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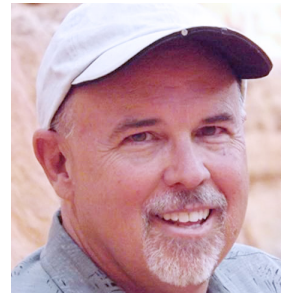
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International ~ Key Women Educators

Spring 2022

## Outstanding speakers scheduled for Lubbock

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The keynote speaker at the Lubbock Convention will be Bear Mills. Mills' life goal is to pay it forward for all people who have helped him become a success. These include educators, pastors, and a historian who invested in him when he was young. Several of them pointed him toward Benjamin Franklin and his strong desire to master as many areas in life as possible. In that regard, he has been privileged to be named Texas Teacher of the Year, James Madison Scholar, Fulbright Scholar, a John Ben Sheppard Fellow in Leadership Ethics and the Walmart Foundation Teacher of the Year in 1997. Besides speaking in schools and churches, he is a published author. He believes that his accomplishments verify that others' investments in him have paid dividends and that he is in a position to help others realize their dreams. He will be discussing "Being a Person of Hope in a World where Hope is on the Endangered Species List."



Bear Mills

### INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

The 2022 Lubbock Convention is privileged to have Dr. Helen Popovich as the DKG Society International representative. Popovich began her teaching and DKG career in Texas. Her career advanced from high school English teacher to college English professor to college dean, vice president and interim president. She later became president of Florida Atlantic University and Ferris State University. During these moves, she lived in four different states: Texas, Minnesota, Florida and Michigan. Wherever she lived, she was active in the local, state and international organization of DKG. She was the state organization president while in Michigan.



Dr. Helen Popovich

At the international level, she has served on the Board of Directors and as chair of the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation, as Member-at-Large on the International Administrative Board, and as chair of the Educational Excellence Committee, the Constitution Committee and the Non-dues Revenue Committee. Having earned the credential of Professional Registered Parliamentarian, Popovich currently serves as DKG International Parliamentarian. In 2020, she received the DKG International Achievement Award.

Popovich wrote in her acceptance speech for the award,

How fortunate we all are to be members of DKG — to feel the love and support of fellow members and to have the power to make an impact on education in our communities and in four of the world's seven continents. And, also, how fortunate we are to be able to offer the joy of membership to such a diversity of women educators who all share our need for strong, supportive friendships and our desire to make a significant impact on the lives of educators and students worldwide.

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# Lubbock a place to connect

"Why should I go?"

"What difference does it make if I attend?"

"I don't need any breakout sessions for CPE credit."

As the Texas State Organization Convention approaches, members make these statements and ask these questions every year. Therefore, it is necessary to address these inquiries with valid answers.

Attending the convention every year allows TSO members to fulfill the purposes of the Society. Genuine spiritual fellowship for many members is the best reason to attend a convention. Convention provides members with a set apart time from school, home and family to reconnect. During conventions, members cultivate lifelong relationships. Networking with members promotes strong relationships. If for no other reason, members attend a convention to reconnect with members and make new connections.

TSO and ASTEF are businesses. The membership owns these businesses; therefore, the membership votes on decisions. Budgets, by-laws and rule changes are voted on during the TSO and ASTEF business sessions. A quorum of members must be present to vote on desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and women educators. Reports on member success, educational advancement and member achievement are all part of the business of TSO and ASTEF. The business meetings support women's professional interests and positions in education.

Author Brian Herbert says, "The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice." Conventions provide members with a place to learn. TSO members have knowledge and experience in a vast range of subjects which they share through breakout sessions. Whether Society business, personal interest or professional growth, breakout sessions stimulate members' personal and professional growth and encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action. Attendees can earn CPE credit from approved breakout sessions.

Plan to participate in the TSO Convention in Lubbock to connect, make your voice heard and learn.



Shalan Inmon  
Texas State President  
2021-2023



# All in a day's work at Headquarters

Ever wonder what happens at TSO Headquarters? The photo below **gives clues** to fill in the blanks, revealing important deadlines and ongoing tasks. Members may submit findings to [tsosecretary29@gmail.com](mailto:tsosecretary29@gmail.com) by March 30 for a prize drawing.

1. By **March 1** \_\_\_\_\_ are to be elected. Submit chapter president & treasurer names by March 15 using the link found under Resources>Forms and Deadlines>Chapter Officer Google Form.
2. By **February 28** \_\_\_\_\_ payments & member contact updates should be complete. TSO takes the membership snapshot on March 1 for Tudor Rose & Rosebud Awards. The Dues Portal closes in March.
3. Tyler \_\_\_\_\_ payments are due **March 20** for the April trip. [www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org)
4. Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ to ASTEF funds & the Eula Lee Carter Memorial fund are due **April 1** for recognition at the Lubbock convention.
5. There is an online \_\_\_\_\_ in the TSO president's kit to provide TSO and ASTEF deadlines and happenings.
6. Five \_\_\_\_\_ provide a great deal of support for TSO HQ office staff and members. Patti Belknap, Marta Finlay, Marilyn Nease, Jeanette Rhyan and Janie Wigley generously give their time and talents regularly.

## Deadlines at a Glance

April 1	Print & Media Nominations ASTEF Proj App Cornetet App Contributions ASTEF & ELC
May 1	Rpt Conv Program Five-Star Newsletter Expense Rpts St Personnel
6	Convention Ads
15	Chapter officers to Int'l

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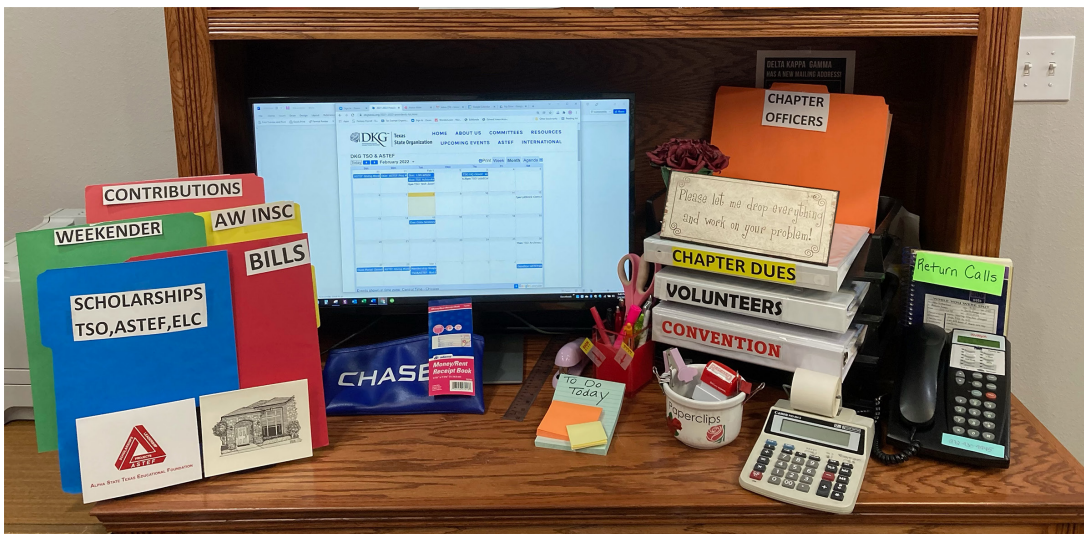
## Committee Meetings

Personnel Comm @HQ	March 23
Achiv Award Comm (Zoom a.m.)	March 26
Scholarship Comm (Zoom p.m.)	March 26
Finance Comm (Zoom)	April 8/9
ASTEF Board (Zoom)	April 29/30

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**MEMBERS:** Send address changes to your chapter treasurer or go to [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) /MyDKG to make any changes in your information.



Members completing the winter crossword puzzle correctly:

- Patti Belknap, Theta Alpha-9
- Mellie Smithwick, Beta Pi-5
- Cookee Johnson, Mu Lambda-16
- Pam Phillips, Epsilon Alpha-10

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Texas State Organization Convention  
Lubbock, June 15-18, 2022**

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 15th. No meals may be ordered after June 1st. Address registration questions to Terrie Cardwell at 713-208-4923 or [tcardwell003@comcast.net](mailto:tcardwell003@comcast.net). Mail completed form to Terrie Cardwell, 2738 Fontana Dr., Houston, TX 77043 or email to [tcardwell003@comcast.net](mailto:tcardwell003@comcast.net) if submitting electronically. Please type or print clearly.

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) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs—Check all that apply. For special situations, email or phone Terrie Cardwell.  
 Diabetic  Vegetarian  Gluten-free  Limited Mobility  Hearing/Visually Impaired

**Please check all that apply.**  
 2022-2024 Chapter President  2020-2022 Chapter President  1st State Convention Attendee  
 Member for 50 or 50+ Years

**Indicate number of tickets you need for each function.** Cost includes tax, service charge and facility fee.

<b>Registration Fee: (Check one that applies.)</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2022-2024 Chapter President or <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter Representative attending LDGP	\$ 0	_____	_____
All other member registration — postmarked on or before May 15	\$ 50	_____	_____
Late Registration: postmarked after May 15 (No charge for chapter president or chapter representative)	\$ 75	_____	_____
Guest's name for Guest Badge _____	\$ 5	_____	_____
<b>Leadership Social</b> Year attended LS _____ (Wed, June 15, 7:30 p.m.)	\$ 0	_____	_____
<b>Box Lunch</b> (Thurs, June 16) <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Ham	\$ 16	_____	_____
<b>Birthday Luncheon</b> (Fri, June 17)	\$ 33	_____	_____
<b>ASTEF Event</b> (Fri, June 17) <i>tax deductible</i> (*Non-refundable donation)	\$ 25	_____	_____
<b>State Personnel Dinner</b> <i>by invitation only</i> (Fri, June 17)	\$ 38	_____	_____
<b>Box Lunch</b> (Sat, June 18) <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Ham	\$ 16	_____	_____
<b>Presidents &amp; Founders Banquet</b> (Sat, June 18)	\$ 38	_____	_____
<b>Continuing Professional Education Credit (CPE)</b>	\$ 20	_____	_____
<b>Chorus Music—Chorus Participants Only</b>	\$ 20	_____	_____
Voice Part: <input type="checkbox"/> Soprano I <input type="checkbox"/> Soprano II <input type="checkbox"/> Alto Interested in playing <input type="checkbox"/> prelude <input type="checkbox"/> postlude			
<b>Contribution to ASTEF</b> <i>tax-deductible</i> (*Non-refundable donation).....		_____	_____

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_  
 CHECK (Payable to Texas State Organization Convention Fund) OR  MasterCard  VISA

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit Sec. Code \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cancellation requests must be made in writing to Terrie Cardwell, 2738 Fontana Dr., Houston, TX 77043 and postmarked by May 23rd. There is a \$15 cancellation processing fee; no refunds after May 23.

*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.*

# Eleganté Hotel 2022 TSO Convention Headquarters



MCM Eleganté Hotel & Suites, Lubbock, TX 79401

Located in the Heart of West Texas, the MCM Eleganté Hotel is the 2022 Lubbock Convention Headquarters.

Reservations are now open and can be made:

<https://reservations.mcmelegantelubbock.com/86204?groupID=3398632&hotelID=86204#/guestsandrooms>

Special room rates are good Tuesday, June 14 - Sunday, June 19: \$109-\$139.

## Important training for incoming chapter presidents

The Lubbock Convention will be the site of training for new chapter presidents. Incoming presidents should make plans now to attend the convention. The registration form has a place for a member to indicate she is a chapter president or a representative for the chapter president.

This year LDCP (Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents) will take place Thursday, June 17th, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, June 18th, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Presidents will receive the latest information and training in four areas within two days. The training modules will include:

- I'm the President, Now What?
- Membership
- Finance
- Resources/Programs/Projects



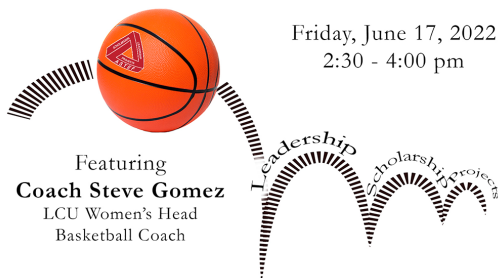
Every chapter president or the person representing the chapter president, such as the vice president, second vice president, treasurer or secretary, will find this two day training beneficial. Presenters will include the TSO Executive Board, the LDCP Committee and some very special key players in the organization.

## ASTEF Event features Steve Gomez of Lubbock Christian University

“Follow the Bouncing Ball,” ASTEF’s Ticketed Event, will feature Steve Gomez, Lubbock Christian University’s head women’s basketball coach. Coach Gomez has been at the helm of the Lady Chaps for 10 seasons, posting a 234-96 record in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). He claimed Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II National Coach of the Year honors and has received a number of awards and recognitions.

ASTEF’S “Follow the Bouncing Ball”

Friday, June 17, 2022  
2:30 - 4:00 pm



Gomez’ philosophy of coaching is a direct reflection of the things that are most important—faith, family and a passion for developing teams for competition. His main goal is the desire to instill self-discipline and a healthy competitive spirit in each player by encouraging and bringing out their best character traits and physical abilities.



# Convention schedule at a glance

## Wednesday, June 15, 2022

1:30 p.m.	TSO Executive Committee Meeting
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Student Art Exhibit/Reception for students & parents (Exhibit Hall)
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Leadership Seminar Event

## Thursday, June 16, 2022

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Set up, Vendors, ASTEF displays, Children's Art Gallery
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration, Unifying Project items accepted
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Vendors open; ASTEF Displays; Children's Art Gallery, Visual Arts
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Breakout Session 1
11:00 a.m.	AC Training
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Breakout Session 2
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Box lunch pickup
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Breakout Session 3
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Breakout Session 4
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	LDCP Session 1
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Breakout Session 5
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Breakout Session 6
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Breakout Session 7
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own
7:00 p.m.	Opening Session

## Friday, June 17, 2022

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration, Unifying Project items accepted
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Vendors open; ASTEF Displays; Children's Art Gallery; Visual Arts (Closed during Birthday Luncheon)
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	LDCP Session 2
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Breakout Session 8
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Breakout Session 9
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	50+ Member Reception
11:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Birthday Luncheon
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Breakout Session 10
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	ASTEF Extravaganza
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Breakout Session 11 with Tim Lee
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Necrology Committee Rehearsal, Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	State Personnel Dinner (invitation only)

## Saturday, June 18, 2022

7:30 a.m.	Choir/Necrology rehearsals
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Service of Remembrance
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	TSO Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	ASTEF Annual Meeting
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Vendors
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Box Lunch pickup
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Chapter Treasurers with State Treasurer
1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Membership Breakout session
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Breakout Session 12
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Committee Chairs meet with committees
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Presidents and Founders Banquet

# Convention programs will have personal ads

The Lubbock Convention program will have advertisement space for sale.



Ads will appear on an 8½" by 11" convention program page

¼ page ad is \$100

½ page ad is \$200

1 page ad is \$300

Advertisements are an opportunity for individuals, groups and chapters to say thank you, honor members or celebrate special chapter accomplishments. The application form to request ad space is on the Upcoming Events/93rd Texas State Convention link from the TSO website. A limited number of spaces are available. Deadline is April 15, 2022.

## Vendors, sponsors and exhibitors needed for Lubbock

**Shopping  
in  
Denton  
2021**

2022 Texas State Organization Convention  
Lubbock Memorial Civic Center  
June 15-18, 2022  
Deadline is April 15, 2022

Details and application:  
<https://www.dkgtexas.org/2022-convention-lubbock.html>

**Lubbock**  
POP. 310,639



GOLD PIECE

# Restoring history with love

Lucan Watkins, Eta Eta

I grew up in East Dallas in the White Rock area. We had a lake that was the center of so many of our activities that we took it for granted. It was an excellent playground for families with rolling hills, picnic areas, biking, hiking and lakeside fishing. As a teenager, driving bumper-to-bumper around the perimeter of the lake on a Sunday afternoon was the way to see people and be seen.

The lake is not an ordinary lake. White Rock Lake is the largest urban lake in the United States. First built as a water supply lake for the growing City of Dallas in 1909, the city turned it over to the Dallas Park Department to be a city park in 1929. With the help of President Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration (WPA) and later the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), amenities were added to the park: a bathhouse, a boathouse, an event pavilion, stone picnic tables, grills, fireplaces and many shade trees. People from all over the city come to appreciate the outdoors.

Over the years, the lake's volume and quality of water have decreased. The tributaries flowing into the lake bring in silt from the natural erosion of land. Also, the increased growth of cities to the north of the lake has brought in trash and sediment. Even with the changes, people still find beauty and pleasure in the countless nature activities the lake has to offer.

I moved away to go to college in Nacogdoches and began my teaching career in Houston. When I returned to Dallas, I wanted to live close to the lake I grew up with and allow my son to grow up with it too. I noticed that the people living around the lake had a strong bond and desire to care for the lake. Instead of everyone simply using its resources, they organize in groups to take care of the lake. Some residents enjoy creating master plans for the lake, while others find satisfaction in raising money to implement the new designs. I found my place with the people who gave their time and effort to keep the lake clean. *For the Love of the Lake* is a strong group of volunteers who meet every second Saturday, no matter the weather, to clean up trash around the lake. The organization also makes great efforts to plant and maintain trees around the lake. These efforts help keep the park clean so that citizens can enjoy the lake for generations to come.

Through friends, I learned that an organization planned to rehabilitate one of the more popular lake areas — The Stone Tables. I volunteered to help with the tables. The group restored the pavilion, installed a drainage system and reconstructed the picnic tables. Planners left two square game tables with inlaid checkerboards for me to preserve.

The WPA workers built the tables in 1931 out of scraps from materials used to make headstones. I found granite, marble and even bricks in the construction. I had never worked with concrete before, but with help from my son, I was able to complete the benches and be part of restoring the history of the Stone Tables and White Rock Lake.



Lucan Watkins and a restored game table

Everyone who grew up in the area has a story about White Rock Lake. I've added another chapter to mine. Collectively we share a common bond in our love for the lake.



# ASTEFL seeking nominees for Texas Advocate for Education

The ASTEF Programs and Projects Committee solicits help from Texas State Organization members in nominating a Texas Advocate for Education.

Eligibility is as follows:

- The nominee must be a woman who resides in Texas; may have an educational background but is not a current educator; and is not a member (active, reserve, or honorary) of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
- There is evidence that the nominee thoughtfully, deliberately, and unequivocally strives to improve education in Texas through her continued outstanding service and financial support benefitting Texas students and/or educators, preferably at the state level, but minimally at the regional or area level.
- The nominee must show excellence in leadership and serve as an example to others as an advocate for education.



Information on how to nominate someone for this honor can be found at <https://www.astef.org/forms.html>. The nominee chosen by the committee will be invited to attend the TSO Convention in Lubbock in June to accept the award. All nominations must be submitted by April 1, 2022.



# Shelby's Bridge a big help in the small town of Sudan

Gift shop; thrift store; café; floral shop; training facility... that is Shelby's Bridge. Teens and adults with learning disabilities are crossing the bridge into living more independent lives in the future. Friends at this unique place learn skills needed to work successfully in various areas of employment. Members may visit the Facebook page and the website ([www.shelby'sbridge.org](http://www.shelby'sbridge.org)) to learn more about the mission and activities that happen in the small town of Sudan.



The Lubbock convention organizers chose Shelby's Bridge as the TSO Unifying Project for 2022. Gift cards may include Hobby Lobby, Michael's, JoAnn's, Walmart, Target, Albertson's, United, H-E-B, Food King, Visa and Mastercard. Members are invited to bring a gift card (or several) to have a part in the work of Shelby's Bridge.

# Tyler Weekender happening April 22-24, 2022



Tyler, Texas, known as the "Rose Capital of the World," is the destination for the 2022 ASTEF Weekender on April 22-24. TSO members, spouses, and friends are encouraged to participate. There are just a few spots left. The trip costs \$325.00 with a \$75.00 deposit due upon registration. Questions can be directed to Risa McCann at [travel.astef@gmail.com](mailto:travel.astef@gmail.com).



## Texas State Organization Remembers

We mourn the passing and celebrate the lives of those cherished members of the Society whose deaths have been reported to the Texas Necrology Chair, [Robyn Rucker](#), between November 1, 2021 and February 1, 2022. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at the time of death using Form 6, Report of the Death of a Member, found at [www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org) under Committees - Necrology.

Mary Jo Lovingier, Alpha Sigma-12, Lubbock  
 Arline Patterson, Beta Tau-6, San Antonio  
 Minnie Munoz, Beta Xi-5, Corpus Christi  
 Dr. Jane McQuiddy Kendall, Epsilon Nu-10, Fort Worth  
 Benny May Thomas, Epsilon Psi-3, Iola  
 Wanda Tye Scott, Eta Alpha-11, Perryton  
 Elaine Oelfke, Eta Omega-4, Lake Jackson  
 LaRhettta June Schuman, Iota Upsilon-8, Comanche  
 Mary V. Morriss, Kappa Upsilon-9, Duncanville  
 Jerrie Simmons, Kappa Upsilon-9, Duncanville  
 Joanna Garvey Easter, Mu Lambda-16, Graham  
 Mary Hart Mobley, Mu Lambda-16, Graham  
 Carolyn Kay Barnett, Phi-1, Henderson  
 Mary Lou Massengale, Theta Mu-14, Lubbock

## Committee honors deceased members

Any member may report a death of a chapter member using the Form 6 found on the TSO Necrology Committee page of the TSO website. The Necrology Committee recognizes and honors deceased members in good standing at their deaths. When the committee receives a notification, it sends a condolence card to a family or a close friend, lists the name in *The Lone Star News* and records the name in the TSO Book of Memories. If the committee receives a member's name by May 1, her name will be called during the Celebration of Life and Remembrance and printed in the booklet given to others at the memorial service.



Book of Memories, Alpha Sigma

Chapters will find ways to honor a deceased member on the Necrology Committee webpage.

### Texas members seeking DKG International positions

- **Dr. Barbara Baethe**, Epsilon Omega-4, nominated for DKG Member-at-Large position to serve on the International Administrative Board from 2022-2026.
- **Connie Rensink**, Theta Chi-10, floor nominee for DKG First Vice President to serve on the International Administrative Board from 2022-2024.



**Amy Carter**, Mu Chi (Floresville-6), presented her paper, "The Impact of International Experiential Learning and the Community and University Partnership Supporting Global Citizenship in U.S. Schools," at the Educational Law Association Conference.

**Jackie Morgan-Tomko**, Zeta Pi (El Paso-15), is president of the Woman's Auxiliary of The University of Texas at El Paso.

**Rhonda Stowe**, Iota Epsilon (Houston-18), was recognized by the Klein ISD Board of Trustees as an Outstanding Educator.

**Iliana Barrera**, Epsilon Kappa (Pflugerville-7), her husband, sister and two nieces competed last November on "Family Feud."

**Mollye Long**, Beta Zeta (Fredericksburg-6), is the newest member of the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation Board of Trustees.

**Dana Kidd and Bonna Boston**, Eta Omega (Brazosport-4), were featured in the January issue of the *Brazos Monthly* in a story about the bond between twins.

Included in the 2021, Volume 88-2 of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin* (Collegial Exchange):

- **Jayne Brainard**, Kappa (El Paso-15), poem "Opportunities, Contributions, Impact"
- **Geraldine Haggard**, Iota Omega (Plano-9), article "A Tribute to Marie Clay"
- **Phyllis Hickey**, Alpha (Austin-7), article "Leaving a Legacy"
- **Bonnie Moore**, Eta Delta (Cypress-3), article "Learn, Listen, Lead"

# TSO honors fifty-year members in Lubbock



The TSO Membership Committee is preparing to recognize members who have been in DKG for fifty or more years. During the Birthday Luncheon in Lubbock, committee members will present each honoree with a rose and a beautiful certificate honoring her membership. To ensure that each qualified member gets a chance to be honored, the member needs to check the 50+ box on the registration form. In addition, the chapter must submit additional information to the TSO Membership Chair, Phyllis McPherson ([phyllis.mcperson@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.mcperson@gmail.com)), by May 1, 2022. The information includes the member's name, address, email address, chapter and induction year.

## Legacy pins have special meaning to members

Receiving a Texas State Organization Achievement Award or Golden Rose Award is a tremendously exciting moment for any DKG member. In addition, the honor of being recognized at the state convention by one's peers for a body of work over many years gives great satisfaction for a job well done.

An added joy is finding out that the pin was once worn by another outstanding DKG member. Past State President Nancy Newton received the TSO Achievement Award in 2010 and was elated to know that she would be wearing the pin presented to Bess Church McDonald in 1971. Nancy shares these thoughts:

*Bess was a dear friend and mentor to me through my years in Texas DKG. To wear her pin, knowing what she contributed to our organization, keeps me humbled but also motivated to continue to do the best I possibly can for TSO and DKG.*

Each TSO Achievement Award or Golden Rose Award recipient is encouraged to return her pin to TSO Headquarters when she no longer wears her DKG jewelry. That pin becomes a legacy pin to be presented to a future award recipient.

## Members need a plan for dispensation of jewelry

Often family members do not know what do to with DKG jewelry and much of it ends up on eBay. Plan now to leave instructions. A printable form is available on the TSO website under Resources>Reference Materials.



Keypin



Presidents' pins



Chapter Achievement Guard



Leadership Seminar



State Achievement



Golden Rose



5-70 year Membership

Other Delta Kappa Gamma jewelry as listed: \_\_\_\_\_

I have circled the illustration(s) of the DKG jewelry that I have worn with pride. When I can no longer wear it, please return it to:

\_\_\_\_\_ My chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (Contact TSO for chapter president)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The Texas State Organization, PO Box 75379, Dallas, TX 797787 or call 972.930.9945

I Do / Do Not (circle one) request a ceremony of remembrance at my memorial service

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Committees invite members on a journey

## PACK YOUR BAGS...LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



The invitation for a new journey has been extended and accepted by President Shalan Inmon. All that is left is to pack a bag. TSO members are encouraged to apply for the Leadership Seminar by October 15, 2022, for acceptance to the 2023 Leadership Seminar Class for the trip's next leg.

During the weekend of February 24-26, 2023, applicants will load their briefcases and backpacks with new insight into leadership opportunities within chapters, organizations and communities. In addition, those personal strengths often overlooked while packing will be slipped back into bags for use in leadership roles.

Interested members can grab their passports and prepare to have their tickets, itineraries and luggage checked for departure at the breakout session during the 93rd TSO Convention in Lubbock (June 16-18, 2022) or the Area Workshops in August and September.

## WEAR YOUR PIN...MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



The DKG Texas Membership Committee was created to study membership issues, to make recommendations related to membership concerns and to encourage active chapter recruiting practices.

Though these are not all of the committee's purposes, these are foremost. So the question is, "How does the committee help chapters recruit, retain and reinstate members?" The Membership Committee will be presenting two workshops at the Lubbock Convention to answer the question. In addition, committee members will be available to help with Area Workshops throughout the state.

The membership committee page on [dkgtexas.org](http://dkgtexas.org) has helpful information. For example, "Strategies for Member Success" has ideas successfully used by members for recruiting, retaining and reinstating members.

## BRING YOUR MUSIC...MUSIC COMMITTEE



Registration is open for the 93rd TSO Convention in Lubbock on June 15-18, 2022. Members can be part of the musical journey by singing in the TSO Chorus, sharing an instrumental performance and supporting the performers. Not only is the chorus fun, but it also plays a vital role by providing music in the Necrology Service, Birthday Luncheon Celebration, and Presidents and Founders Banquet. Members wishing to participate need to sign up on the registration form. The \$20.00 registration fee includes the music members may keep for a lifetime of memories.

## DISPLAY YOUR ART...WOMEN IN THE ARTS COMMITTEE



Members will have an opportunity to share their artistic creations with the Lubbock Convention attendees in June. The Members' Visual Arts Display will feature paintings, photography, fabric arts, literary arts, ceramics, jewelry, needlework, and many other media. Items created at STAR or a Women in the Arts Zoom session are perfect for the WIA Display. All Texas members may exhibit one or more pieces by submitting the application form found on the WIA, Deadlines and Forms and the Lubbock Convention webpages. The deadline is April 15, 2022. A visit to the WIA Display is an excellent time to relax during the convention and experience the art created by talented members.

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## OPEN YOUR MIND...PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE



The pandemic has left many educators struggling to maintain a balance between work and home. Despite all the requirements, obligations, deadlines and responsibilities, educators need continuing professional education, CPE, hours to remain current in the teaching profession.

The most recent TSO survey of chapter presidents indicated that most chapters were concerned about membership issues.

The PPE committee can help chapters achieve member recruitment and retention goals by educating chapters about creating CPE opportunities within their chapter programs. Chapters can potentially attract prospective DKG candidates to chapter meetings by offering CPE credit. At the Lubbock Convention, the committee will be offering a session explaining the process of creating these opportunities.

## ASTEF Online Auction returning to Lubbock in 2022

# YES!

The answer to the question is “yes.” ASTEF is pleased to announce that the ASTEF Online Auction is returning to Lubbock. The auction will begin one week prior to the TSO Convention in Lubbock. Participants will have the

time and the opportunity to view the auction items at the convention. As in the past, members will only bid online.

Anyone interested in donating items to the auction should contact Janie Wigley at [advancement.astef@gmail.com](mailto:advancement.astef@gmail.com) or Rhonda Posey at [pastpresident.astef@gmail.com](mailto:pastpresident.astef@gmail.com) or [rrposey2@gmail.com](mailto:rrposey2@gmail.com). ASTEF appreciates all donations, including items from downsizing and collectibles that need a new home. In addition, the ASTEF Advancement Committee would love to have original art, jewelry, handbags, vacation packages and more. All proceeds go to ASTEF to support Scholarship, Leadership, and Projects.



## Combining parts creates impressive results

The scent of a rose invokes summer, love and pure delight. The Rose is one of the cherished symbols of DKG. Not only is it the logo of DKG, but the rose is also part of every ceremony. How is the rose scent created? It involves chemistry.



Chemistry is divided into two categories: inorganic and organic. Organic chemistry deals with living things; therefore, the chemistry of a rose is considered organic chemistry. Organic chemistry puts compounds into categories such as alkanes, alcohols, ketones, carboxylic acids, and esters, to name a few.

Esters are the chemistry of scent. The two parts of an ester are an organic alcohol and a carboxylic acid. When combined, the reaction produces water and the ester. In the case of a rose, acetic acid combines with geraniol to create the ester geranyl acetate.

How does this relate to DKG? Members are constantly putting things together to create something extraordinary, just like acid and alcohol combine to create the lovely scent of a rose.

The next time a member sees a rose, she can think of the amazing things the Society has put together.

# ASTEFL accepting project applications

The Alpha State Texas Education Foundational (ASTEFL) is accepting applications for chapter, coordinating council, area, or individual project stipends. Members may find pertinent information at <https://www.astef.org/forms.html>, under ASTEF Project Stipend Application Forms.

Applicants should consider innovative and unique projects supporting Texas educators, men and women alike, or projects impacting students. Typically, ASTEF does not grant funds for more than two consecutive years, and recipients are encouraged to find ways to sustain the project if it is worthy of continuation. One award that started in 2021 in honor of the ASTEF Founding Directors, not to exceed \$2500, will be presented at the TSO onvention to a particularly impactful, innovative and unique project at the TSO Convention.

The ASTEF Programs and Projects Committee encourages area coordinators and chapter presidents to share this important information with everyone interested in obtaining a supplemental grant to help fund a worthy project. Applications are due April 1, 2022.



## ASTEFL project stipends at work in schools

ASTEFL's mission is to provide funding for activities that support the professional and personal growth of educators in Texas and to promote educational excellence for Texas students.

Mu Iota (Area 2) wanted to increase teacher retention by mentoring beginning teachers in their district. In 2021, they received a grant for their project, which used interventions like their New Teacher Celebration and providing classroom materials to foster relationships with new teachers. Member Roxie Asbill said, "The grant allowed our chapter to complete projects at a greater level than we would be able to with our own local funding." Evidence of the project's success is that it was a continuing one.



In 2019, Epsilon Omega (Area 4) President Chery Rayome said the Title I tutoring and reward program assisted sixth-grade struggling readers through an in-school program focused on developing reading skills and positive academic behaviors. It also increased affirmative parent communication in facilitating the children's success. In addition, Rayome said the project bonded the chapter and community: "Every member of the chapter had a role in the success of the students' achievements. This involvement brought the chapter together in a unified effort to aid student success and made the community aware of our endeavors and hence promoted their involvement, too."



Gayle Stephens, Mu Upsilon (Area 2), recalled writing project applications over the years. "Stipends have provided the opportunity to supplement materials for both students and teachers in area schools. For example, one stipend was for books for first-year teachers' classrooms. The students were as thrilled as the teachers to receive the books." Another year, a stipend allowed the purchase of iPads for a school's new STEAM lab. In 2021, Mu Upsilon received a grant to supply DNA kits for high school students to explore biology, the scientific method, genetic disease, and simulated crime scenes. Stephens urged chapters to apply for a stipend: "The application is not lengthy or complicated, and the mid-year and year-end reports are simply to account for the way the school spent the money and carried out the project."





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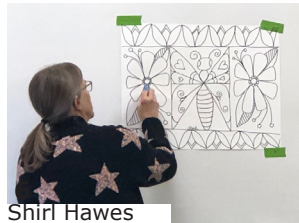
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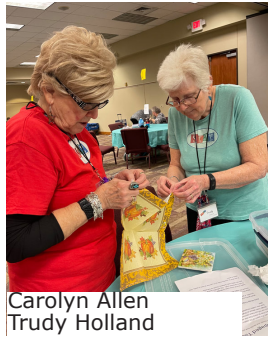
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## Proposed amendment to TSO governing documents

The TSO Bylaws and Rules Committee presents for consideration by members this proposed amendment to the Texas State Organization governing documents.

### Proposal 1: State Rules – 9.11 m

Which now reads:

9:11 m. The Personnel Committee recommends the employment of qualified women, recommends the salary for each, and obtains signed letters of intent. The committee provides support in areas of policy, training and employment issues in order to attract and retain quality staff. The committee includes a chair and five (5) other members.

Be amended as follows:

In the first sentence, **replace the word "women" with the word "persons."** Strike the last sentence **"The committee includes a chair and five (5) other members."** Replace with **"The committee consists of seven (7) members. Committee members serve a term of four (4) years, with three (3) members appointed at the beginning of one (1) biennium and four (4) appointed at the beginning of the next biennium and at least one member actively serving on the ASTEF Board. The chair is a continuing member appointed by the state president."**

If adopted would read:

9.11m. The Personnel Committee recommends the employment of qualified persons, recommends the salary for each and obtains signed letters of intent. The committee provides support in areas of policy, training and employment issues in order to attract and retain quality staff. The committee consists of seven (7) members. Committee members serve a term of four (4) years, with three (3) members appointed at the beginning of one (1) biennium and four (4) appointed at the beginning of the next biennium and at least one member actively serving on the ASTEF Board. The chair is a continuing member appointed by the state president.

Rationale: This change will allow the Personnel Committee to have a broader pool of qualified persons from which to choose for employment. In addition, since employees work for the Texas State Organization and the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation, TSO and ASTEF will benefit from these changes in terms of service on the Personnel Committee by providing the employed staff continuity and stability.

Financial Impact: None

Proposed by: TSO Bylaws and Rules Committee

Endorsed by: TSO Executive Committee

INTERNATIONAL

# New Orleans site of DKG Society International Convention

The 2022 DKG Society International Convention will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 12-16. Members considering attending the in-person event will find the information posted on

[dkg.org](http://dkg.org). Currently, members may get an overview of the convention with the Schedule at a Glance, make a room reservation at the Sheraton New Orleans, get information on the DKG International Educators Foundation (DKGIEF) fundraiser at Mardi Gras World and register for the convention.



Attendees will hear two enthusiastic speakers. Courtney Clark is a motivational speaker who helps organizations adapt to change. Ingvi HrAnnar Ómarsson is an acclaimed Icelandic educator interested in making education more fun, engaging, creative and relevant to the current world.

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Choice of Entrees:

### ~Creole Stuffed Fish~

Southern Gulf fish filet stuffed with crawfish dressing, baked and topped with a crawfish cream sauce served with sautéed vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes.

### ~Shrimp & Grits~

Gulf shrimp lightly sautéed in white wine and butter with cherry tomatoes, shallots, fresh herbs and garlic, served over our creamy Gouda cheese grits.

### ~Red Beans & Rice~

Creamy, slow-simmered red beans served with white rice, andouille sausage, and alligator sausage.

### ~Cajun Alfredo~

Fettuccine pasta tossed in a creamy Alfredo sauce, topped with the customer's choice of blackened chicken or shrimp.

### ~Blackened Chicken Jambalaya~

Cajun jambalaya topped with spicy blackened chicken.

### ~Southern Fried Fish Platter~

Gulf fish fillets fried to a golden brown, served with fries, hushpuppies, tartar and cocktail.

Dessert:

### ~New Orleans Style Bread Pudding~

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July 14, 2022

6:00 p.m.

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