creatively tells the story of Texas.
3. Texas State Capitol – With more than 1 million visitors per year, the Capitol ranks as one of Austin's most popular attractions. Completed in 1886, the Texas State Capitol is the largest in square footage of all state capitols and surpasses the national Capitol in height by 14 feet.
4. Warehouse and Sixth Street Entertainment Districts – Four blocks of Fourth and Fifth Streets comprise the Warehouse District. The buildings have been renovated from warehouses to trendy, distinctive hot spots. Sixth Street is widely known for its unique blend of dance clubs, live music venues, restaurants and bars.
5. Congress Avenue Bats – Only in Austin will you find millions of bats and thousands of humans all hanging out under the same bridge every night. Austin boasts the largest urban colony of Mexican free-tail bats in North America with a population of 1.5 million. The sunset exodus of the bats from beneath the bridge creates a nightly spectacle from March through October.
6. Highland Lakes – Austin stands as the gateway to seven Highland Lakes that stair-step 100 miles through Central Texas Hill Country, offering a variety of aquatic adventures, from sailing to water-skiing and canoeing.
7. Town Lake Hike & Bike Trail – Ten miles of trails border Lady Bird Lake in downtown Austin and serve as a social hub for runners, walkers and cyclists.
8. SoCo – One of the hippest Austin hangouts, SoCo is a colorful stretch of Congress Avenue lined with funky shops, trendy dining spots, unique accommodations, art galleries and music venues.
9. Harry Ransom Center – Home to the Gutenberg Bible and the world's first photograph, the HRC also archives 30 million literary manuscripts, 21 million rare books, 5 million photographs and more than 100,000 works of art.
10. The Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library – The life and legacy of LBJ are on exhibit at the nation's most visited presidential library.



GOLD PIECE Delta Kappa Gamma: Keeper of the Light

Mary Claire Welch, Eta Zeta

I grew up in the town of Refugio, a small historically significant town, located a bit inland. Trips to the bay or ocean held a mystique that my grandmother, a Texas history teacher, incorporated as a means to teach us about our heritage as well as our state's heritage. You see, our family settled in the Lamar Peninsula near the town of Rockport. My forebears sailed across the bays and oceans in the early days of Texas. Anyone who has knowledge of the ocean realizes that a lighthouse can serve to orient a ship or to seek out a ship that may be coming to shore. By simply shining a light as far and as clearly as possible, the beam serves to illuminate what is already in existence, the shore, and what could be out in the ocean seeking to come into the shore, a ship. The existence of the lighthouse beam inspires trust and assurance that the way is clear, safe and possible for successful passage.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International can and does serve to illuminate what is in existence, the state of education as it exists today. Our purposes serve to inspire us to seek the possibilities of what it can become. Our active members know the details of what is happening in our schools and our retired members hold experience and intelligence that can help to nurture and inspire our state's leaders to think beyond today. Our state leaders and our educational administrators need our help to encourage them to believe and trust that contribution to the policies of today will shape what is to come. What is to come can be great with illumination of a true shared belief that providing a good education for the students of Texas is a common goal of our Society and the leaders of our great state of Texas.

It is the same for our Society. We need to believe that our ships of membership, leadership, stewardship, scholarship, and fellowship can come in if we can keep the light on. The light of our chapters' vitality can illuminate a path that is today and can also help to clarify the path that can become tomorrow. I have seen chapters who are working very hard to be relevant to the educational environment through the consistent building of relationships. I have seen some who have lost hope in their ability to have an impact. The difference is their resolve to reach out to our fellow educators, those from all walks of life, and ask them to join us. It does make a difference if we are truly seeking to "Explore the Possibilities" and "Let Our Vision Light the Way". Let us be keepers of the light. Our purposes do make a difference in the world through us.

What's Cooking from TSO Archives Committee ?

Carole Lowe, archives chair
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The TSO Archives Committee will deliver a set of chapter yearbooks that are prepared for storage. A master list is always kept recording each yearbook delivered over the years at Texas Woman's University, Denton. Contact Carole Lowe, TSO Archives Chair, to check the records for your chapter.

We will also deliver the collection of Delta Kappa Gamma cookbooks that have been donated. They will be part of the Cookbook Collection in the Woman's Collection at Blagg Huey Library. This amazing collection provides research from over 15,000 titles dating from 1600's. The Delta Kappa Gamma books will be in a separate area and are a testament to how their sales were often used to promote our purposes.

A DKG bookplate has been added to each cookbook, recognizing the chapter or person making the donation. To the right the bookplate for Vicki Davis's book *Women Teachers to the Calling....* Davis compiled recipes from chapters across the state and contributed funds from book sales for scholarships.



The bookplate for Vicki Davis's book *Women Teachers to the Calling....* Cookbooks are still available for \$20 each from Davis.

Close to 20 cookbooks donated by members and chapters across the state will be delivered. We are sure more could be added, either chapter produced or individual DKG member produced. The collection is partly about numbers! Please contact Carole Lowe about additional donations.

Thank you to the following chapters who have contributed:

Gamma Omicron, Alpha Upsilon, Epsilon Delta, Gamma Beta, Gamma Zeta, Kappa Upsilon, Iota Upsilon, Beta Eta, Iota Delta, Gamma Phi, Kappa Mu, Delta Gamma, Delta Nu, Beta Iota and Zeta Epsilon

Other news:

New resources have been added to the Archives Committee page on the TSO website. These are programs by Kimberly Johnson, Director of the Woman's Collection at TWU and keeper of our Archives Records. We hope they will be useful for your chapters.



Developing Chapter Presidents

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All 2012-2014 Chapter Presidents, or their designees, are encouraged to attend an LDCP (Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents) Update on Thursday, June 20, from 2:45-3:45 p.m. at the Texas State Convention in Austin. The content for this one-hour session will be determined by responses to the Chapter Presidents Annual Report and to a brief chapter president survey. Together we will explore the possibilities for strengthening our chapters by sharing successful ideas and fielding questions. All those attending this unique "conversation" with the LDCP Committee and fellow chapter presidents will be inspired to light the way with enthusiasm and energy.

Alpha State Remembers

We mourn the passing and celebrate the lives of those cherished members of the Society whose deaths have been reported to Texas Necrology Chair Carolyn Rigsby between November 1, 2012 and February 1, 2013. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of death.

Elizabeth Breihan Cotner, Alpha (7) Austin
Mary Ruth Duncan, Zeta (8) Waco
Jacqueline Elsie Crysler, Kappa (15) El Paso
Eva Lucille Coleman, Alpha Beta (13) San Angelo
Marguerite B. Johnson, Alpha Beta (13) San Angelo
Loretta M. Caldwell, Alpha Eta (1) Richardson
Clarissa Garcia, Alpha Mu (5) Brownsville
Margie L. Giles, Alpha Upsilon (17) Sulphur Springs
Hope Eyvonne Kolodziejczyk, Alpha Phi (4) Yorktown
Lillian Jackson, Beta Eta (3) Houston
Zelphia Norine Smith, Beta Omicron (3) Houston
Ann Lee Fair, Beta Pi (5) George West
Gloria Olga Garcia, Beta Pi (5) San Diego
Ernestine V. Glossbrenner, Beta Pi (5) Alice
Marguerite Laughlin, Beta Pi (5) Premont
Clara Utley, Beta Pi (5) Benavides
June T. Hicks, Beta Upsilon (10) Carbon
Lorene Oliver, Beta Upsilon (10) Ranger
Ruth Eloise Horak, Gamma Zeta (10) Granbury
Nedra Monteze Botkin, Gamma Nu (3) Baytown
Carolyn A. Beatty, Delta Mu (3) Houston
Bernice Robertson, Delta Omicron (9) Dallas
Barbara Sue Click, Epsilon Alpha (10) Granbury
Jewel (Judy) E. Hocott, Epsilon Kappa (7) Mesquite
Gwen Carter Gage, Epsilon Pi (4) Port Lavaca
Pat Gossett, Epsilon Upsilon (5) McAllen
Martha H. Moore, Zeta Xi (14) Midland
Earlene Clay, Zeta Phi (13) Abilene
Genevieve McCaffety, Zeta Omega (3) Huntsville
Betty Irene Hook Rienstra, Eta Nu (2) Beaumont
Agnes C. Talley, Eta Sigma (8) Waco
Anna W. Vandergriff, Eta Upsilon (10) Arlington
Patricia Markey Shell, Eta Omega (4) Sugar Land
Dorothy A. Glazner, Theta Theta (10) Fort Worth
Sandra Sue Wright, Theta Mu (14) Odessa
Wendy Parrott Garney, Theta Sigma (3) Pasadena
Marilyn Kaye Gregg, Iota Omicron (16) Wichita Falls
Marylaura Merritt, Lambda Sigma (4) Sugar Land
Betty Jean Gillespie Woods, Mu Theta (2) Kirbyville
Bonnie Lois Campbell Rigby, Mu Iota (2) Dayton

Member
News



Bonne K. Stroman, Iota Chi (Weatherford-10), has been elected Toastmasters District 25 Governor for 2012-2013.

Jody Braswell, Delta Iota (Odessa-14), received a World Class Leader in Education award from the Ector County Independent School District.

Dr. I. LaVerne Raine and **Dr. Susan Szabo**, Beta Lambda (Commerce-17), had their article "Political and Cultural Influences on Perceptions of Learning in Western Ukraine" published in the Winter 2012 edition of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

Evelyn Lord, Eta Mu (Beaumont-2) was featured on the cover of the SETX Event Book. She was the honorary chair of the 1st Family Portrait Luncheon to benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

Kay Martin, Zeta Delta (Amarillo-11) was honored during a Baylor halftime as one of the Wayland Flying Queens. The recognition comes as part of the 1953-58 Queens teams being honored by the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as Trailblazers of the Game.

Evangeline George, Eta Mu (Beaumont-2), was honored as Regional Beaumont Area Retired Teachers Outstanding Local Community Volunteer.

Member News continued

Aimee Modic, Lambda Gamma (Richmond-18), was featured in the Katy Magazine as an Outstanding Educator.

Barbara Polnick, Upsilon (Conroe-2), had her abstract “Impact of Instructional Practices on Students’ Mathematics Achievement in Urban Middle Schools” included in the Winter 2013 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Mary Sue Wolfe, Phi, (Henderson-1), was re-elected to a second three-year term on the Henderson ISD School Board.

Dr. Beverly Irby, Upsilon (Huntsville-2), had her interview “Women in STEM Research: An Interview with Dr. Janice Koch and Dr. Yael Wyner” included in the Winter 2013 edition of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

Darla Kelly, Zeta Omega (Pasadena-3), was named the 2012 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High School Coaches Association for girls swimming and diving.

Carol Greaney-Wurst, Omicron (Galveston-3), was re-elected to the Galveston ISD School Board.

If you are interested in being a facilitator to introduce a presenter at the convention, please send your name and email address to cyunderwood@sbcglobal.net



Working to bring you a "Capital" Convention in Austin in 2013 is the team of Pam Atkins (co-chair), Sandra Morales (co-chair) and Elizabeth Polk (chair).

Organizing a “Capital” Convention

Elizabeth Polk is a proud mother and grandmother with degrees from North Texas State University and the University of Texas in Austin. She has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1977. Polk is passionate about children and reading, as evidenced by 50 years in education as a teacher, librarian and library supervisor. She loves learning new skills, reading, storytelling, garage and estate sale shopping, decorating with her eclectic finds and playing the piano –something she’s enjoyed since the age of three.

Sandra Morales, a fifth generation Texan from Eagle Pass, received her B.S. in Education from Southwest Texas State and married her high school sweetheart, Wenceslao Morales. Before retiring and moving to Wimberley, she taught in the elementary grades in Houston and Corpus Christi. The husband and wife team enjoy motorcycling, performing in a band at nursing homes and libraries and volunteering with the Commemorative Air Force, an organization that restores, maintains and flies World War II aircraft.

Pam Atkins is one of the few native Austinites still in the “Capital City” area. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. Her teaching career includes being an all-level physical educator in the gymnasium classroom for 28 years and overseeing the AISD Off Campus Physical Education program for middle and high school students for the past 6 years. Whenever Atkins and her husband Richard can escape from Austin, you will find them fishing at Port Aransas, their home away from home!

Meeting important deadlines

March 15



The Professional Affairs Committee is looking for more programs on Continuing Professional Education (CPE), Personal Development Interest (PDI), or on Society Business (SB) to be presented at the Austin convention during the breakout sessions. Fill out the interactive form found under the Professional Affairs Committee on the TSO website. For more information, contact Dr. Carolyn Underwood at cyunderwood@sbcglobal.net

March 15



Complete the DKG Week of Caring form, which can be found on the Personal Growth and Services Committee page located on the TSO website under committees. Send the completed form to Lynda Anderson, Personal Growth and Services Chairman at andersonlm52@sbcgloal.net

April 1



Project Award applications for 2013 are due. Applications are on the ASTEF website and should be sent in before April 1. Awards totaling \$5000 will be given to projects. Be at the ASTEF Business Meeting on Saturday, June 22, during the TSO Convention in Austin to learn about those selected. Project applications may be submitted electronically to Lee Bourg, leebourg@aol.com

April 1



Complete the “Annie” Award Application for Outstanding Program (found on the deadline and forms page of the TSO website), make three copies and mail them to Natalie Eustace, 4007 Crestgate, Midland, TX 79707. While the program is still fresh on your minds, place items on a display board. Either email or mail a photo of your board to NENotes@aol.com

April 15



Visual Arts

DKG members are invited to be part of the visual arts exhibit at the state convention in Austin. The exhibit is an opportunity for Texas members to display their best and most creative endeavors.

Art will be only on display and not for sale. If you are interested in displaying your art, please complete the information to the right and return it to Pat Villeneuve. An interactive form is also available on the convention page of the TSO website.

Name _____ Chapter _____
 Address _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Description:

 Please include a photo of the art to be displayed.

 Mail or email to:
 Pat Villeneuve
 910 N. Milam, Seguin, Texas 78155
pvilleneuve@satx.rr.com

Time and Communications Timelines Wait for No One

Karolyn Caldwell, communications chair
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The state's biennium is winding its way to a close at the state convention next June. Time is passing quickly, and the opportunities to earn convention honors as chapters and to nominate members for honors are approaching.

February Continue sending current copies of chapter newsletters to the appropriate state and area personnel. See the resources list on the communications page at the TSO website for contact information. Mail hard copies of any back issues to the state communications chairman for award credit and filing.

March Review the guidelines for the Seal of Merit, a bonus award for chapter newsletters, and follow the guidelines to be in contention for this new communications honor. Submit nominations for the Members in Print Award and the Newspaper Recognition Award. The forms are available online at the TSO website.

April Don't wait to the last minute! April 1 is the deadline for the Members in Print Award and the Newspaper Recognition Award. Mail at least five chapter newsletters to the state communications chairman and the communications committee representative in your area.

May May 1 is the deadline to have five issues of a chapter's newsletter on file towards the Five Star Newsletter Award and consideration for the Seal of Merit. Postmarks after May 1 will disqualify the publication for consideration as a Five Star Newsletter. Designation as an honors newsletter also impacts points on the PACE.

June Travel to the Alpha State Convention and attend the communications presentation during the Infomercials. Prepare for the transition. As the 2011-2013 state biennium ends, secure the necessary contact information for submitting chapter newsletters to the new 2013-2015 state personnel.

Counting minutes until the chorus sings again

Deborah Payne, music chair
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Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes measures the time between conventions and the assembling of the Texas State Chorus. The chorus was outstanding last year! I do believe I've been changed for the better, and because I knew you as your director, I've been changed for good.

I hope you will consider being a part of the 84th Convention Choir in Austin. It's simple to join! Check your voice part on the registration. Music is \$15. Singers will receive packets at the first rehearsal. Be a part of the music capital of the world!

Instrumentalists, please contact me directly if interested in performing.

Musical selections this year include "Seasons of Love" from *Rent*, "For Good" from *Wicked* and "Candle on the Water" from *Pete's Dragon*.

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Make plans to attend the Southwest Regional July 17-20 at the Hyatt Hotel and Convention Center overlooking the river in Branson, Missouri. Attendees will have plenty of time to combine fun and Society interests. Regional conferences are international meetings with no business and very few reports. They highlight smaller sections of our membership to focus on needs of the geographic area and state organizations.

Celebrating the Educational Foundation's birthday



The Educational Foundation will be 50 years old in 2014. Created in 1964 as a non-profit corporation, the Educational Foundation encourages the continuation of innovative and creative educational opportunities. The Foundation spends more than \$150,000 each year to support creative projects, seminars and professional development.

Members may add to the celebration by contributing in several ways:

- Light a candle on the celebration cake by contributing \$50.
- Become a Miracle Maker by contributing \$500 over five years.
- Honor or memorialize someone special by contributing any amount.

Those gifts of money fund projects that benefit education and children around the world.

Do you have a project that you need monetary help to support? Fifty-nine Projects received funding from the Educational Foundation in 2012. Nearly \$132,000 went to fund projects from visual and performing arts summer programs to textbooks for Zambian orphans, from teaching German to abused migrant women in Germany to teaching Finnish to migrant women in Finland, from assisting Russian teachers in Estonia to preventing bullying in schools, and from support for early-career educators to enrichment for indigenous students in Guatemala. Twenty-five new grants and 34 renewals in amounts ranging from \$300 to \$7,500 were awarded for the 2012-2013 cycle, for a total of \$131,910.00.

Any project leader may apply. (Applicants need not be members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.) Go to dkgef.org to find out more.