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Dean Teague opening speaker in Waco

Opening speaker for the 2018 TSO Convention in Waco is **Dean Leah Teague** of Baylor University. Teague has been on the leadership team for the Law School for over 27 years. She has focused much of her professional life on developing diversity in leadership. Currently, she teaches the Leadership Development class, part of an innovative and unique Leadership Development Program she created.

With Baylor's emphasis on public service and leadership, Teague offers Baylor Law students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills while thoughtfully reflecting on the leadership roles that lawyers have played throughout history. The program better prepares graduates as they step into their own leadership roles within the profession and in their communities.



Dean Leah Teague

Teague is very involved with women's leadership roles on a national and international level. She will speak to members about the role of women as leaders in today's society.

Wendy Corbett speaks at TSO Celebration Brunch

Wendy Corbett will be the keynote speaker at the Celebration Brunch. For years Corbett's view of herself was formed during spats between two young girls. A seven-year-old would get mad at the five-year-old and tell her to leave the playhouse because she was different and didn't belong. Corbett knew that she was different — she was bi-racial living in a white neighborhood — but no one had ever told her that meant that she didn't belong. She spent a lifetime living in constant fear because she was different. She always wanted to be like others. Then one day she suddenly said, "What about me, where do I feel that I belong?" When she reclaimed her own sense of belonging, she became responsible for determining where she belonged.



Wendy Corbett

Now she talks to other people about Personal Belonging. Who is responsible for telling people that they don't belong? Is it parents, administrators or society at large? For an individual to feel that she personally belongs in a space, she must feel connection to those around her, she must be shown respect and value by others, and she must feel protected when she is in a place of belonging.

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Being prepared for Waco



Dr. Jo Murphy
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Planning to come to the TSO Convention in Waco? There are some items to bring that are considered “must haves.” First, bring a device to tell time. Many of the sessions do not last more than 15 minutes; being 3 to 5 minutes late may cause members to miss several of the critical points for a particular info blast.

Another must have is a comfortable pair of shoes. Teachers rarely last very long in the classroom wearing uncomfortable shoes. While in Waco, going purposefully and quickly from place to place and meeting to meeting, no one wants to worry about blisters or hurting feet. There will be much to see, do and learn, and members will not want to miss anything. While packing footwear though, do not forget that the banquet is a “Denim and Diamonds” Texas event, and for many attendees that means boots.

Members will want to bring a camera for all of the opportunities to document their experiences during the convention. This may include the perfect shot “on the bridge.” It might be a picture of members being recognized as encouragers for their part in helping victims of Hurricane Harvey. Perhaps it is a group of friends with Jimmy Don Holmes at the ASTEF Strong event. Whatever the pictures, they may be used in newsletters next year as a way of sharing with others how chapter members built bridges in Waco.

Finally, everyone needs to bring a mind that is centered on exploring new paths and new ways of doing things. TSO has made baby steps this year with moving to more digital ways to present breakout sessions. Virginia Olsovsky and the Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee have been furiously planning, researching and organizing an array of possible subjects that are both current and relevant in educational training, teaching and dealing with students, as well as personally enriching members’ lives. The digital *Annies* are being compiled, and they show what many chapters and members have been doing this year.

Many people are working hard to bring information, ideas and entertainment to Waco so that members will go home with knowledge about DKG and the genuine spiritual fellowship that is the hallmark of the Society.

Hints and Tips from Headquarters



Thanks to all the treasurers who sent in their chapter contributions to the Scholarship Fund, Leadership Fund, Projects Fund and Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund by April 1. Although convention recognition is based on the April 1 deadline, contributions are welcome throughout the year.

★ This summer’s convention breakout session in Waco will be very important for all treasurers. Topics will include treasurer responsibilities, deadlines, constitutional changes proposed for vote at the DKG international convention in Austin, as well as anticipated changes in the forms treasurers use for dues reporting. The headquarters staff urges each chapter treasurer to make a serious effort to attend. Treasurers need to bring a copy (paper or digital) of the Guidelines for Chapter Treasurers.

This summer would be a good time for treasurers to look at the chapter list using Chapter Connect. Chapter Connect is on the International website (**dkg.org**) under My DKG. If a chapter has Reserve Life members, State Honorary members or Chapter Honorary members, the staff encourages treasurers to secure accurate contact information for them. Treasurers may call the office with any questions about chapter membership.

Important Dates for treasurers

- May 1: Membership “snapshot” for convention recognition from Chapter Connect
- June 1: Submission of all reinstatements, transfers, and initiates for 2017-2018 to TSO so that they can be sent to International to enter into chapter data before June 15. Always include a Form 18 and the appropriate information card/form.
- June 14-16: Guidelines for Chapter Treasurers (green) may be obtained from the previous treasurer or downloaded from **dkg.org** and brought to treasurers session in Waco.
- July 15: Deadline for submitting Form 15 (Chapter Treasurer’s Annual Report)
- July 16-20: International Convention in Austin
- November 10: Deadline for submitting 2018-2019 dues and fees (Forms 18 and 18a)
- November 15: Deadline for filing your chapter’s 990N with the IRS. The treasurer is encouraged to file when she submits the chapter’s Form 15. Treasurers may obtain filing information from the previous treasurer if they are new to the job. This is a critical deadline.

At-A-Glance Deadlines

May 1	5 Star newsletter All reports for convention program Cornet Award for Prof Dev
June 1	State Personnel Expense reports Recommendations for appts to Int’l Comm
June 14-16	Waco Convention
15	ASTEFL projects reports
July 1	990-N filing opens
15	Chpt Treasurers Form 15 due
16-20	Int’l Convention Austin, Texas
Aug 1	Chapter Pres Kit
15	LSN deadline

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Committee Meetings

June 14	Exec Comm
Waco	ASTEFL Board

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ASTEFL meeting follows TSO business meeting

The 2018 annual meeting of ASTEF members will be held during the TSO convention in Waco. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday morning, June 15, immediately following the TSO business session. All members are encouraged to attend; every member of TSO is also a member of ASTEF.

Meeting highlights include reports on ASTEF activities, awarding of ASTEF project stipends and presentation of the 2018 ASTEF Advocate for Education award. An extra special highlight of the meeting will be to award a JDH Iron Designs signature sign specially created by Fixer Upper's very own Jimmy Don Holmes. This is an opportunity no member will want to miss.



Coordinators express appreciation for help with Harvey

Last August, Hurricane Harvey hit Texas with fury and no sense of compassion. The timing and devastation of his presence was beyond anything most Texans had ever experienced.

A new school year had just begun for many students and teachers, and in just a matter of days and weeks the Texas education system, as teachers knew it, had turned upside down.



In early September, 2017, TSO President Jo Murphy and the TSO Executive Committee launched a campaign in which DKG members from Texas could lend a helping hand by donating money and gift cards to help our members impacted by this horrendous storm. The campaign consisted of two parts: Member to Member and Campus

Helping Hands. Member to Member encouraged Texas DKG members to assist members impacted by the storm with payment of dues. Campus Helping Hands looked to chapters, private individuals and other organizations to donate money and gift cards to be given to schools and teachers to aid in their recovery.

Both campaigns have accomplished the goals for recovery, and the coordinators in charge of this campaign are eager to give each member of the Texas State Organization a big THANK YOU for the caring spirit, unselfish giving of donations and cards and the willingness to help fellow teachers with their classrooms. Over 100 members received the Member to Member memo, "Dues Paid." Through the Campus Helping Hands, more than 75 schools were awarded cash and gift cards so that teachers could replace items lost in the storm.

Members may visit the registration table at the TSO convention in Waco to read more about the successful Harvey Plan of Action.

Building ASTEF Strong special ASTEF event in Waco

A highlight of the 2018 Waco convention will be *Building ASTEF Strong*, a ticketed event with proceeds going to support ASTEF. This 100% tax-deductible event will include door prizes, a special appearance by Jimmy Don Holmes of HGTV's *Fixer Upper* fame and a special presentation to one lucky attendee of a signature metal sign that will be signed and presented by Jimmy Don himself! The *Building ASTEF Strong* event is on the registration form.



Jimmy Don Holmes



Google Drive provides mobility and ease of use

When anyone creates and saves a document on her computer, it is stored on a hard drive. As long as the computer can be accessed, the work is available. What if the work could be accessed from anywhere? Google Drive allows anyone to do just that from anywhere the Internet is available, even on a mobile phone. Plus, Google Drive is easy to download. Unlike expensive programs such as Word or PowerPoint, the applications in Google Drive are free. In addition, Google Drive provides 15GB of free online storage for documents, photos, drawings, videos, and more.

To sign up, individuals simply go to google.com and click on “Sign in” at the top-right corner of the page. An account must be created. Once complete, a user will be able to start working by choosing which application she wants: Docs (word processor), Sheets (spreadsheets), and Slides (presentations), and more. To use a Google Doc, for instance, a user need only to click on the “blank doc” icon and begin working using features similar to those in Word. All of the work is instantly saved as the user types.



Not only is the work now accessible from anywhere, it can also be shared with others. Members are encouraged to go online and explore the applications in Google Drive.

Texans have questions about governing documents

Q: How will attendees at the Austin Convention be able to understand and vote on over 130 amendments to the DKG governing documents?

A: Members need to be prepared and understand the process.

- They must study the amendments and know the impact if an amendment passes so that a vote will be a reasoned vote rather than an emotional reaction.
- They must learn from the information under the number of the amendment in the ***DKG News Special Amendment Edition*** whether it is a *floor* amendment or a *consent* amendment.

Q: What is the difference between a floor and a consent amendment?

A: The difference is whether or not the amendment will be open for discussion.

- Floor amendments will be open for full discussion before a vote is taken.
- Consent amendments are grouped amendments that may not require discussion or that pertain to something as simple as generic editing or recording of unchanged information. This is done to speed the voting process.
 - The president will ask if any items on the consent agenda need to be removed for discussion. If no one speaks up, a vote will be taken on the grouped items as a whole.
 - If a member of DKG wants an item on the consent agenda to be pulled out and considered individually with a floor discussion, she needs to be ready when the question is asked. She must state the amendment number and whether it is located in the *Constitution* or the *International Standing Rules (ISR)*. Once a vote is taken, an item cannot be considered for discussion.

Explore learning opportunities in Waco

CPE — Continuing Professional Education

PDI — Personal Development Interests

SB — Society Business

Thursday, June 14: breakout sessions 1:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Brenda Lozano	Tips for Using Your iPhone and iPad (PDI)
Roni Jo Frazier and Courtney McGrew	Picture IT! The Art of Vision Boards (CPE)
Laura Rahman	Building Character Through Literacy (CPE)
Susan Marsh, M.Ed, CFLE	Joys of Journaling - A Powerful Pathway to Health, Healing, Happiness and A Life Fulfilled! (PDI)
Risa McCann	Membership in DKG (SB)
Sarah McMurrrough	Write On! Incorporate Writing Into Other Content Areas (CPE)
Pamela Phillips and Deborah Parrish	Educational Travel with Road Scholars (PDI)
Kitty Hutchcroft	Google Apps: Docs, Slides and Sheets (CPE)
Teresa Toliver	Experience Blended Learning (CPE)
Leesa Cole, Cheryl Crawford, Deborah Thomas	Be a \$tar Trea\$urer (SB)
Kendall Ann Hasse, Kristi John, Catie King & Leslie Valentincic	DKG Scholarships (SB)
Mary Smith	Building the Best You (CPE)
Diane Moose	Beyond Facebook — iPad for Fun and Productivity (PDI)
Lori Shontz	Internet Safety in the Elementary Grades (CPE)
Frances Ziegenhals, Betty Hill, Ginger Morgan, & Susan Duke	Best Chapter Meeting Ever: Again and Again... (SB)
Teri Marrow	Is It Mean, Rude or Bullying? (CPE)
Elizabeth “Liz” Garrett	Beware Cougars- “In Our Back Yard” Human Trafficking (CPE)
Michelle Grandinetti and Kitty Hutchcroft	Enhancing Your Annie Presentation (SB)

Thursday, June 14: webinars 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Melissa Mann	Interactive Resources for the K-4 Classroom (CPE-Webinar)
Carol Nelson	An Alternative Way to Assess and Review (CPE-Webinar)
Lauren Boucher	An Intro to Flipped Classroom: Making the Flip to Increase Student Achievement (CPE-Webinar)
Dr. Monica Burns	Reading Across the Content Areas with Digital Devices (CPE-Webinar)
Leigh Anne Kraemer-Naser	The Language of Peer Aggression: Recognizing Bullying (CPE-Webinar)
Shelly Terrell	Content and Language Integrated Learning: Blend Language Learning with Language Arts and Math (CPE-Webinar)
Kim Munoz	Get Your Game On: Using Games for Review and Assessment (CPE-Webinar)

Friday, June 15: breakout sessions 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Lisa Rogers	Games for DKG (SB)
Blanca Galindo	Creating a SEL Classroom (CPE)
Elizabeth “Liz” Garrett	Hollywood and Homelessness — Like Me? (CPE)
Dr. Tia Agan and Dr. Kinsey Hansen	Current Trends in Educator Preparation (CPE)

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Friday, June 15: breakout sessions 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Heather Solis	#choosekind (CPE)
Cindy Sloan	Early Identification and Dyslexia: Teachers Make a Difference (CPE)
Tracy Perez Shea	Become a Google Search Ninja (CPE)
Sharon Howard, Ph.D. & Melissa Massey, M.Ed.	Integrating LID Students with Sensory Instruction (CPE)
Teresa Toliver	Best Practices “Hot Seat” (CPE)
Dr. Karen Duke	Tips to Improve Your Presentation Skills (SB)
Dr. Barbara Derrick and ASTEF Directors	The Many Hats of ASTEF (SB)
Brenda Lynch	Can’t Afford Medical Insurance? There are Affordable Options (PDI)
Diane Sikkenga	Tickled Pink: Poetry Fun for Non-English Teachers (CPE)
Denise D. Johnson, Ed.D.	Inspiring Learning Through Science and Art (CPE)
Marilyn Gregory	Being a Caregiver (PDI)
Dr. Lisa Rogers	More Games for DKG (SB)
Tracy Perez Shea and Jeri Larrison Hall	Organize Your Chapter Using Google Forms (SB)
Dr. Viola C. Vela	Exploring Bilingual Teachers’ Beliefs About Teaching Mathematics in a Dual Language Classroom (CPE)
Twylah Beaty	Technology: So Much More Than Just A Game! (CPE)
June Bowers, International representative	Q and A for Proposed Amendments (SB)

Friday, June 15: info blast 2:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Carolyn Mashburn, Chair, Shirl Hawes & Sallie Frederick	Women in the Arts
Lynda Anderson, Chair	Achievement Awards
Kimberly Brumley, Chair	Leadership Seminar
Dr. Barbara Baethe, Chair, Marsha Edney & Winona Montgomery	Research
Bonnie Moore, TSO Parliamentarian	Parliamentary Procedure
Andi Kirby, Chair	Nominations
Sandra Woodlock, Chair, and Norma Jost	Music
Mary Claire Welch, Chair	Ceremonies-chapter builder
Diane Moose, TSO Webmaster	Webmaster
Michelle Grandinetti, Chair	Programs and Service Projects
Emma Joven, Chair	Bylaws and Rules
Mandy Story, Chair	Communications and Publicity
Pamela Burge, Chair	Legislation
René Pittman, Chair	Necrology
Pat Osborne, Chair	Scholarship
Pam Phillips	DKG Next
Janie Wigley, Chair, Denise Harris & Alicia Smith	Global Awareness
Charlotte Nyman, Chair	Yearbook

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Friday, June 15: info blast 2:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Judy Mezick, TSO Recording Secretary &
Cindy Neander, TSO Corresponding Secretary

Lou Hitt, Chair

Virginia Olsovsky, Chair, Carolyn Keck & Nancy Varljen

Debbi Ball, Chair

Lou Hitt, Chair

Scotta Williams, Chair

Corresponding and Recording Secretaries

Archives — Chapter history

Personal and Professional Enrichment

Technology

Archives — What to keep

Eula Lee Carter Fund — Who was she and what is the fund?

Info blasts and webinars new for Waco

The Texas State Organization is offering three types of learning opportunities for members in Waco. These include conventional breakout sessions, info blasts and webinars.

Info blast

An info blast is a way to deliver information that is needed by a select group of TSO members, presented in a short amount of time in a very structured and controlled delivery style. When chapters start a new biennium, their members often get a new committee job. In Waco, TSO Committee Chairs and members will use the info blast format to share information about the work of the committee and what is expected from that committee at the chapter level. Those who attend a specific info blast will be given materials indicating whom they can contact for help and support. More information for chapter committee chairs and officers will then be given during area workshops in all 18 areas during August and September of 2018.



Webinar

This year the Texas State Organization will be partnering with SimpleK12 to offer a series of 30-minute webinars to members who register for CPE credit.

SimpleK12 is an online Teacher Learning Community that offers professional development to teachers anytime, anywhere. It is 100% online and can be accessed from anywhere that



there is an Internet connection. Their content includes over 950 on-demand webinars as well as 450 live online training sessions that are offered throughout the year. Online training presenters are an email away for those needing support, and members can post questions in

the forum and participate in discussions with teachers from around the world.

In order to acquaint TSO members with all that SimpleK12 has to offer, they will provide CPE credit for a series of 30 minute webinars on the first day of the convention. In addition, five free, 1-year, full access individual memberships to their Teacher Learning Community will be given away as door prizes, and all attendees will receive a free copy of one of SimpleK12's most popular Premium eBook Resources, "101 Free Tech Tools for Teachers."

Area workshops offer training and ideas

The state biennium and the chapter biennium begin in different years so that continuity in ideas and programs will not be interrupted. Current state personnel provide training at area workshops for new chapter officers and chairs. All members are encouraged to attend to gather new ideas for chapter success and renew their commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma.



Date	Area	Area Coordinator	Location	Date	Area	Area Coordinator	Location	
8/4	1	Janice Sutton	Mabank	9/8	17	Nancy Vines	Marshall	
	4	Alannah Mozisek	Karnes City		9/15	7	Stacy Arnold	Austin
	14	Karen Telck	Midland			9	Jennifer Bernabo	Little Elm
	16	Terri Stretcher	Jacksboro			10	Shelly Samuels	Cleburne
8/11	2	Rhonda Hall	Nederland	11		Michelle Pittman	Amarillo	
	5	Barbara Serota	Alice	18	Suzanne Bathe	Houston		
	15	Dee Cramer	El Paso		9/29	3	Denise Charleston	TBA
9/8	12	Sharon McDougle	Lubbock		6	Jeanette Pierce	Fredericksburg	
	13	Cheryl Hindman	Hawley	8	Lisa Yates	Coppers Cove		

2018 Unifying Project supports literacy

The Unifying Project for the 2018 Texas State Organization is Storybook Christmas. Each member is asked to bring to convention new children's storybooks appropriate for the 3-10 age range. Books are best received without bags or wrappers.



ASTEF shoppers get chance in prize drawing

ASTEF has two grocery shopping programs: Kroger/Ralph's and Randall's/Tom Thumb. By shopping at these stores, members can earn money for Scholarships, Leadership, and Projects. It's that easy!



In Waco, ASTEF wants to thank members for participating by hosting a special drawing. Each member who participates in the program needs to pack a recent receipt that includes her name and email. She can drop the receipt off at the ASTEF information table for a chance to win a special prize. One lucky winner will be drawn at ASTEF's annual meeting on Friday following the TSO Business Meeting. The winner will be announced and awarded a prize at the conclusion of the meeting.

Anyone who has not signed up for one or both of these programs still has time to sign up. Members can go to www.astef.org for step-by-step directions on how to enroll. Members can also sign up in Waco by stopping by ASTEF's information table and an ASTEF director will help with the enrollment.



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 René Pittman between February 1, 2018 and April 1, 2018. 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 under Committees, Necrology.

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 Beverly G. Akin, Theta Zeta-3, Houston
 Jean Frankie, Epsilon Omega-4, Richmond
 Minerva G. Ibarra, Alpha Nu-5, Laredo
 Sue Verla Bennett, Mu Zeta-5, Harlingen
 Blanche Lee Stein, Eta Zeta-9, San Antonio
 Sherry Milholland Thompson, Eta Zeta-9, Farmers Branch
 Cathen Jones, Theta Alpha-9, Arlington
 Virginia Beth Long, Theta Alpha-9, Dallas
 Elizabeth Cameron, Lambda Upsilon-9, Rockwall
 Ann Belury, Iota Pi-10, Naples, FL
 Ida Louise Clark, Pi-11, Dallas
 Debbie Schwartz, Pi-11, Amarillo
 Pat Ann Giles, Omega-13, Coleman
 Sue Youngblood Wikelski, Delta Iota-14, Odessa
 Susan Davis, Alpha Pi-17, Texarkana
 Rebecca Ann Russell Brian, Alpha Upsilon-17, Fairview
 Mildred Feller, Mu Xi-17, Tyler

Vernell Gregg, Kappa Theta, (Flower Mound-16), was honored by the South Central Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. with the Mary Louise Williams Guiding Star Award for Public Service.

Nelda Reyes, Nu (San Marcos-7), is one of six national award recipients of the prestigious Winslow Coyne Reitnauer Excellence in Teaching Award. This is for being on the leading edge of best practices that help students with print disabilities succeed in the mainstream classroom.

Published in the 2018•Volume 84-3 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: International Journal for Professional Educators*:

- **Robin Lock**, Kappa Iota (Lubbock-12), “Differentiated Assessment of Vocational Skills in an Entrepreneurial Setting.”

arts & humanities

Three Texas members will have works displayed in the Spring DKG Fine Arts Gallery. www.dkg.org

- **Marilyn Nease**, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), has three essays, “Everyday Normal,” “Meaningful Work” and “Past, Present and Future.”
- **Ulana Ratley**, Kappa Delta (Bedford-10) has a photograph, “Monarchs and Marigolds” and a short story, “The Bite.”
- **Charlyn Trussell**, Epsilon Upsilon (Mission-5), has an original craft quilt, “Journey South.”

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Member News



Liz Garrett, Nu Gamma (Wylie-9), was featured in Wylie’s *In & Around Magazine* for her work with children across Texas. Liz has an extensive career in education and is especially gifted at helping families in need.

Betty Iles, Mu Epsilon (Beaumont-2), was recognized by the Southeast Texas Arts Council as the 2017 Outstanding Lifelong Advocate of the Arts.

Jaime Callahan, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), earned her Doctorate of Educational Leadership degree from Dallas Baptist University.

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Cornetet Individual Professional Development Awards:

- **Bonne Stroman**, Iota Chi (Weatherford-10): Leadership Mineral Wells
- **Fannie Albert**, Delta Rho (Richardson-9): Texas District Learning Association Conference

Reception planned

Any member who has been a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for fifty or more years is invited to a Meet and Greet reception in her honor on Friday, June 15, 2018 during the Texas State Organization Convention in Waco, TX. The reception will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. The time of the reception has been changed from previous conventions.



Following the reception, honorees may enjoy celebrating at the Denim and Diamonds Banquet in the Chisholm Hall of the Convention Center with their friends.

Any member planning to attend must indicate on the convention registration form that she is a fifty or more year member. The form is available on the convention website, <https://dkgtxasconvention2018.weebly.com>. It was available in the spring issue of the *Lone Star News*. Questions should be directed to Risa McCann, Membership Chair, or the member's chapter president.

DKG ceremonies represent Society teaching moments

A ceremony is a special moment that bridges the past with the present and inspires a bridge to the future. The Texas State Organization Ceremonies Committee is working toward creating some special moments for the Waco TSO Convention on June 14-16, 2018.

Ceremonies in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society teach members about the Society of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. They often help members to remember the heritage, legacy and purposes. It is important to be reminded that the Founders were trailblazers and activists who forged ahead to meet the challenges of the day, standing up for ideals of quality education for all. The ceremonies give the opportunity for members to express a bond of common belief and fellowship. As the members participate in ceremonies, an opportunity presents itself for each member to recommit to being respectful of the purposes and honoring the Society by working toward fulfilling those purposes to benefit education worldwide.



Two special ceremonies that will be presented in Waco by the Ceremonies Committees will be the celebration of the 89th TSO Birthday at the Denim and Diamond Banquet on Friday night and a reflection on the inspiration of the Founders' lives at the Saturday Morning Brunch.

Chorus is open to all singers

TSO Chorus will be singing songs that are funny, poignant and reflective during its performances in Waco. Everyone is welcome to sing with the chorus. Members may register for the chorus on the convention registration form and include the \$15 fee to purchase the music.



To be prepared for their participation, all chorus members are to bring a black binder to hold the music and clothing appropriate for each performance: denim and plenty of bling — especially rings — for the Denim and Diamonds Banquet; black or black and white for the Ceremony of Remembrance; traveling clothes for the Celebration Brunch on Saturday.



I slept through the party!

Catherine Davis, Beta Zeta

What a journey! For over two years I worked with the most wonderful group of women that I admired and never expected to know so well. It took time, talent, experience, patience and a few touches of technical expertise. I was honored to be Chair of the International Constitution Committee. At our training in Traverse City, I learned we were about to revise our International Constitution. Carolyn Rants and Jean Gray assured me we would have plenty of help and encouragement, and they were true to their word.

Every member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International would be affected by our work. We could not take it lightly. Members gave us ideas, opinions and information from all regions of the Society. Our expanded group consisted of leaders of all ages and regions — an amazing assembly of bright, enthusiastic, experienced key women educators who knew the workings of our Society and had great esteem for its members. We repeatedly asked, “What would the members think, feel, want, change, leave alone?” Everything we did was prefaced with thoughts of the will of the members. We were looking ahead while living in the present and respecting our past. We had meetings in Austin, emails galore and exhaustive GoToMeetings with members connected around the world.

My husband and I were excited about driving from Texas to Spokane for the convention. I was prepared and ready to go. My notebook was in a special bag along with my script, notes, tickets and registration. First, I had to go to our Texas state convention in Waco. I took my notebook and showed it to Joanne Davis and Sandy Whitney. George would have the duplicate thumb drive. I wanted somebody to know where everything was — just in case. Later, Sandy asked me how I knew. I didn't.

On July 3, 2010, I was packing my clothes for the trip. George went out to his workshop. At some point, I “fell asleep.” He came in and found me unconscious on the bed. A different journey began. Instead of going to Spokane, I was flown to San Antonio. I had suffered a hemorrhagic stroke. The doctors were sure I was not going to survive. George came home to plan my funeral. God had other plans. He heard so many prayers. Combined with His grace and excellent medical care, I survived.

Meanwhile, the party in Spokane continued. When I finally did wake up several weeks later, I told George we had to get ready for the convention. He told me it was over and the revision was approved. He said I questioned him intensely about how that could be. “I had a job to do!” He assured me all was taken care of and the party was grand. “You just slept through it all.”

Everything did go well. My notebook got there. Carol Herzog read the documents. Members listened, discussed and learned. They approved our work. There was more to be done. But, our current task was complete. Yes, I slept through the party. I had the easy job. I don't remember anything. Thanks to prayers and God's grace, I just slept. Maybe being in a coma isn't so bad if what they are doing makes you well again.

I awoke to find the joy and excitement of our membership continues. Our revision committee as such is no longer. We stay in touch, and we are aware. We encourage members to acknowledge the honor and privilege of their own membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. It is a special organization that makes a positive difference wherever it exists.

Our Society is sound. More revisions to the *Constitution* are coming. Our leaders still have a vision that encapsulates the past, present and future. Our membership may not be growing by leaps and bounds, but it is comprehensive. There is a bond between our early career educators and seasoned members. I believe Annie and the other Founders would be in awe of how their creation is serving our schools and communities.

If you sleep through a special event, I hope you wake to a happy outcome as I did. Meanwhile, enjoy your membership fully with participation, contributions and sisterhood. It will be worth so much more than you will ever know. And, it's nice to know that even while you sleep, your sisters have your back.

Jane Bounds: ASTEF Advocate for Education Award winner

Where do hungry children get their meals on the weekend? Jane Bounds, resident of Waco with 30-plus years involvement on local school campuses, and Cliff Reece, Director of Child Nutrition Services for Waco ISD, realized that children, particularly those on free or reduced lunch, were leaving McLennan County schools on Fridays not knowing where their next meal would come from until they returned to school on Monday morning. Thus, the nonprofit Pack of Hope was born.

Volunteers gather every Wednesday morning at the Waco ISD Child Nutrition Services warehouse to fill bags with food. Pack of Hope relies on grants and donations of food and money from individuals and local businesses and organizations. The bags are delivered to 17 of the 18 school districts in McLennan County. Nearly 1,100 students, selected by the campus counselors, pick up a food bag and put it in their own backpack before the end of the school day on Friday. This eliminates the stigma of some kids receiving free food in a specially identified backpack, as was the original vision.

Pack of Hope, in the eight years since its inception, is receiving positive reports that attendance is better on Fridays, because students come to pick up the food packs, and on Mondays, because the students have had nourishing food over the weekend and can function more normally. These students recognize that someone really cares, and, as a result, have greater self-esteem, are less disruptive in class, and perform better academically.

Pack of Hope president and co-founder Jane Bounds graduated from Richfield High School in Waco, received a degree from the University of Oklahoma, and returned to Waco. In addition to her work with Pack of Hope, Bounds serves on the board of the Friends of the Waco-McLennan County Library, Inc.; is currently Secretary of the Temple Rodef Sholom and on the board of directors of the Youth Chorus of Central Texas; and has served on the board of the Greater Waco Interfaith Conference for 40 years. Bounds has served as president of several levels of PTA organizations, including the school level, the Waco City Council PTA, District 12 PTA and Area 8 PTA, and was a member of the Texas State Board of PTAs.

Bounds, co-founder Cliff Reese and the McLennan County Pack of Hope were recognized in November 2017 as the "Outstanding Service Organization of the Year" at the Central Texas Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals' National Philanthropic Day luncheon.



The ASTEF Board of Directors, with great pride and humility, will be awarding the 2nd Annual ASTEF Advocate for Education Award to Jane Bounds. The ASTEF Advocate for Education Award is given to a woman in Texas who is an avid supporter of education by showing her commitment to service and financial contributions to multiple areas of education

while not a current educator herself. The award will be presented at the TSO Convention in Waco during the ASTEF Annual Meeting on Friday, June 15.



Meet the Waco Convention organizers

Chairing a Texas State Organization convention is not an easy assignment. Each year three women accept the task to coordinate countless details that make a convention successful. Every new group encounters an array of unexpected challenges, yet they always find solutions. The Waco steering committee includes Cathy Burke, steering committee chair, Linda Ewing, steering committee co-chair and Laura Schmidt, steering committee co-chair.



Cathy Burke

Cathy Burke has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 2004. She has been a member of Mu Pi in the Humble/Kingwood area and Iota Upsilon in area 8. She has a BS from Iowa State University, an MA from SFA, and Learning Resources Certification from SHSU. All of her teaching career was spent in Humble ISD, first as a middle school reading teacher and then as a middle school librarian. She is currently keeping busy with her church, DKG, travel, reading and many crafts. She has been married to Mike for 44 years and has two children, Carrie and Mike and three grandchildren.

Linda Ewing has been a member of DKG since 1987. She earned a BS from Baylor and a MA from Sam Houston State. She taught Family and Consumer Sciences for 30 years and then taught student teachers at Baylor. Currently she is the assistant director of a childcare facility and the co-owner of Central Texas Early Childhood Trainers. She and her husband Roy have been married for 40 years. They have two children, Shanna and Ty, and a granddaughter, Ali. She loves traveling to DKG state, regional and international convention sites with her daughter, a member of DKG, and her granddaughter.



Linda Ewing



Laura Schmidt

Laura Schmidt has been a member of Kappa Pi Chapter since 2003. She holds a BS degree from Texas A&M at Commerce and an MA from the University of Texas at Tyler. After teaching high school mathematics and computer science for 25 years, she became the instructional technology coordinator for Brownsboro ISD. She retired in 2013 after 15 years in that position. Laura and her husband Gerald have been married for 46 years and have two children, Stacey and Brad, and three grandchildren. She enjoys her family and friends, travel, crafts, and working in her little bakery.



Coordinating Council Chairs meet in Waco

TSO Coordinating Council Chairs will meet during the convention in Waco on Friday, June 15, at 2:15 p.m. in McLennan Hall. Members are asked to check the convention schedule in case of a room change. If a council will change chairs on July 1, both present and new chairs are invited to the meeting. Chairs need to bring a copy of the council bylaws, if possible. Those chairs unable to attend this meeting need to contact Judy Mezick, TSO recording secretary, at j.mezick@verizon.net before the convention.

Recipe for Success

NAME: *Happy Members of DKG Chapter*

INGREDIENTS: *members; programs; projects; leadership; support; involvement in area, state and international*

DIRECTIONS:

1. *Include interesting and innovative chapter meetings that involve all members and engaging chapter projects that support education and the community.*
2. *Use the TSO Recruitment Plan & have members warmly welcome visitors and new members.*
3. *Engage and mentor the new members.*
4. *Develop leadership within the chapter.*
Members working on chapter, area and state levels develop their leadership skills. (Notice the verb 'develop' is used in this step not 'possess.' A DKG member continuously develops leadership through involvement.)
5. *Support the leaders as they lead.*
6. *Get involved in area, state and international activities.*
To gain understanding of the scope of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and its work, members must become involved in DKG at the area, state and international level. Attendance at state conventions helps gain insight and understanding about the work of DKG, it renews a passion for DKG, it increases motivation to do the work of DKG, and it is just plain fun.

YIELD: *A successful chapter where key women educators want to be members.*



New DKG app ready for use in Austin

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has launched its newly designed app just in time for members to become familiar with it before the international convention in Austin. The goal of this app is to have everything a member needs to know about DKG at her fingertips.



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The app is free and easy to download. There are two parts to the app. DKG 365 is the part of the app that has basic information needed all year including the present *Constitution*. The convention side of the app has all things relevant to a convention or conference, from maps to note taking abilities to linked handouts for the breakout sessions. After downloading the app and exploring it, the best way for members to learn its features is to watch the webinar at <https://goo.gl/QhnBYU>. Knowing the app's capabilities is important to Texans

since TSO members will be responsible for summarizing the events of the day on the app and keeping interest alive with tweets and pictures during the Austin convention.

Texans connect at Bluebonnets and Bridges event

Join other Texans in Austin and get reacquainted with longtime friends, new friends, leadership friends, Golden Gift friends and all TSO members and their guests at the Texas Bluebonnet and Bridges food event.



Bluebonnets and Bridges
July 19, 2018
Austin, TX

When: Thursday, July 19, 2018. 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Where: JW Marriott, Austin - Salon DE of the Lone Star Ballroom

Enjoy the ENHANCED BRUSCHETTA BAR and serve yourself some hot and cold hors d'oeuvres such as mozzarella and risotto arancini, lemon and chicken kabobs, ice tea and lemonade.

The cost is \$40 per ticket.

Complete the form, make your check payable to "TSO" and mail to Cheryl Crawford c/o TSO, PO Box 797787, Dallas, TX 75379. Orders must be postmarked by June 15, 2018.

Name _____ Phone _____

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