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TSO unites to help women and children

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Each year a Unifying Project brings members together in a single goal during the annual Texas State Organization convention. The activity is fun for members and provides some welcome and necessary assistance to the recipients. When members meet in Lubbock in

June, 2014, they will partner with the Genie Farley Harriman Center for Women and Children to meet the many needs of the women and children at the West Texas location.

Girlstown, U.S.A. became an affiliate of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in 1987. To specifically meet the needs of single mothers and their children, the Genie Farley Harriman Center for Women and Children was built on the Girlstown USA campus. This facility is located 45 miles west of Lubbock, and it provides hope and a future for mothers and children who find themselves working hard to meet the everyday necessities of life – from housing and utilities to job skills and family time together.

Cal Farley's legacy of devotion to youth continues through the guidance of his daughter, Genie Farley Harriman, at the GFH Center for Women and Children. The members of Texas State Organization of DKG will help to make their goals for the women and children come true. A list of things to bring to the convention will be made available in the spring Lone Star News.

Expand your vision for DKG and Texas in Lubbock 2014

Get ready for the 85th TSO Convention to be held in Lubbock at the Lubbock Civic Center, June 19-21, 2014. Members will find events to educate, inspire and encourage them and time to relax with leisure activities in Lubbock.

Members can explore four campuses of higher education: Texas Tech University, Wayland Baptist University-Lubbock Campus, Lubbock Christian University, and South Plains College; they can eat, shop and enjoy live music in the Depot Entertainment District; they can tour a museum, visit a winery or relish the vitality of agriculture. All of this and more is available to those making the journey to Lubbock to "Paint the Town Red and Gold."

Paint the town

Red
and
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Lubbock 2014

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President learns about Texas

Nancy Newton
2013-2015
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Four months into the 2013-15 biennium, and I have definitely been busy for TSO and you. You may wonder what does a DKG state president do during the year between conventions.

In addition to speaking engagements in Priddy, San Angelo, Houston, Dallas, San Angelo and committee meetings in Branson, Clifton, Dallas, Lubbock and Houston, I've spent a good portion of this time reading newsletters from chapters across the state and answering hundreds of emails. Through this process I have discovered all over again the excitement of a new school year, the enthusiasm of chapter members, the passion for interesting projects and the commitment of faithful individuals.

Our newsletter editors are doing a great job of keeping their chapter members informed, motivated and encouraged. They combine chapter, state and international news with colorful art and photos. Members like seeing their names and pictures in the newsletter; they are motivated to read more. The editors know this and try to incorporate many members in each issue. Often editors include jokes, trivia or cartoons as well as recipes.

The names for some of our newsletters bring a smile as one reads them. Within our state we have **Eta**-torials, **Pipelines**, **Musings**, Theta **Philes**, Grape **Phines**, and Zeta **Rhose**. There is the Mu **Tauker** and A Slice of **Pi** as well.

What else have I learned? We are an exceptional group. We have a member who is beginning her 51st year in the classroom! Another member is publishing her 4th children's book. Members have new jobs, new degrees, new homes and new babies. We are talented, creative, accident prone, yet resilient. One member dealt with the death of her father and mother-in-law, the trauma of her mother's snake bite, the pressure of beginning school and the responsibility of being a chapter president. Among all this chaos, she managed to produce an excellent newsletter. Another member realized she'd received \$11,500 in TSO scholarships through the years working on advanced degrees.

As we move into the holiday season of the year, I am thankful for this opportunity to serve you and grateful for the privilege to travel across Texas meeting new friends and representing you as the TSO president. May your holidays be joyful as you take the time to reflect and be thankful for all that you have. DKG should be in a list of privileges for which you are thankful. It's certainly in mine.

Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



Have you taken a minute to send your 2013-14 dues to your chapter treasurer? Dues and fees from chapters are arriving daily. Those “early bird” treasurers whose dues were in our mail box by October 31 include Gamma, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Iota, Alpha Nu, Alpha Omicron, Beta Phi, Beta Sigma, Beta Upsilon, Delta Xi, Delta Psi, Epsilon Lambda, Epsilon Xi, Zeta Alpha, Eta Eta, Theta Zeta, Theta Lambda, Theta Nu, Theta Omicron, Theta Upsilon, Iota Gamma, Iota Upsilon, Kappa Zeta, Kappa Iota, Lambda Eta, Mu Alpha, and Mu Beta.

Have you contacted former members encouraging them to reinstate? Letting them know that you care about them often encourages them to return to your chapter. There is no reinstatement charge and forms are found on the International website.

Have you invited an outstanding teacher that you know to join DKG? Treasurers are aware that the initiation fee is \$10. The chapter keeps \$5 and sends \$5 to state to be shared with international. Completing the Initiate Form is also important because it provides the information for State and International to send communications such as the newsletters and bulletins. This form is also on the International website.

Have you heard of the IRS Form 990-N? If you are a treasurer, either you or someone from your chapter MUST file this form before November 15. Consequences for not filing are severe. Multiple reminders have been sent, so file if you have not done so, and send a copy of your receipt to the state office.



Have you moved? Relocating to a new city or state is not a reason to give up your DKG membership. You should consider it as an opportunity to make new friends and an avenue to quickly get acquainted in your new location. Finding a new chapter can be as easy as making one phone call or sending one email. The headquarters staff eagerly awaits the opportunity to help you. One may also choose to go to the International website and complete a “Transfer Form”. A chapter in your new location will welcome you to its group.

At-A-Glance Deadlines

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| Dec 1 | Golden Gift LMS applications |
| Jan 1 | -International Educational Foundation Project Application due -TSO Mini Grant Applications |
| Feb 1 | Chapter President's Annual Report to HQ Chapter biennial reports to State Chairmen counterparts -Finance -Scholarship Programs -Service Projects -Global Awareness -Membership International -Cornet Award for Individual Professional Development Application -Scholarship Application State Achievement and Golden Rose nominations LSN deadline |
| March 1 | State Annual reports to International -President -Necrology Biennial Reports to international counterpart -Finance -Membership -Educational Excellence -Scholarship -Global Awareness -Programs & -Service Projects -Personal & Professional Enrichment Convention Reports -Kit Letter -CPE Convention Proposals -State Committee Convention Reports Budget Adjustment requests to Finance Chairman |
| March 15 | Names of 2014-16 Chapter officers Convention Breakout proposal form |

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Chapter rules need updating periodically

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Our state Bylaws require every chapter to submit their chapter rules for review biennially. Are yours aligned with the new *Bylaws and State Rules* and with the *International Constitution and Standing Rules*? Major changes were made when international documents were revised in 2010 and state documents in 2013.

Can't locate your chapter rules? Write new ones. Don't know how to start? There are downloads to help you on the Bylaws and Rules committee page of the state website. Please look at them before you begin; they will make your job easier. The Bylaws & Rules Committee member from your area will help, too.



Keep in mind:

- Nothing written in chapter rules can conflict with the *International Constitution and Standing Rules* or other governing documents.
- Rules should contain enough information to be a guide for new officers or committee chairs so they know what their job entails.
- They should designate who is responsible for requirements like submitting annual or biennial reports, submitting chapter rules or keeping the membership record.
- Nowhere in the *International Constitution and Standing Rules* or any other governing document does it say that membership in a chapter may be restricted to educators in a certain school district or who live in a certain county or town. That is outdated, and it should not be in the chapter rules.



What does the constitution say?

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Did you know that there are only eight mandates required by the International Constitution for an organized chapter? In a world where everything seems to get more complicated, these eight mandates seem very simple.

1. Members are elected to membership based on particular qualifications (III.B.1). Members are granted reserve status for only two reasons (III.B.2).
2. Members complete financial responsibilities – pay dues and fees on time (IV).
3. Chapters must have at least four regular meetings per year (IX.A.3).
4. Chapters must have an executive board, with defined duties (VII.C).
5. Chapters adhere to the Purposes and Mission Statement. They are responsible for Society work and may create committees to complete that work (VIII.A.2).
6. Chapters must have rules that are consistent with the Constitution and its state organization bylaws (VI.D.3).
7. Chapters must elect and appoint particular officers who must be members. Chapter officers are elected in even-numbered years (VI.D.3).
8. Chapters submit annual and biennial reports (VIII.A.2).

Knowing there are only eight basic requirements necessary for an official chapter should strengthen every chapter and encourage busy members to want to be involved.

What we leave behind

Linda Somervill, Lambda Pi

It was TSO state convention---presentation of chapter presidents. Where were we... Beaumont? Amarillo? It was 2006, in the days when the duly elected chapter leaders were each separately honored on stage at an event solely for them.

We were lined up in Greek alphabetical order, grouped by areas. Minders and herders with checklists shepherded us into the dim light of back stage, and we waited for our area's presentation time. Excited, dressed in our finery and each carrying wands topped by gold glitter stars, we waited in the dark behind the black curtains." Each individual will walk through the curtain to the spotlight. Stand on the X on the floor for three seconds...no more...as your name and chapter are announced. Then turn and exit stage left." We nodded in nervous understanding of these clear instructions, our moist palms gripping the wands.

Suddenly it was our time, our turn in the light, as one by one we entered the stage. How fast it happened, quickly as a dream. The woman in front of me stepped through the curtain, brushing her wand against the velvet drapes as she made her entrance.

And then I saw it. The golden glitter sifting from the wands left a sparkling carpet of magic fairy dust on the stage curtains and on the black floor, each separate particle reflected in the bright spot light. My friend's every advancing step released more glittering bits falling to the floor as she moved.

One...two...three counts in the spot. Then turning left, my predecessor exited the stage and was gone. Gone...but a golden trail of glitter dust gleaming in the stage lights marked where she had been, the path she and others had taken.

Then it was my turn to enter the stage. The spotlight was glaring, blinding. I could see nothing but the bright baby spotlight that encased me in a cone of brilliance. Oh... my three seconds must be over, I must leave. But my eyes were too dilated; I couldn't see the exit.

Then I looked down at the dark stage floor. And all I had to do then was follow the golden trails left by those who came before me.

We are in the light for so short a time, but what we leave behind can shine on long after we are gone.

Whether we lead by inspiration, by heroic efforts of dedication and organization, by mentoring and encouraging others, or by the respect gained from demonstrating our deep knowledge of the Society and our profession, we lead, each in our own singular way. The rich legacy of leadership, and training for it, awaits every member.

Unparalleled opportunities await members

This is the season that chapter nominating committees throughout the state will be meeting to choose their slate of officers for the next biennium. As a chapter member you are encouraged to consider all the possibilities opened to you when you are given the opportunity to accept a position of leadership in your chapter. Your chapter sees and trusts your ability to lead.

You can be assured that as a chapter leader you are never alone. There are always others who will assist you and stand by you. Past chapter officers and all state leaders are eager to help you accomplish your goals. Don't hesitate to ask for help. "Yes" is a key you hold to unparalleled opportunity.

Who has what it takes to be a winner?

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The Achievement Award Committee will begin to examine TSO membership to determine who is eligible for the Texas State Achievement or Golden Rose Award. The committee is looking for those members who over the years have been involved at all levels of the organization and who have made significant contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Visit the state website and look under committees for the link to Achievement. Qualifications and the nomination outline are posted for both awards. Chapter achievement committees or executive boards should begin to think about making a recommendation and should follow the outline carefully when submitting a nomination. A photo is needed for both award submissions as well as a letter of endorsement by the chapter executive board. February 1 is the deadline for submitting nominations. Nominations for these two awards are kept secret until the announcement is made at the convention.

*Spectacular achievement
is always preceded by
unspectacular preparation.*
Robert H. Schuller

Mail your nominations to Pat Osborne, State Achievement Award Chair,
103 Redbud Crossing #419, Houston, TX 77077.



Teach in China; experience the culture; see the country

An amazing experience awaits teachers who want to travel to China, experience the Chinese culture and teach conversational English to Chinese English teachers. The program is sponsored by the Jiangsu Department of Education, Jiangsu, China and is not affiliated with any religious or political group.

The program is called We Teach China and is directed by Gloria Juedemann, a DKG member from Missouri. Lesson plans, training, orientation to China and general assistance is provided by Juedemann throughout the program.

Teachers teach Chinese teachers five days a week and receive free private lodging, meals, and tours in Nanjing and the city where they teach. In addition, teachers receive a stipend of approximately \$800.



Great Wall of China Photo by Jakub Hatun

Those chosen for the program must pay for their own airfare round trip to Shanghai, have a passport, obtain a Chinese visa and pay a \$290.00 processing fee.

Complete information about the We Teach China program is available on
weteachinchina.com



Passion: igniting force of leadership

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Have you ever heard the term “leadership enrollment?” Instead of “forcing, cajoling, or pressuring” someone in your chapter to assume a leadership role now or in the future, recall that every DKG member is already a leader and then leadership enrollment becomes the happy responsibility of us all to generate a spark of possibility for each other. How does this work?

In their book, *The Art of Possibility*, Roz and Ben Zander remind us that in the Middle Ages, when lighting a fire from scratch was an arduous process, people often carried about a metal box containing a cinder, kept alight throughout the day. This meant that a person could light a fire with ease wherever she went, because she always carried the spark.

Every one of us who believes in the power of DKG and in the potential of each member carries the spark and as the Zanders remind us, “Passion, not fear is the igniting force.” So, how do we use the spark we carry?

- Imagine that *each* member whether experienced, new, retired or working is an invitation for leadership enrollment.
- Be ready to participate as mentor, as encourager, as co-creator to inspire involvement of each member. Some women volunteer and some don't; ask for the involvement you seek. Start with little things and build to larger ones. There is no failure; every task is appreciated and every member is praised.
- Offer what you are authentically passionate about. If you are program chair, ask a member to help with a particular program such as introduce the speaker or make confirmation emails; do whatever helps you and involves them. After the event, make sure they know how much their enthusiastic involvement was helpful and appreciated.
- Members want to feel a part of the work we do in DKG; if the work is authentic, members are eager to catch the spark.

Be the spark in your chapter to enroll every member in leadership opportunities. As noted in another article in this LSN by the nominations committee, “Yes” is the key to unparalleled opportunity.

Vendor sign-up for Lubbock

If your chapter would like to have a booth at the convention in Lubbock, please email **Challa Goedeke** at **cjgoedeke@aol.com** and put "vendor info" in the subject line for all correspondence. Information will be emailed to your chapter representative.



Mini arts workshop: relax, share, create

TSO will host a mini-creative arts workshop at the convention this summer in Lubbock to determine interest in developing an annual weekend retreat for the arts. During the mini-workshop, excellent teachers will demonstrate their expertise in an encouraging environment with individual support. No artistic experience is necessary when friends gather at the workshop to relax, share and create vibrant works of art.

Similar to the Illinois DKG Creative Arts Retreat held annually for over 30 years, Texas members can choose from a variety of creative pursuits such as crafts, art techniques, sculpture, photography, knitting and card-making. Make and take session choices include ½ hour, 1 hour, or 1½ hour offerings with all the materials and step-by-step instructions provided for each project. Contact Carolyn Mashburn carolynmashburn@kingwoodcable.net for more information, to suggest a creative arts activity or to volunteer.

Presenters needed for Lubbock in 2014

The Personal & Professional Enrichment Committee is seeking members to offer breakout sessions during the 85th Texas State Organization convention in Lubbock, Texas, June, 2014. Anyone interested in presenting a program should complete the presenter form below or the interactive one on the state website. Any questions should be directed to Cindy Neander, Personal and Professional Enrichment chair at neanderc@verizon.net.

Breakout Proposal
85th Texas State Convention
Lubbock, Texas June 19 - 21, 2014

Postmark Deadline: March 15, 2014

Select the type of Breakout Session: Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Personal Development Interests (PDI) Society Business (SB)

Presenter: _____ Credentials: _____

Chapter President: Yes No Chapter: _____ Area: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Title of Breakout Session: _____

Brief Description:

Co-Presenter: Yes Chapter President: Yes Chapter: _____ Area: _____ Credentials: _____

****PRESENTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THEIR OWN AV EQUIPMENT****

Return to:
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(Interactive form is available on the TSO website)



Annie Calling a successful initiative

It's time to celebrate! Thanks to members' personal touch, *Annie Calling*, TSO's reinstatement initiative, is a wonderful success. Preliminary results indicate that 83 ladies happily agreed to reinstate. At the next meeting, celebrate their return with a warm welcome, a rousing cheer, a boa and a tiara!



In addition, 184 ladies are thinking about rejoining. Keep these "maybe" ladies close to your heart: invite them to each meeting, send them the chapter newsletter, and stay in touch. Soon they will be ready to say "yes" to DKG as well.

During the calls, many chapters discovered members who moved to new locations. These chapters are now helping with transfers. A past state president of Missouri contacted one of these ladies to personally invite her to a chapter meeting. She even offered to drive!

While chatting with neighbors at church, school, and even the grocery store, chapters are discovering more former members who are ready to come back to DKG. After a conversation at church, one former member who resigned to raise her three children is now an empty nester and eager to return to her friends in DKG! Keep those personal connections coming! *Annie is calling you!*

Connect with members worldwide

Dr. Barbara Baethe, global awareness chair
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Are you interested in having an epal from one of our member countries? Now is your opportunity. The Texas Global Awareness Committee is facilitating our members connecting with International Sisters in

member countries. If you are interested, click on the following link to register:
<http://goo.gl/7dxYVP>



Strange boxes full of information

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To use a QR reader, open the QR app on the phone or other mobile device, point the camera at the QR code. When the code is in focus, the software will automatically scan the code and recognize the address. Next, a prompt will show what was scanned. Click on one of the options on the QR reader to view the information.



GOLD PIECE Giving teachers tools for literacy

Dr. Nancy J. Allen, Alpha Chi

From time to time, I think I know a little about teaching. I am always quickly humbled, but never so much as this summer in the mountain villages in the war-torn little country of Sierra Leone in West Africa. We had come to the village of Sanga Bendugu to see their women's literacy program - a brave new effort for a country where historically, women were not educated - and to evaluate the educational needs of the village children. They had declared a holiday because of our visit, and all the men and women of the village crowded into the small, cement block classroom to hear what we had to say. The women sang and danced as a gift to us - they had nothing else to give, they explained. The children eagerly poked their little heads in the doors and windows — easy in this open-air classroom that has neither electricity nor plumbing.

The project that took us there is a partnership among the US Agriculture Department (USDA), the Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and the International Reading Association (IRA). USDA provides two meals a day to children attending school, porridge for breakfast and lentils and rice for lunch; CRS administers the food distribution and project management, and IRA's responsibility is to provide training for the teachers in the 192 schools in the project. Most teachers are volunteers and teach for food.

My job is to train the master trainers who then train teachers in the school in a cascade model. The focus is modern teaching methods with a special emphasis on literacy. Teaching in Sierra Leone is still very teacher-centered: a "stand and deliver" model of education. We are there to explain that effective teaching must be interactive, with students participating and constructing knowledge rather than just receiving it, and that teachers must constantly monitor student levels and adjust instruction accordingly. We began with how people learn to read and write which progressed to strategies for interactivity and vocabulary building. The teachers were also led through assessment, planning lessons and mentoring others. When we return in January, we will focus on strategies for beginning readers, group work, and how to develop materials. Our last visit, in May of 2014, will focus on how to ensure that the cascade to other teachers is accomplished effectively.

These plans sound reasonable or at least they certainly did when we were writing them, but how do we engage students in reading when there are no books? How do you teach them to write creatively when they have no paper, pencils or tablets? How do you do group work when 80-100 ESL first graders are crowded into a 20-by-30 foot classroom? As my colleague from New York and I worked with our eager teacher-trainers in the open-air hall in the pouring rain (no electricity or plumbing there either), we struggled to balance the vision of the project with reality and relevance. Of one thing, however, we were certain. These eager children, hungry and ragged, crowding into a bare classroom, and the dedicated people who teach them deserve our best efforts and all the help we can give.

President appoints international liaisons

Keeping up-to-date with what is current in Delta Kappa Gamma is important to all members. President Nancy Newton has appointed three members as liaisons to international connections. The three have been charged with disseminating information to our members concerning their specific areas of appointment.



Patti Belknap, Arlington, Theta Alpha, Area 9, will serve Texas as the liaison to the United Nations. She served on the steering committee which planned the fall Dallas-CTAUN Seminar. As liaison to the UN, Belknap will be receiving and sharing information concerning the activities of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as it works with the UN.



Evelyn Wilson, Fort Worth, Iota Pi, Area 10, accepted the position of liaison to the International Education Foundation. Wilson's assignment will be to share International educational grant and scholarship information with state members. The Educational Foundation provides members and non-members grants for furthering educational study.



Ruthie Estes, Houston, Delta Mu, Area 3, has been appointed as TSO's Liaison to the U. S. Forum. The U. S. Forum is designed to share legislative concerns that involve primarily women and children in the United States.

Chapter success comes with innovative ideas

Shirl Hawes, TSO second vice-president
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Providing information about web marketplaces for educators, such as or **teachersnotebook.com** could yield a program, a project and a fundraiser for your chapter. Web marketplaces



allow teachers the opportunity to open their own online stores in which they create and sell original products for use in the classroom. In addition, teachers who are searching for fresh lesson ideas can shop by grade level, content, or format. Many products are offered as a free download. Most products cost less than \$5.00.

Once chapters are familiar with the marketplace concept via a chapter program, members could decide to open a chapter store to provide free resources for early career educators, as well as create products to sell for chapter fundraising. Members could donate their time to create a variety of resources for the chapter store. Each time a newly-created product is downloaded by a teacher, your chapter would impact education worldwide!



**CREATE. COLLABORATE.
BUY. SELL. SHARE.**

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Get ready for  **lubbock** in 2014!

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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 Risa McCann between August 31, 2013, and November 1, 2013. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of death.

Edith Rivers Henderson, Delta Gamma (1), Crandall
Louise Hall, Lambda Sigma (4), Franklin
Lee Means, Mu Zeta (5), Harlingen
Lucille Bennett, Theta Beta (6), Victoria
LaDonna Kay Ogden, Lambda Beta (6), San Antonio
Linda Cavender, Gamma Omega (7), Somerville
Margaret Williams Dotson, Alpha Chi (7), Bryan
Marcia Neaberger Garrett, Theta Rho (7), Austin
Mamie Lou Ayers, Zeta (8), Waco
Mary Chancellor, Epsilon (9), Dallas
Camilla D. Rubin, Eta Zeta (9), Dallas
Linda Scurlock, Epsilon (9), Dallas
Molly P. Trail, Delta Omicron (9), Dallas
Fern Coalson Hudson, Iota Chi (10), Weatherford
Jean Webb, Iota Pi (10), Ft. Worth
Suzanne Anglin, Zeta Omicron (12), Lubbock
Rebecca Ann Brown, Gamma Tau (12), Maryneal
Janie Lou Greenlee, Beta Epsilon (12), Colorado City
Joyce Brigham Hill, Omega (13), Brownwood
Essie Haisler, Epsilon Eta (14), Houston
Juanita Lowrance, Epsilon Gamma (17), Hawkins
Martha Alice Jenkins, Theta Lambda (18), Houston



Jan Tekell, Eta Mu (Beaumont-2), was named Region 5 Teacher of the Year.

Lucille Harris, Kappa Mu (Longview -17), was selected by Spring Hill ISD Education Foundation as a Distinguished Faculty and Alumni Award recipient.

Natalie Jones, Gamma Omega (Bellville-7), was named District 6 TEPSAN of the Year for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

Bonne Stroman, Iota Chi (Weatherford-10), received the Distinguished District Award at the International Toastmasters International Convention In Cincinnati.

Melissa Allen, Zeta Omega (Pearland-3), received her Doctor of Education in Professional Leadership from the University of Houston.

Anna Pat Alpter, Tau (Mexia-8), received her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas A&M University - College Station.

Dr. Kathleen Ramsey and **Dr. Barbara Baethe**, Epsilon Omega (Richmond-4) had their article "The Keys to Future STEM Careers: Basic Skills, Critical Thinking, and Ethics" published in the Fall 2013 edition of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Jennifer Collier, Kappa Mu (Longview-17), was featured in the Longview News Journal for her volunteer work with the Junior League of Longview and her work as chair of this year's JLL School Supply Train.

Stephanie Medina, Delta Psi (Corpus Christi-5), will have her manuscript, "Life Science Literacy of an Undergraduate Population," published in the January 2014 issue of The American Biology Teacher.

Norma Nelson, Alpha Mu (Brownsville-5), received a Cornet Professional Development Award to attend the Texas Computer Education Association Convention.

Chris Brunner, Delta Omicron (Allen-9), principal of Highland Park ISD's Bradfield Elementary School, was one of four area principals invited to share his or her vision for leadership in the Dallas Morning News article "Principal to Principal." continued

Member News continued

Charlenta Govan, Eta Zeta, (Dallas-9), received a Doctorate of Education in Supervision, Curriculum, and Instruction from Texas A&M University - Commerce.

Dr. Charlotte Travis, Kappa Beta (San Antonio-6), was inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame in the category of Education. She was also presented with a Distinguished Service award at MeadowLand Charter School. Hereafter, this award will be called the Charlotte Travis, PhD Distinguished Service Award.

Betty McKinney, Beta Eta (Houston-3), received The Doctor Kate Bell Award from the Greater Houston Area Retired Teachers' Organization.

Dr. Yvonne Manuel, Eta Zeta, (Dallas-9), was elected President of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Regional Association of School Psychologists.

Mary Wines, Zeta Sigma (Wichita Falls-16), was named the recipient of the International Dyslexia Association's Robert G. and Eleanor T. Hall Memorial Fund Scholarship, which is granted by the Educators Publishing Service.

Texans receive international nominations

Nominated for: **Member-at-Large (2014-2018)**



Dr. Barbara Baethe

Dr. Barbara Baethe, Texas, is the nominee for 2014-2018 member-at-large. Her involvement in education includes work as a teacher, counselor and administrator. Currently, she is an adjunct professor and education consultant and has received numerous awards for her teaching. She has served as first and second vice president, area coordinator and chair of four committees in Texas and received the Texas state organization's Achievement Award. At the international level, she served on several international committees and was southwest regional director. She says, "I believe in our mission and have tremendous respect for all members."

Nominated for: **Board of Trustees, Educational Foundation (2014-2020)**



Dr. Karen Duke

Dr. Karen M. Duke, Texas, is the nominee for Board of Trustees, DKG Educational Foundation. She is active in her chapter and at the state organization level, having served as first vice president and on various committees. She received the Texas state organization's Achievement Award in 1985. At the international level, she served for two terms on the International Ad Hoc Technology Committee. Professionally, Duke is adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Education at Concordia University and has taught a variety of subjects in various educational environments. She says, "Everything good in my educational career is connected to my DKG network and experiences."

Lubbock Steering Committee

Bottom row: **Carol Horton, Cheryl Hindman, Nancy Newton, Betty Vines**

Middle row: **Virginia Bowers, Judy Evans, Cathy McCollum**

Top row: **Nancy Doss, Shalan Inmon, Debbi Ball**

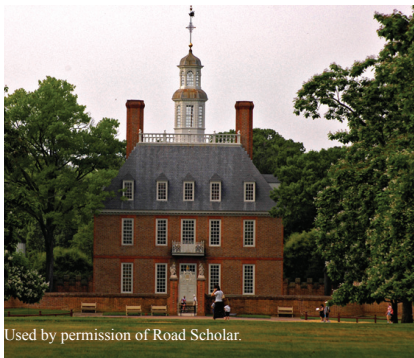


ASTE F offers spring trip to colonial sites

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Educators know that nothing is more rewarding than cultivating a lifelong love of learning unless it is sharing the experience with close friends. Join ASTEF May 18-26, 2014, as members explore Colonial and Revolutionary Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown on Road Scholar tour # 2011.

The trip will be led by a dozen historians and other experts. Members will delve into U.S. history to learn about the development of plantation society, slavery, and the role of religion and events leading to the siege of Yorktown. They will even get to enjoy a unique tavern dining experience.



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Governor's Palace at Colonial Williamsburg.

Planning for any trip with Road Scholar is easy. Once members arrive at the designated spot, everything is arranged. All lodging, meals, tours, entrance fees, guides, and guest speakers are included. So are all the hands-on activities. For the Williamsburg trip, members will receive five nights of accommodations at the Clarion in the historic district.

The cost is \$849. The dates are May 18-26, 2014. The trip is limited to 45 participants.

Sign up on the Road Scholar web site: www.roadscholar.org or better yet, call 800.328.7286, the special number set up just for ASTEF and DKG. Invite your family and friends. Travel with Road Scholar is always an amazing experience and this trip will be one to remember forever with your DKG friends.



Time to apply for ASTEF project stipends

Chapters use projects to give back to their communities. An ASTEF stipend might be the answer to increasing the scope or impact of a chapter project.

Project stipends are available for a creative project that would impact the students in a chapter's area. Money is also available to help expand those ideas that chapter members have for supporting beginning teachers.

Funding for creative projects that support educational excellence will once again be available from ASTEF. The application and guidelines for applying can be found on the ASTEF page on the TSO website. Chapters, individuals or areas are encouraged to apply for a stipend before the April 1 deadline.

Recipients of ASTEF project stipends will be announced during the June 2014 convention in Lubbock. Eight chapters received stipends during the convention in June, 2013.

Start the application process now! Don't miss the April 1 deadline!



ASTEFL Board meets in Houston

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ASTEFL Board of Directors met in Houston, September 23-24, for their fall meeting.

Chloe Byers Hotze, consultant from a Houston firm, Dini Partners, conducted the introductory session on "Board Roles, Responsibilities and Best Practices." She emphasized the benefits of ASTEF getting to know well their donor prospects. ASTEF board members will organize a donor network and will plan follow-up communications with potential donors. Since ASTEF donations are tax deductible, it is expected that donations will increase as more people learn about ASTEF.

President Evelyn Barron conducted training for the board members which included a review of the ASTEF governing documents and a history of the organization of ASTEF. The four major teams within ASTEF programs, events, marketing, advancement and finance, met to begin plans for the coming year. Committee members shared and discussed many exciting ideas later in the meeting. TSO members have much to look forward to as stipends to chapters, scholarships, and leadership seminar training opportunities are growing each year. Members should begin now to access the ASTEF webpage on the TSO website for more information about member benefits.

TSO President Nancy Newton revealed plans for the upcoming convention in Lubbock. ASTEF will be very visible at the convention awarding project stipends and conducting the gift basket raffle and auction. Members are encouraged to plan now to purchase tickets for a basket of choice or place a bid on an auction item.

F³ ASTEF announces February Foundation Focus Month

February will be Foundation Focus Month for Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEFL). TSO chapters are encouraged to set some time aside in February to learn about this nonprofit organization and to recognize the power of the foundation in Impacting Education by Impacting Educators.

ASTEFL fundraising supports three major funds: scholarship, leadership and projects.

The ASTEF Board of Directors is filling a treasure chest with program ideas to help chapters celebrate the purposes of ASTEF. These ideas will be posted online and include short jingles, icebreakers, deadline reminders, quizzes, puzzles, and laser speeches. Look for these on the TSO/ASTEFL website and try this jingle created by Jean Robinson at your next chapter meeting:



Tune: Are you Sleeping?

Are you grumpy, feeling frumpy
Put some style, in your smile
Make a big donation to ASTEF Foundation
You'll feel good, like you should.



INTERNATIONAL

Election process to be considered at Indianapolis convention in 2014

Members voting at the 2014 International Convention will consider proposed amendments that determine whether to continue with our current process of delegate voting or to institute a general election that allows every member to vote in the election of Administrative Board and elected committee members.

All members in attendance at the convention vote on proposed amendments to the Constitution and the International Standing Rules. Officers and elected committee members are currently elected by state organization presidents who have one vote for every five active and reserve members. The state organization president may cast all her states' votes for a particular nominee or she may split her vote if there is more than one nominee.

If the convention votes to allow every member to vote, all members will be able to vote for the members of the Administrative Board. All members would vote for president, the vice presidents, the member-at-large, and Finance Committee members while only members within a region will vote for their regional director and regional representatives to the Nominations Committee. Only Latin American and Canadian members would vote for their own area representative. Members would vote electronically or by requested paper ballot.

The Ad Hoc Elections Process Committee (EPC), approved by the 2012 Executive Board and appointed by President Dr. Beverly Helms, has researched costs, consulted the Finance Committee, studied the nominations process, communicated with members, and solicited member input via Survey Monkey and at regional conferences.

Various vending companies have submitted estimated costs of an electronic election ranging between \$15,000 and \$25,000 per election. The 2012-2014 Finance Committee is aware of the possibility of an every member voting election process. If the change is approved, the 2014-2016 Finance Committee will have the task of budgeting for the new voting process.

The ad hoc committee submitted to the Constitution Committee proposed amendments that would make a general election possible. The convention has the final authority whether to approve or disapprove proposed amendments. The decision rests with the vote of the 2014 convention.

Go to www.dkg.org to find more information about a general election and the full results of surveys taken in 2013 on the Ad Hoc DKG Election Process Committee page.



International Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana