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Rio Grande Valley a birding paradise

Separating the United States from Mexico, the Rio Grande River shaped the land alongside it by overflowing its banks and creating new channels. As the water retreated, the new channels and their rich soils remained. The cycle of flooding nourished the soil and provided water for plants and wildlife. Add to that the convergence of temperate, desert, coastal and sub-tropical climates, and the Rio Grande Valley has a 365-day growing season that has created a documented 1,200 plant species. Many of the plants are found nowhere else in the United States, and they create unique environments which provide food and refuge for a variety of birds, butterflies and other wildlife. Unfortunately, humans changed the land, and only scattered fragments of the original habitats remain. Those land fragments are some of the most biologically diverse in North America.

To protect this diversity while allowing people to experience the plants, birds and wildlife, the World Birding Center has set up nine unique locations in the Rio Grande Valley along the last 275 river miles in a Wildlife Corridor authorized by Congress in 1978. Within these areas are 520 documented birds. Three of the World Birding Centers are easily accessible from McAllen.

BENTSEN-RIO GRANDE VALLEY (Mission)

The Headquarters of the World Birding Center is located here. It is a 10-mile drive from the McAllen Convention Center. The park's woodlands and brushlands provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife including over 360 bird species, some of which are found nowhere else in the world. The nearby National Butterfly Center has feeders that attract many bird species and is the best location for observing some of the 330 butterfly species seen in the Valley.

QUINTA MAZATLAN (McAllen)

This Spanish Revival Style mansion is owned by the City of McAllen. It is a four-mile drive from the McAllen Convention Center. Formal tropical gardens surround the mansion with native plants, and the adjacent acres of wild Tamaulipan thorn forest provide habitats for resident birds and birds that have spent the winter in Mexico, Central America, South America or the Caribbean islands and are heading to Canada or North America to breed.

OLD HIDALGO PUMPHOUSE (Hidalgo)

This museum honors the steam-driven irrigation pumps that transformed the area into a year-round farming area. It is a nine-mile drive from the McAllen Convention Center. Native trees, shrubs and flowers surround the Hidalgo Pumphouse. Birds are attracted to the floodplain woodlands along the abandoned intake channel of the pumphouse.



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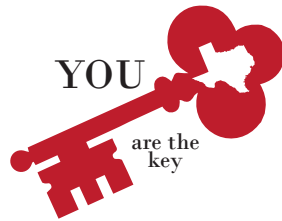
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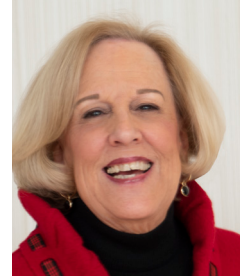
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Change can signal growth

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2019-2021



Every spring we hear, “Fall back, Spring forward” as we change to daylight saving time. We love the lighter hours in the early evening that allow more outdoor activities, but we don’t care for the changes in our sleeping habits. What is it about change that makes us so resistant?

Change can cause some people to feel that they have lost control. Many describe it as walking off a cliff or being afraid of the unknown. John F. Kennedy once said, “Change is the law of life, and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

Change is meant to bring something new and different. Often change brings creative new ways of doing things that have always been done a certain way. As we experience change in our lives, we also experience growth.

New officers in our chapters bring new ideas and approaches. Changes to structures and times of meetings, creative programs, and new members from a variety of instructional settings often bring new purpose to a chapter.

We are currently going through a new normal. With schools closing, educators are interacting with their students and peers using applications like ZOOM. Parents are learning that schooling their children has many challenges. From that experience may come a new respect for our profession. A great change!

TSO has moved from having face-to-face meetings to using GoToMeetings in order to connect committee members and ensure that the business of TSO continues. Admittedly, many members weren’t so sure that their traditional two-day meeting could happen through technology. It did, and the result was positive change and growth.

There are many proposed changes to the DKG International Constitution. Have you read them? Do you have an opinion? There are also two contested positions. Have you read about the candidates? Be sure to start those conversations so that I can be an informed voter, representing you. The opportunity to share your thoughts is on www.dkgtexas.org.

Like the caterpillar munching on leaves who eventually becomes a beautiful butterfly, change, and the resulting growth, is good. May you welcome it and grow from it. Hand in hand, or elbow to elbow, our loyal band, forward moving ever.

Hints and Tips from Headquarters



Trending Now for Chapter Leaders & Treasurers . . .

Communicating

- **Chapter treasurer changing?** Send Form 87 to TSO HQ & International as soon as a new treasurer is appointed. IRS requires a letter from International; then International will create the new treasurer’s login credentials for access to Chapter Connect & the Dues Portal.
- **Training needs:** Treasurers received an email in April with a survey link. Please participate to enable TSO HQ to provide training and support materials. Need the link? Contact TSO HQ asap.
- **Utilize the Chat Feature at Chapter Connect** as your gateway to quick answers from International.
- **Inform TSO HQ immediately** when contact information changes for chapter president and treasurer.

Preparing for 2020-21 Membership Changes

- **Visit DKG Texas website Treasurers’ Page** to find timely information and help documents for the upcoming dues season.
 - **Download official 2019-20 chapter roster from International website at Chapter Connect** before using the Dues Portal to submit orders for 2020-21.
 - **Request updated contact information from all members** and correct it in the Dues Portal at Member Management before orders are created and payments are submitted.
 - **Create and submit orders for paid chapter members** in the Dues Portal at Order Management.
- **Submit payments to International & TSO before June 30.
Late payments by July 30 and August 30.
- **Use the document “Dues: What to Send Where” found on the DKG Texas website Treasurers’ Page to ensure payments are submitted correctly.

Staying Informed

- **Emails from TSO Finance Committee & TSO Treasurer** will contain timely information. Read and save for future reference.
- **Join the Chapter Treasurers’ Community** in Chapter Connect at My Communities to receive updates from International and to share information with other chapter treasurers.
- **Read the March/April issue of Get Connected**, an International publication, and learn how to connect with International staff members. The issue is found at DKG Texas on the Home Page & at DKG International under Publications.

Using the Dues Portal (portal is scheduled to reopen April 20)

- **A variety of training and support options are available:**
 - ** Treasurers: Keys to Success at McAllen Convention: Thursday June 18, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
 - ** Area Workshop August – September (contact Area Coordinator for details)
 - ** DKG Texas Treasurers’ Page
<https://www.dkgtxas.org/treasurers-page.html>

At A Glance Deadlines

June 1	Reports to ASTEF for Awarded Projects
17-19	McAllen Conv.
30	Deadline for dues orders and payments to Int’l and TSO
July 1	First day of 2020 - 2022 biennium
7-11	IRS 990N opens
	International Convention Philadelphia
15	Treas Form 15
	TSO Leadership Seminar App online
Aug 15	Deadline Fall LSN submissions
Oct 1	Coronet Applications due

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MEMBERS: Send address changes to your chapter treasurer or go to www.dkg.org /MyDKG to make any changes in your information.

Five opportunities to support ASTEF

1

ASTEF EXTRAVAGANZA This ticketed event features American Olympic bobsledder and former football player Johnny Quinn as keynote speaker for the upcoming ASTEF Extravaganza at the 2020 McAllen Convention. Quinn attended McKinney High School in McKinney, Texas, and was a two-sport athlete at the University of North Texas, where he lettered in football and track and graduated with a degree in criminal justice.



Johnny Quinn with 2014 bobsled team in Sochi, Russia

2

ONLINE AUCTION The auction will open June 10, exactly one week prior to the first day of convention, and end at noon on Friday, June 19. Members may sign up to be a bidder, view and bid on items online, and view the actual auction items at the McAllen convention by going to the ASTEF tables located in the vendor room.

3

MYSTERY MANIA A \$10 chance earns members an opportunity to pick a numbered envelope that might contain a gift card valued at \$10 or more. TSO chapters and individuals are asked to donate gift cards for this fundraising game. The cards should be sent to Cindy Drumm, 3621 Westcliff Rd S, Fort Worth, TX 76109.



4

DENTON REGISTRATION FEE Members may purchase an arm-length of tickets to win a free registration at the 2021 Denton Convention. Tickets will be sold at the ASTEF tables or from an ASTEF board member wearing a sandwich board roaming the halls of the convention.

5

KENDRA SCOTT POP-UP STORE Immediately after the Birthday Luncheon on Friday, the Kendra Scott Pop-up Site will open in the vendor area of the McAllen Convention.



ASTEF Announcements:



ASTEF 2019-2020 Project Stipend display boards will be set up for viewing on Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19, 2020. All Project Stipend recipients must develop and provide at the 2020 convention in McAllen a Project Display including a written description and pictures of the chapter project. The display may consist of a three-fold project board, two-fold project board, 3-ring binder, a scrapbook, an easel board or a flip-n-tell display. Electronic versions of the Project Display will not be accepted.



The ASTEF Houston Weekender, scheduled for October, has been postponed to April 16-18, 2021. This is a beautiful time of the year in Houston and members and guests will thoroughly enjoy this lovely, dynamic and vibrant city. More information about the trip will be posted on the ASTEF website as it becomes available. Registration will be available both at the TSO Convention in McAllen, TX and on the ASTEF Website. The trip is limited to 50 participants; non-DKG member guests are welcome.

McAllen Convention Chairs prepare for June

Kitty Hutchcroft, Convention Steering Committee Chair



Kitty Hutchcroft

Kitty Hutchcroft has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 2000 when she was initiated into Epsilon Upsilon Chapter, Area 5, in Mission/McAllen. She has served her chapter as president, first vice president, and webmaster. She has also served as committee member and chair of several committees at the chapter level. At the state level, Hutchcroft has served on various committees, was the chair of the technology committee, Area 5 Coordinator and has presented at area workshops and TSO Conventions. Last summer she received the TSO Achievement Award. After receiving her BA from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, she taught seven years in Nebraska and 26 years in Texas. Over the years, Hutchcroft has taught English, yearbook, speech and drama, French, web design and multimedia. She retired three years ago, and her free time is spent gardening, renovating her house and traveling. Presently she is Gigi to her granddaughter Zoe. Kitty's daughter, Jennifer and son-in-law David live in Round Rock where Kitty is planning to move after the convention.

Barbara Serota, Convention Steering Committee Co-Chair



Barbara Serota

Barbara Serota has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 2000. She is a member of Delta Psi Chapter, Area 5, in the Corpus Christi area. Her sister, Susan, has been a DKG member since 1979 and her mother, Katie, has been a member since 1961. She served three terms as president of her chapter and as the Area 5 Coordinator in the last biennium. She received a BA from the University of Texas – RGV (then known as Pan American University) and an MLS from the University of Texas – Austin. After working as a law librarian in Austin for nine years, she moved to Corpus Christi and became a school librarian. She retired in 2010 from Flour Bluff ISD after 21 years as intermediate librarian, high school librarian and then dual credit facilitator. She and her husband Tom have been married for 53 years and have two children, Scott and Susan, and two grandchildren. She enjoys singing in choirs, reading, knitting and card making.

Lori Shontz, Convention Steering Committee Co-Chair



Lori Shontz

Lori Shontz has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1997 when she was initiated into Epsilon Phi Chapter, Area 5, in Weslaco. She has served her chapter as president twice, recording secretary twice, and newsletter editor/photographer since 1998. At the state level, Shontz has served on various committees and was the 2013-2015 Area 5 Coordinator. She received her BA from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois and her MA from Pan American University (now known as University of Texas – RGV). Lori is retiring in May after 37 years of service to Weslaco ISD, 10 years as a 2nd and 3rd grade classroom teacher, 26 years as a campus technology coordinator and one year as a district dyslexia teacher. Her free time is spent taking care of her six rescue cats, working as secretary/treasurer and organist at her church, and singing with the Valley Symphony Chorale.

Education Excellence Committee an umbrella committee

Seven committee chairs, along with the TSO first vice-president, form the TSO Educational Excellence committee: Global Awareness, Legislation, Music, Personal and Professional Enrichment, Programs and Service Projects, Research, and Women in the Arts. Planning an effective and meaningful chapter meeting can be quite easy when the chapter EEC collaborates with the program chair to coordinate a theme or topic for each meeting.

In McAllen, the EEC will present a breakout session demonstrating strategies in planning a coordinated meeting in approximately ten minutes. Consideration will be given to topic relevance, sustaining and growing membership, supporting early-career educators and encouraging local and global impact.



In 1995 DKG became a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with the United Nations Department of Public Information. In 2003 DKG was granted Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

NGOs must have substantive and sustained contributions for achievement of the goals of the UN. They are closely involved with the economic and social life of the peoples of the areas they represent, and their membership is broadly representative of major segments of society in a large number of countries in different regions of the world.

DKG has eight representatives who attend weekly briefings at UN Headquarters in New York City. Information from these meetings as well as other activities and programs at the UN are shared with members through the *DKG Bulletin*, DKG@UN newsletter, as well as at meetings, conferences and conventions.

MUSIC for MCALLEN



Many opportunities await musicians who would like to provide music for one or more of the sessions or events at the convention in McAllen, Texas on June 17-19, 2020. The registration page allows musicians to sign up for choral parts and accompaniment preferences.

All types of instruments are welcome. Instrumentalists may respond to Venita Blake, music chair, at ladyblake58@gmail.com to volunteer their talents. The first rehearsal for the chorus will be on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 from 8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. All chorus members are asked to bring a black notebook and a pencil.



RESEARCH

The TSO Research Committee looks forward to visiting with members at the 91st TSO Convention in McAllen. During the breakout session members will learn ways to enhance their programs with

in-depth research components and explore information worth saving about a chapter and the people who served the chapter in any way.

Women in Arts

As chapters plan programs for next year, they might consider having one program related to the arts, such as fine arts, literary arts or culinary arts. Chapters can involve all members in creating a simple craft as a gift for early career educators or invite an art, music or drama teacher to present in her area of expertise. These presenters in the arts can be potential members.

A chapter visual arts display is a great way to discover the hidden talents of members who share their creative projects, recite a poem, or show objects they collect. Members who display their work are then potential presenters for future programs.

Ideas for arts related programs, chapter visual arts displays and chapter mini retreats can be found on the WIA page of the TSO website.

Learn about 2021-2023 TSO nominations



At the 2021 TSO Convention in Denton, the TSO Nomination Committee will present a slate of candidates for officers and elected committee members to serve during the 2021–2023 biennium. Qualified, forward thinking, energetic women are being sought for these leadership positions.

Elected officers include president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Elected committees are finance and nominations.

Qualifications and duties for these positions may be found in Guidelines for State Personnel located on the TSO website under Resources.

Members have the opportunity to be part of leading TSO into the future. Applications, which are located under Deadlines/Forms on the state website, may be emailed electronically to carolynmashburn44@gmail.com or sent by hard copy to Carolyn Mashburn, Nominations Chair, 3307 Village Oaks Drive, Kingwood, TX 75339.

Distancing doesn't mean isolation



Many members are feeling isolated because of physical distancing brought about by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Yet anyone with a telephone or Internet connection can break the isolation. Members may simply call friends or family, or they can use one of the many communication applications that are available for free to those with a smart device and an Internet connection. For those who feel that they don't have the skills to use Internet communication, many chapter members have the knowledge to get members connected and comfortable with communicating online. The TSO Technology Committee is also available to help. Each TSO area has a member of the technology committee that can be called upon for information. The committee members are listed on the TSO website, www.dkgtexas.org.

Many communications platforms are available for members to use. Just a few are **Zoom**, **Google Hangouts Meet**, **Skype**, **FaceTime**, **Google Duo** and **Facebook Messenger**. Most of the websites for the platforms offer online help, how-to instructions and chat services. Chat is usually an open typing space on a website for people to type questions and a customer service person offering a response.

Sometimes the age of a device dictates the best format to use. Other times the format will depend on the type of device a person or group is using for video communicating. For example, if a person has an Android device, **FaceTime** is not a good choice because it is an Apple product.

Zoom <https://zoom.us>

Google Hangouts Meet <https://meet.google.com/> <https://support.google.com/a/users/answer/9282720?hl=en>

Skype <https://www.skype.com/en/features>

FaceTime <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204380>

For More information on applications: <https://tinyurl.com/uycrn4t>,
Specifically for Android devices: <https://tinyurl.com/uc9htfe>

Breakout sessions provide variety

CPE — Continuing Professional Education
SB — Society Business R — repeated

SI — Special Interest

Wednesday, June 17

Jeanette Rhyan & TSO Ceremonies Committee

Making Ceremonies Meaningful For Your Chapter (SB)

Deborah Thomas & TSO Archives Committee

Keys to Unlocking Your Chapter's Archives (SB)

Janice Sutton & TSO Bylaws and Rules Committee

Unlocking the Mystery of Chapter Rules (SB)

Shirl Hawes & TSO Women in the Arts Committee

Women in the Arts (SB)

Betty Hill, Frances Ziegenhals & TSO Yearbook Committee

Keys to an Exemplary Yearbook - Is Your Chapter a Perfect 29? (SB)

Carolyn Mashburn & TSO Nominations Committee

Nominations Time is Near! Make TSO Strong by Participating (SB)

Michelle Grandinetti

What is the TSO Global Awareness Committee? (SB)

Nita R. Scott

The Better Side of Different (SB)

Aurora Vignau



Aurora Vignau De Zambrano is the 2020 DKG International Representative to Texas. She will speak about DKG Latin American States and Chapters (SB)

Aurora Vignau & Marilyn Gregory

Round Table Discussion (SB)

Cheryl Crawford & Leesa Cole

AC Training (SB)

Debbi Ball & Terri Egerton

Taking Your Classroom to Infinity and Beyond (CPE)

Janet Helmcamp & TSO Personal and Professional Enrichment

PPE for CPE and Keys for Chapter Program Enrichment (SB)

Mary Griffin

Googlize Your Chapter (CPE)

Shelly Samuels & TSO Research Committee

Research? What Am I Looking For? (SB)

Michelle Grandinetti, Monica Fortenberry & TSO Global Awareness Committee

Schools for Africa (SB)

Kelly Broadus & TSO Leadership Seminar Committee

Leadership Seminar (SB)

Sherri Davenport & TSO Scholarship Committee

Scholarships: The Keys to Opportunity and Learning (SB)

Mandy Story & Emma Joven

Keys into Secretary Secrets (SB)

Dr. Karen M. Duke & TSO Membership Committee

Membership 1: The HONOR and POWER of DKG Membership (SB)

Tracy Shea & Janie Stone

Alpha Gamma Chapter Fun, a Poetry Festival Program and a New Teacher Project (SI)

Dr. Lisa Rogers

Games for DKG (SI)

Diane Moose & TSO Achievement Award Committee

Excellence Should be Recognized (SB)

Kendall Hasse, Kristi John, Leslie Valentincic & Catie King

Using Technology to Strengthen DKG Membership (CPE)

Blanca Galindo & Christine Kelley

Creating a Social Emotional Learning School (CPE)

Kelly Broadus & Mandy Story

First Timers (SI)

Amber Barbee

Transforming Everyday Games into Solution Focused Games (CPE)

Risa McCann

Saving a Life Through Organ Donation (SI)

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Wednesday, June 17

Dr. Karen M. Duke

Carol L. Horton

Alcione N. Ostorga, Ph.D.

Mary Griffin

Risa McCann

Dr. Karen M. Duke

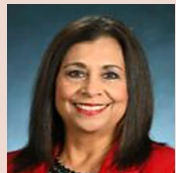
Nancy Darnell

LDCP Committee

Betty Hill, Debra Mahlmann & Frances Ziegenhals

Dee Ann Shumbera

Patricia Macias



Patricia Macias is the current president of the Texas Retired Teachers Association. She will speak about TRTA and Delta Kappa Gamma (SI)

Memorization and Learning: Educating for a Lifetime (CPE)

Traveling Through Grief & Mourning (SI)

Classroom Decision Making Through Teacher Agency (CPE)

Googlize Your Chapter (CPR) R

Saving a Life Through Organ Donation (SI) R

The T.E.A.M. Approach: A Tool for Effective Chapters and Classrooms (SI)

Substitute Teaching After Retirement: The Why & the How (SI)

LDCP: Training for Incoming Presidents (SB)

Pioneer Women: "Cup of Sugar" (CPE)

What is Irlen's Syndrome? (CPE)

Susan Perritano & Bridget Ayala

Bettye Cook, EdD

Frances Ziegenhals & Betty Hill

Amber Barbee

ShaLonda W. Adams, M.Ed.

Susan Perritano & Bridget Ayala

Intermediate Reading Interventions (CPE)

Creating an Experience (SB)

Best Meeting Ever, Again and Again (SI)

Guidance Goodies (CPE)

The Power of Yet: Embracing the Growth Mindset for Educators (CPE)

Intermediate Reading Interventions (CPE) R

Thursday, June 18

Mary Smith & Chelsea Stone

Donna Clemens & Catie King

Jane H. Garza

Hope Elizabeth Beyer

Brenda J. Clem

Rita Galloway & Susan Kerens

ShaLonda W. Adams, M.Ed

Pam Phillips

Brenda Lozano, Penny Walker & TSO State Membership Committee

Terri Egerton

Dr. Lisa Rogers

Judy Mezick, TSO First Vice President, & TSO Educational Excellence Committee

Tracy Shea & Phyllis McPherson

Rachel Gasperson & Blanca Galindo

Carolyn Mashburn

Lisa J. Yates & TSO Programs/Service Projects Committee

Jeanette Rhyan

The Power of Professional Journaling (CPE)

Assistive Technology in the Classroom (CPE)

Get in Touch with Your Inner Child (SI)

When you think of American Red Cross, what is the first thing that comes to mind? (SI)

Delta Kappa Gamma Newsletters 101 (SB)

Sea Turtles of the Gulf of Mexico (CPE)

The Power of Yet: Embracing the Growth Mindset for Educators (CPE) R

DKG Next: What can we expect? (SB)

Membership 2: Retention and Reconnect (SB)

You Don't Need a Title to be a Leader (SI)

More Games for DKG (SI)

Does Your EEC Need an EKG? (SB)

Dare To Lead an Online Book Study (CPE)

Eula Lee Carter: Furthering Education in Latin America (SB)

Longer, Healthier, Happier Living with Life Long Learning (SI)

Programs and Service Projects - Planting Seeds for Chapter Growth (SB)

DKG Super Password (SB)

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LDCP Committee

Betty Hill, Debra Mahlmann & Frances Ziegenhals

Rita Galloway & Susan Kerens

Venita Blake & TSO Music Committee

Hope Elizabeth Beyer

Diane Moose

Carol L. Horton

Carol McMillan

Mary Griffin

Dr. Barbara Baethe & Dr. Karen M. Duke

Marsha Edney

Leesa Cole, Deborah Thomas & Cheryl Crawford

Jessica Torres Provencio & Rachel L. Torres

Connie Rensink

Dr. Stacey Arnold & TSO Communications and Publicity Committee

Tracy Shea & Janie Stone

Mary Griffin

Cathy Burke & Carolyn Mashburn

Dr. Karen M. Duke

Friday, June 19

Rhonda Posey & ASTEF Directors

Phyllis McPherson, Dee Cramer & TSO State Membership Committee

Jessica Torres Provencio & Rachel L. Torres

Lisa J. Yates & TSO Programs/Service Projects Committee

Mary Smith

Tim Lee

LDCP: Training for Incoming Presidents (SB)

Pioneer Women: "Cup of Sugar" (CPE) R

Monarchs and More (CPE)

M3 = Minutes of Music for Meetings (SB)

The Keys to Learning Express Library: Educating our Community and Ourselves (CPE)

Green is Good for You (SI)

Traveling Through Grief & Mourning (SI) R

Digital Images and the software that produces them (SI)

Googlize Your Chapter (CPE) R

DKG Educators' Foundation (SB)

Sharing: Sister to Sister (SI)

Treasurers: Keys to Success (SB)

The Quizzard of Oz (CPE)

How to Run an Effective Meeting (CPE)

Chapter Communication: A Key to Success (SB)

Passing the Baton to the Next Chapter President (SB)

Googlize Your Chapter (CPE) R

Starting Your Own STAR (Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat) (SB)

Is YOUR RESUME Ready for Professional and DKG Opportunities? (SI)

ASTEF Rewards (SB)

Membership 3: DKG Wants YOU! (recruitment plan) (SB)

Where is the Love? (CPE)

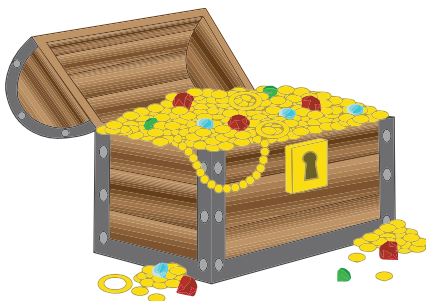
Programs and Service Projects - Planting Seeds for Chapter Growth (CPE) R

Understanding Personality Patterns (CPE)



Tim Lee, Executive Director of TRTA. Tim is always up to date on the issues most affecting educators and education. Get an up to the minute report on current legislative issues at both the state and federal level. (SB)

Pat Osborne & TSO Legislative Committee



Unlocking the Treasure of Successful Leadership

Unlock the treasure to successful leadership at the next TSO Leadership Seminar February 26-28, 2021. Discover more at the convention in McAllen (June 17. 11 a.m.) and at upcoming TSO Area Workshops.

Members celebrate ten years of ASTEF

Many dreams have been fulfilled because of the work of the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation over the past ten years. Dreams of becoming a teacher have been fulfilled by our Aspiring Educator recipients. Dreams of an advanced degree, position, or certification have been realized by our members who have received a TSO Scholarship. Dreams of learning about a destination and experiencing all it has to offer by those members receiving a TSO Life-long Scholarship have become a reality. Building the leadership skills and making life-long friends has happened for those members who applied for and were chosen for the TSO Leadership Seminar held in odd-numbered years. Texas children, students and educators from every area of Texas have been blessed by local chapters and individual members through TSO Project Stipends for worthy projects that impact local needs and causes.



All of this could not be done without the generous donations of members, families and friends. As the Texas State Educational Foundation looks forward to its Tenth Birthday on September 17, 2020, the ASTEF Board has planned some special events for the McAllen Convention.

The ASTEF Board would be grateful if all members would consider being a Decade Donor. Any size donation qualifies, and attendance at the convention is not necessary. Three ways to become a Decade Donor are: 1) give any size donation on the convention registration form; 2) mail in a donation before June 1 using the Decade Donor form located on the ASTEF website; or 3) donate at the McAllen Convention by visiting the ASTEF Tables. All donors will receive an ASTEF Decade Donor Ribbon.

Opening Night will include a brief birthday salute. Everyone attending convention will receive a birthday blower to help the ASTEF Board celebrate all TSO members who are the members of ASTEF.

As the ASTEF Board members look back on the foundation's nearly ten years, major cumulative donors will be recognized. These individual donors have been instrumental in donating above and beyond these past ten years. All individual donors who have given \$500 or more from 2010 to June 1, 2020 will receive a special commemorative pin. The pin will feature the new ASTEF Seal. Those earning this special honor will receive a letter, via their email, directing them on how to claim the pin.

Special recognition for those giving \$25 or more will be included in the McAllen Convention Program. Anyone giving \$25 or more will also receive an ASTEF Decade Donor Ribbon at convention.

The impact ASTEF is making is only possible because of the members. ASTEF thanks each one for A Decade of Making Dreams Come True. Every member is invited to join in the celebration.



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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, Rhonda Hall, between February 1, 2020 and April 1, 2020. 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.dkgtexas.org under Committees - Necrology.
SH = State Honorary SM = State Member

Martha Jane Heard, Beta Omega-1, Canton
Melba Jean McMullen, Delta Gamma-1, Timpson
Bertha Mae Parker Casey, Kappa Chi-2, Anahuac
Mabel Lee Dickinson, Kappa Chi-2, Anahuac
Evelyn Tommye Sandlin, Kappa Chi-2, Mount Pleasant
Suzanne Baxter, Theta Sigma-3, Pasadena
Shirley Russell, Theta Sigma-3, Houston
Joann Stringer, Theta Sigma-3, Pasadena
Norma Noah, Beta Xi-5, Big Wells
Peggy Wimpress, Beta-6, San Antonio
Virginia Blair, Epsilon-9, Dallas
Janie Ruth Fox, Epsilon Alpha-10, Saginaw
Martha McClung, Iota Chi-10, Weatherford
Marilyn McElroy, Iota Chi-10, Weatherford
Nancy J. McCarley, Nu-13, Wimberley
Ann Bates, Theta Omicron-13, Richardson
Norma Belonie, Alpha Pi-17, Texarkana
Patricia Coker, Alpha Pi-17, Lindale
Eugenia Bissett, Round Rock (SM)

FORM 6, Death of a Member, must be sent in for a member to be honored at the state convention in McAllen.

ATTENTION

Much of the information in the DKG Membership Database is incorrect. Members are asked to log into My DKG and update their information. They should assure that the street numbers and apartment numbers listed are correct. Because many members can't check the information, presidents are asked to log into Chapter Connect and check member information including phone numbers and email addresses. Before treasurers make a chapter order, verify member information with the member. Correct member information is an ongoing challenge and is the responsibility of everyone.

Member
News



Kim Paetzel, Zeta Gamma (Tyler-1), **Trish Woodley**, Xi (Austin-7), and **Claudia Walker**, Beta (Cibolo-6), have been chosen to participate in DKG Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders program. This is the former Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar.

Dr. Pamela Ponnors, Delta Pi (Plano-9), had her article "Differentiating Instruction: For Middle School Students in Virtual Learning Environments" included in Volume 86-3 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

Antoinette Franklin, Lambda Beta (San Antonio-6), has published a book of poetry, short stories and essays entitled *Imagination Carver Literary Arts Society 2nd Anthology*.

Trish Woodley, Xi (Austin-7), has a photograph entry entitled "Roadside Autumn Picnic" in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts.

Kaye Williams, Epsilon Omega (Katy-4), was named Secondary Principal of the Year in the Lamar Consolidated ISD in Rosenberg.

Susan Letourneau, Mu Upsilon (Lumberton-2), had two of her physics students chosen to send an experiment to the international spacestation this summer. It involves fiber-reinforced concrete as a future building material in space.

Gerry Fleuriet selected as ASTEF Advocate for Education

Gerry MacPherson Fleuriet was recently selected to receive the fourth ASTEF Advocate for Education Award for her support and commitment to education.



ASTEF Advocate for Education Award selection guidelines state that the candidate must strive to improve education in Texas through continued outstanding service and financial support benefitting Texas students and educators while not a current educator herself. In addition, the nominee must show excellence in leadership and serve as an example to others as an advocate for education. The ASTEF Board of Directors will present the award to Gerry Fleuriet at the TSO Convention in McAllen during the ASTEF Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 18.

Fleuriet has served on the Harlingen school board since 1996. She is a Leadership Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) graduate, serving as board president three times, vice president three times and secretary. A Harlingen native and HHS graduate, she is a graduate of Vanderbilt University's Peabody College. As a long-time volunteer in Harlingen schools, she helped create and continues to support the Harlingen Area Education Foundation. She was instrumental in creating two award-winning programs for high school students: HHS Graduation Celebration and College and Career Resource Rooms.



Gerry Fleuriet

A former elementary teacher, Fleuriet has served the community in many capacities. She was a community relations banking officer; founder and vice president of the South Texas Emergency Care Foundation; and the first RioFest Honorary Lifetime Director. She helped form Harlingen Main Street and Leadership Harlingen in addition to serving on various community boards and committees, including Harlingen's Capital Improvement Advisory Board and the eldership of the First Presbyterian Church. In 1992 she was recognized by the Zonta Club as the "Woman of the Year" and received the North Harlingen Rotary Club's "Service Above Self" Award. In 1998-99, the Zonta 2 Club awarded her its "Woman of Excellence for Community Service" Award. The Harlingen Chamber of Commerce awarded her the Heritage Award in 2002 for her leadership and service to the community.



Personnel changes at TSO Headquarters in Dallas

The State Personnel Committee is announcing changes in staff at the Dallas Headquarters effective July 1, 2020. Leesa Cole will be the Executive Secretary, and Deborah Thomas will be the Texas State Treasurer. Katherine Grogan, who has volunteered for several years at Headquarters, will be the new Executive Assistant. Congratulations to the new staff members on their new assignments. TSO expresses thanks and gratitude to Cheryl Crawford for being TSO Executive Secretary the past several years. She will be retiring July 1, 2020.



Join the
Retirement Celebration
in honor of
Cheryl Crawford

Saturday, June 27th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
TSO Headquarters Building
6220 Campbell Road, Suite 204, Dallas, Tx 75248





GOLD PIECE

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Janye Brainard, Kappa

My chapter did not meet at its usual time; however
The newsletter reassured us that all was well.
My chapter buddy called; we checked on each other.
We even voted on new officers by e-mail.

Contacts with members became a solution
To the lack of face-to-face time.
This may seem second best, but wonderful.
Texts, e-mails and phone calls connect us.

Are you home schooling?
Do you teach on-line?
What new ideas can we share?
We are truly together even when apart.

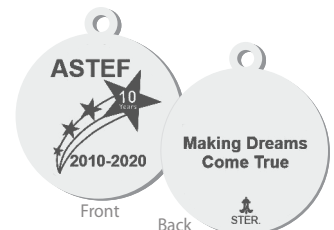
Respecting others with kindness
And continuing a positive outlook,
We will face each day with courage and hope,
Remembering the joy of who we are.

Key Women Educators

Charm celebrates "A Decade of Making Dreams Come True"

What's a birthday without presents? To help celebrate ASTEF's Tenth Birthday, a special charm will be available for purchase and will make a great present for all members. This special charm depicts the tenth-year theme, "A Decade of Making Dreams Come True" and is available in sterling silver and can be produced in gold. The charm has been created for ASTEF by a favorite DKG vendor, The Bell Collection.

The charm features the winning design of Angleton High School Junior, Miguel Tanguma. Tanguma is a graphic design student learning under the instruction of Kelsey Key. He plans to attend Texas A&M and major in video game design and development.



This special charm may be pre-ordered before the McAllen Convention. The order form is located on the ASTEF website, www.astef.org. Charms will also be available at the convention.



Proposed amendments 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 n.

Which now reads:

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

Be amended as follows

- In the second sentence, **add a period after the word “members” and strike the words “with the chair being a current state officer”.**

If adopted would read:

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Rationale: The qualifications of who should be chair belong in the State Guidelines, not in State Rules. Removal will also allow for more flexibility in chairmanship.

Financial Impact: None

Proposed by: Strategic Plan of Action Committee

Endorsed by: Executive Committee

Texans come together for food and fellowship

Bluebonnet Bash 2020



Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Located at 1150 Filbert St, inside the Philadelphia Convention Center and across from the world-renowned Reading Terminal Market, is the Field House. TSO members are welcome to venture across the skybridge from the Marriott and celebrate together in the City of Brotherly Love.

When: Wednesday, July 8, 2020
 Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Where: Field House
 Cost: \$35.00 (cash bar available)
 Deadline: June 30, 2020, with no refunds after June 15.

Name _____

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Number of Tickets _____

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 TSO Headquarters
 P.O. Box 797787
 Dallas, TX 75379-7787

ASTEFL presents awards during annual meeting

The 2020 Annual Meeting of ASTEF members will be held during the TSO convention in McAllen on Thursday morning, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend for the announcement and presentation of the 2020 ASTEF Advocate for Education Award and the awarding of the Project Stipends for 2020-2021 to individuals, chapters or areas. At the conclusion of the meeting, one lucky member will be awarded a very special door prize. Every TSO member is also a member of ASTEF and

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Deborah Evans, Delta Gamma, previewing take-home books provided by a ASTEF stipend.



can take pride in the accomplishments of ASTEF.

Area Workshops provide valuable training

Area Workshops were created to train new chapter officers and committee members when their biennium begins. All members are encouraged to attend an area workshop, network with members and gather new ideas for the chapter. **This training will be especially important with the cancellation of the McAllen Convention.**

Date	Area	Location	Area Coordinator
Aug. 8	1	First Baptist Church, Mabank	Libby Horton
	4	First Methodist Church, East Bernard	Pamela Burge
	5	Promesa College Prep, Corpus Christi	Denise Harris
	14	First United Methodist Church, Midland	Natalie Eustace
Aug. 15	2	Woodcrest United Methodist Church, Lumberton	Trudy Matus
	8	McLennan Community College, Waco	Cathryn Burke
Aug. 22	10	Godley High School, Godley	Susan Wilson
	15	Location to be announced, El Paso	Rachel Torres
Aug. 29	7	Concordia University, Austin	Carole Lowe
	16	First Baptist Church, Olney	Kim Bishop
	18	Frostwood Elementary School, Houston	Julie Eisenhauer
Sept. 12	6	Luckey Ranch Elementary, San Antonio	Cathy Criner
	11	Amarillo High School, Amarillo	Dr. Marilyn Stone
	13	Cactus Hotel, San Angelo	Kimberly Best
	17	A&M Commerce Alumni Building, Commerce	Amanda Lowe
Sept. 19	3	Friendswood High School, Friendswood	Jane Flinn
	9	Region 10 Service Center, Richardson	Marylin Nease
	12	Raintree Christian Church, Lubbock	Judy Evans