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Symposium opens Houston convention

The Texas State Organization Global Awareness Committee encourages members to arrive early to the Texas State Convention on Thursday, June 22, 2017, to attend the first ever TSO Global Awareness Symposium from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Three hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) will be available for symposium attendance. Enrollment for CPE credit can be found on the convention registration form.



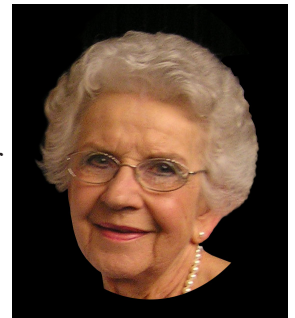
Cathy Daugherty, keynote speaker, will open the symposium by presenting the involvement of Delta Kappa Gamma with the United Nations and an overview of the UN Global Goals. Next, a “Local to Global” panel will discuss the topics of education, poverty, trafficking, and refugees and Texas agency efforts concerning these issues. Subsequent breakout sessions will share how these organizations work toward far-reaching solutions and offer ways to get involved. A hands-on service project will give members the opportunity to work together to support a Houston non-profit organization. Marika Heimbach, an International Speakers Fund guest, will be the closing speaker. She will speak on “Friendship Across Borders.”

DKG Purpose 7: Inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

TSO remembers past president Dorothy Stallings King

Dorothy Stallings King grew up in the small town of West, Texas. Her mother was a teacher, and she always knew she would be a teacher. She just didn't know the subject. Immediately upon graduation from Baylor University she began her teaching career at West High School. After the first year of teaching business classes, she moved to the Waco Public Schools and started her 40 year career as an elementary teacher.

In 1951 Dorothy Stallings was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma as a member of Zeta Chapter and became TSO President in 1987. She always felt Zeta gave her a treasure chest whose contents were not immediately recognized nor claimed but became more precious with each passing year. In it, she found inspiration to stretch herself professionally; enthusiasm for teaching inspired by fellow members; opportunities to mix and mingle with outstanding and well-recognized educators; opportunities to grow personally; opportunities to become acquainted with and to establish friendships with women educators having similar ideals.



Dorothy Stallings King

In 2008 after a fulfilling life in education and Delta Kappa Gamma, Dorothy renewed a friendship with Carl King. This friendship began in 1941 at West High School and continued until 1948 when their lives went in different directions. From 2008 until 2010 they saw each other frequently, wrote notes to each other and talked daily. On June 10, 2010, they exchanged vows at First Baptist Church in Waco, completing a journey that had begun so many years before. In November 2011, Carl was diagnosed with lymphoma of the central nervous system, a very aggressive type of cancer. He died in January 2012, ending the happy relationship which had begun so many years before.

Dorothy Stallings King passed away in Waco on Saturday, April 08, 2017.

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The Heart of the Society is its Members



Marilyn Gregory
Texas State President
2015-2017



The Heart of the Society is its Members. This is very true.

Traveling all over the state of Texas — to attend committee meetings, executive meetings, area meetings and chapter meetings — has been rewarding. The work of committee members and chapter members is all accomplished by volunteers. Teamwork has helped everyone achieve more.

It has been a fantastic two years as TSO State President. Wow, has the time passed quickly! Implementing the State Mentoring Groups has helped chapters with concerns and successes. Each area group included a member of the executive committee, the membership representative in that area and the area coordinator. The state membership chair and second vice-president also helped mentor chapters.

State business will continue to be done professionally by new staff at Texas State Headquarters. Dr. Betty Duke-Ruhd is the Executive Secretary, Leesa Cole is the Treasurer, Deborah Thomas is the Executive Assistant and Cheryl Crawford is the Administrative Clerk. Together they do the work of the Texas State Organization.

The headquarters building is now equipped with new carpet and furniture to accommodate the change in staffing.

Speaking at many chapter meetings was a real thrill. Each chapter is very different. Chapters have wonderful programs and projects which actively involve their members. Knowing the interests and educational needs of members when planning programs and involving them in the process helps keep members engaged.

Preparation is being made for a fantastic state convention in Houston this summer. Sessions on health issues abound. Topics include meditation, the brain, relaxing, aging, weight loss, breast cancer, dance and exercise. Members are encouraged to gather ideas and information for their own chapter programs that promote healthy lifestyles. Several members will tell personal stories of their Healthy Heartfelt Moments at the general sessions.

Come to convention to learn how to be healthier, become more educated, celebrate our accomplishments, reflect on our past two years and experience the TSO teamwork. It has been a privilege to serve as Texas State President. Remember, members are the heart of the Society; let's keep that heart strong.

Hints and Tips from Headquarters



We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the treasurers who sent in their chapter donations to the Scholarship Fund, Leadership Fund, Projects Fund and Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund by April 1. Although program recognition is based on the April 1 deadline, contributions are welcome throughout the year.

This summer will be full of exciting events as well as important deadlines.

At the Houston convention we will be providing an informative breakout session on Friday for veteran treasurers, new treasurers and finance chairs. We will be reviewing the 5 basic treasurer/finance responsibilities that can make “Stars” of our treasurers. Our Finance Committee will also offer suggestions for chapter finance chairs as they work closely with chapter treasurers to keep chapter budgets balanced, oversee fundraising and secure an annual review of the financial records. We hope each treasurer, or her representative, will attend this session. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Headquarters Committee will again have a table for “Annie’s Attic” in Houston. Items for sale often include ceremonial scarves, *Our Heritage I & II*, *Alpha State Texas Presidents* books, brass and other DKG paraphernalia that make good additions to a chapter’s ceremonial collection as well as small gifts for chapter members.

Mark your calendars:

- June 15 International deadline for submitting this year’s initiates/reinstatements to get them on your 2017 Form 18. Please submit the initiate information immediately after initiation so that they may be given a membership number, receive publications and have access to **www.dkg.org** through MyDKG.
- June 22-24 Houston Convention: Plan to attend the Treasurer/ Finance Session on Friday.
- July 4-7 Southwest Regional Conference: Honolulu, Hawaii
- July 15 Deadline for submitting Form 15 (Chapter Treasurer’s Annual Report)
- November 15 Deadline for filing 990N with IRS (We suggest you do this when you submit Form 15.) You must not miss this deadline!
- November 10 Deadline for submitting dues and fees (Form18 and Form18A)

Your TSO Headquarters staff thanks you for your dedication and your hard work on behalf of your chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma this past year. We want you to know that we are here to help you shine as “Star” treasurers.

At-A-Glance Deadlines

- May 1 Cornet Award applications
PACE application
5-Star newsletter award
All reports for convention program
- June 1 State Communications
Biennial Report
Personnel
Expense Reports
- June 15 Reports to ASTEF for awarded projects
- June 22-24 TSO Convention Houston
- July 4-7 SWR, Hawaii
- July 21-23 LOSP, Frisco

Committee Meetings

- April 21-23 ASTEF Board
- June 21 Exec Committee
ASTEF Board

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TSO Chorus can preview convention music

Chorus participants can preview five of the nine chorus songs at www.jwpepper.com using a top right-hand corner search window on the home page:

- Type in title of song
- Search for arrangement
- Click arrow button to listen
- Click icon of music for sample



<i>Green Eggs and Ham</i>	2-part Stephen Flaherty	Andy Beck Arranger	(Birthday)
<i>Seasons of Love</i>	2-part Jonathan Larson	Mac Huff Arranger	(Birthday)
<i>Rockin' Robin</i>	2-part Jimmie Thomas	Andy Beck Arranger	(Birthday)
<i>Shine Your Light</i>	2-part Janet Gardner		(Necrology)
<i>Beach Boys Blast</i>	2-part Brian Wilson and Mike Lowe	John Higgins Arranger	(Banquet)

A sixth song, *Traveling Mercies*, by Pamela Chappell (Banquet) can be found on the www.youtube.com Patricia Little version.

Not online: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, God of Our Fathers*, (Necrology) and *Aim High* (Banquet)

Reminders: Participants are to bring 3-ring black notebook, pencil and highlighter.

Attire: Necrology: All black
 Birthday: Solid bright color
 Banquet: Individual choice

World Fellowship helps women worldwide

World Fellowship is a scholarship program for non-DKG members living outside the United States and Canada. The World Fellowship Program was initiated in 1946 at the National Convention in San Francisco. It wasn't until 1958 that the program began to look like it does today. In 1972, the World Fellowship Committee became a DKG standing committee.

Applicants apply through the Institute of International Education (IIE) when they plan to study in the United States. If the applicant plans to study at one of the approved Canadian universities, they apply to the DKG World Fellowship Committee in the province in which the approved university is located.

World Fellowship has come a long way. In 1960, the Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship Committee awarded \$2,500 and in 2016-2017 the Committee awarded \$91,200. Since then, 941 women from 122 countries have received 3.9 million dollars from DKG World Fellowship.



The 2016-2017 recipients are amazing women. They are from 25 different countries and twelve are PhD candidates while the other eighteen are working on their masters degree. Their fields of study vary widely, from Women's Studies to Biomedical Engineering.

The World Fellowship Committee continues to work to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.

Convention program will have personal ads

This year the convention program will have advertisements. These are for individuals, groups and chapters to say thank you, honor or memorialize a member, or celebrate special occasions.

A 1/4 page ad is \$150. A 1/2 page ad is \$300 and a full page ad is \$500. If this sounds too expensive for a chapter, members should get creative. Chapters may do a combined ad or individual members pay a portion. That will make a thank you to a president, area coordinator, state officer, 50 year member or whoever is chosen, affordable. The form to request an ad is on the convention website and was also sent to all chapter presidents. A limited number are available, and the deadline is May 1, 2017.



Members asked to share their artistic talents

The Visual Arts Exhibit in Houston is a wonderful opportunity for Texas members to showcase their many talents. The popularity of STAR has shown that members enjoy different mediums and styles of crafts. Whether a member quilts, does needlework, sculpts or takes gorgeous photographs, each may inspire others to follow their dreams of expressing the beauty they see in this world. Members are encouraged to share their talent with other members at the 2017 TSO Convention. The application form is on the Convention Website.

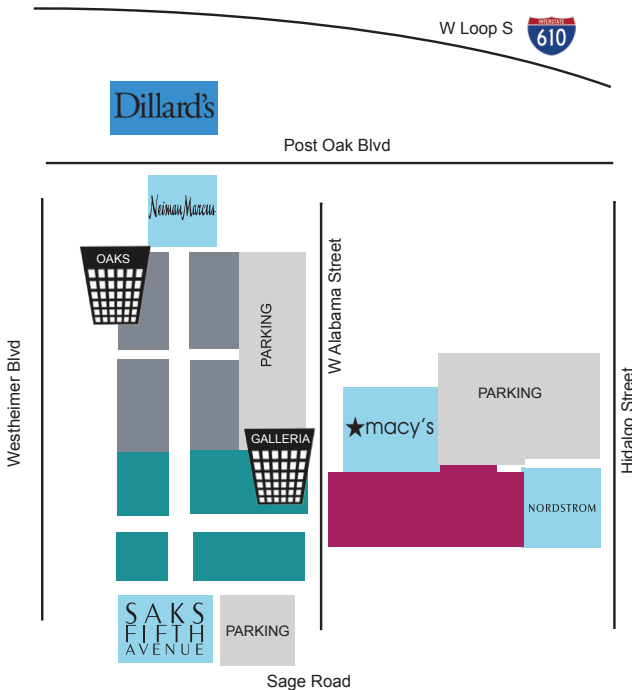


Houston Convention bursting at seams

The response to the 2017 TSO Convention has been outstanding. Rooms are filled at the Westin Galleria hotel and more rooms have been added at a second hotel. The Westin Oaks hotel is also connected to the Galleria. It is a short 3 minute walk from the Westin

Oaks to the Westin Galleria. Because of the large numbers of members attending, the Global Awareness Symposium on Thursday afternoon and some of the breakout sessions on Friday and Saturday will be held at the Westin Oaks. Both hotels will be used for the convention.

There will be maps, greeters and “human” arrows to help everyone get to and from her sessions and events. There are places to sit between the hotels and a motorized scooter may be rented if needed. The convention committee will make moving between hotels as easy as possible. Members having questions should check the convention website. Information, directions and FAQs will be posted.



Explore learning opportunities in Houston

CPE — Continuing Professional Education

PDI — Personal Development Interests

SB — Society Business

Thursday, June 22, 2017

Kelly Broadus

You're a First-Timer...Now What?! (SB) (repeated 2 times)

Connie Rensink & Global Awareness Committee

Global Awareness Symposium (CPE - 3 hours)

Cathy Daugherty

The United Nations and UN Goals



Cathy Daugherty, keynote speaker, currently serves the Society as chair of the 2016-2018 International Constitution Committee, member of the 2016-2018 Constitutional Interpretation Committee, a DKG/NGO (ECOSOC) representative to the United Nations, Virginia State Parliamentarian and her chapter's website designer/webmaster. She received the International Achievement Award in 2016. Daugherty was point-person for the Schools for Africa project from its official adoption at the 2010 International Convention through July 2014, authoring all issues of the SFA Newsette.

Marika Katharina Heimbach

Friendship Across Borders (CPE)



Marika Heimbach is an International Speakers Fund (ISF) speaker from Germany. She has twice been state president of Germany and is a founding member of the Delta chapter in Germany. She retired after 40 years in the classroom teaching different grades and subjects. During her tenure she coordinated the German American Partnership Program between KGS Rastede and Plattsburgh High School in upstate New York. She will also present a breakout session on the Peace Educations Program. Her presentation is part of the Global Awareness Symposium.

Deb Acevedo-Tamminga

Convention Choir Participation (CPE - 2 hours)

Friday, June 23, 2017

Betty Cartmell, Ph.D

Marvelous Meditation (PDI)

Melissa Castillo

Cultural Connections (PDI)

Cindy Drumm & Scholarship Committee

Show me the money! (SB)

Kay Loehr

Organizing with Google Calendar (CPE)

Dr. Pamela Ponnors & Technology Committee

Creating Virtual Field Trips (CPE)

Dr. Sara Ranzau & Eunice McCoy

Revitalizing a Dying Chapter (SB)

Dr. Lisa Rogers

Games for DKG (SB)

Dr. Rosa Maria Vida & Beverly Boiling

Uplift Your Chapter Meeting Through Exercise (SB)

Katherine Anderson & Delia O'Steen

The language of effective leaders: empowering women to lead (PDI)

Debbi Ball

Sweet Dreams are Made of CHOCOLATE! (PDI)

Virginia Bowers & ASTEF Programs Committee

ASTEF Gives Money (SB)

Dr. Karen Duke

Learning Through Discussion (CPE)

ASTEF

Diva Doins'



Ashley Dunn, stylist
Stillo Heel demonstration
Designer handbags with cash
Games & activities for the Diva within each member

Paid Event. Registration is required.

Shirley Moan

STAAR Math Strategies Sharing Session for Grades 3 - 5 (CPE)

Jessica Torres Provencio & Rachel Torres

Google It: Inside look at Google Docs & Google Slide (CPE)

Penny Walker

Children and YA Books Into Movies (CPE)

Jane Garner

The Delta Kappa Gamma Song Revealed (SB)

Friday, June 23, 2017 (continued)

Dr. Lorena Zertuche & Dr. Ann Lalime

Leading PBIS & Technology with Staff, Students, Parents and Communities (CPE)

Marika Katharina Heimbach

Closlieu - Malort - A Place to Paint: Refugee Integration Project, Delta Chapter, Rastede/Oldenburg, Germany (CPE)

Leesa Cole, Cheryl Crawford & Finance Committee

Be a \$tar Treas\$urer (SB) (2 hour session)

Michelle Grandinetti

HOT TOPICS: Engaging younger members and retaining busy members! (SB) (repeated Saturday)

Tim Lee

85th Legislative Session Review (One session ONLY) (PDI)



Known around the country as a passionate speaker and energetic leader, Tim Lee, Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) Executive Director, began his career as an advocate for public education retirees in 1996 and took his position with TRTA in 2004. A strong advocate for protecting the defined benefit pension plan and other post-employment benefits, Lee will clarify your pension and your health plan for you.

Dr. Carmel Dyer

Aging is natural; Healthy Aging Takes Purposeful Thinking (PDI)

Kitty Hutchcroft

Further Adventures With Google Apps for Education (CPE)

Chris Morrison & Programs & Service Projects Committee

Programs: The Heartbeat of Chapter Meetings (SB)

Michelle Pittman

Bible Journaling & Why It's Okay to Write in Your Book (PDI)

Connie Rensink

Discussion Strategies for the Classroom (CPE)

Jeanette Rhyan

Life is Simple -- Just Dance (PDI)

Joy Schwartz

Layering Life: 3D Printing Adventures in the Classroom (CPE)

Phyllis Walker

Cultural Conversations (CPE)

Dr. Louise Hayes

Brain Growth and Repair at Any Age (CPE)

Norma Jost

Let's Discuss the Skinny of Weight Loss! (PDI)

Kay Loehr

The Magic of Google Forms (CPE)

Barbara Polnick & Andrea Foster

Gaming the Society: Using Games to Learn About DKG (SB)

Dr. Sara Ranzau

Using Drama Pedagogy in the ELA Classroom (CPE)

Kathy Sutton

H-E-L-P Helping Every Living Person (PDI)

Allison Venuto

Organizing Your Finances (PDI)

Dr. Barbara Derrick & ASTEF Board

Easy Ways to Earn Funds for Scholarships, Leaderships & Projects (SB)

Kathy Martinez Prather

Bullying and Cyberbullying (CPE)



Kathy Martinez Prather is the director of Texas School Safety Center, a department of Texas State University. The Center offers a variety of subject matter expertise, research and support across a broad array of school safety and health-related fields designed to ensure the health, safety and security of all Texas communities and schools.

Saturday, June 24

Dr. Barbara Derrick, Carolyn Mashburn & ASTEF Directors

On the Road Again with ASTEF Travelers (SB)

Sharon Daugherty

How to Prevent Chapter Cardiac Arrest (SB)

Dr. Betty Duke-Ruhd

Put the FUN in DKG (PDI; SB)

Blanca Galindo

Integrating Social Emotional Learning (SEL) into Your Classroom (CPE)

**Saturday, June 24
(continued)**

Roni Jo Frazier

Maria Gonzales

Carolyn Mashburn & Pat Osborne

Diane Moose

Jim Parsons

Charlotte Rigsby Conner

Current (2015-2017) and new (2017-2019) TSO
Committee Chairs

Patti Belknap & Chairs of all Educational
Excellence Committees

Kim Birkelbach

Sharon Daugherty

Blanca Galindo

Mary Griffin & Cindy Bishop

Ashley Ivy

Diane Moose

Judy Reinhart, Robyn Rucker & Risa McCann

**Special Education Transition and the effect on your local community
(CPE)**

Effective Literacy Practices for All Learners PK-12th (CPE)

STAR: What's the Constellation Without You! (PDI)

Beyond Facebook: iPad Leisure Time Activities (PDI)

**Annie Webb Blanton and Mamie Sue Bastian: The Houston Connection
(SB)**

Create a School Newsletter with Ease (CPE)

Meeting and exchanging information (SB)

EEC - Planning With HEART (SB)

Communication and Your Chapter (SB)

Are You Ready to Be Committed? To A Committee, That Is! (SB)

Relax and Focus (CPE)

Googlize Your Chapter (SB)

Using Google Chrome to Navigate the Internet (CPE)

You Too Can Create a Website Using Weebly.com (CPE)

Leadership Management Seminar - Why You Should Attend!

Becky Sadowski



The Myth of One Size Fits All (SB)

Have you ever ordered clothing online that claims one size fits all only to find out it doesn't fit you? Consider that same claim for your chapter. There really is no one model that fits all members. Together let's try on different ideas that might revitalize and energize your chapter!

International 2nd Vice-President; International Representative to Houston Convention

Deborah Thomas & Archives Committee

Archives - Wow! What Do I Need to Do to Get Organized? (SB)

Marika Katharina Heimbach

**Working for Peace at a Cooperative Comprehensive School in Germany
(CPE)**

Current (2015-2017) and new (2017-2019) TSO
Area Coordinators

Meeting and exchanging information (SB)

Dr. Elena Ivanova & Sue Harris

Learning At All Ages: Art Museums in Houston and Around (CPE)

United Against Human Trafficking

**Trafficking: Education Professional Training (CPE) (2 hours
certification)**

Carolyn Grantham

ASTEF Directors (SB)

Andrea Barnes

Finding Fred (PDI)

Patti Belknap, Nancy Newton & Cookee
Johnson

Actions Speak Louder Than Words (SB)

Mary Griffin

Easy Peasy Webpages with Google Sites (SB)

Dr. Elena Ivanova

In the Footsteps of Leon Gaspard (PDI)

Wynona Montgomery, Kay Hill & Brenda
Gongora

Cuba, More than Just Classic Cars (PDI)

Donna Morehead & Sandra Godwin

Inquiring Minds Want to Know (SB)

Pat Osborne, Chris Morrison & Eva Nix

Finding Silver Linings in Breast Cancer (PDI)

Charlotte Rigsby Conner

Create Yearbooks & Surveys w/Google Forms (SB)

Saturday, June 24 (continued)

Robyn Rucker

Deborah Thomas & Archives Committee

Virginia Bowers & Ceremonies Committee

Kelly Dunigan

Kay Loehr

Carolyn Mashburn

Lynda McQuaid & Laura Schmidt

Connie Rensink & Jeanette Rhyan

Charlotte Rigsby Conner

Do You Want to Meet Using Google Hangout? (CPE)

Is Your Chapter Storing Trash or Treasures? (SB)

Ceremonies and More Ceremonies (SB)

How TPT can Help Creative Teachers (CPE)

Better Classroom & Chapter Communication (CPE)

Water Wall Walking Tour (PDI)

What You Didn't Know about Annie Webb Blanton, a Bio Review (SB)

Designing Professional Breakout Sessions (PDI)

Create Your Chapter Newsletter with Ease (SB)

Kimberly Johnson



From Granny With Love: Everything You Need to Know About Preserving the Past and Caring for Tomorrow's Treasures (SB)

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

Diva Doin's fun on Friday, June 23

With the days of the Houston convention filled with numerous activities, planning is important. One event that members will not want to miss is ASTEF's Diva Doin's on Friday. Registration is required. Anyone who registered for the convention but did not register for Diva Doin's will have a note on her registration receipt on how to register. Members will not want to miss this high energy, fun-filled event.

Besides the dynamic Ashley Dunn who will speak about empowering women and the inner beauty of all women, Allison Ventura will give tips on making the closet a work of art and some famous Divas of the past and present will make an appearance to entertain attendees.

Members will have an opportunity to win one of seven designer handbags from Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Ralph Lauren, Dooney and Burke, Fossil, Vera Bradley and Stone Mountain. Inside each one will be a bill. Dollar amounts will range from \$1 to \$100. Ticket sales begin Wednesday and continue through Friday morning.

For just pure fun, a round of the popular Heads and Tails game will be played with all proceeds going towards Scholarships, Leadership and Projects. Members can play once or three times with a set donation. Members will receive a Diva ring to help track their play. The last woman standing will win a wonderful prize valued at \$250.



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 Candy Carroll between February 1, 2017 and April 8, 2017. They are reported by their chapter with place of residence at time of death using Form 6, Report of the Death of a Member, found at www.dkgtxas.org under Committees, Necrology.

Gloria M. Goodsell, Zeta Gamma-1, Tyler
 Katherine (Kay) O. Barnett, Epsilon Tau-3, Texas City
 Sister Mary Frances Heins, Omicron-3, Houston
 Betty Jean Bleeker, Gamma Omicron-4, Corpus Christi
 Evelyn Jeans, Gamma Omicron-4, Granbury
 Virginia Woolls, Gamma Upsilon-6, Waxahachie
 Dr. Marcia Hearon Lind, Alpha-7, Austin
 Fran E. Moore, Epsilon Kappa-7, Austin
 Mary Catherine "Cathy" Martin, Lambda Iota-7, Austin
 Dorothy Stallings King (PSP 1987-1989), Zeta-8, Waco
 Nancy Hood Strickland, Kappa Phi-9, Carrollton
 Cindy Bunch, Theta Chi-10, Bedford
 Winnell Margaret Rigby, Alpha Gamma-10, Cleburn
 Kathy Glenn Williams, Epsilon Lambda-10, Ft. Worth
 Jewell L. Allen, Kappa Eta-11, Amarillo
 Patsy Yvonne Hamric, Gamma Tau-12, Rotan

Ann Brown, Beta (San Antonio-6), was selected as Harlandale ISD's Teacher of the Year.

Betty Peebles, Kappa Chi (Hamshire-2), was chosen by Winnie Area Chamber of Commerce as the Outstanding Educator of 2017.

Jane Knapik, Alpha Chi (Marble Falls-7), received the 2017 Burnet County Historical Commission Distinguished Service Award.

Michelle Cooper, Phi (Henderson-1), has been elected Area 7 Director for Texas Computer Educators Association.

Cornet Individual Professional Development Awards have been given to:

- **Sharon Rivers**, Alpha Chi (Horseshoe Bay-7): \$1780 to attend the Spanish Immersion Class.
- **Tonya McEnergy**, Theta Chi (Colleyville-10): \$2000 to attend the Confratute conference.

Committee seeking 50-year members

At the TSO State Convention in Houston, the 50/50+ year members will be recognized at the Birthday Luncheon on Friday, June 23, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. Registration is \$50.00. The ticket for the Birthday Luncheon is \$44.00. A meet and greet for 50/50+ year members will be held prior to the Birthday Luncheon from 11:00-11:45 a.m.



Those wishing to attend should make sure that the space marked 50 year member has been checked on the convention registration form. The form can be found in the spring *Lone Star News*, or it can be found online at www.dkgtxas.org.

Member News



Published in the 2017, Volume 83-3 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*:

- **Dr. Deborah Williams**, Sigma (Nacogdoches-1), "Using EL Infusion to Expose Teacher Candidates to a Dual-Language Setting: Another Success Story"
- **Dr. Susan Szabo**, Beta Lambda (Greenville-17), "Play Workshop: Changing Preschool Teachers' Ideas about Play in the Curriculum"
- **Dr. Debra Malone**, Alpha (Round Rock-7), "Socioeconomic Status: A Potential Challenge for Parental Involvement in Schools"

Irene Meitzen, Alpha Beta (San Angelo-13), was selected by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas as one of the Women of Distinction 2017.

Roxanne Heinatz, Alphi Chi (Marble Falls-7), was named "Best Teacher" in Marble Falls.

Convention first timer reflects on her experience

by Debra Rockefeller, Eta Delta

In 2016 I was given an award by my chapter to help me attend my first TSO Convention which was in Frisco. Over the span of my career, I have participated in hundreds of conferences and conventions — some small and some very large — but this one was undeniably unique.

Practically from day one of becoming a DKG member, I have heard members talk about the TSO Choir. The choir performed throughout the convention, and now, having heard them sing, I know why everyone holds the group in such high regard.

Another annual event at the convention is the Necrology Ceremony. Although I had never met Eta Delta member Shirley Felcman, hearing her name called along with oh so many others rather inexplicably touched my heart. After all, as a new DKG member, I did not know any of the individuals who were acknowledged during the ceremony. But as I listened, I reflected upon the impact those educators had on the lives of their students and the many others they had touched. I realized that, inevitably, my name would also one day be shared in a similar remembrance. It was very moving.

This summer the state convention is being held in Houston. Whether you are considering attending for the professional development opportunities or a chance to immerse yourself in DKG tradition and fellowship, I urge everyone to make plans and join other members in Houston. You won't be disappointed.

TSO welcomes new staff members to headquarters

With the appointments of Dr. Betty Duke-Ruhd as Executive Secretary and Deborah Thomas, Administrative Assistant, the TSO Headquarters is now fully staffed.

Dr. Betty Duke-Ruhd brings a passion for DKG and education, as well as knowledge of the business world with her into her new position as TSO Executive Secretary. In her 39-year teaching career, she has taught at both the high school and college levels and has had the experience of running a business with her husband. An active member of Mu Mu (9), she has served as President and in numerous other leadership positions and has given presentations at International, Regional, State, and Chapter levels of DKG. She is currently serving as president of Plano Texas Retired Teachers Association.



Dr. Betty Duke-Ruhd

Deborah Thomas is stepping into the position of Executive Assistant. Retired in 2012, Deborah spent most of her teaching career in the kindergarten classroom. A member of Mu Omicron (9) since 1997, she has served as chapter president (several times), treasurer and in many other positions. At the state level, she has served on the Personal Growth and Services Committee, the Archives Committee and is currently serving as Chair of the Archives Committee. Deborah has also used her excellent organizational skills as Treasurer and Chair of Coordinating Council of Dallas County and Coordinator and Treasurer of Cora McFarland Scholarship Committee.



Deborah Thomas



We are all created for a purpose

Rina Ramos, Alpha Gamma

“You are so fat!”

What image does this conjure in our heads? Do we feel shame and immediately start to make sure our muffin tops are tucked in under our clothes? Do we expect to whirl around and see a group of kids teasing a boy that really likes his mac and cheese? Whatever the image is, more than likely it is not a positive one. Whether it makes us relive a traumatic playground nightmare or we say it every day when we look in the mirror, we probably shudder at those four words. However, I want you to consider something about perspective.

Several years ago I visited Uganda, in east Africa. Everyone in Uganda is very skinny. I mean if they stood sideways and stuck out their tongues, you might mistake them for a zipper. Unlike some places, I was not anywhere that people were dying of starvation, but their diets are pretty barren. Most people I saw ate rice, pineapple and coffee beans. One day, a slender friend of mine and I were at the market. We stopped at a stand that had intricate carvings and a man came over to me with his eyes as big as plates. He crouched down in a defensive basketball player’s stance and began to circle around me yelling, “You are so fat,” in a thick east African accent. My friend started to giggle and to try to diffuse the situation. I asked the man, who owned the stand, how much the item in my hand cost. He just kept telling me how fat I am, and I began to think he was hungry and I might become the village meal. Finally, I stepped out of his crazy shuffling and said, “Mister, stop it! How much is this?”

He stopped and looked at me in the face for the first time, smiled an enormous smile with the whitest teeth I have ever seen and said, “Oh yes, we will talk business first,” and then his voice began to lift as if he were singing, “and then we will talk love.” My friend lost her composure and nearly passed out from laughing. I kindly thanked her for being no help, then looked at the man and told him we will not be talking love, he will stop calling me fat, and he will sell me the item at a good price. Apparently I was able to persuade him to do all three, and after helping my friend to a standing position again, we walked away wondering what just happened.

When we reunited with our guides, they told us that Africans love fat people because to them being overweight is a sign of great wealth. I looked at my slender friend who got all the boys in high school and said, “Well sister, looks like the tables have turned; you’re the homely girl here and since I’m so rich, let’s do some more shopping!” I flaunted my chunky self that day, and we laughed all the way back to America.

Perspective is such an important thing that I think is often overlooked. A physical feature is a disgrace here in this country, but elsewhere it is coveted. Obviously, the attribute is the same; the only thing that changes is the perspective that places or removes value from a person who has it. With us personally, however, we need to remember that neither circumstances, nor society nor other people get to impute value to us. I believe that all of us are created with purpose. When we understand this, we do not let outside forces, customs, opinions or people dictate our worth. Instead we are empowered by the identity designated by our creator to be who we are made to be.

Members heading Houston Convention

Bonnie Moore is a second generation DKG wearing her mother's key pin with pride. She was raised in Michigan but has lived two-thirds of her life in Texas teaching choral music, mathematics and life science. She worked as a central office administrator in various capacities and was an assistant principal and principal at the middle school level.



Bonnie Moore, chair

Moore Lead & Learn, LLC, her consulting and coaching business, serves clients in a myriad of ways across the globe. When not working, Bonnie is involved in DKG, Association for Talent Development, her church and volunteers for several non-profits. Married to Greg, they have three adult children. Together they enjoy traveling, college sports and the fine arts. Bonnie loves to read, do logic puzzles and sings professionally.

Ella Brooks Gauthier is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who relocated to Texas in 1967 after graduating from Southern University. She spent 32 years in the Texas public schools of Dickinson ISD, Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, and Pasadena ISD. In the classroom, she was a high school mathematics teacher. Her position at the time of retirement was Success Coordinator.



Ella Gauthier, co-chair

In addition to Delta Kappa Gamma, Ella has been involved in the Texas Retired Teachers Association, currently District 4 president, and Pasadena Area Teachers Association. She is passionate about her church and her church family, serving on several committees and ministries. This year Ella and her husband Jim will celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Mary Ann Slaughter is a native Houstonian who grew up with one younger sister in a close-knit Italian Catholic family. She attended parochial schools through college and then spent her teaching career in public school in Spring Branch ISD. She still stays active with the University of St. Thomas Alumni Association. Mary Ann loved teaching first graders at Pine Shadows Elementary. She continued working part time as a reading interventionist after retiring and spent seven years as an ESOL Consulting Teacher. She has been married to her husband Ray for 41 years, and they have 2 darling black and white tuxedo cats, Pickles and Sophia.



Mary Ann Slaughter, co-chair

ASTEF conducts annual meeting at state convention

The 2017 annual meeting of ASTEF members will be held during the TSO convention in Houston. All TSO members are also members of ASTEF and are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Date: Saturday, June 24
 Time: Immediately following TSO Business Meeting



Meeting highlights will include reports on ASTEF activities, awarding of ASTEF project stipends and presentation of ASTEF Advocate for Education award. We hope that you will add this to your convention schedule and plan to participate in the business of your state foundation by attending the ASTEF Annual Meeting.

Amendments proposed for 2017 TSO State Convention

The Bylaws and State Rules Committee presents for consideration by members, these proposed amendments to the Texas State Organization governing documents. These proposals will be submitted to and voted on at the 2017 State Convention to be held in Houston.

Proposal 1: Bylaws: Article IX, Section A.2.b.6

Which now reads:

Article IX, Section A, 2. Society Mission and Purposes, b. Educational Excellence, 6)Research

Be amended by inserting:

7) Women in the Arts (under 6)

If adopted would read:

Article IX, Section A, 2. Society Mission and Purposes, b. Educational Excellence, 7) Women in the Arts

Rationale: The creation of this committee was approved at the 2016 TSO Convention and this proposal will update the State Bylaws

Fiscal Impact:The cost will be the amount for the chair of the Women in the Arts (WIA) to participate as a member of the Educational Excellence committee and be compensated to attend the Educational Excellence committee meeting, the state convention and the Leadership Orientation of State Personnel meetings. The approximate biennial cost is \$1,700.

Proposal 2: Bylaws: Article IX, Section A.2.e

Which now reads:

Article IX, Section A, 2. Society Mission and Purposes, e. Scholarship

Be amended by inserting:

f. Strategic Plan of Action

If adopted would read:

Article IX, Section A, 2 Society Mission and Purposes, f. Strategic Plan of Action

Rationale: This committee will monitor progress on the state's new Strategic Plan of Action which is designated to move the Society forward. The committee will oversee yearly progress and conduct an audit every five (5) years, beginning in 2022. Members will be appointed for five (5) year terms with alternating terms to provide continuity through an audit cycle. Four (4) members will be appointed in 2017 to serve until 2022, then retire when the audit cycle is complete. These members will include the three (3) Special Study Committee members and one additional member named by the 2017-2019 state president. Thereafter, the number of members appointed will alternate with the 2019-2021 biennium appointing two (2) additional members and the 2021-2023 biennium appointing one (1) member. This will allow a current state officer to serve on the committee as chair thus preventing this committee from incurring any additional costs for convention attendance

Fiscal Impact:None. The chair will be a member of the State Executive Committee and the chair's expenses of attending convention will already be covered.

Proposal 3: State Rules 9.11.n

Which now reads:

9.1 Standing Committees, 9.11 Society Business, m. The Personnel Committee, n. The Technology Committee

Be amended by inserting:

n. The Strategic Plan of Action Committee

If adopted would read:

9.11 Society Business

n. The Strategic Action Plan of Action Committee will monitor the measurable plan of action determined for the state. The committee will consist of no more than four (4) members with the chair being a current state officer. Members will be appointed for five (5) years, with one (1) member appointed at the beginning of one biennium and two (2) appointed at the beginning of the next biennium. An evaluation of progress will be held every five (5) years, beginning in 2022.

o. The Technology Committee

Rationale: Inclusion of this Strategic Plan of Action as a state committee was approved by unanimous Executive Board vote on November 15, 2016.

Fiscal Impact: None. The chair will be a member of the State Executive Committee and the chair's expenses of attending convention will already be covered.

Proposal 4: State Rules 9.12.b

Which now reads:

9.12 Society Mission and Purposes

- b. The Educational Excellence Committee coordinates the work of its component committees to fulfill the Society's Mission and Purposes. The committee consists of the chairs of Global Awareness, Legislation, Music, Personal and Professional Enrichment, Programs and Service Projects, and Research. The first vice-president shall be the Educational Excellence chair.

Be amended by inserting:

9.12.b Women in the Arts and adding 7 under b.6

- 7. The Women in the Arts Committee provides opportunities for members to participate in a variety of art endeavors. The committee includes a chair and no more than seventeen (17) other members. The chair of the Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) is a member of the Women in the Arts Committee.

If adopted would read:

9.1 Standing Committees

9.12 Society Mission and Purposes

- b. The Educational Excellence Committee coordinates the work of its component committees to fulfill the Society's Mission and Purposes. The committee consists of the chairs of Global Awareness, Legislation, Music, Personal and Professional Enrichment, Programs and Service Projects, Research and Women in the Arts. The first vice-president shall be the Educational Excellence chair.**

- 7. The Women in the Arts Committee provides opportunities for members to participate in a variety of art endeavors. The committee includes a chair and no more than seventeen (17) other members. The chair of the Spectacular Texas Art Retreat (STAR) is a member of the Women in the Arts Committee.**

Rationale: The creation of this committee was approved at the 2016 TSO Convention and this proposal will update the State Rules.

Fiscal Impact: This was included on the Bylaws proposal for Women in the Arts.

Proposal 5: Article VI, Section B.1

Which now reads:

The webmaster and editor/photographer are employed by the State Executive Board from recommendations made by the state personnel committee. Each shall perform the duties enumerated in the Operations Manual of Texas State Organization.

Be amended by changing:

The webmaster and editor/photographer are contracted by the State Executive Board....

If adopted would read: The webmaster and editor/photographer are contracted by the State Executive Board from recommendations made by the state personnel committee. Each shall perform the duties enumerated in the Operations Manual of Texas State Organization.

Financial impact: none

Proposals 6-18: In the Texas Bylaws and State Rules the position of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer is listed as one position. This combined position was divided into two positions, Executive Secretary and Treasurer.

Where the Executive Secretary/Treasurer appeared in TSO governing documents, changes are needed.

Proposal 6: Bylaws: Article I, Section C (change of executive secretary/treasurer to executive secretary)

Proposal 7: Bylaws: Article IV, Section F.3 (change of executive secretary/treasurer to treasurer and add consult with finance chair and executive secretary)

Proposal 8: Bylaws: Article VI, Section A, 1 (change executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary and state treasurer)

Proposal 9: Bylaws: Article VI, Section A, 2 (change executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary and state treasurer and place the state executive secretary on the Executive Committee and Executive Board)

Proposal 10: Bylaws: Article IV, Section A, 3 (change executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary and state treasurer)

Proposal 11: Bylaws: Article VIII, Section A, 1 (change executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary and state treasurer)

Proposal 12: Bylaws: Article VIII, Section C, 3 (change state executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary)

Proposal 13: Bylaws: Article VIII, Section C, 7 (change state executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary)

Proposal 14: State Rules: 4.64.b.2 (change state executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary, state treasurer)

Proposal 15: State Rules: 4.64.c.1 (change state executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary)

Proposal 16: State Rules: 4.64.c.4 (change state executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary, treasurer...)

Proposal 17: State Rules: 9.11.e (change state executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary)

Proposal 18: State Rules: 9.11.g (change state executive secretary/treasurer to state executive secretary)

Due to limited space in the *Lone Star News* and the nature of proposals 6-18, each is listed here without the detailed formatting shown for the preceding proposals. Complete wording of each proposal in the prescribed format may be found at the dkgtexas.org website. These proposals will be voted on either separately or grouped together.

INTERNATIONAL

Changes to International voting procedures

As a result of a motion at the Nashville International Convention, President Carolyn Pittman appointed an ad hoc committee to review the work of the 2012-2014

Ad Hoc Election Process Committee and propose amendments to the *Constitution* and

International Standing Rules to enable convention attendees to vote for officers. In order for attendees to vote for the officers in 2020, the governing documents must be amended at the upcoming 2018 convention in Austin, Texas.

Members should plan on attending a workshop about the election process at the regional conferences and learn about the difference between Delegate, General Election and Convention Election options. Members will cast their vote for the proposed amendments in 2018 in Austin.

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DKGNext! 2016-2018 offers expense-free weekend

Would you like to spend an expense-free weekend at DKG headquarters discussing the future of the Society? Then complete the DKGNext! 2016-2018 application which is available on www.dkgtexas.org.

DKGNext 2016-2018 will involve a diverse mix of up to ten (10) members in a weekend Think Tank event in Austin, September 29-30, 2017.

The DKGNext Think Tank will be comprised of interested members who may or may not have been identified as DKG leaders and who represent multiple populations of DKG members. The information requested is designed to ensure diversity among those selected.

DKG offering fall foliage tour in October

Mother Nature puts on a spectacular show every October, when the eastern forests burst into red, orange, and yellow hues. That makes autumn the perfect season to explore New



Portland Headlight & Museum is Maine's oldest lighthouse

England's time honored landmarks. From the quintessential fall fare of Vermont to the colonial roots of Salem, take in the history and charm of the East Coast—all under a vibrant canopy of color.

DKG is offering a fall foliage tour that will include 8 days of exploring sites from Vermont to Massachusetts. The tour will begin on October 8, 2017. For more information visit <https://fallfoliatedkg.grouptoursite.com>.