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## Helms will attend "Capital" Convention

Dr. Beverly Helms, international president, will speak to the 84th Texas State Organization convention in Austin during the Birthday Luncheon on Friday, July 21. The 2010 International Achievement Award winner has distinguished herself in the Society through her work with strategic planning; regional training of officers, editors and webmasters; active conference and convention participation; and presenting workshops.



Beverly Helms, 2013-2015  
International President

She is a woman who empowers others and serves as mentor to members at the chapter, state, and international levels. In her state she has been committee chair, officer, state president, parliamentarian and editor. At the international level she has been a member of three committees, a regional director, and a member of the administrative board. Charm, intelligence, humor, and excellent communication skills describe her leadership qualities.

Interact with Dr. Helms at the state convention, attend her workshop, "It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter," and listen to her tell members at the Birthday Luncheon about the importance of celebration.



Kim Bearden, co-founder,  
executive director and  
language arts teacher of  
Ron Clark Academy

## Keynote speaker shares innovations

Kim Bearden is an award-winning educator of over twenty years. Her unique combination of innovation, discipline and creativity transform average classrooms into remarkable learning centers! She will address members during the First General Meeting on Thursday, June 20.

Known for her creativity, Bearden passionately teaches curriculum in innovative and inspiring ways. Her classrooms are often transformed into a beach, Mt. Olympus, a poetry coffeehouse or a mountain retreat. Her students have experienced thunderstorms, an Italian restaurant, a hospital emergency room, a colonial village, and life on a fictitious planet without ever leaving the classroom! She has held a Fashion

Extravaganza to teach descriptive writing and has created Survivor tribal challenges and the All-Star Punctuation Bowl to teach grammar.

She often teaches concepts through songs, kinesthetic games, and unique teaching strategies that motivate even the most restless learners. Her students consistently score among the highest in the state on standardized tests. Most importantly, she has proven that the required curriculum can be taught in a way that reinforces academic rigor while making learning an adventure.

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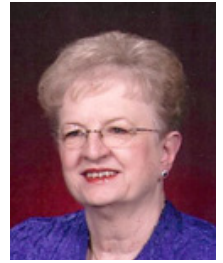
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*Everybody is a  
genius. But if you  
judge a fish by its  
ability to climb a  
tree, it will live its  
whole life believing  
that it is stupid.*

*Albert Einstein*

# Serving has been a privilege

Joanne Davis  
2011-2013  
Texas State President



It is with a feeling of nostalgia that I write this last article of my biennium for the *Lone Star News*. What a learning experience serving as your state president has been for me personally! I appreciate the many courtesies that have been shown to me as I visited chapters throughout the state. I cherish the many new friends I have made during the last two years as well as the many friends I have made during my 35 years of membership in this wonderful Society. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president.

As I leave this position I would encourage you to do the following:

Be an active member of your chapter. Invite non-members to chapter programs and let them learn all the many positive activities of the Society. Nominate new members so that your chapter continues to grow. Help new members become active by involving them in your chapter immediately.

If you have never attended a state convention, sign up to come to Austin. It is only by moving outside your own chapter that you really see the many benefits of Delta Kappa Gamma. Attending our Alpha State Convention will inspire you and give you many tools that can be used as you go back to your chapter. You will meet the International President and have opportunities to learn from her breakout session and from her remarks during the convention. You will hear outstanding speakers and have an opportunity to visit our international headquarters in downtown Austin. For me, June means "going to convention." This 84th State Convention will be my 34th straight Texas State Convention, and I have loved each one I have attended. Once members come to convention they want to come back year after year.

If your chapter has a leadership problem, help solve that problem. Step up and serve as an officer. If you have never been an officer, take your turn. If you are an officer, mentor someone in your chapter and build her confidence about accepting an office. It is through accepting responsibilities in a chapter that we grow. If you have served as an officer, consider accepting the presidency of your chapter. State officers will train you and help you. Reports have been streamlined so the time involved doing this has been shortened. Your chapter members will assist you as you build a team that will work together to make your chapter successful.

I wish each one of you future success in your chapter and personally. Join me in Austin for the 84th Texas State Organization Convention.



# Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



Upcoming opportunities abound for our members this summer. At the convention in Austin there will be separate workshops — one for experienced treasurers and one for the new treasurers. Beginning treasurers will have the opportunity to review the five basic things every treasurer must do. Experienced treasurers will be challenged with thought-provoking situations faced by all treasurers. Plan to attend one of them.

Another opportunity will be for all members who love to shop. In addition to the vendors, “Back to Annie’s Attic” will offer antiques, DKG treasures, and gift items. If your chapter is missing some of its brass, you may be able to find a replacement reasonably priced in the “attic.” If you want small gifts to take back to your chapter, this is the place to come.

May and June provide the opportunity for treasurers to submit information about any initiates. For initiates, be reminded to send the initiate card, the initiate fee of \$5 per person and a Form 18 to the Dallas office. The initiate card or form and the Form 18 can be found on the International website. In order for initiates, transfers, or reinstatements to appear on the chapter’s preprinted roll, information must be submitted to the state office by June 30.

Thanks to the treasurers who took advantage of the opportunity to have the chapter recognized in the souvenir convention program by sending in contributions to the Scholarship Fund, Leadership Fund, Projects Fund, and Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund by April 1. Contributions are welcome at any time, but recognitions will be based on the April 1, 2013, deadline.

Other opportunities to make your chapter shine will be to meet deadlines. July 15 is the deadline for Chapter Treasurer’s Report. That information is compiled and sent to International. Help TSO “look good” by getting your report in on time. And, YES, it can be sent electronically, and we will acknowledge receipt of it.

The one opportunity that must not be missed by the chapter is filing your 990-N postcard with the IRS. You may begin filing after July 1, but it must be filed by November 15.

We, your staff, want to take this opportunity to thank you for your dedication and hard work this past year. We look forward to seeing you at convention.

## At-A-Glance

### Deadlines

May 1	PACE Application due Nominations for Member in Print and Newspaper Awards International Cornet Award for Professional Development Application
May 11	Founders Day DKG
June 1	All expense reports due to State President
June 20-22	84th State Convention, Austin
June 24	LOSP, Austin
June 30	Fiscal year ends; all expenses paid

### Committees

June 19	Executive Committee; Austin
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# Finding interesting possibilities in Austin

CPE — Continuing Professional Education  
SB — Society Business

PDI — Personal Development Interests  
(r) — repeated

## Thursday, June 20, 2013

TSO Committees

Dr. Linda Eller

Dr. Geraldine Haggard

Sharon Daugherty

Marcia Kirkland

Connie Rensink and Membership Committee

Debra Mahlmann and Betty Hill

Ann Barab

Infomercial Fair

Apps, Apps and more Apps — CPE

Ideas for Teachers and Tutors Who Work with Struggling Readers — CPE

What Do You Do When the “Ayes” of Texas Are Upon You? — SB

Mentoring Works! — SB

Recruit, Retain, Re-instate: Strategies for Membership — SB (r)

Pioneer Women of Texas: Recollections, Remedies and Recipes — CPE (r)

Crafting Lives of Significance



Anne Barab is the Leadership Management Advanced Seminar Speaker. The program is open to all convention registrants.

Barab’s program teaches people how to craft resilient, robust, juicy lives of significance. Her core message helps people learn how to balance work, home and relationships; thrive in times of change; put stress in the past tense; and think like a leader.



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Dr. Karen Duke

Shirl Hawes

Carole Lowe and Judi Carvajal

Linda Schulz and Kathryn Wright

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Natalie Eustace and Program Committee

You, Too, Can Build a Website Using Weebly.com — CPE

From Austin to Antarctica: Exploring Real Possibilities — PDI

Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents Update — SB

Archives Memorabilia Make for a Memorable Chapter Celebration — SB (r)

“On the Road Again” with Road Scholars — PDI

Ideas for Teacher and Tutors Who Work with Struggling Readers — CPE

Recycling in Your Own Closet — PDI

Program Possibilities from State Program Committee

## Friday, June 21, 2013

Texas Members

Marilyn Gregory

Dr. Edna Quintana-Claus

Carol Horton and Mary Jo Lovinger

Susie Wheeler and Lou Ann Seabourn

Carolyn Mashburn and Cathy Burke

Carolyn Mashburn and Shirl Hawes

Sandi Causey and Finance Committee

Betty Vines

Shelly Redding

Visual Arts Gallery

Conversations on Proposed Bylaws and State Rules — SB (r)

Copyright Information for Educators: The Laws Have Changed — CPE (r)

Caregiver, Care for Yourself — PDI

Women STEM-ulate Career Fairs — SB (r)

There’s an App for That! — CPE

Creative Arts Retreat-Creativity and Friendship Close to Home — PDI

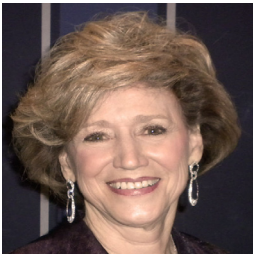
Be a Financial Flasher — SB

Be a Star Treasurer in 5 Easy Steps — SB

Are You Pinning Yet? Find Out About Pinterest — PDI

**Friday, June 21, 2013 (continued)**

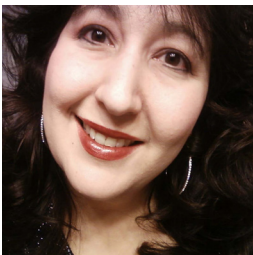
Carolyn Mashburn	Scholarship Travel: You Can Do It Too! — PDI
Dr. Jennifer S. Jones	I Am Woman, Hear Me Roar — PDI (r)
Shelly Redding	Spending More Than One Hour on Your Chapter Yearbook Each Year? Let Me Help — SB
Membership Committee	50+ year reception
Lee Bourg	Make Your Project Happen with an ASTEF Stipend — SB
Dr. Betty Duke-Ruhd	Laughter Is the Best Medicine — PDI
Dr. Beverly Helms	It Doesn't Take Barbells to Strengthen a Chapter — SB



Beverly Helms, international president, will present ideas about building membership.

Helms will also speak at the Birthday Luncheon on Friday.

Sylvia Woodard Ekdahl	Seeing the World Through Their Eyes — CPE
Dr. Karen Duke	Always Be Prepared to Explore the Possibilities Offered to Members of DKG — PDI
Jenny Harrison	Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired: How to Break the Chains That Hold You Back! — PDI
Virginia Riddle	The Four A's of Personal Safety — PDI
Dr. Karen Duke	APPS for Educators Continued — CPE
Shirl Hawes	De-Stress and De-Tangle — PDI
Kimberly Johnson	From Granny With Love: Everything You Needed to Know about Preserving Your Memories — PDI



Kimberly Johnson is the Coordinator of the Woman's Collection at Texas Woman's University.

Johnson is presenting an additional workshop.

Kimberly Johnson	Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: Why Preservation Matters — PDI
Dr. Barbara Derrick and Scholarships Committee	Stop, Look, Listen...Cash in on Scholarships — SB
Dr. Vicki T. Davis	Leadership Management Seminar: A Golden Gift Award — SB
PSPs	Signing of <i>Autobiographies of State Presidents 1991-2011</i>
Barbara Yount	Help! I Have a DEAF Student in My Class! — CPE
Dr. Mary Ann Waldon	Educator Award Review of <i>Dignity</i> and Its Application to Life and DKG — PDI

**Saturday, June 22, 2013**

Carol McKeever and Catherine Hillsten	The ABC's of Teaming — CPE
Judy Sullivan.	Speaking and Listening Skills to Improve Reading Comprehension — CPE



# Blanton marker unveiled



Historical marker honoring Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.

On the sunny, yet cold day of March 1, 2013, the 650 students of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton Elementary school in Argyle, Texas, gathered outside for the unveiling of the historical marker to recognize Dr. Annie Webb Blanton’s significant role in Texas history, especially her contributions during her 17 years in Denton and Denton County.

Dignitaries spoke, members of the Texas State Organization looked on, and Principal Karen Satterwhite involved the students in the program to instill a sense of pride in their school because of the qualities Dr. Blanton represented.

While the students might not have known much about Dr. Annie Webb Blanton before the dedication, they were very familiar with Annie.

Inside the Dr. Annie Webb Blanton Elementary School, Annie is alive and well and works with children daily. She has a room that is decorated similar to a comfortably furnished living room, and she eagerly awaits children to come and visit her. Annie displays very good manners and a calming personality as she assists children who need time to deal with their emotions.

Like many teachers, Annie has her own blog, and she has been known to participate in Storybook Character Dress-up Day. She is, however, not your typical teacher. Annie has four legs and was rescued during a storm by the building principal. She is a Welsh Corgi who enjoys hugs from children and returns the hugs with unconditional affection only a dog can give.

Besides helping children with their feelings, Annie rewards students for their positive actions by letting them walk her around the campus. She is friendly, calm, loving and very good with children. Dr Annie Webb Blanton would be proud of her namesake.



# Watch infomercials

New at the convention are Infomercials. Each 15 minute presentation by selected TSO committees will inform the audience about respective committees.



The infomercial will entice the attendees to visit the state website and learn more. Committees will also share how the committee’s work may change with the passage of the proposed *State Bylaws* and *State Rules*

The two infomercial sessions will be “broadcast” simultaneously. To learn the most, chapters will want to have representatives at each. Be there for your chapter!

# Getting CPE Credit

Those that have signed up for CPE credit, please be sure to register at the Professional Affairs (CPE) table in order to pick up your form to record the sessions attended. This form will be exchanged for the CPE certificate on Saturday.

Additionally, CPE credit will be given for the opening night session with Kim Bearden, as well as a session by Ann Barab who will speak on “Leadership in Education.” There will be a sign in table for registration of attendance.

Presenters and Facilitators: When you register, please sign in at the Professional Affairs (CPE) table so we will know you have arrived.

# Understanding proposed documents

**Action at the state convention** in Austin on the revision of the *Texas State Bylaws* and a vote on the recommended *Texas State Rules* is especially important to members. These documents along with an explanatory paper, *What's New*, may be found on the state website. To be informed and have issues clarified, members should read each proposal carefully and attend one of the two sessions for further clarification as needed. This will expedite the business session and assist members with their understanding of the proposed governing documents. Members of the Revision Committee will address each question asked.

**During the business session**, the Revision Committee will review the proposed revisions of the *Texas State Bylaws* and the proposed *Texas State Rules*. As each section of the proposed revisions is examined, members will be able to discuss and amend either document as it is presented to the assembly. When all sections have been presented, a vote will be taken on accepting each document. If accepted, the document goes into effect immediately. If a document is not accepted, the process will have to be started over. A new revision cannot be proposed for two years. If these governing documents are approved, the next step will be developing guidelines on *how to* implement the *State Rules*.

## What are Bylaws, State Rules and Guidelines?

**Bylaws** are a governing document that contain the basic rules relating to our state organization. These bylaws cannot be changed without previous notice, require a specified majority and cannot be suspended unless specified in a rule in the bylaws. Changes in the bylaws can be made every two years.

**State Rules** specify how to carry out the mandates of the bylaws. Changes in the state rules require previous notice, vote by a specified majority and can be made every year.

**Guidelines** are the “how to” of the documents. They contain guidelines for the state organization to carry out the functions in the bylaws and state rules. Changes in the guidelines can be made at any time.

## Ice Cream Social

Make plans to attend the ice cream social on Wednesday, July 19. The event will be held on the terrace and in the Trinity Room of the Renaissance Hotel. It begins at 8:00 p.m. This will not be a typical ice cream party. Yes, there will be cold confections to help with the hot Texas weather, but there are other surprises waiting. Bring your camera and your friends to enjoy a unique experience.





## BYOB to Austin

No, that does not mean what you might be thinking! It means “Bring Your Own Bag” in order to comply with Austin’s new policy on “no plastic bags” in city landfills. If you plan to shop while you’re enjoying the many opportunities that Austin provides, please bring your own totes and shopping bags to carry your purchases and help save the environment at the same time. Check out **bringitaustin.com** for complete information

about the policy.

## Shopping abounds in and around the hotel

The Renaissance and Arboretum area will provide plenty of shopping possibilities during the convention. The vendor area inside the hotel will include commercial vendors with women’s clothing, pashmina scarves, garden décor, American Girl dolls and outfits, jewelry, children’s clothing, Miche bags and much more. Chapters will entice you with such items as name badges, Jess & Jane shirts, DKG theme jewelry, tote bags, shoe bags, flip-flops and grocery totes. Even state headquarters is selling DKG treasures and gift items. If you still have money left on your credit card, you may want to venture into the shops around the Arboretum. For clothing you might find something in Chico’s, Coldwater Creek or Gap. Other clothing stores within walking distance include Talbots, Ann Taylor and TJ Maxx. If you aren’t interested in clothing, many other types of stores are within easy shopping distance.



## Unifying Project benefits youth of Austin

Remember to bring school supplies for the TSO Unifying Project to benefit schools in Austin and Manor through the Hands On Central Texas program.

- Bilingual board books
- Safety scissors
- #2 pencils and/or map pencils
- School glue
- White board markers
- Washable markers
- Construction paper
- Kid friendly or classical music CDs
- Pens
- Timer/stop watch

Supplies will be accepted in the Renaissance Hotel lobby.

Texas State Organization  
presents

# **Belles and a Broadway Beau**

with David Gaschen and the presidents of TSO

Friday, June 21, 2013 8:00 p.m.



# Reserving a room for the convention



Additional rooms are now available for June 20-22 at Hyatt Place Austin/ Arboretum. It is about one mile from the Renaissance Hotel where all activities for the convention will be held.

Hyatt Place has a shuttle that will provide transportation to the Renaissance and back when needed. The Renaissance has free parking.

Reservations can be made from the **convention website** or by calling the hotel at 877.242.3654. The group code is G-TDKG, and the room rate for double rooms is \$149. Deadline for group rate is May 29, 2013.

# Training members for the future of Texas State

Dr. Gloria Crum, Leadership Seminar chair  
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DKG ladies representing areas all over Texas, came together the first weekend in February. They traveled by plane and car to the Hyatt Regency North Dallas to attend the 2013 Texas State Organization Leadership Seminar.

The topics and trainings included Graceful Introductions, Power of Recognitions, Communication, Strengths Based Leadership, Followers Four Basic Needs, Power of Teams, Preserve Our Heritage, Delegation, Go-To-Guide, Women Leaders & Mentors, Fit for Leadership, Technology Spotlight and "Fun" activities.

The Leadership Seminar Class of 2013 decided on the name Lucky 13. They felt lucky that State President Joanne Davis and International President Dr. Beverly Helms were both presenters and that they were the 2013 class. In addition, every member of the Leadership Seminar Committee participated in the training sessions. Look for these "Lucky 13 Ladies" at our state convention in Austin and say hello. Ask them to tell you about their experience and how you too can apply to attend the Leadership Seminar in 2015!



2013 Texas State Organization Leadership Seminar

A picture with names of participants is available on the Leadership Seminar Committee page of the state website.



## Exploration of possibilities...

Dr. Karen M. Duke, Alpha

Samuel Taylor Coleridge said it best: “The ice was here, the ice was there, the ice was all around: It cracked and growled and roared and howled like noises in a swound!”

Those lines from *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* popped into my mind as the pilot of our rubber zodiac shut its small engine off and we sat in the middle of floating chunks of ice - one to two feet deep - rubbing and “growling” against each other and sliding and “howling” along side our little boat. We occasionally heard larger chunks of icebergs “crack” as they “calved” off into the water nearby. And when an iceberg bobbed up from the bottom of the bay in front of our larger ship, the sound was of a “roaring” jet.

My personal expedition to the Antarctic Peninsula this past February was a trip so full of sensory experiences and so exciting that I would go again in a heartbeat!

I was lucky that on “my expedition to Antarctica”, the weather — although extremely cold — was favorable so that in five days we were able to roll into our small zodiacs (that’s the only way to describe getting in and out of the zodiacs) twice a day for usually a two hour plus stay on the continent or on outer islands.

There is no accurate way to describe the first-time feeling of rolling out of the zodiac and wading a step or two in the frigid water and then stepping up and onto the Antarctic Continent. It was an emotional experience both because I was standing on the continent at the bottom of the world and because, at my age and time in life, I could not believe I was actually there!

I heard and saw numerous birds native to the bottom of the world, some quite large, but the penguins were the most fun of all, and they made little or no sound. They would just waddle up to within three feet of you and look you over. I was the one who chuckled aloud at their antics on land and in the water. And, I will never forget the smell of bird guano, prevalent on the shoreline wherever we landed. Occasionally, I saw late summer vegetation in the form of moss or lichen on rocks exposed through the ice and snow. Our trip was one of the last before the fall season began.

It was awesome seeing seals and whales up close and personal as a visitor in their environment. And, it was awesome seeing the brilliant aqua colored streaks in ice thinned by summer’s end.

So what does all this have to do with The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International? Not much, except that if I were not in the Society, I would not have met my good friend, Dr. Sigrún Klara Hannesdóttir from Iceland. She and I accidentally ended up on the last official travel and study tour of the international Society. When we discovered that we both wanted to go to Antarctica, we set a goal to do so. This year we met our goal! For Sigrún and me, it was indeed a year in which we explored one of the possibilities life offers.

# Be part of the Texas State Organization choir

Deborah Payne, music chair  
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ALL DKG voices are welcome to be part of the Texas State Choir! Convention music is selected and on order. As you register, your name will be forwarded to me according to your voice part.

JWPepper and Brilee Music companies have several of the songs available online. Listen to "The Silence and the Song" (SSA) by Mark Patterson; "Gloria Fanfare" (SSA) by Laura Farnell; "Seasons of Love" (SA) and "For Good" (SSA) both arranged by Mac Huff.



Your music packets will be ready for you at the first rehearsal that Thursday morning, 9:00-11:00. Bring a black binder and pencil. To those of you who may have some scheduling conflicts, I understand. Come to as many rehearsals as you can. I promise you will feel comfortable singing alongside other DKG members!

## Order corsages to honor someone in your chapter

If you would like to honor your Chapter President or another special friend at the 2013 TSO "Capital Convention," now is the time to order a beautiful pinned corsage or wristlet. Deadline to order is Friday, May 31, 2013. Corsages will be ready for pick-up on the Atrium Lobby level (by the Staircase) of the Renaissance Hotel on Friday, June 21, from 3:00-4:00 p.m.. OR Saturday, June 22, 2013, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Please mark preference of corsage/wristlet and date of pickup below:

Red Rose corsages will include 2 premium red roses, filler greenery and red ribbon.

White Rose corsages will include 2 premium white roses, filler greenery and white ribbon. Please indicate the number of corsages you wish to order.

Red roses pinned corsage - \$11.00     Red roses wristlet corsage - \$13.00

White roses pinned corsage - \$11.00     White roses wristlet corsage - \$13.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Contact cell number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Check: Make Check to HEB     Credit Card: Visa    MC    AM    Discover;

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Picking up corsage(s) on  Friday, June 21 or  Saturday, June 22

Name of person making pickup \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email, Snail Mail or Call in this order form and payment to Julie Knox

Escarpment Village HEB: Attention Florist Julie Knox

5800 West Slaughter Lane, Austin, Texas 78749 (512) 301-9770

Orders must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2013. All corsage orders MUST BE PREORDERED.



# 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 February 1, 2013, and April 1, 2013. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of death.*

Marie Anne Osborne, Alpha (7) Austin  
Betty J. Reese, Tau (8) Mexia  
Virginia Elizabeth Duff, Alpha Alpha (9) Ferris  
Ruth Victoria Cornett Fierros, Alpha Nu (5) Webb  
Gracie S. Knudson, Beta Beta (8) Hamilton  
Dr. Verla Mae Long, Beta Theta (7) Coldspring  
Juanita Mae Rabel, Beta Theta (7) La Grange  
Sally Darling Smith, Beta Theta (7) Muldoon  
Lela M. Foreman, Beta Psi (17) Telephone  
Peggy Nell Williams, Gamma Alpha (8) Gatesville  
Carlene E. Deithloff, Delta Lambda (4) Pawaukee, WI  
Betty Ann Janert, Epsilon Beta (6) San Antonio  
Nancy Marie Rawlins, Zeta Alpha (4) Bay City  
Geneva Holbert, Zeta Zeta (11) Amarillo  
Elizabeth Bigham, Eta Iota (8) Harker Heights  
Lillie Belle Marley, Eta Omicron (8) Bend  
Elaine Newton, Theta Theta (10) North Richland Hills  
Marilyn Ann Miller, Kappa Alpha (18) Houston  
Deanna Ruth Tiller, Kappa Beta (6) San Antonio  
Ann G. Huddleston, Lambda Pi (10) Granbury  
Juanita Brownlee, Lambda Lambda (18) The Woodlands

**Jessie Palmer and Hessie Cleveland**, Mu Theta (Jasper-2), were recognized and honored as two of the eight Pillars of the Community in Jasper during Black History Month.

**Dr. Elaine Wilmore**, Alpha Gamma (Cleburne-10), has been named to the George H.W. Bush Leadership Hall of Fame, and the second edition of her best seller, *Passing the Principal TExES Exam: Keys to Certification and School Leadership*, was recently released by Corwin Press.

**Liz Connell**, Mu Theta (Jasper-2), established a scholarship at the University of Montevallo in Montevallo, Alabama. The scholarship is in the Department of Early Childhood Education, entitled The Elizabeth Green Connell Scholarship.

**Muriel Johnson**, Zeta Theta (Sherman-9), published an article called "Norse Traditions-Something Special Her Mother Made" in a book called *Telling Our Stories-Family Food Tales and Recipes Vol. 12*.

**Dr. Charlotte Travis**, Kappa Beta (San Antonio-6), was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame. She was recognized for 44 years in education as an advocate, educator and policy maker.

**Dr. Fannie Johnson-Albert**, Delta Rho (Richardson-9), earned her doctorate in Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction in Higher Education from Texas A&M-Commerce.

Member  
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**Evelyn Lord**, Eta Mu (Beaumont-2), was honored with a Black Tie Dinner by the Board of Directors of Communities in Schools of Southeast Texas. Lord is a former mayor of Beaumont.

**Dr. Jacqueline Dansby**, Lambda Beta (San Antonio-6), was recently elected president of SA 100, a group of women leaders dedicated to making a positive impact upon San Antonio.

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**Member News** continued

**Barbara Elliot**, Alpha Sigma (Lubbock-12), was named Region 17 Assistant Principal of the year by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA.)

**Rene Lamb**, Lambda Sigma (Richmond-4), received the 2013 Ft. Bend County Historical Commission Heritage Award.

**Barbara Effenberger**, Theta Kappa (Seguin-4), has been elected to the Seguin ISD School Board.

**Dr. Lucile Estell**, Beta Nu (Rockdale-8), was presented the Historic Preservation Medal by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**Dr. Melinda Barnett**, Eta (Beaumont-2), earned her doctorate in Educational Leadership from Lamar University.

**Mary Tindall**, Theta Nu (Whitehouse-1), had her poetry published on the Texas Poetry Calendar for 2013 and in the January 2013 National Mah Jongg League Newsletter.

# Week of caring completed

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DKG Week of Caring reports have been coming in. The personal growth and services committee would like to thank everyone who has sent in a report.

We have enjoyed

learning about all the projects and hearing about the community responses.

Teachers from Gainesville to Dallas to Tyler enjoyed special treats during the week in the teachers lounge. Clothes closet ministries from Bullard to Lexington had members sorting and helping organize clothes. Several food banks also benefited from donations.

Some chapters chose to learn more about the Schools for Africa project and the World Fellowship program on the international level. They took up money and sent notes to the ladies around the world.

Chapters also clipped coupons and sent goodies to troops overseas. Fire fighters enjoyed helping hands with local projects. Many assisted living and nursing homes were visited.

Gamma Zeta filled backpacks for the Stephenville ISD Backpack Buddies program providing food for 77 children to take home to their family. Not only did they touch the community, but they also gained a new member when one of the ladies in the community voiced an interest in joining a group that would do such a wonderful thing.

If you have not sent your chapter information, please continue to let us hear from you. We would like to compile a list of projects so that other chapters can get new ideas of ways to reach out to others. Please email me a note telling how your chapter participated.



**Keep email updated**

Help collect email addresses for all our Texas membership. Many are missing or outdated. If you are a chapter president or treasurer, submit updated email addresses of your chapter membership directly to the membership department at Society headquarters. Lists may be emailed to [nitas@dkg.org](mailto:nitas@dkg.org).

# Finding Texas Treasures in Austin

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Look for the treasures hidden in the raffles at the convention in Austin. You might discover that you are the winner of an e-reader, gift cards, night in a B&B or even cash! Many surprises await as ASTEF encourages treasure hunting to add to the Projects fund for Special Project stipends. This is a great way to help chapters fulfill their goals and needs. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Cash, checks or credit cards gladly accepted.



## Convention inspires and energizes member

Cheryl Konz, Gamma Zeta

Last summer I attended my very first convention as a brand new president. It inspired me to explore the many possibilities and to work closely with the exceptional members of my chapter. As a result, the past year has re-energized me about our purposes and our value to the Society

What is so inspiring to make it worth the cost and effort to attend?

First, try walking among hundreds of exceptional women educators and NOT be in awe of their presence. I remember feeling both energized and humbled as I mingled among the confident faces and realized that we were all part of a bigger picture.

Second, I took time to visit the dozens of Annie Award displays and found my imagination going new places with ideas for programs and activities. The creativity and scope of examples were amazing.

Next, each of the small group sessions presented ideas, answered questions and opened my eyes to a fresh view.

Little things like having conversations while shopping, eating, and waiting for elevators build networks and add to the genuine spiritual fellowship that is unique to our organization. Bigger things like festive banquet rooms bubbling with fellow women educators, top notch presenters, music, pageantry and the presence of our founders moved me to tears of pride and purpose.

Yes, the dollars add up, but the chapters who wish to be strengthened recognize that they receive a great return on their investment by sending their president and other members to the state convention.

*"First, try walking among hundreds of exceptional women educators and NOT be in awe of their presence."*



# Membership matters around TSO

Connie Rensink, membership chair  
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Anticipation for convention is building and the membership committee is planning workshops and activities to help you build your chapter! Look for our workshop on the 3 R's of Membership: Recruiting, Retaining, Reinstating. It will be offered twice so that everyone has a chance to attend. For more personal attention, bring your questions to our Q&A table. Our committee members are eager to help with your specific concerns.

The Give Me 5 project has been such a tremendous success that we want to give everyone a chance to participate. All you have to do is get your members to share the five words that describe what DKG means to them. If your chapter hasn't participated, think about taking time for this at your May meeting. Video your members saying their name and chapter. Then have them hold up cards with each of the five words and tell about them. Please send your videos to Connie Rensink by June 1st.

We are looking forward to presenting Rosebud and Tudor awards to those chapters who have maintained their membership or grown this year. There will be a special recognition for the chapters who have increased by the largest number and increased by the largest percent. It's not too late to earn this recognition. Send your new initiate information to Headquarters today.

## Honoring 50+ Members

On Friday, June 21st there will be a reception just prior to the Birthday Luncheon for ladies who have been Delta Kappa Gamma members for fifty years or more. Convention First Timers are invited to this gathering to share the experiences of these distinguished ladies. The 50+ members will be introduced and honored at the Birthday Luncheon with a red rose. Please be sure to check 50+ on the convention registration form so that we may recognize your contributions to our Society.



## Spreading sunshine with Annies

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Congratulations, Texas DKG Chapters! You spread sunshine, excelling and rising to new heights by fulfilling additional requirements on the Annie Application. Not only have you met your deadline for your Annie Award Applications, but also you have completed your Annie Display Board and included a photo in your application.

The State Program Committee will use your Annie Display Boards to present a session at convention which will help all Texas DKG Chapters with programs. Please plan now to send at least one of your chapter members to this program. The Program Committee plans an hour filled with fun and excitement as together we explore program possibilities.

# Share your opinions with DKG International

Two surveys are posted on The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International website. These surveys are anonymous and seek to get member input on regional conferences and elections. They are short and should not take much time to complete.

The Study for Regional Conferences is interested in member thoughts about regional

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conferences and the reasons why members might not choose to attend the conferences.

The survey to study the election process seeks input to determine whether the Society will hold general elections or proportional elections for elected Administrative Board members and members of international elected committees in 2016. A general election allows every member to vote (one-member-one vote) and a proportional election is the current practice (one vote per 5 active and reserve members cast by the state

organization president). Members are encouraged to respond to these questions to guide the work of the Ad Hoc DKG Election Process Committee.

## Invitation to enjoy the music in Branson, Missouri

Heidi Chadwick, SW Regional Director  
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Just a **NOTE** to invite you to the exciting SW Regional Conference in Branson, Missouri, July 17-20.

So pile in your car or make a flight reservation. (Southwest Airlines now flies into Branson.) **Andante!** means “moving along” or “walking”, which you won’t want to do. Don’t move **adagio** which means “slowly” because you want to register NOW for your room, tours and Society functions using forms on the DKG Website or information in your March/April DKG News.

Don’t miss a **BEAT** of this world-class musical city with more shows than New York City, international award winning theme parks, lake and mountain recreation, and bountiful shopping.

Fabulous motivating speakers, workshops, creative Society Info Fair, and a chance to enjoy Latin American and Japanese DKG members are only some of the unforgettable experiences that await you. The conference will be **brillante** which means “brilliantly” prepared and planned by the Missouri TEAM with chairman Faye Peters and SW Regional Director Heidi Chadwick.