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## Speakers bring encouragement and humor



Katie Snapp

Katie Snapp will be the keynote speaker at the opening of the 83rd Texas State Organization convention in Las Colinas. She is a skirt strategist, empowering women to lead and succeed. During her first career as an engineer at Honeywell, she was selected to participate in their corporate change and became one of the nation's top trainers in leadership and teambuilding. She left there to become a consultant at The Cumberland Group, a game-changer in the quality revolution, and worked with clients such as: General Dynamics, Commonwealth Edison, Northrop Grumman, the U.S. Navy, and U.S. Air Force.

Having worked as a rocket scientist in a male-dominated culture made her realize that women have great value that often gets buried because of their belief systems, feeling outnumbered and lack of positive female role models. She wrote a book called "Skirt Strategies" that gives women 249 success secrets to empower them towards leadership. She now speaks internationally to give women the encouragement and techniques they need to achieve as leaders.

Friday morning ASTEF will sponsor motivational speaker Dolly Marting in a breakout session. Marting's inspirational talks have enriched the lives of many.

Marting has dedicated herself to speaking on behalf of special needs children, and she has much to say. As her story unfolds, listeners will learn and will laugh as she shares a fresh approach to dealing with adversity. Audiences of all ages and interests have enthusiastically received her. As Marting says, "What you cannot change, rearrange."



Dolly Marting

With humor, enthusiasm and a lot of straight talk, Marting has found a winning formula to show people that whatever challenges and opportunities come their way, they can prevail. Make time on your convention schedule to come hear Dolly Marting.



## Support TSO Unifying Project in Las Colinas

Texas State Organization will help keep deployed military families connected with its participation in United Through Reading. Chapters and individuals are asked to bring new books to the convention along with writable DVD's in clear cases. The United Through Reading website [www.unitedthroughreading.org](http://www.unitedthroughreading.org) has book lists from which to choose appropriate books for the program.

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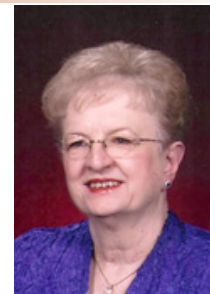
*To think is easy.  
To act is hard.  
But the hardest  
thing in the  
world is to act in  
accordance with  
your thinking.*

*-Johann Goethe*

# Accentuating the positive



Joanne Davis  
2011-2013  
Texas State President



It is my privilege as your state president to receive and read the chapter newsletters from all of our Texas chapters. I read each one and learn so much. I am constantly amazed at all the varied projects going on. I hear about interesting programs that I know I would enjoy attending, and I enjoy stories about new members and long-time members who contribute so much to communities. I enjoy the president's message that is on the front page of many of the newsletters. When I find one that is particularly well done, I try to email the president and praise her. One that I recently recognized was from Wanda Baker, president of Houston's Lambda Alpha chapter in Area 18. I am going to reprint parts of it and ask that you think of your own chapter as you read the article by Wanda. Think of the good things your chapter is doing. Pat yourselves on the back.

Wanda begins, "The year 2011 was a great year for our chapter. We gave away two scholarships, we continued to raise funds for future scholarships through our annual garage sale and the sale of handmade fabric pumpkins, and we continued to support two elementary schools by honoring their teachers and collecting Christmas gifts for less fortunate students. We contributed to our community and our profession by helping others in different ways. I am proud to be a part of a chapter whose members continuously seek ways to make a difference and to enrich the lives of others."

Wanda goes on to say to her chapter, "Your talents, knowledge, experience and wisdom add value to everything we do as a group. You are creative, resourceful and dynamic. Your generosity has allowed us to accomplish much and to help many others."

I know that Wanda's chapter is not the exception. Texas is full of many chapters whose members do as much or even more. I think sometimes we spend time concentrating on the negative rather than celebrating the positives that are evident.

Yes, many chapters struggle to add members. Teachers are overburdened with responsibilities. Membership in organizations is not valued today as much as in the past. But Delta Kappa Gamma continues to contribute to the life of our individual communities in so many positive ways. Our society supports our chapters and members by offering scholarships for advanced training, monetary support for projects that chapters initiate and leadership training to help members grow professionally and personally. I am very proud of our society and the members who contribute so much to what we accomplish. Accentuate the positive and broadcast it to others.

# Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



The Texas State Organization Headquarters Building is certainly a showcase for our Texas organization as well as a busy workplace. Committees, chapters and coordinating councils have enjoyed having a place to meet. Visitors continue to come. The business operations of the organization keep the place buzzing. Plans are being made for you to enjoy a tour of the Texas Headquarters as part of the convention at Las Colinas in June.

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

April 1 is a very important date, so mark your calendar. Keep it in mind when your chapter initiates new members this spring. If the initiation is before April 1, the initiate must pay 2011-12 dues (\$60,) scholarship (\$1 or \$.40) and the initiation fee (\$5.) All of these monies are sent to the TSO Headquarters in Dallas. If initiated after April 1, only the \$5 initiation fee is sent to Headquarters. Make it a priority to send the money and the yellow initiate card along with a Form 18 immediately after the initiation. The information included on the card is the means by which the new member is entered into the Society data base and the means by which she receives all of the Society communications. Both the initiate card and the reinstatement card can be downloaded from the International website. A Form 18 should also accompany the card(s) and the payment.

April 1 is also the deadline for contributions in order to be recognized at convention and for PACE. There seems to be some confusion about the contributions to Scholarships. All members are required by the International Constitution to pay a \$1.00 scholarship fee with dues. This is not the same as the "Honors" recognition in the convention program. Chapters must give an additional \$1.00 per member to receive that recognition.

Contributions are certainly welcome at any time! Any contributions postmarked after April 1 will be recognized the following year. Note the word "postmarked." Spending extra money for special delivery is not necessary. The state contribution form is found on the state website. It may be used for contributions to Texas State Organization or to ASTEF.

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

Plans are being made for a great workshop this summer at the convention in Las Colinas. See you there!

## At-A-Glance Deadlines

March 1	State reports due: President Necrology Finance Membership Program Scholarships World Fellowship Scholarship Applications Budget adjustments Breakout proposals
March 15	Gondola reservations
April 1	Contribution to state funds Annie Award applications LSN deadline

## Committees

March 3	Achievement Awards Committee
March 24-25	Scholarship Committee
April 14-15	Finance Committee

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## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Texas State Organization Convention (Las Colinas) Irving, Texas, June 21-23, 2012

All members must register. Please use one form per member. Only one form is necessary for a member with a guest. To avoid late fee, registration must be postmarked on or before May 7th. No meals may be ordered after June 5. Address registration questions to Sandi Causey at 512-892-0433 or crscausey@sbcglobal.net Mail completed form to: Sandi Causey, 6105 Oakclaire Drive, Austin, TX 78735. Please type or print plainly.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Last First Middle Initial Badge Name

**MAILING ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address or PO Box

City State Zip Chapter Area  
**Email address** (for a receipt) \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please check all that apply:**  
 I will represent my chapter at Lead.Dev. for Chap. Pres.(2012-2014), Thurs., June 21, Noon-4:00 p.m.  
 I will represent my chapter at Membership Training on Thursday, June 21, Noon-2:00 p.m.

2010-2012 Chapter President  2012-2014 Chapter President  1st State Convention Attendee  Member 50 or + Years

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

<b>Registration Fee: (Choose one that applies)</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2012-2014 Chapter President or <i>representative attending LDCP</i>	\$ 0	_____	_____
All other members postmarked on or before May 7	\$50	_____	_____
Late Registration—postmarked after May 7	\$75	_____	_____
Guest--Badge Name _____	\$ 5	_____	_____
<b>Informal Box Lunch</b> (THU, 11-11:45 a.m., June 21 )	\$20	_____	_____
(For Incoming Chapter Presidents, ACs, LDCP Committee, Membership Chairs and others arriving early)			
<b>Leadership Seminar Breakfast:</b> Year ____ (Fri, 7-8 a.m., June 22)	\$18	_____	_____
<b>Birthday Luncheon</b> (Fri, June 22)	\$35	_____	_____
<b>State Personnel Dinner</b> —By Invitation (Fri, 6:30 p.m., June 22)	\$32	_____	_____
<b>Informal Box Lunch</b> —Open to All (Sat, June 23)	\$20	_____	_____
<b>Presidents Banquet</b> ---Favor Included (Sat, June 23)	\$42	_____	_____
<b>Continuing Professional Education Credit (CPE)</b>	\$20	_____	_____
<b>Chorus Music</b> —Chorus Participants Only	\$15	_____	_____

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

**Contribution to ASTEF**.....  
**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** .....

\_\_\_\_\_ CHECK—Payable to Alpha State Convention Fund OR \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ VISA

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Cancellation requests must be made in writing to Convention Registration Solutions, 6105 Oakclaire Drive, Austin, TX 78735, by May 22nd. By your attendance at this event, you grant permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped or photographed by any means, and you grant full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.*

# Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas

83rd TSO Convention Headquarters  
June 21-23, 2012



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## Omni Mandalay Hotel

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Register now.:

<http://omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/DallasMandalay/MeetingFacilities/DeltaKappaGammaSociety6.aspx>

Convention dates June 21-23, 2012

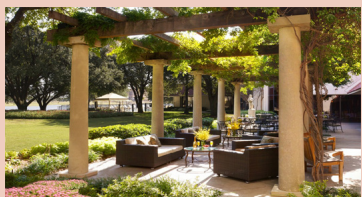
Deadline for the special rate of \$139 plus taxes per room is May 29, 2012. The special rate applies 3 days prior and 3 days past the convention days. Rooms have king-sized beds or two deluxe double beds.

On site valet and complimentary self parking at the hotel.



Points to remember in making reservations:

1. Reserve only the number of rooms that you will need.
2. The cut off deadline is May 29, 2012 for TSO to get credit for rooms and meet our guaranteed block.
3. Pre-Convention activities include Wednesday day tours and evening party.
4. LDCP Training for incoming chapter presidents begins at noon on Thursday.
5. Membership chair training begins at noon on Thursday.



Patterned after the exotic charm of a Burmese city, the Omni Mandalay Hotel has the elegance of a luxurious hotel with an Asian distinction.

**In house restaurants, outdoor heated swimming pool, fully equipped 24 hour fitness center, a full service spa and Starbucks.**



**DKG members will enjoy a discount of 15% at the Mokara Salon and Spa.**



# Convention schedule at a glance

## Wednesday, June 20

12:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Registration: Omni Mandalay lobby  
Collect DVD's and books for Unifying Project  
Lunch on your own

1:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Tours (Ticketed)

1:00 p.m. Texas Executive Committee  
Dinner on your own

8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Pre-Convention Party

## Thursday, June 21

8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Registration: Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas  
Collect DVD's and books for Unifying Project

8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tours (Ticketed)

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Set Up Silent Auctions/Posters/Store/Exhibits/Annie's//Visual Arts/Box lunch/LDCP

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Box Lunch (Ticketed)

12:00 pm.-4:00 p.m. Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents (incoming)

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Membership Chair Training (incoming)

12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Exhibits/Store/Annie's/Visual Arts/Posters

12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Raffle

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Rehearsals: Necrology/Ceremonies /Chorus /Flag

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. FIRST TIMERS  
Dinner on Your Own

7:00 p.m. Opening Night Awards/Katie Snapp/Presentation of "Autobiographies of Texas State Presidents 1991-2011"  
Las Colinas Night

## Friday, June 22

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Reunion Leadership Seminar (ticketed)

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration: Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas  
Convention Store/Exhibits/Raffles/Annie's/Visual Arts (closed during luncheon)

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Breakout Session

9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Breakout Session

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Reception for 50 Year Members

12:15 p.m. Head Table Assembles

12:30 p.m. Birthday Luncheon

2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Past State Presidents' Book Signing

3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Cluster Q&A- Research, Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs, Music, Yearbook

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Forum/Casual Conversations -Technology Committee/ Editor/ Webmaster

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Rehearsals Necrology/Chorus

6:30 p.m. State Personnel Dinner by invitation

6:30 p.m. Dinner on Your Own

7:30 p.m.-10 p.m. Exploring Las Colinas Activities

## Saturday, June 23

6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m. Rehearsals: Necrology/Choir

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

9:00 a.m.-Noon Registration: Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas

9:30 a.m. Business Meeting

10:30 a.m. ASTEF Foundation Meeting

11:00 a.m. Business Meeting

12:30 p.m. Boxed Lunch

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Incoming and Outgoing Presidents meet with Area Coordinators

1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Membership Roundtable

1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m. Past State Presidents' Book Signing

2:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m. Texas Forum (health subjects); Legislative Round Table; Finance Committee

4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Rehearsals Chorus/Ceremonies

6:30 p.m. Gathering Time; Honoring Chapter Presidents/International President; Photo Opportunities

6:45 p.m. Head table Assembles

7:00 p.m. Banquet (Ticketed Event) International President—Speaker

## Sunday, June 24

8:00 a.m. Steering Committees from Las Colinas and Austin to exchange ideas

Dinner

# Experience Dallas-Fort Worth with TSO tours

## Wednesday, June 20

### #1 **JFK Sites/Neiman Marcus** 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$50

Visit Dealey Plaza, scene of the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and walk on the famous grassy knoll. Use an audio guide to tour the Sixth Floor Exhibition in the former Texas School Book Depository, a site chronicling JFK's Presidency and the assassination and its aftermath.

Continue to Neiman Marcus, the downtown Dallas flagship store of the luxury chain, for lunch (on your own) and time to shop. History and shopping for ladies (or gents) who like to lunch!

## Thursday, June 21

### #2 **Bass Performance Hall, Stockyards, Cowgirl Museum** 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$53

A certified Fort Worth tour guide escorts guests to a private, docent-led tour of the renowned Bass Performance Hall, then on through Sundance Square to the Stockyards National Historic District to watch the daily cattle drive and enjoy lunch on your own in an area of restaurants, saloons, galleries, shopping and entertainment located in what was once the biggest livestock marketing center in the Southwest. The Cowtown environment will prepare you for your final stop: The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame for a private docent-led tour. This tour includes everything from old world elegance to longhorns and cowgirl boots!

### #3 **Cowtown Art District Modern Art, Kimbell Art, and Amon Carter Museums** 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. \$47

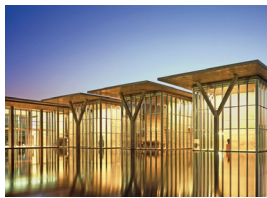
Admission to the extensive Modern Art Museum, followed by a short walk to the beautiful Kimbell Art Museum, where you will view the impressive permanent collection including works by El Greco, Rembrandt, Goya, Cezanne, Picasso and Matisse, and have time for lunch (on your own) before heading to the Amon Carter, a collection of American Art from the last 150 years which includes works by Remington, Russell, and O'Keefe. Modern, Old World, and Western Art!



Dealey Plaza



Bass Performance Hall



Modern Art Museum



Cowboy Stadium



Farina's Winery



NorthPark Mall



Southlake Town Center

### #4 **Cowboy Stadium & Las Colinas Mustang Museum** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. \$65

A tour guide shares history of the Dallas Cowboys and Arlington on your way to the new Cowboy Stadium for a VIP Guided Tour including the Main Club, a private suite, media press boxes, Cotton Bowl offices, Dr. Pepper Star Bar and Ford Motor Company Fountain, the field, the Miller Lite Club, and both Cowboys' and Cheerleaders' locker rooms, before ending with time in the Pro Shop. You will receive a souvenir photo taken that day! Then return to Irving for lunch on your own at the Mustang Café and a visit to the Mustang Museum to learn the story of the Mustangs of Las Colinas before viewing the sculpture itself. For this tour, it will NOT be possible to refund fees if you cancel after May 1. (Fees will be refunded if the tour does not make!)

### Friday, June 22 **Relaxation and Evening Retail Therapy**

### #5 **Grapevine Winery Tour** 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. \$88

A tour guide describes the history of Grapevine and the booming Texas winemaking business, as you visit three different wineries for tours and generous tastings! Dinner at Farina's Winery and Café is included, with choice of entrée, soup or salad, dessert, and a glass of wine.

### #6 **NorthPark Mall** 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$29

This upscale, indoor shopping mall offers over 110 stores including Nordstrom and Barney's New York, art displays, and plenty of dining opportunities. Transportation to and return from NorthPark, where you will have time and varied opportunities for shopping and dinner on your own. A guide will be available to answer questions and offer suggestions.

### #7: **Southlake Town Center** 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$29

Built in the tradition of the 18th century American town center, this upscale outdoor venue offers over 90 shops and a variety of restaurants. Transportation to and return from Southlake, where you will have time and varied opportunities for shopping and dinner on your own. A guide will be available to answer questions and offer suggestions.

# Join Carnival and TSO for a cruise of the Eastern Caribbean

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Be sure to indicate you are reserving for ASTEF, the Texas DKG group's Eastern Caribbean cruise,  
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Mail a check or call and use your credit card.  
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Each person has her/his own bed. Prices are quoted per person based on double occupancy. Choose your cabin:

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Balcony cabin, Carnival Magic



This ASTEF fundraising project is approved by the ASTEF board of directors.

### Convention Tour Registration Form

Registration deadline for all tours is May 15, 2012.

Tour	Day	Cost	#	Total	<b>**Make checks payable to: Alpha State Convention Fund</b>
#1	W	\$50	_____	_____	
#2	Th	\$53	_____	_____	<b>Mail reservation form and check to: Pamela Phillips 901 Canterbury Drive Saginaw, TX 76179</b>
#3	Th	\$47	_____	_____	
#4	Th	\$65	_____	_____	<b>Questions? 817 847 9208 frauphillips@hotmail.com</b>
#5	Fr	\$88	_____	_____	
#6	Fr	\$29	_____	_____	Total Enclosed _____
#7	Fr	\$29	_____	_____	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## From the Webmaster

Diane Moose  
[diane@alphastatetexas.org](mailto:diane@alphastatetexas.org)



The Texas State Organization has a number of chapters that have certified websites. Is your chapter one of these? If not, you might consider that having a certified website will garner your chapter additional points on the PACE application, recognition at the state convention and links on the Society and the Texas websites.

### Texas Certified Chapter Websites

Alpha	Delta Tau	Iota Omicron	Tau
Alpha Chi	Epsilon Kappa	Iota Upsilon	Theta Gamma
Alpha Kappa	Epsilon Psi	Iota Omega	Theta Chi
Beta Zeta	Epsilon Upsilon	Kappa Theta	Theta Epsilon
Beta Eta	Eta Beta	Kappa Phi	Theta Zeta
Beta Pi	Eta Rho	Lambda Alpha	Theta Kappa
Beta Tau	Eta Tau	Lambda Pi	Theta Mu
Beta Phi	Gamma Beta	Lambda Sigma	Zeta Xi
Beta Chi	Gamma Eta	Mu Iota	Zeta Omicron
Delta Gamma	Gamma Nu	Mu Phi	Zeta Omega
Delta Kappa	Iota Iota	Nu	

In order for a website to have Society certification, the website must meet the Standards for Website Certification. In addition, an application for website certification must be sent to the chair of the International Communications and Publicity Committee. The standards are not difficult to meet and all chapters with a website should apply for certification.

Don't forget to include a link to the new DKG Educational Foundation website: [www.dkgef.org](http://www.dkgef.org).

Please visit the Chapter Website page of the state website [www.alphastatetx.org](http://www.alphastatetx.org) for forms and information. You may send a link to your website to the state webmaster for review and suggestions before it is submitted for certification.



# Singing in the Alpha State Choir

Deborah Payne, Music Chair  
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My extended involvement with DKG started with my participation in the convention choir. I truly believe that the choir was the glue that kept me wanting to go back to the state, regional and international conventions. As a result, many DKG singers have become my friends and mentors.

I hope you will consider being a part of the 83rd Convention Choir at Las Colinas. It's simple to join! Check your voice part on the registration. Music is \$15. Singers will receive packets at the first rehearsal. (Instrumentalists, please contact me if interested in performing.)

I recently sent a note to some of the choir members about why they enjoyed singing in the Alpha State choir. Listed below are some of their responses:

- "When we work to deliver a performance in song, silly or serious, there is a bond formed between those of us who are offering our voices to make our fellow DKG members laugh, sigh, cry or think."
- "Our part of the convention is more related to bringing a few smiles or cheering or uplifting our audience that will linger on with those who attend, as they go back to their chapters and continue their work 'with a song in their hearts!'

## Tour State Headquarters during convention

Make time in your convention schedule to come to the TSO Headquarters facility and enjoy seeing the displays which reflect the history of the organization.

For \$10.00 a person, a tour service will be provided three days during the convention to take members to the Headquarters building where they will have a guided tour of the facility. The Headquarters building will only be open during these times for those members participating in the tours. The building will be closed at other times during the convention due to employee responsibilities at the convention site.

### Headquarters Tour Form **Registration must be postmarked by May 15, 2012**

<b>Which day do you want to go on the tour?</b>		<b>Total (\$10.00 per tour)</b>	
<b>Thursday 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>Friday 3:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M.</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>Saturday 1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.</b>	_____	_____	_____
<b>New chapter president</b> _____	<b>Total enclosed:</b>		_____
<b>Membership chair</b> _____			
<b>Name:</b> _____		<b>Email:</b> _____	
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<b>972-743-0073; clynnc1@verizon.net</b>			

**Your reservation will be acknowledged upon receipt. In early June you will receive information on the exact time of your tour. (Forms also available on [www.alphastatetx.org](http://www.alphastatetx.org))**



## On your way with the Weatherby Scholarship

Pam Phillips, Epsilon Alpha

I never knew Maetha Griffin Weatherby, but we are sisters in more than one way. Our shared interest in travel and its educational benefits, as well as our commitment to The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, are strong bonds. In the summer of 2011, the scholarship that began with a bequest from this former Nu Chapter member helped me to fulfill a long-time dream of studying language in a Spanish-speaking country.

Although the primary goal of my trip was to study Spanish at the Costa Rican Language Academy in the capital city of San Jose where I spent most of my time, I also learned much about the culture of several nations, as well as geography and agriculture. The matching funds provided by my scholarship enabled me to take advantage of excursions arranged by the school: I visited two volcanoes, swam in volcano-heated water, walked on hanging bridges through and above the cloud forest, watched monkeys play in trees hanging over a highway, joined the faithful at a basilica, and took part in a coffee-testing demonstration on site at the plantation. In my favorite moment, I saw both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans from the top of one volcanic peak. Charming and knowledgeable guides taught me botany, zoology, geology and history in a country that often looks as if the rural roadsides have been landscaped. Of course, there were those "free Costa Rican massages," as one van driver described the bumpy road experience.

Fellow Epsilon Alpha member Deborah Parrish, who is fluent in Spanish, was my travel buddy. While I learned to use the past tense and expanded my command of idioms in classes that ranged from two to six students, she had private lessons in advanced grammar and culture. Our instructors were capable young graduate students from the nearby university. My language lessons continued in our home stay experience. Breakfast and dinner conversations with our gracious hostess Zeneida and a fellow student were as rewarding as the classes. My Spanish improved as I listened to Zeneida tell of her life as the wife of a banana plantation manager in several South American countries, including during one revolution. The third student in our "family," a retired gentleman from Japan, pursued his own interest in the environment and shared his experiences with us. All of this was education that only travel can provide.

As an added bonus, Debbie and I were invited to attend a meeting of the Executive Board of the Costa Rican Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. We enjoyed our fellowship with these lovely ladies and discovered that the issues that concern our chapters are consistent no matter where we wander! It is truly wonderful to share so much with key educators in another land.

Dr. Seuss says it best in "Oh, The Places You'll Go!" : "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So . . . get on your way!"

And before you start on your way, get started on that application for the Maetha Griffin Weatherby Scholarship. See state website for deadlines.

# Name that scholarship

Dr. Barbara Derrick, Scholarship Chair  
[BLSDDerrick@aol.com](mailto:BLSDDerrick@aol.com).

At the Alpha State Convention in McAllen the Scholarship Committee recommended that two named scholarships be established. Also at the convention the 47<sup>th</sup> scholarship was named in honor of Past Alpha State President JoAnn Brooks and Past Scholarship Chairman Dr. Patricia Jane Nelson. These ladies joined the ranks of the other named scholarship honorees for their dedication and commitment to our Society.

The practice of naming a scholarship occurs when Alpha State is able to financially set aside a sum of \$25,000 as an endowment not to be drawn upon. Alpha State was able to create two such scholarships, #47 and #48, during 2010-2011.

But something is missing. We need to name #48! The Scholarship Committee is currently taking suggestions until March 15. At the convention this summer, we hope to propose naming #48 for TWO members who have contributed above and beyond to Alpha State Texas.

Suggestions should be sent to Scholarship Chair Barbara Derrick at 4214 Bolton Ave. Santa Fe, TX 77510 or emailed to [BLSDDerrick@aol.com](mailto:BLSDDerrick@aol.com). We look forward to hearing your suggestions and submitting deserving members names for the naming of #48.

## Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation

Jean Webb, president, ASTEF Board of Directors  
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### AWARDS

Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation has announced that it is moving ahead with its mission of providing funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and promoting educational excellence for Texas students. Stipends of \$100-\$500 will be awarded to individuals and chapters to support worthwhile projects. The initial funding will be announced during the convention in Las Colinas. Applications can be found on the state website [www.alphastatetexas.org](http://www.alphastatetexas.org) and are due April 1, 2012.

### DONATIONS

ASTEF accepts and distributes money for Texas State Organization Scholarships, Leadership and Projects. Persons and chapters may become a Founding Donor to ASTEF with a contribution of \$50 or more before April 1, 2012 or a Friend with a contribution of less than \$50. Contributions to ASTEF may be made as memorials or honorariums and are tax-exempt. Contributions will be applied to Projects unless specifically designated for Scholarships and/or Leadership. The contribution form may be downloaded from [www.alphastatetexas.org](http://www.alphastatetexas.org)

## Scholarship deadlines near

March 1 is the deadline for all scholarship applications. Applications and directions can be found on the Alpha State Website. Those applying are encouraged to gather all needed information and mail in ONE envelope to Barbara Derrick, Scholarship Chairman. Don't DELAY, do yours TODAY!

Four TSO members completed doctorates this year with help from state and international scholarships:

- **Wanda Baker**, Lambda Alpha (Houston-18), earned a doctorate at Texas A&M College Station in educational leadership.
- **Barbara Derrick**, Epsilon Sigma (Santa Fe-3), received her doctorate in educational leadership with an emphasis on superintendency at the University of Houston, Clear Lake.
- **Stephanie Doyen**, Mu Pi (Porter-18), attended Sam Houston State University and earned her doctorate in mathematics.
- **Linda Eller**, Epsilon Kappa (Austin -7), attained her doctorate in educational technology through Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA.

If you also earned a doctorate this past year with the help of state or international scholarships, please email the information to [news.lonestar@gmail.com](mailto:news.lonestar@gmail.com)

## Member News



**Molly Adams**, Kappa Mu (Kilgore-1), was selected as High School Teacher of the Year by the Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts.

**Kara Cadue**, Kappa Phi (Coppell-9), has been named a Super Teacher by Coppell ISD. She also received a \$6990 grant from the CISD Educational Foundation to use iPads with her students.

**Mary Pfeiffer**, Iota Omega (Plano-9), won Real Simple Magazine's "Biggest Holiday Challenge" contest with an essay about her annual Christmas party.

**Dr. Wanda Baker**, Lambda Alpha (Houston-18), had her article "High School Dropout: Perceptions and Voices of African American and Hispanic Students" published in the Winter 2011 Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

**Dr. Jacqueline Dansby**, Lambda Beta (San Antonio-6), was awarded the 2012 Marianist Heritage Award from St. Mary's University.

**Dot Miller**, Nu, (Schulenburg-7), is featured in the book "Don't Make Me Go to Town: Ranchwomen of the Texas Hill Country" by Rhonda Lashley Lopez.

**Kristi Ramon**, Eta Alpha (Spearman-11), was named 2011 National Rural Teacher of the Year.

**Jane Flinn**, Eta Delta (Friendship-3), was recognized as Outstanding Special Education Supervisor for Region IV.

**Marilyn Nease**, Delta Omicron, (Dallas-9), received the Crystal Award for innovative programs from the Texas Association of Partners in Education.

## Alpha State Remembers

*We mourn the passing and celebrate the lives of those cherished members of the Society whose deaths have been reported to Texas Necrology Chair Carolyn Rigsby between November 1, 2011 and February 1, 2012. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of death.*

Dorothy B. Smith, Alpha (7) Austin  
 Mabel C. Williams, Alpha (7) Austin  
 Dorothy Nell Short Rogers, Alpha Zeta (17) Fort Worth  
 Mary Sue Gorin, Alpha Omega (2) Port Arthur  
 Louise Enderle Nixon, Beta Zeta (6) Fredericksburg  
 Margaret Farley, Beta Iota (15) Sanderson  
 LaNelle L. Turner, Beta Iota (15) Georgetown  
 Elizabeth Harrell Winter, Beta Iota (15) Kennedale  
 Marie Stambaugh, Beta Upsilon (10) Cross Plains  
 Sybil S. Simmons, Beta Chi (16) Wichita Falls  
 Jerri Welborn, Gamma Mu (14) Pecos  
 Alice Entrop Swain, Gamma Nu (3) Baytown  
 Mary Ruth Brundrett, Gamma Psi (5) Dallas  
 Patsy Jean Stoffregen Smith, Delta Psi (5) Alvin  
 Ellen Virginia Fluker, Epsilon Epsilon (1) Athens  
 Iva LaVerne Davis, Epsilon Lambda (10) Fort Worth  
 Estella Martin, Zeta Sigma (16) Burkburnett  
 Jackye Anderson Plummer, Zeta Sigma (16) Wichita Falls  
 Ella L. Schorelemmer, Eta Pi (4) Beeville  
 F. Ann Copelin, Theta (2) Orange  
 Laura Louise Doyle, Theta Theta (10) Decatur  
 Bettye Faye Wingate, Theta Chi (10) Bedford  
 Jane P. Rawson, Theta Psi (2) Orange  
 Dr. Esther Broome, Iota Iota (16) Longview  
 Opal L. Roderick Hall, Iota Iota (16) Denton  
 Betty L. Adams, Iota Upsilon (8) Wichita Falls  
 Ima Mae Patrick, Iota Phi (7) Georgetown  
 Roselle Shelby, Iota Phi (7) Georgetown  
 Elza Mae Fair, Iota Chi (10) Weatherford  
 Ardis East, Kappa (15) El Paso  
 Annie Jeanne Lennard, Kappa Beta (6) San Antonio  
 Linda O. Fontes, Kappa Theta (16) Lewisville  
 Nina Beth Stephens, Kappa Pi (1) Round Rock  
 Blanche Marie Armstrong, Lambda Chi (4) Angleton  
 Melissa Sepulveda-Grant, Mu Phi (18) Cypress  
 Marie Healey, Iota Iota (16) Denton

**April 1, 2012**

Recommendation Deadline

### Members in Print Award Newspaper Recognition Award

Information and forms available:  
[www.alphastatetexas.org/communications.html](http://www.alphastatetexas.org/communications.html)

# Focusing on membership

Connie Rensink, Membership Chair  
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The excitement for convention is building and the Membership committee is right in the middle of it all!

## AWARDS

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 or increased by the largest percent. It's not too late to earn this recognition. These awards are calculated at the end of May.

## 2 FOR 1!

On Thursday, June 21st there will be a Chapter Membership Chair Training from 12 p.m.-2 p.m.. This session will provide preparation and resources to help sustain and grow your chapter. We hope that your chapter will recognize the importance of this training and support the attendance of the membership chair at the convention. The chapter president and membership chair can travel together and share a room. While there is registration and meals, it won't cost much more to send two people instead of one to gather information to help your chapter flourish.

## HONORING +50 MEMBERS

On Friday, June 22 there will be a reception for those who have been Delta Kappa Gamma members for fifty years or more and for convention first timers just prior to the Birthday Luncheon. In addition, +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.



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## Members selected for seminar

The International Golden Gift Fund Committee selected four Texas members to participate in the 2012 Leadership/Management Seminar:

**Cathy Criner**, Alpha Alpha (Ennis-9)

**Dr. Linda Eller**, Epsilon Kappa (Austin-7)

**Dr. Jo Murphy**, Iota Iota (Denton-16)

**Connie Rensink**, Theta Chi, (North Richland Hills-10)

These ladies will travel to Austin along with twenty-seven other Society members from a variety of countries and states. The seminar is July 1-14 and will include intense sessions from the University of Texas McCombs School of Business. **Marilyn Gregory**, Epsilon Kappa (Austin-7), is a member of the Golden Gift Committee and was selected by the committee to assist committee chair Mary Lee Makinen during the seminar in July.

## Applications due

### BREAKOUT PRESENTERS

are needed for the 83rd TSO Convention. Applications are available on **www.alphastatetx.org** and must be submitted by March 15, 2012.

### ART EXHIBITORS

are wanted to share their talents at the visual arts exhibit in Las Colinas. For more information, contact Susan Mayo before March 15. **srmayo@mac.com**

### ANNIE AWARDS

are given for outstanding chapter programs. Submitting an application is one of the criteria for the PACE. April 1 is the deadline. Applications and hints for writing a successful Annie are on the state website **www.alphastatetx.org**



## com•mu•ni•cation - DKG Style

Karolyn Caldwell, Communication Chair  
kbellrc@hotmail.com

The dictionary defines com•mu•ni•ca•tion as information transmitted or exchanged in written or verbal form or through behavior. Communication DKG style incorporates each of those forms on various occasions. Think of the ways. Likely our first thoughts turn to newsletters as the primary form of DKG communication. Yes, Society information is conveyed in print through publications and electronic means, but chapters also use telephone trees and prepare elevator speeches to buzz about events and advantages of membership. We communicate the fellowship of DKG through warm smiles and friendly greetings. Whatever the form, there are some elements of DKG style we should remember.

- Use the full name of the Society– The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Use Texas State Organization (TSO).
- DKG is an acceptable reference to the Society, but the terms sorority and club are not used. Capitalize Society when referring to the international organization, and capitalize Purposes.
- Use the term Founders to refer to the twelve women who organized the international Society. Dr. Blanton is named first. Use charter members to refer to the original members of a chapter.
- The names of Society boards, funds, and committees are written in lower case, e.g., executive board, world fellowship fund, communications committee. Exceptions occur when an international entity has the word Fund in its proper name, e.g., International Speakers Fund.

Society pamphlets, our Texas State Organization website, the “Lone Star News” have all have taken on a quality, updated look. Many chapter newsletters followed suit. To the 160 chapters in Texas who have published editions this fall, we congratulate you on your efforts. If a chapter newsletter were discovered in your home and read by a nonmember, she could readily infer this is an organization of purpose and professionalism tempered with fellowship and fun. And why not? That’s communication- DKG style.



## Developing Chapter Presidents

Shirl Hawes, LDCP Chair  
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Congratulations for saying ‘yes’ to the energizing, enlightening experience of being chapter president. The Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents Committee is ready to help you explore the possibilities to build and lead a strong chapter. Incoming 2012-2014 chapter presidents will not want to miss this very important session.

The LDCP committee will be ready to greet new presidents on Thursday, June 21st in the Junior Ballroom on the third floor of the new Irving Convention Center located in the Las Colinas area of Irving. Consider arriving early for the purpose of checking in at the hotel and then enjoying the optional box lunch at 11:00 a.m. Training will begin promptly at 12:00 noon. Chapter presidents may want to bring highlighters or sticky notes to the session.

Learning about presidential responsibilities, how to plan and conduct exciting and informative meetings, and the wealth of materials and resources that are available to chapter presidents are just a few of the topics that will be covered during this workshop.

Come be a part of this unique, powerful workshop. Your vision will light the way for a successful biennium. You will be energized; you will be enlightened; you will love being chapter president!

International

# New York hosts 2012 International Convention

New York City will host the 2012 International Convention for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. July 24-28 members from all over the world will arrive in the Big Apple to make new friends and rekindle existing friendships.

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Convention attendees will have time to see the city, attend Broadway shows, hear speakers, attend breakout sessions and make important business decisions.



The action will begin in the heart of Manhattan at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers on 7th Avenue.

The international website [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) has additional information about the convention.

## Seminar in Purposeful Living visits DC

The Seminar in Purposeful Living, sponsored by The Educational Foundation, is offered prior to the international convention. This event offers interesting locales for learning, relaxing and discovering new things about oneself.

The theme of the 2012 Seminar in Purposeful Living is A Capital Experience. Participants will tour the US Capitol, see the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery, view historical monuments illuminated at night and have time for activities of your choice. Options include the Smithsonian museums, the National Cathedral, a trip to Mount Vernon, travel on the Metro, shopping and dining.



Registration forms are on the international website. Participation is limited to the first 250 registrations. Register early. A bus will be available from D.C. to New York City.

## Explore the Educational Foundation's new website



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

Find out more on the new website: <http://dkgef.org>