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Jeni Souders, International President of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, will be the Society representative to the 83rd Texas State Organization convention in Las Colinas.

Souders' 37-year service to the Society includes serving as state organization President, Editor and Executive Secretary; at the international level, she has been elected to Member-at-Large, Southeast Regional Director and First Vice President.

She has served as chair and member of the International Research Committee, member of the International Program Committee, chair of the International Communications Committee, chair of the Ad Hoc Cornet Bequest Committee and is a trustee with the Educational Foundation. As international president, she serves as an ex officio, voting member of all international committees except nominations.

Bringing a wealth of experience and insight into DKG, the International President will lead breakout sessions on "Strengthening Chapters" and speak at the Presidents and Founders Banquet on "Possibilities into Action: Designing Our Future."

Birthday celebration is a red, white and blue event

The Birthday Luncheon during the Texas State Organization Convention will be a special patriotic celebration. Members are encouraged to wear red, white or blue as members celebrate the 83rd birthday of the Society.

Bringing books and DVD's to support the United Through Reading Program that provides books and DVD's with the deployed parent reading the book to his/her child left at home, members celebrate the birthday with these special gifts.

The speaker for the event will be Vicki Hunter Baldwin, a member and past chapter president of Lambda Iota in Austin. Baldwin has been recognized throughout the United States for her work in education. She was the Principal in Residence for the Department of Education during the Clinton Administration. In this role she was the advisor to the U.S. Secretary Richard Riley and his senior staff. Baldwin was the principal of Gonzalo Garza Independence High School in Austin from 1997-2008, when she retired. Garza has been recognized throughout the world for its excellence and innovative programs. Baldwin has presented programs throughout the country and in Ireland and Poland. She has served since 2007 on the E3Alliance-The Blueprint for Educational Change as Co-Captain of Goal 2: Eliminating the Achievement Gap.



Vicki Hunter Baldwin will speak at Birthday Luncheon

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Your vision will become clear only when you look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakes.

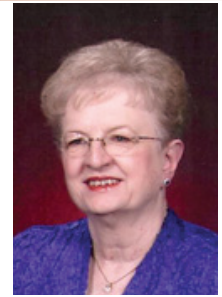
Carl Jung

Energizing for the new biennium

Joanne Davis

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Texas State President



EXPLORE the Possibilities:

Let Our VISION Light the Way

Congratulations to those of you who have accepted a leadership position in the 2012-2014 biennium. Your chapter looks to you to shine your beam and lead the way for the next two years. This is a big responsibility, but you are not in this alone. Your state leaders are behind you 100% , ready to help and answer questions as you lead your chapter forward. Where do you start?

The best training for getting off on the right foot is attending the state convention in Las Colinas, June 21-23. If you are an incoming president or her representative, there will be training provided by the Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents Committee from noon to four on Thursday, June 21. If you are the incoming president or her representative, your registration fee for convention is waived if you attend the training. Treasurers and finance training will be held Saturday afternoon. These training sessions will help you organize for a successful biennium.

If your position involves membership, a special membership training session is offered Thursday afternoon from noon to two o'clock. The Program of Work Committee will present training filled with new ideas for successful programs on Friday afternoon following the Birthday Luncheon. There are special breakout sessions on "Strengthening Chapters", presentations on successful and innovative projects, personal development sessions, and other society business sessions as well as energizing and thought-provoking speakers on education, legislation, health issues, leadership.... You will have many choices and all of them are winners.

You will go home energized and full of ideas to lead your chapter to greater success. You will meet other leaders in the state and build a network of educators with whom you can work throughout the state. Las Colinas has elegance and luxury that you will love, but it is the substance of what you will learn and those with whom you share the experience that will have the lasting effect of your experience at state convention. This experience is what makes many of us come back each year to be recharged. The registration form is online. See you in Las Colinas!

Mere words seem so inadequate in expressing to you my love and appreciation for your love, prayers, cards, and support during Carl's illness and then following his death. You continue to lift me up and help me to carry on during this very difficult time.

Thank you for your gift to ASTEF in Carl's memory. Since he supported me in things that are dear to me, he would appreciate your gift to our foundation.

*With sincere love and appreciation,
Dorothy Stallings King*

Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



Texas is well known as a large state, even in Delta Kappa Gamma. Because we are unique, we often customize items to specifically meet our needs. You are encouraged to always check the state website first for forms, deadlines, and other information. More and more forms are interactive and can be found either on the state or international website.

Chapters and individuals have been very generous with contributions this year. You have also been very sensitive to the April 1 deadline. Now, we are busy trying to be sure that recognition is given in all possible categories. In doing so, we are reminded of a commercial for a fast food restaurant chain that boasts that it has over a thousand different ways to make a hamburger. Our goal is to try to get your "hamburger" just the way you want it!

Be reminded that as your chapter initiates new members this spring, it is very important that initiates complete the initiate card or form. Those forms should be sent to Headquarters along with a Form 18 and the \$5 per initiate fee. Once the cards are received, the ladies are added to the DKG mailing list. In order for the names to appear on your chapter roster for the fall, the items must arrive at TSO Headquarters before July 1.

A big "thank you" goes to the treasurers who have completed this biennium. Welcome back to those who have agreed to serve again. A special welcome goes to those who have accepted the challenge for the first time. Training will be available at the state convention and at your area workshops. Help is a phone call or email away for you.

See you in Las Colinas in June.

E-Postcards are important



Sandi Causey,
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Each year after the November 15th filing date for the 990-N E-postcard filing, the IRS reviews the three previous years to determine if filing was done according to their criteria by those organizations required to file. They will then send out letters revoking the non-profit status of those who did not meet the criteria. If your chapter receives a letter revoking its non-profit status, do not ignore it. Please notify Betty Vines, Executive Secretary, or Sandi Causey, Finance Chairman, at once. They can provide you with a checklist of steps to take to regain your non-profit status and help you with the process.

At-A-Glance Deadlines

May 1	PACE Applications Nominations for Member in Print International Cornet Award for Professional Development Application
May 7	Deadline registration without late fee
May 15	Deadline tour registration
June 1	Expense reports due
June 15	Deadline for recommendations for appointments for International committees

Committees

April 14-15	Finance Committee
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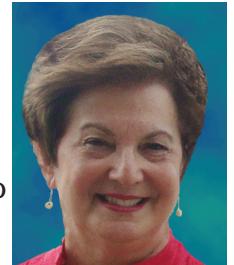
Bringing the Las Colinas convention together



Nancy Newton, 2012
Convention Chair

Nancy Newton was initiated into Alpha Kappa chapter in Kappa State (Arkansas.) Her involvement in Alpha State activities began with her family's move to Fort Worth. She has served as Iota Pi chapter president, Area 10 Coordinator, committee member on necrology, leadership seminar and membership state committees, co-chairman of program of works and chairman of leadership seminar committee. She most recently served as Alpha State Second Vice President for the 2009-2011 biennium. Nancy has also been recipient of three society scholarships, one from Kappa State and two from Alpha State. She is a proud member of the Leadership Seminar Class of 2005 and in 2010 she received the Alpha State Achievement Award.

Eileen Pink was initiated into Epsilon Nu in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1989, and she has been involved in Delta Kappa Gamma activities ever since. She has served as her chapter secretary, treasurer, and president as well as serving on many chapter committees. She was the recipient of her chapter's achievement award in 1999. Eileen served on the state necrology committee for two bienniums and was chairman from 2009-2011. She has also served on the state research and personal growth and services committees. Her service also includes being the Area 10 Coordinator and being on the steering committee for the 2002 convention held in Fort Worth.



Eileen Pink, 2012
Convention Co-Chair

Cindy Neander currently is an adjunct professor for Texas Woman's University supervising student teachers. She retired in 2004 from teaching 4th and 5th graders. Cindy was initiated into Kappa Theta chapter in 1995. She quickly became immersed in chapter activities, serving as a committee member on various committees, 1st vice president, and then chapter president in 2004. At the state level Cindy has served as a member the research committee, as a member on the archives committee and is currently serving as a member on the scholarship committee. She is an alumnus of the Leadership Seminar Class of 2007 and a past Area 16 Coordinator.



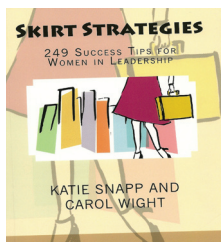
Cindy Neander, 2012
Convention Co-Chair

Reserving a room for the 2012 Las Colinas Convention

The Omni Mandalay Hotel is convention headquarters for the 2012 Convention. Call the the Omni at 972-556-0800 to verify availability of rooms. Availability changes as members make cancellations. If there are no rooms, reservations may be made at the Dallas Marriott Las Colinas. The Marriott will be on the bus route to and from the convention center.

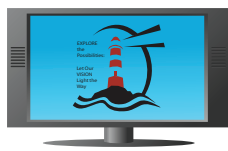
Reservations may be made by calling the Marriott Hotel Reservations number 800-264-1178 or by calling the hotel direct at 972-831-0000 and asking for reservations. Individuals must identify themselves as being with the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Organization at the time the reservation is made in order to receive the negotiated group rate.

Getting ready for Las Colinas...



Reserve a book

For a special opportunity for DKG members, go to www.skirtstrategies.com/dkgbooks and reserve your copy of "Skirt Strategies." With it you will receive 12 half-hour audio lessons to accelerate the success strategies from the book. Plus you will get 12 downloadable workbook lessons to help track and monitor your success long the way. This package is only available if ordered before the convention.



Learn at the technology kiosk

The Technology Committee will have computers and committee members available to assist you with your questions regarding technology and/or DKG.



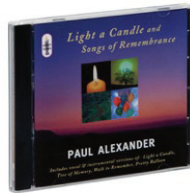
Bring a book and DVD

Be a part of the TSO Unifying Project by donating a book and DVD to be used to give the children of deployed parents a video of their parents reading them a story. Appropriate books are listed on www.unitedthroughreading.org



Look for Treasures in Las Colinas!

Due to the popularity and fun of raffle sales at past conventions, ASTEF will sponsor **Treasures: Raffle Packages** for the 2012 Convention with proceeds going to the new projects. Area Coordinators are collecting the "trove" to be displayed near the vendor's area in the Convention Center. Each raffle package will be valued well over \$100.00 and promises to be worthy of any pirate's dream.



Light a candle

The Alpha State Choir will sing "Light A Candle" at the service of remembrance this year. The song was written by Paul Alexander, a social worker, singer/songwriter, and grief educator who has integrated his use of music to help heal, inspire and comfort those who are grieving. His music may be found on his website, www.griefsong.com.



Sing with the choir

TSO members all agree that the Texas choir is outstanding. Come and join the fun!

Singers will receive music packets at the first rehearsal, Thursday, June 21st from 9:00-11:00 a.m. See you at Las Colinas!



Take a tour

Include a tour to the Texas State Organization Headquarters building in Dallas.

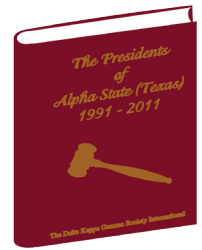
Take in the art, music, historic sites and a little shopping with the convention tours in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Detailed information and sign up forms are available on the state website.



Save your money

For the shopaholics in the group, over 45 vendors and exhibitors will be in the Exhibition Hall of the Convention Center.

They will have something for everyone: home decorating items, jewelry, luxury bed linens, jewelry, custom clothing, jewelry, bling t-shirts, jewelry, children's books, jewelry, candles and jewelry.



Pre-order a book

Order your copy of "The Presidents of Alpha State (Texas) 1991-2011." A description and form is available on the state website.

The presidents found in the book include:
 Ruth Johnson
 Dr. Dolores Akins
 Sandy Whitney
 Dr. Mary Ann Waldon
 Juanita Harmon
 Sheryl Minick
 Carolyn Adkins
 Catherine Davis
 JoAnn Brooks
 Dr. Vicki Davis



Do the paperwork

Register for the 2012 TSO Convention in Las Colinas before May 7 to avoid a late fee. Secure a room reservation.

All forms are located on www.alphastatetexas.org

Explore learning opportunities

Personal Development Interests (PDI)

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Texas Members

Nelda Landrum

Dr. Mary Ann Waldon

Lynda Moyer

Carolyn Mashburn

Theresa Kauffman

Renee Ramsey

Visual Arts Gallery

Genealogy: Linking the Past to the Future

Hong Kong /Macau; ESOL Emphasis

Joining Hands Across the Americas

How to Re-purpose Your Life

Habits of the Heart to Create Communication

Do you or someone you love need senior housing?

Friday, June 22, 2012

Texas members

JoAnn Brooks/Carolyn Adkins/
KathrynWright/ Linda Schulz

Carole Rylander

Dolly Marting

Visual Arts Gallery

“On the Road Again” with Road Scholar

Science at Sea-An Adventure of a Lifetime

The Power of One



Dolly Marting’s credo is profound in its simplicity, "What you cannot change, rearrange." In her talk, you will learn and you will laugh as she shares a fresh approach to dealing with adversity. Dolly has dedicated herself to speaking on behalf of retarded children, and she has a lot to say.

Sponsored by ASTEF



Virginia McConnell/ Pamela Robinson Learn to Banish Stress in Less Than 2 Minutes

Kim Johnson/ Carole Lowe
Archives Committee

Here Today; Gone Tomorrow



Kimberly Johnson is the Coordinator of the Woman’s Collection at Texas Woman’s University. You will be introduced to the archival process to preserve objects and reduce the deterioration and degradation process of paper, clothing, textiles, and artwork. In today’s digital age, it is more important than ever for archivists to preserve materials electronically. Learn about digital and electronic degradation, copyright issues, and matters concerning intellectual property in an environment that is migrating to the “cloud.” Members of the Alpha State Archives Committee will also be present to share their activities and provide information to help chapters with their DKG Archives.

She is presenting two additional workshops.

Pat Osborne

A Tale of Two Cultures

Kim Johnson

From Granny with Love: Everything You Needed To Know about Preserving Your Family’s Memories

Carol Horton/Mary Jo Lovingier

Help! I Am a Caregiver. What Do I Do Next?

Dr. Karen Duke

Light the Way for Others by Sharing Stories

Sandra Morales

From Cowgirl to Wahini

Dr. Bonita Chamberlin

One Woman Can Change Anything; Many Can Change Everything

Kay Peacock Cardoza

Traveling by Train

Sherry Thompson

Pinterest Your Life

Continuing Professional Education (CPE)

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Shirl Hawes
LDCP Committee

Diane Moose

Carole Rylander

Dr. Karen Duke **

Evelyn Wilson

Lynne James

Renee Ramsey

Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents

Making a Stylish and Standards-Compliant Website

Animoto Video in the Classroom and Chapter

Explore the Possibilities of Electronic Apps

Women's Literature

Power Point: More Than a Slide Show

Do you or someone you love need senior housing?

Friday, June 22, 2012

Katie Snapp

More Skirt Strategies for Women in Leadership



Katie Snapp is the founder of **Skirt Strategies and Better-Leadership.com**, an online resource for what she refers to as the "Everyday Leader." She comes from a corporate business environment and technical production, where the daily grind was less than inspiring, until she found the hidden secrets in transforming work into creative prospecting. She helps women learn how to communicate with authority and self confidence.

She is also going to be the opening night speaker on Thursday.

Evelyn Wilson

Shirl Hawes

Dr. Linda Eller

Betty Hill/ Debra Mahlmann

Dr. Karen Duke **

Diane Moose

Betty Hill

Dr. Karen Duke

Diane Moose

Nelda Landrum

Cheryl Kelly/ Kay Orr **

Linda Puster/

Dr. Carolyn Underwood

Holly Polasek

Kimberly Johnson

Dr. Geraldine Haggard

African-American Literature

The Wonderful World of Writing: Treasure Books

Social Media Meets the Beginner

A Day in the Life of a Pioneer Woman

Envision Yourself a Better Speaker

Create a Free Chapter Website Using Weebly.com

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Women in Texas History...Kickin' Dust...Making Waves

Make Those Digital Photos Come Alive

Offering a Helping Hand May Save a Life

Animoto

From A to Z and In Between: Women's Organizations

Use of Children's Literature to Help Grieving Children

Society Business (SB)

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Connie Rensink/
Membership Committee

Virginia Bowers/ Kathryn Wright

Ann Mahan

Connie Renink/
Membership Committee

Chapter Membership Training

They Wrote "The Song"

Shining the Light on DKG Purposes Mosaic

Membership Roundtable Twofold: Rural Chapters/Urban Chapters

Thursday, June 21, 2012 (continued)

Kelly Broadus/Kim Fuller/ Janet Helmcamp	First Timers
Carolyn Rigsby/Patti Belknap	Chapter Ceremonies and Necrology Services
Marilyn Gregory/Revision Team	Conversation on Bylaws Revision Progress

Friday, June 22, 2012

Dr. Evelyn Barrett	Personalizing Pride in the Big Picture...Orientation for Potential Members
Dr. Jensi Souders	Strengthening Chapters



Jensi Souders, international president, will share the ideas, suggestions and best practices that she has gleaned from working with states, chapters and members during her biennium. This breakout session is being repeated.

Souders will also speak at the Presidents' and Founders' Banquet on Saturday night.

Connie Rensink/Membership Committee	Next Generation: The Search for Excellence
Linda Somerville/Nominations	Nominations for State Officers: Committees Explore the Possibilities
Janye Brainard/Phyllis Hickey	What in the World Is World Fellowship?
Gloria Crum/ Leadership Seminar	Exploring the Light of Leadership
Mary Jo Lovingier/ Achievement Awards Committee	Achievement Awards
Marcia Kirkland/ Epsilon Kappa members	Mentoring Works
Dr. Barbara Derrick/Scholarships	Money Speaks: Listen to the Voice
Mary Ann Dolezal/ Lambda Sigma members	Energizing Your Chapter
Karolyn Caldwell, Communications Committee	Buzz, Beam and Broadcast
Natalie Eustace/ Program of Work Committees	Training for Implementing Program of Work in Your Chapter
Chairs of POW Committees	Ask Questions of POW Committees
Dr. Jensi Souders	Strengthening Chapters (Repeated)
Editor, Webmaster, Technology	Casual Conversations with Editor/ Webmaster/Technology Chairs
Pat Osborne/Marilyn Gregory	Take Note! Secretaries Do It. Hints and tips for chapter secretaries

Saturday, June 23, 2012

Area Coordinators Meet with incoming/outgoing presidents	Area Coordinators discussion of plans for area workshops
Treasurer/Finance Training	Essential information for treasurers/ finance chairs/committees

Saturday, June 23, 2012 (continued)

Texas Forum Health Issues
Meredith Kriz

Stress and Your Health



Meredith Kriz is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a therapist with the Pastoral Counseling & Education Center. She completed her undergraduate degree at Texas Christian University. Upon receiving theological training, Meredith felt the call to pastoral ministry, specifically pastoral psychotherapy. She attended Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and received a Master of Arts in Psychotherapy and Faith. She specializes in adult mood disorders, bipolar disorder, grief/loss, spiritual issues, stress management, and couples therapy.

Dr. Ruth Amend
Evelyn Barron

So You Are President: Parliamentary Help
Perhaps a Foundation Would Help

Legislative Roundup Part I
Senator Wendy Davis

Discussion of Educational Issues before the Texas Legislature



A recognized leader on veteran's issues, education, law enforcement, transportation, and economic development, Senator Wendy Davis — an attorney, business owner and former Fort Worth City Councilwoman — earned numerous honors for her first session in the 81st Legislature.

Senator Davis has focused on job creation and stabilizing local economies, protecting the pocketbooks of hard-working Texans, protecting our state's most-vulnerable, and enhancing educational opportunities for all Texans. Senator Davis has distinguished herself as a leader who brings together parties to find common ground toward common sense solutions.

Legislative Roundup Part II
Siobhan "Sam" Bennett

She Should Run information encouraging more women to seek political office



Siobhan "Sam" Bennett has served as the President and CEO of The She Should Run Foundation, since March 2009. To increase the number of women in government, more women across the country need to seriously consider running for office. She Should Run In Action informs individuals about the state of women in public office and mobilizes them to take action. The online movement provides a tool to formally ask women to consider entering public life. The result is a powerful pipeline of women eager to learn more about a career in politics, from school boards to state legislatures to Congress. It is party neutral and designed with massive impact in mind.

*Area 10 & 16 request the pleasure of your company
at the Las Colinas Pre-Convention Soirée
Wednesday, June 20, 2012*

*Join us for light refreshments at the Omni Mandalay Hotel
from 8 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.*

*Mix and mingle with your DKG sisters from across the state.
Reconnect with old friends and make new ones too.*

Wear a pretty sundress or festive casual attire to celebrate the convention in style.



My Kind of Retirement

Virginia Bowers, Epsilon Delta-11

December, 2002! After almost thirty-five years as an educator, the much anticipated days of retirement began for me. For several years, I had planned for the time of life when I would do the cleaning that had been neglected for too many springs. When all the closets were in order and every speck of dirt was gone, the next item on the to-do list was to read all those books that had been waiting for the days when I had time to read. My future as a retiree was a dream come true.

Indeed, I spent a couple of weeks on a thorough cleaning and sorting of closets, drawers and shelves. My abode was soon vacuumed, polished and in order. My calendar was full of days earmarked for spending time with all those books just begging to be read. I settled down with a stack of books and a glass of tea nearby. After several days, the dream had lost its charm, and I felt the need to find another occupation.

Inspiration came when a friend mentioned that she wanted a line of handcrafted greeting cards for her store but had been unsuccessful in her search. An idea immediately planted itself in my mind. Surely, I could make cards. My offer was accepted and the journey began. A work space was prepared, and I gathered supplies. Then the fun of retirement really came as I sat down to create the first card. Little did I know then that I had started a business.

One after another, the ideas came and days passed quickly as I worked at the drafting table inherited from my father who had used it for creating building plans. Just as his plans had made people happy as they watched a house take shape, I hoped my cards would bring just a bit of happiness to those who received them. As I sat down each day with an idea for a design, I was sometimes surprised when the finished card looked nothing like the mental image I had brought to the table.

Even with the satisfaction of creating cards, there was still a void in my life. Finally, I realized that I truly missed school with the fellowship of other educators, and I really missed the students. Inspiration struck again as I thought, "I can sign up as a substitute and teach two or three days a month." The first day of subbing came and was quickly followed by another and another. I found I enjoyed the experience of getting to do what I loved without having to write lesson plans. I had found another way to savor retirement with weeks at a time in the classroom.

My retirement has brought great satisfaction but not like I had planned. Another spring cleaning is begging to be done and so many books are still waiting to be read. Maybe I'll get to those things when I retire again...or maybe not.

Membership Matters

Connie Rensink, Membership Chair
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Membership – say the word and questions jump out: How do we find new members? Once we find them how do we keep them? What do younger teachers want today? Who is eligible? How do we get them to come to meetings? and many more...

When a new biennium begins, each new president chooses the next Membership Chair for her chapter. Some assign a particular VP in charge of membership. We encourage you to designate your chairperson this spring, before convention. We have been busy planning a variety of workshops we hope will address some of the concerns and questions you have. Here they are at a glance:

Thursday

12-2 Membership Chair Training – this session will be based on the new Guidelines for Chapter Membership Chairs and each chapter attending will receive their new book. For area workshops this fall we are planning a work session based on this training.

3:45-4:45 Recruiting Younger Members Panel - This workshop presents a panel of members under the age of 40 to answer your questions. Hear straight from these young ladies why they joined and what keeps them coming back.

Friday

11:15-12:15 Reception for 50 year members and first timers

12:30 Birthday Luncheon

Recognition of 50 year members
 Celebration of membership achievement

Saturday

1:00-2:00 Urban Roundtable Discussion

1:00-2:00 Rural Roundtable Discussion

These sessions will run at the same time in rooms next to each other. They are intended to be open question and answer conversations. Bring your questions, concerns, and expertise as we share membership's best practices across the state.



Natalie Eustace, Program Chair

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Wow! Congratulations! Biennial reports indicated activities sizzling in Texas as exciting, stimulating programs occurred. Annie Outstanding Program applications met their April 1st deadline and are currently being reviewed by the eighteen member Program Committee.

Thank you, chapters, for granting us this opportunity to read and learn from you. Being part of a state organization with such imaginative, creative chapter members puts a smile on my face. Hats off to you! Now, with reports complete and year end approaching, many of you are making plans to attend state convention. Hurray! Watch for the POW/EE Training and breakout sessions. Please attempt to send at least one chapter member. Bring questions, ideas and program concerns. We hope that you will leave Las Colinas with your notebook full of ideas, enthusiasm and answered questions.

Join the patriotic celebration



Wear red, white or blue to the Birthday Luncheon

Alpha State Archives Committee suggests:

Take advantage of the Dallas Ft Worth area

There is just so much available to fit into your visit to Las Colinas.

Tour TSO Headquarters

First, we encourage attendees to tour Headquarters and see the many historical treasures that are housed there. Register for these tours, conducted by members of Headquarters and Archives Committees. The registration form is on the TSO website.



Headquarters

Attend Breakout Sessions by TWU Archives expert, Kim Johnson

The Archives Committee will also be offering breakout sessions by Kim Johnson, TWU Coordinator of Special Collections. We will display our new DKG Cookbook Collection, and have materials to help with your chapter archive efforts. Follow LSN and Convention newsletters for specifics.

Tour TWU Woman's Collection and home to TSO Archives

Another opportunity, on your own schedule, is to actually visit the home of TSO's archives at Blagg-Huey Library at Texas Woman's University in Denton. DKG Chapter materials (yearbooks, minutes, presidents' biennia histories) are stored in the acid-free boxes on shelves in the Woman's Collection vault. The Woman's Collection is a preeminent research center for women's history. In addition to the WASP Collection, the Culinary Library and Texas Woman's Hall of Fame, this resource traces the evolution of educational opportunities for women. You will be amazed!



Blagg-Huey Library

Tours of historical, cultural and retail venues around Las Colinas are being offered by the Convention Committee:

- JFK Sites/Neiman Marcus
- Cowgirl Culture: Bass Performance Hall, Stockyards, Cowgirl Museum
- Cowtown Art District: Modern Art, Kimbell Art, and Amon Carter Museums
- Cowboy Stadium & Las Colinas Mustang Museum
- Private Grapevine Winery Tour
- NorthPark Mall
- Southlake Town Center

See www.alphastatetexas.org for complete descriptions and details for registering for the tours.



Cruising the Eastern Caribbean for ASTEF

Join TSO members for a relaxing cruise of the Eastern Caribbean and help raise money for ASTEF. The Carnival Magic will set sail on October 14, 2012 from Galveston and return to Galveston on October 21, 2012. The seven fun-filled days will include ports of call at Key West, Freeport and Nassau.

Cruise One in Kingwood, Texas is working with ASTEF to provide this adventure to all TSO members and their friends. For more information about making a reservation, go to www.alphastatetexas.org.

Area workshops scheduled

Plans are coming together for 18 area workshops around Texas this fall. These workshops energize chapters for the new biennium and are filled with information for members and training for new officers and committee chairs. Chapters are encouraged to mark the date and to begin to make plans to attend.

Area	Area Coordinator	Date	Location	State Rep
1	Kristen Cotton	9/15	Chandler	J. Davis
2	Mary Simon	8/4	Groves	Vines
3	Kim Birkelbach	9/15	Pearland	McMillan
4	Barbara Anders	8/11	Vanderbilt	Vines
5	Kitty Hutchcroft	8/11	Mission	Reid
6	Elvira Barrera	8/11	San Antonio	Murphy
7	Joan Hester	8/4	Austin	J. Davis
8	Barbara Rountree	8/4	Waco	McMillan
9	Mary Claire Welch	9/8	Coppell	Osborne
10	Sandy Borden	8/11	White Settlement	Gregory
11	Patti Peil	9/8	Perryton	J. Davis
12	Cheryl Hindman	9/8	Crosbyton	Reid
13	Nancy Lowry	8/25	Brownwood	Murphy
14	Nancy Doss	8/11	Midland	Bull
15	Connie Hernandez	8/4	El Paso	Osborne
16	Marcie Cooley	9/8	Lewisville	Gregory
17	Jeanie Stiles	8/4	Marshall	Bull
18	Terrie Cardwell	9/15	Houston	Murphy

Save the date for CTAUN

On Saturday, September 22, 2012 a CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations) Conference will be held at the Joe C. Thompson Center, The University of Texas, in Austin, Texas. The conference theme will be "Promoting Tolerance: Solutions for Change".



Topics will include Social Justice, Educational Trends and Legal Developments. There will be keynote speakers, panels and break-out sessions for teachers, community members and organizations. CPE credit is available for no additional charge to teachers. Registration will include lunch.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a co-sponsor of this event so mark your calendar to attend. Check the CTAUN website, the DKG International website or the DKG Texas website for more information on registration.

Order corsages to honor someone in your chapter

If you would like to honor your chapter president or another special friend at the 2012 TSO Convention, now is the time to order a beautiful red rose corsage or wristlet. Deadline to order is Thursday, May 31, 2012. Corsages will be ready for pick-up on the First Floor of the Irving Convention Center in the Registration Area on Saturday, June 23, 2012, from 12:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Mark preference of corsage or wristlet:

Each corsage will include premium red rose(s), filler flowers, greenery and an ivory ribbon trimmed in gold.

Please indicate the quantity of each corsage.

_____ Corsage with one (1) red rose - \$10.50 _____ Wristlet with one (1) red rose - \$13.00
 _____ Corsage with two (2) red roses - \$16.50 _____ Wristlet with two (2) red roses - \$19.00

Person ordering _____ Chapter _____

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Method of Payment: _____ Check _____ Credit Card

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Orders must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2012. All corsage orders MUST BE PREORDERED.

Alpha State Remembers

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

Johnnie Boone, Alpha (7) Austin
Marlin Sue Braden, Epsilon (9) Mesquite
Juanita Fay Cook White, Alpha Gamma (10) Cleburne
Carolyn Gibbs Alford, Alpha Xi (7) Bryan
Margaret "Peg" E. Wilson, Alpha Sigma (12) Lubbock
Linda G. Tarver, Beta Tau (6) Canyon Lake
Vivian B. Bennett, Gamma Alpha (8) Gatesville
Grace Marian Franklin, Gamma Omicron (4) Amarillo
June H. McGlaun, Zeta Lambda (12) Snyder
Miriam A. Tormollan, Eta Tau (7) Austin
Marjorie Slagle, Theta Omicron (13) San Angelo
Jane Lynnette Posten, Theta Rho (7) Austin
K. Imogene Jones, Iota Nu (9) Dallas
Norma Willetta, Kappa Eta (11) Amarillo
Evelyn L. Bishop, Lambda Eta (5) Harlingen
Joanne H. Reynolds, Lambda Iota (7) Austin
Joyce Godfrey, Lambda Lambda (18) Spring



Sharon Whitman, Zeta Gamma (Whitehouse-1), received a grant from the DKG Educational Foundation for the ESL group at First Baptist Church in Tyler.

Dr. Susan Szabo, Beta Lambda (Greenville-17), had her article "Instructional Leaders' Beliefs about Effective Professional Development" included in the Spring 2012 issue of the Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Evalonia Bolton, Kappa Mu (Longview-17), was honored by the Longview Oil City Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction for her support for the organization.

Christie Watts, Lambda Upsilon (Quinlan-9), received a Cornetet Professional Development Award for \$1100 to attend International Society for Technology Education in San Diego.

Dr. Christie Bledsoe, Lambda (Belton-8), had her article "Rethinking Reform: A Review of the Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice are Undermining Education" by Diane Ravitch" appear in the Spring 2012 issue of the Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Phyllis Hickey, Alpha (Austin-7), has received a \$1700 Cornetet Professional Development Award to attend Flawless Business Operation in Washington, DC.

Kate Starkes, Epsilon Kappa (Cedar Park-7), won a Texas Exes Teaching Award for the UT College of Education.

Dr. Arline Patterson, Beta Tau (San Antonio-13), has been elected as chair of the Texas A&M San Antonio Foundation Board of the University of Texas.

Dr. Debra Valdez, Beta Tau (San Antonio-13), is the new Executive Director of the Bexar County Family Justice Center.

Dr. Amy Burkman, Epsilon Eta (Wylie-14), had her article "Preparing Novice Teachers for Success in Elementary Classrooms through Professional Development" included in the Spring 2012 Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Barbara Wilson, Epsilon Kappa (Austin -7), has received an A+ Federal Credit Union grant for teaching excellence.

Dedra Picot-Bernard, Delta Pi (DeSoto-9), was runner-up last year at the district level for Associate Principal of the Year in Dallas ISD.

Member News continued

Lynda Porsch, Iota Delta (Tyler-1), was named the Chandler/Brownsboro Area Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year.

Fay Blackwell, Kappa Pi (Chandler-1), was honored by The Chandler & Brownsboro Statesman as “The Rock of BHS.”

Carolyn Waters, Delta Xi (Hereford-11), was inducted into the Deaf Smith County Hall of Fame.

Lambda Upsilon (Rockwall-9) has four members with schools named in their honor. They are Davis Elementary, in Royse City, **Mary Davis**, the honoree; Cullins-Lake Pointe Elementary, **Doris Cullins**, the honoree; Shannon Elementary, **Sharon Shannon** the honoree; and Stevenson Elementary, **Billie Stevenson**, the honoree.

Epsilon Kappa (Austin-7) received a \$4000 Educational Foundation grant to continue and expand the chapter’s Early Career Educator project next year.

Gamma Epsilon (Chico-16) in conjunction with the Chico ISD inducted Cora M. Martin (Class of 1901) as the first member of the Chico ISD’s Wall of Fame.

Dr. Norma K. Hill, Iota Omega (Plano-9), was awarded the E.L. Galyean Service Award at the Texas Retired Teachers Association Convention in Houston on March 26, 2012. The award is given to a TRTA member who has exhibited outstanding leadership and commitment to the association. It is the highest honor given by TRTA.



Developing Chapter Presidents

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During LDCP training, you form a vision for your journey as chapter president. Here are a few suggestions to help you light the way to a successful biennium.

One: Routinely check the calendar pages in your LDCP manual to keep track of important deadlines. Personalize the calendar by penciling in your chapter events.

Two: Attend the Area Workshop with your officers and committee chairmen. When everyone understands their responsibilities, the biennium will run smoothly.

Three: Delegate! Each time you assign tasks to chapter members; you are valuing their membership and giving them the gift of leadership.

Four: Involve your members to strengthen your chapter. After members fill out an interest survey, include a show and tell time during your chapter meeting to increase member participation. The librarian/reader can introduce the next wildly popular young adult novel or tell how to join online book clubs like thereadingroom.com. The artist can demonstrate how to relax via drawing with Zentangles or the new “Paper” application. The gardener can share how to grow potatoes in a bag of potting soil. Explore all the possibilities for interesting meetings!

Five: Be creative. Use popular TV shows, applications, or websites for inspiration for icebreakers or meeting ideas. Imagine working in teams for just a few minutes to create a dish using the mystery ingredients (Chopped); to share clever ideas at a Pinterest Party; to create “Gleeful” musical numbers, to recall current events in a NPR-like News Quiz Lightning Round game to race to an “amazing” scavenger hunt; or to earn points by solving a drawing word puzzle like the “Draw Something” game app. Your members will have fun being active participants as you light the way on an amazing journey as chapter president.

Communicate through transition

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Chapter elections are complete and the names of the new officers have been submitted to the state in preparation for the transition to the next chapter-level biennium. It's an exciting time! Make your chapter's biennial transition a seamless one with these keep-in-touch ideas:

- Send a large contingency of members to the 83rd state convention in Las Colinas for training and an energizing experience; then text others about the adventure.

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- Broadcast the buzz about your area workshop by phone, email, and website postings and recruit chapter members to attend.
- Keep the chapter informed with one page newsettes.
- Share weekly tweets on Twitter with your friends in DKG.
- Use webwatcher emails to update the membership.
- Plan a "Stone Salad" picnic lunch with members and guests for some one-on-one PR.
- Join together for a field trip or a matinee movie date and fellowship

- Hit the chapter, state and international websites for a vicarious vacation and discover the creative ways other chapters near and far create a buzz about DKG.

Consistent communication is part of the foundation of a healthy chapter and a strong Society. Join in the buzz!

BLUEBONNET BREAKFAST 2012

Texas State Organization members are invited to attend the Bluebonnet Buffet to be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers, 811 7th Ave, NYC from 6:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Lennox Ballroom. We look forward to a big apple experience!

MENU: Breakfast table—morning baked pastries and NYC made bagels with fruit preserves and cream cheese, assorted yogurts and petite morning muffins with Starbucks regular and decaf coffee and assorted Tazo teas.



Cost \$40
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