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Unlock the Possibilities in Denton 2021

Located at the very northern edge of the DFW Metroplex, Denton has a small-town feel with two universities, the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University. Within the municipality, visitors can experience a thriving music and arts scene, as the area hosts 35 music festivals each year that attract over 300,000 people to the city. Denton enjoys all the benefits of a big city but has retained the charm, convenience and amiability of a smaller university town. Major highways leading to Denton are I-35E, I-35W and US380.



Denton County Courthouse

When visiting Denton, members will be surrounded by a creative culture that's rich in history and artistic expression. Denton is home to many beautiful outdoor works of art in the form of murals. Some murals are as large as a building, and some murals are as small as a window. A variety



Dan Colcer, Keep Denton Beautiful mural at US-77 and Eagle Drive

of local artists created them to add to the ambiance of the city. Denton has something for every choice of activity, whether to take a walk around the historic courthouse on the square, go sightseeing at the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods or tour the Bayless-Selby Museum. When not attending convention events, visitors might choose to watch a show at the Campus Theatre, listen to live music at one of the many venues available, explore the Clear Creek Natural Heritage Center or frequent one of the many restaurants for an enjoyable meal.

Like Denton, the TSO Convention will offer a large variety of events for members. Art will be present in the form of the Children's Art Gallery on Wednesday evening and the Women-in-the-Arts display of members' work throughout the remainder of the convention.

The TSO Personal/Professional Enrichment Committee is organizing informative breakout sessions where members can earn CPE credits or learn new skills to take home to their co-workers or chapter members. The Denton Convention Committee is coordinating tasty meals for the banquet and brunch. The committee has set aside special times for attendees to listen to motivational speakers and to honor those who have been members for 50 or more years. After ASTEF conducts its annual meeting, it will award stipends for project winners and offer many opportunities to support the ASTEF mission.



Catherine Davis, Texas State Organization President 2005-2007, passed away in her home in Fredericksburg, Texas, on Saturday, April 24, 2021.

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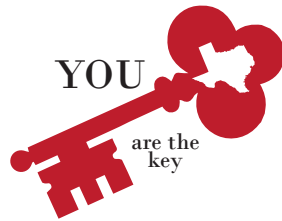
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You are always the key to DKG



Patti Belknap
Texas State President
2019-2021

YOU are the Key is the theme that I chose for this biennium. It reflects the idea that each member matters to our organization and plays a vital role in its success. Without YOU, the Society will not thrive.

Let's take a look at those who play an influential role in DKG. Presidents on every level have the responsibility to ensure that information is shared with their members. They keep states and chapters functioning by conducting meetings, choosing committee chairs and committee members, and overseeing the work of the committees.

Program chairs keep members interested and engaged by providing entertaining, informative and relevant programs which give members opportunities to learn and grow. They also help their chapters by organizing service projects to the communities in which they live and reach out to the world through Global Awareness initiatives.

Treasurers play a critical role in DKG by collecting dues, creating budgets and paying bills. They also have the responsibility of ensuring that the international database is up-to-date with members' vital information such as current home addresses, email addresses and phone numbers. International officers and TSO officers cannot communicate with members without accurate information.

Membership chairs not only help to recruit new members, but, more importantly, they come up with creative ways to retain the members they have. During this past year, keeping in touch with members through Zoom, phone calls, notes and drive-bys has been critical to chapters' well-being.

The KEY roles in chapters are important, but YOU, the members, are the heart and soul of our Society. YOU do not need a title to contribute. YOU show what DKG is every day in your schools and communities. YOU show the world what being a Key Woman Educator is. YOU show your commitment to your profession by applying for scholarships and attending break-out sessions at conventions and conferences. YOU take pride in your membership by paying dues on time, keeping your contact information current and participating in as many DKG activities as you can.

YOU are the KEY, and you always will be.

WHAT'S NEW @ TSO HEADQUARTERS?



The DKG Dues Portal open 2021-22 Membership

Answers to the following questions are in the word cloud above.

1. TSO HQ offers which session each year at the TSO Convention to help chapter treasurers?
2. Which page on www.dkgtexas.org has support documents all about Dues?
3. When do chapters collect dues for 2021-22 membership?
4. Who has access to the Dues Portal to enter dues and member information?
5. Once dues are paid to the chapter, what is created in the Dues Portal to enable payment to TSO and DKG International?
6. Who should keep member information updated (personal, contact and professional)?
7. TSO HQ must receive two documents with dues and fees payment. What are they?
8. Chapters should pay dues for returning members to TSO and DKG International by what date?
9. Members can be added to a chapter using forms: transfer, induction or reinstatement, before which date?
10. The Dues Portal will never be available in which month?

Have you verified that your information at My DKG is current?

1. Treasurer Workshop 2. Treasurer's Page 3. April, May, June 4. President, Treasurer 5. Order Form 6. Member, President, Treasurer 7. Order Form & TSO Fees Form 8. June 30 9. March 10. March

Deadlines at a Glance

- June 1 ASTEF Project Stipend End of Year Report -2019-2020 (extended) -2020-2021
- 17-19 TSO Denton Convention
- 30 2021-2022 Dues to Chapter Treasurers
Last Day for 2019-2021 Biennium Fiscal Year Ends
- July 1 Coordinating Council report
- 9-10 LOSP
- 10-11 AC Training
- 11-18 DKG Ignite
- 15 Chpt Treas annual rept (Form 15)
- 22-24 DKG Conference San Antonio
- 30 Chapter dues to TSO and DKG
- Aug 1 Letter for Pres Kit
- 15 LSN deadline
- 30 Pres Kit available
- Sept 1 Cornetet Award
St Treas (Form 16)

Committee Meetings

- Exec Retreat Aug 6-8
- PSP Aug 28-29
- Advisory

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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.

Committees offer opportunities to...

LEARN FROM GLOBAL AWARENESS

The Global Awareness Committee for TSO offers many opportunities for chapter programs and projects. The GA committee includes the Schools for Africa international project and the World Fellowship Program. Both programs have many materials for presentations. In addition, the DKG/UN connection and the Committee for Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) can also offer chances for members to learn about the depth of DKG involvement at the international level. Topics for discussion can include ideas for global education across content areas as well as discussions about the meaning of being a global citizen. Regardless of the format used, members need time to appreciate the value of membership in DKG and to participate in its success.

HAVE FUN WITH MUSIC

Music is one of the KEYS to our convention. Many opportunities await members who would like to participate in the TSO Chorus at the upcoming convention in Denton, Texas, June 17-19, 2021. Musicians and singers may sign up for choral parts and accompaniment preferences for sessions or events on the convention registration form. The group needs a flute player. The first rehearsal will be Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., and the director asks all vocalists to bring a black notebook and a pencil. Members may respond to Venita Blake, TSO Music Chair, at ladyblake58@gmail.com if they have questions. The TSO Chorus is comprised of ladies who enjoy having fun singing together.

HONOR WITH SCHOLARSHIPS

All TSO scholarship foundations are named for Texas State Organization members, such as state presidents, state scholarship chairs and other members who have rendered outstanding service at the state level. Scholarship foundations, in the past, have been named for two (2) members. The Scholarship Committee proposed and the Executive Board approved the change that each scholarship foundation may be named for up to three (3) members.

This change allows TSO to honor state presidents Joanne Davis, Nancy Newton, Marilyn Gregory and Patti Belknap, as well as Betty Vines, past TSO Executive Secretary/Treasurer, by adding their names to existing TSO Scholarship foundations. This change will honor these Delta Kappa Gamma women's services to the Texas State Organization and not encumber funds from future use by the TSO Scholarship Committee. Members may find a complete list of the Scholarship Foundations on the TSO website.

CRAFT WITH WOMEN IN THE ARTS

Women in the Arts and STAR are collaborating to provide a series of Zoom art classes. Members across the state are invited to participate in a variety of arts and crafts classes, including watercolor techniques, acrylic painting, Zentangle, and easy crafts. Two or more projects are announced each month, and a list of readily available supplies is sent in plenty of time for members to get ready to zoom. If members cannot attend a scheduled class, they may watch the video of the class later at their convenience. Any member who is interested in receiving notification of upcoming classes and the link to videos may contact Shirl Hawes, WIA Chair, at shirlhawes@gmail.com. Members are encouraged to share photos of their work on the Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat Facebook page.

Meet the members who chair the Denton Convention

A convention doesn't magically happen; it takes women with tenacity and excellent leadership skills to translate the TSO President's vision into a reality. This year, Lou Hitt, Robyn Rucker and Liz Garrett worked through the uncertainty of Covid-19. They organized the many teams of members who contributed to creating a convention that would "Unlock the Possibilities" for TSO.



Lou Hitt

Lou Hitt, TSO Convention Steering Committee Chair, has been a member of Gamma Epsilon in Decatur for 27 years. She quickly became involved as a chapter leader by serving as secretary, chapter president, and chair of many committees. Lou is a member of the Leadership Seminar Class of 2005 and was a member of the Steering Committee for the Las Colinas state convention in 2012. She has been an ASTEF director for the past six years. In TSO, Lou has served as an area coordinator, chair of the yearbook committee, personal growth and services committee, and archives committee. She has been a member of the program, nominations, and leadership seminar committees. She received the TSO Achievement Award in 2017. Lou received her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics Education with a Kindergarten Endorsement and her Master of Education degrees from TWU. Kindergarten was her passion during her teaching career, where she taught 36 years for the Decatur School District. Although she has been retired for four years, up until COVID restrictions she continued to volunteer three days a week to help kindergarteners learn to read.



Robyn Rucker

Robyn Rucker, TSO Convention Steering Committee Co-Chair, was initiated in 2001 into the Kappa Theta Chapter in Lewisville. She started her leadership journey by serving as the program of work chair for her chapter and then president in 2012-2014. She attended TSO Leadership Seminar in 2013 and Golden Gift in 2016. Robyn has served on many TSO State Committees, including technology, women in the arts, membership, and leadership seminar. Robyn received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Oklahoma and started her teaching career in Irving ISD. She taught various subjects for middle school students. Robyn continued teaching elementary school students in Lewisville ISD until the summer of 2016, when she moved to NE Oklahoma and joined her family on the Rucker Ranch.



Liz Garrett

Elizabeth "Liz" Garrett, TSO Convention Steering Committee Co-Chair, was initiated in 1996 into Epsilon Upsilon in Mission, Texas. Her involvement in chapter activities started immediately with her serving on various chapter committees and becoming chapter president before relocating to North Texas in 2005. Liz is currently past president of Nu Gamma and participated in the 2021 Leadership Seminar. She has degrees from Southwest Texas State University and University of Texas-Edinburg. Liz failed at retirement and went back to work for an additional 11 years before ultimately retiring in 2017 with 48 years in the educational setting. Liz is an avid reader, enjoys projects like "Project Linus" and participates in mission trips such as the "New York City Relief Bus," a ministry serving the homeless.



CASA of Denton County is the recipient of the 2021 TSO Unifying Project. They have requested gift cards from Walmart or Target in any increment less than \$50.

Kendra Scott 2021 Advocate for Education

Where do women buy beautiful jewelry for themselves or to give as an affordable gift guaranteed to make the recipient feel special? Kendra Scott, of course!

Kendra Scott is a talented designer, loving mom of 3 boys, passionate philanthropist and a remarkable entrepreneur. She is the ASTEF Advocate for Education recipient for 2021. In 2002, Kendra started her company with just \$500 in her pocket. Since that time, the company has grown to a billion-dollar valuation with 100 stores nationwide.



Kendra Scott

In addition, Kendra does more than just design jewelry; she creates an atmosphere of joy, optimism, and beauty. "We believe in a world in which all women and children live their brightest, healthiest and most empowered lives," declares Kendra's mission statement. Kendra believes her purpose is to design products that change the world for the better. She has lived by three core values: Family, Fashion and Philanthropy, since she began her company, creating a brand and culture that believes giving back is the highest form of success. Since 2010, the company has given back over \$30 million in in-kind donations, volunteered over 2000 hours, and partnered with more

than 10,000 philanthropic organizations in the past year alone. The Kendra Give Back program allows community members to host in-store events with 20% of the proceeds donated directly to the benefiting cause. ASTEF has been a beneficiary of Kendra's generosity since 2017, when ASTEF and Kendra partnered together for the very first pop-up store. Through donations of unique jewelry pieces for ASTEF's online auctions or by teaming with ASTEF to host the pop-up stores held during past TSO conventions, ASTEF has raised over \$2,500.

On a national level, Kendra supports organizations that actively improve lives, advance knowledge and unlock opportunity in three key areas: Health & Wellness, Education & Entrepreneurship, and Empowerment. The brand supports these philanthropic efforts by funding grants, volunteering time and hosting or sponsoring events.

According to the ASTEF selection guidelines, Advocate for Education candidates must strive to improve Texas education through continued outstanding service and financial support benefiting Texas students and educators while not a current educator herself. She must also serve as an example to others as a leader and as an advocate for education. With great pride and humility, the ASTEF Board of Directors will be awarding the fifth Advocate for Education Award to Kendra Scott. The award will be presented at the TSO Convention in Denton during the ASTEF Annual Meeting on Friday, June 18.



Johnny Quinn ASTEF speaker in Denton

Johnny Quinn, professional football player and US Olympic Bobsledder, will be the speaker at the ASTEF Ticketed Event on Friday, June 18, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. after the ASTEF Annual Meeting.



Quinn is a young man who is a true survivor and competitor with a wonderful story of perseverance and passion.

Johnny Quinn
with US Olympic
Bobsledding Team
2014





Friday
12:30-2:30

ASTEF Tables
Vendor Area

**KENDRA
SCOTT
POP-UP STORE**

June 10- June 18

Bids will be
online;
items may
be seen
at convention

**ONLINE
ASTEF
AUCTION**

ASTEF Tables
Vendor Area

\$10 chance to get a gift
card worth at least
\$10 and maybe \$100.

**MYSTERY
MANIA
GAME**

1 Kendra Scott: Members may request an item for preview by emailing Rhonda Posey, president.astef@gmail.com. Members requesting a preview are not obligated to buy the item.

2 Auction: Members may donate items by contacting Cindy Drumm, advancement@astef.org. Articles include original art, collectibles, jewelry, handbags, vacation packages and more.

3 Mystery Mania: ASTEF is asking TSO chapters and individuals to donate gift cards valued at \$10 or more. They may send the cards to Cindy Drumm, 3621 Westcliff Rd S, Fort Worth, TX 76109.

ASTEF offers opportunities

ASTEF Table or
Sandwich Board gal

Buy an arms length
of tickets (\$5) for
a chance on Lubbock
Registration

**CHANCE ON
LUBBOCK
REGISTRATION**

ASTEF Table

Buy a rose —
Have your picture taken
on your
phone

**ROSE
FOR A
POSE**

Friday
2:30-3:15

Breakout &
Registration
winners
announced

**SCOOP
ON
PROJECTS**

4 Arm's-length of Tickets: Members can take a chance to win a free registration to the 2022 Lubbock Convention.

5 Rose for Pose: Members may buy silk roses at the ASTEF table or at the ASTEF ticketed event. They may have their picture taken with their phone in front of an enlarged ASTEF logo.

6 ASTEF breakout session will feature hints on writing a winning proposal for a stipend.

Breakout sessions provide variety

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

SI — Special Interest

Thursday, June 17

Jeanette Rhyan and Ceremonies Committee

Deborah Thomas and Archives Committee

Sherri Davenport and Scholarship Committee

Frances Ziegenhals and Betty Hill

Tracy Shea and Phyllis McPherson

Amanda McLaughin

Janet Helmcamp and PPE Committee

Marsha Edney and Sharon Gullett

Making Ceremonies Meaningful For Your Chapter (SB)

Unlock the Possibilities of Cleaning Up Your Chapter Archives (SB)

Scholarships Unlock Your Possibilities (SB)

Best Chapter Meeting Ever Again and Again (SB) (R)

Dare to Lead an Online Book Study (CPE) (R)

**What's Trending with Kids Today: A Look at Alcohol and Other
Drugs Tempting Our Kids (CPE) (R)**

Making Chapter Programs CPE Worthy (SB)

Capturing DKG Texas Memories (SI)

Cynthia Moore



Cynthia Moore, International Member at large

Unlocking the Possibilities — Lead from the Heart

Mary Griffin

Miranda Hansen

Laura Ewing and Mary Kevorkian

Dr. Alice Smith

Gayle Maxson

Carol L. Horton

Janice Sutton and Bylaws and Rules Committee

Michelle Grandenetti and Global Awareness
Committee

Donna Clemens and Catie King

Phyllis Walker

Pam Phillips and Deborah Parrish

Mary Griffin

Venita Blake and Music Committee

Dr. Karen M. Duke

Elizabeth Brown and Jessica Acosta

Hope Elizabeth Beyer

Catie King

Ellen Laughlin

Jeanette Rhyan

Debbi Ball and Kitty Hutchcroft

Tracy Shea and Janie Stone

Kelly Broadus and Mandy Story

Cookee Johnson

**Googlize Your Chapter Pt. 1: Organizing Google Drive files,
Folders, Sharing and More! (CPE)(R)**

Creating Collaboration in the COVID Classroom (SB)(R)

Strategies for Successful Educator Training (SI)

Don't Stop Now! (CPE) (R)

Research and Publication of Library Quality Cemetery Books (SI)

Journey on the Road of Grief (R) (SI)

Unlocking the Mystery of Chapter Rules (SB)

It's Not Hard to be a Global Educator (CPE)

Assistive Technology in the Classroom (CPE)

You Can't Make a Record if You Ain't Got Nothing to Say (CPE)(R)

Educational Travel for Educators (SI)

**Googlize Your Chapter Pt. 2: Google Drive: Forms, Sites, and
More! (R) (SB)**

Minutes of Music for Meetings – M3 (SB)

A Laugh a Day Keeps Anxieties Away (R) (CPE)

**Texas Lesson Study: Where Every Lesson Needs a Storyline and
Operation (CPE)(R)**

**Keys to Unlocking the Possibilities with Learning Express Library
(CPE)**

Game Night Learning (CPE) (R)

Exciting & Exemplary Yearbook Every Year (CPE)

DKG Super Password (SI) (R)

Unlock Your Website with Basic Coding (SB)

Passing the Baton to the Next Chapter President (SB)

First Timers (SB)

Does Your Chapter Have a Road Map? (SB)

Breakouts from p 8

Hope Elizabeth Beyer and Lucy Barrington

Deborah Thomas and Leesa Cole

Bonnie Moore

Jessica Torres Provencio

Shirl Hawes

Donna Clemens

Connie Rensink

Kristi John and Leslie Valentincic

Risa McCann

Debby Krueger

Dr. Karen M. Duke

When You Think of the American Red Cross What is the First Thing that Comes to Mind? (SI)

Treasurer: Keys to Success (SB)

Making a Difference One Conversation at a Time! (SI)

The Quizzard of Oz (SB)

Introduction to Zentangle (CPE)

DKG Chapter App – Powered by Glide (SB)

Meaningful Meetings Beyond Parliamentary Procedure (SB)

Using Technology to Strengthen Your Chapter ((SB)(R)

Saving a Life Through Organ Donation (SI) (R)

The Deeper Conversation (CPE) (R)

Savor the Similarities and Differences Among the Generations (SI)

Tim Lee



TRTA Executive Director Tim Lee is always up to date on the issues most affecting educators and education. Members can get a current report on current legislative issues at both the state and federal level. (SB)

Pat Osborne and TSO Legislative Committee

Friday, June 18

Lisa Yates and Programs and Service Projects Committee

Programs and Service Projects – Ideas for Chapter Meetings (SB)

Nita Scott

Patricia Woodley



DKG Executive Director Nita Scott and DKG Membership Director Patricia Woodley

Diving into DKG

Rhonda Hall and Necrology Committee

Shelly Samuels and Research Committee

Cathy Burke, Carolyn Mashburn and Barbara Derrick

Cindy Sloan

Betty Hill and Frances Ziegenhals

Elke Eisenhauer and Phyllis McPherson

Tracy Shea

Miranda Hansen

Necrology Committee (SB)

Research —What am I Looking For? (SB)

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

Using the Science of Reading to Improve Student Success (CPE)

Keys to an Exemplary Yearbook (SB)

Membership: The Key to Our Society (SB)

Make Zooming with Joy a Reality (SB)

How Students Want to be Assessed! Engaging Formative Assessments for Secondary Students (CPE)

Pioneer Women – Cup of Sugar (SI)

Women in the Arts (SB)

Ceremonies with Zoom (SB)

The Inside Scoop – Tips on Applying for a Project Stipend (SB)

Time Management Tools for Today’s Leaders (CPE)

Mentoring and Membership (SB)

Leading Your Organization through Virtual Engagement (SB)

Honor Your Outstanding Members (SB)

DKG Symbols: STEM Style! (SB)

The Glass Classroom (CPE)

Hobby Beekeeping (SI) (R)

Betty Hill and Frances Ziegenhals

Shirl Hawes and Women in the Arts

Jeanette Rhyan

Cindy Neander and Dr. Barbara Derrick (ASTEF)

Dr. Karen M. Duke

Leslie Valentincic and Patti Belknap

Stephanie Treadwell and Lisa Mouton

Diane Moose and Achievement Award Committee

MJ Tykoski

Elke Eisenhauer and Lindsey Pollock

Mollie Kasper

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, 2021 and April 1, 2021. 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.

Hazel Carroll, Phi-1, Henderson
 Linda Arthur, Gamma Nu-3, Baytown
 Barbara Larrabee, Theta Zeta-3, League City
 Dolores Ortiz, Theta Beta-6, San Antonio
 Margaret Ann Smith, Alpha Chi-7, Burnet
 Maurine Atwood, Epsilon Kappa-7, Oklahoma City, OK
 Elizabeth McLean, Delta Omicron-9, Farmersville
 Dorothy B. Spencer, Kappa Beta-9, Helena
 Billie Ashburn, Psi-9, Houston
 Merle Holland, Iota Pi-10, Fort Worth
 Nelda Fay Askey, Gamma Xi-11, Dalhart
 Julia McNaney, Delta Xi-11, Hereford
 Lottie Barrow, Alpha Kappa-12, DeSoto
 Mary Kay Carroll, Iota Omicron-16, Wichita Falls
 Margaret Elizabeth Rheudasil, Alpha Delta-17, Paris
 Annette Dunn, Alpha Pi-17, Texarkana
 Kathy Hogan, Lambda Delta-18, Kingwood
 Susan Pratt Coles, Mu Pi-18, Houston
 Maxine Smetherman, Mu Pi-18, Kingwood
 Catherine Davis, Beta Zeta-6, Fredericksburg

Maria Viera-Williams, Eta Zeta (Dallas-9), was honored by the World Affairs Councils of Dallas/Ft Worth as the 2021 International Educator of the Year.

Amiee Modic, Lambda Gamma (Richmond-18), was selected by the American Association of Chemistry Teachers as a 2021 Chemistry Teacher of the Year.

Marilyn Gregory, Epsilon Kappa (Austin-7), had her photograph "African Tulip Tree" accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

Donna Williams, Delta Pi (Plano-9), had her paper "A Selective Survey of Jazz Materials for the Elementary Music Classroom" published in the Spring 2021 Volume 2, Number 1 edition of *Jazz Education in Research and Practice*.

Member News



Dr. Ronnecia Rocio, Delta Pi (Richardson-9), was one of six panelists for "Black Girl Dreaming: A Conversation with Richardson ISD Authors." The cultural competency and diversity theme is included in all of Dr. Rocio's books. Her latest book is *The Light Skinned Black Girl: A Story of Colorism*.

Phaedra Burton, Lambda Delta (Humble-18), was named Community Learning Center Teacher of the Year for Humble ISD.

Jayne Brainard, Kappa (El Paso-15), had her poem "COVID-1" included in the 2020, Volume 87-2 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin-Collegial Exchange*.



Members honored at convention

Members celebrating fifty or more years in DKG who want to be honored at the Birthday Luncheon in Denton should mark the "Member for 50 or 50+ Years" on the registration form.

Women in Arts

Nature a favorite subject in all art mediums

Ulana L. Ratley, Kappa Delta

As a girl growing up in the country back in the 1950s, our only art was when the teacher gave us manila paper to draw something connected to our story or lesson. I loved to draw, so when I was fifteen, my mother found a teacher who taught me how to paint with watercolors which we did at her kitchen table. My favorite medium is watercolors, although later, I specialized in ceramics as an art minor.

My daddy was an amateur photographer. I loved his photos. When I got married, he gave me an old Argus camera like the one he had. I am the chapter archives chair and a communications committee member, so I take photos at our Kappa Delta meetings — including our Zoom meetings. I love to photograph all our family gatherings. My favorite thing to photograph is nature. I especially love flowers, butterflies and pets. I also draw and paint scenes from the ranch where I grew up near Burkburnett, Texas. I use these photos as inspiration and models for my paintings.



Photograph: Drinking Casus

I enjoy entering the DKG International Art Gallery every year. I began in 2014 by entering my “Water Lilies” photo. I was thrilled to be accepted, and I continued to enter every year.



Watercolor: Old Dodge Truck

I have also had my ceramics, watercolors, mixed media and acrylic paintings included in different years. I enjoy writing, and my short story, “The Bite,” was accepted in the writing section. This spring, my essay “Paradise Found” will be exhibited there. I have displayed my art at

four conventions, and I had two butterfly photographs in the *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin Collegial Exchange* magazine. Jeanette Ryan and I participated in the DKG International Convention in Austin in 2018 in a breakout session on the DKG Art Gallery. I enjoy my time creating art.

WORD PROCESSING TSO & ASTEF SUPPORT STATE HEADQUARTERS

EXCEL SPREADSHEETS COMPLETING TASKS OFFICE PROCEDURES

MEMBERS KNOWLEDGE OF SOCIETY BUSINESS OF TSO & AS

MEETING DEADLINES TSO ASSIST MEMBERS EXCEL SPREA

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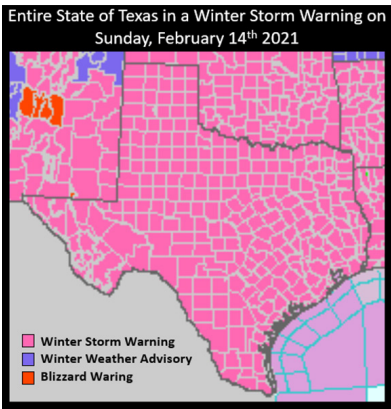
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HELP WANTED
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
TSO HEADQUARTERS

WWW.DKGTEXAS.ORG

Ice and snow created wonderland

On February 14, 2021, all 254 counties in Texas were under a storm warning. Members of the Texas State Organization recorded their impressions and shared their pictures. The accompanying haiku were written by Barbara ten Brink of Alpha Chapter.



CBS Austin (February 14, 2021)

Members of the Texas State Organization recorded their impressions and shared their pictures. The accompanying haiku were written by Barbara ten Brink of Alpha Chapter.



Song birds caught in ice.
Could not outrun the blizzard.
Stay safe little bird.

San Augustine (Carol McMillan, Delta Gamma)



El Paso Memorial Park (Rachel Torres, Zeta Pi)

Overnight our world
Changed. Vistas of white on white.
We marvel to see.



Trees in white jeweled gloves
Like prima ballerinas
Staged for one encore.

Abilene (Donna Rodenberg, Lambda Xi)



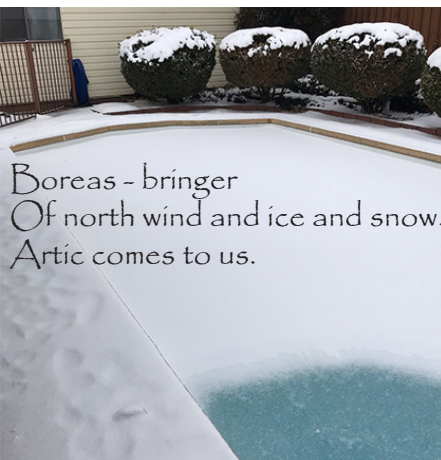
Frozen landscape and
Pond, yet mallards' paddling feet
Keep water fluid.

Lamar County (Mary Lindsay, Alpha Delta)



Winter Wonderland
We exploit its fun. Unique
In a child's memory.

El Paso Mountains (Rachel Torres, Zeta Pi)



Boreas - bringer
Of north wind and ice and snow.
Arctic comes to us.

Irving (Mala Gallemore, Mu Omicron)



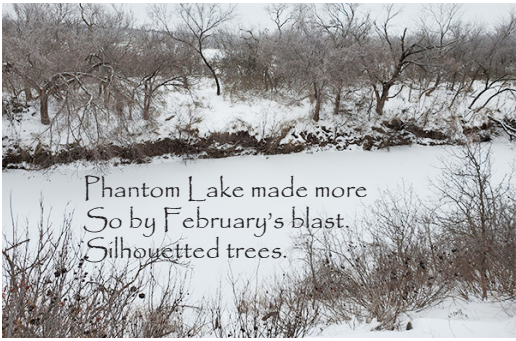
Sandy beach no more.
Precipitation cousins
Merge in Galveston.

Galveston (beach cam)



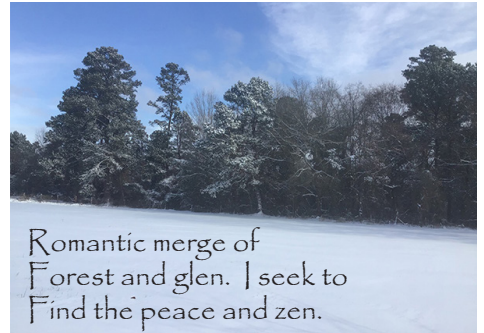
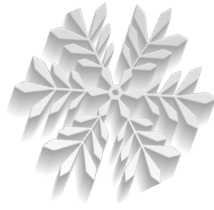
Do cattle know? Can
They appreciate their lives
In winter's beauty?

Olney (Amber Lockhart, Beta Sigma)



Phantom Lake made more
So by February's blast.
Silhouetted trees.

Abilene (Kimberly Best, Lambda Xi)



Romantic merge of
Forest and glen. I seek to
Find the peace and zen.

Piney Woods (Deborah Dean, Alpha Zeta)



White landscape, not green
With ripe field growing. Not brown.
Anticipation.

Cotton Field, Slaton (Judy Evans, Alpha Sigma)



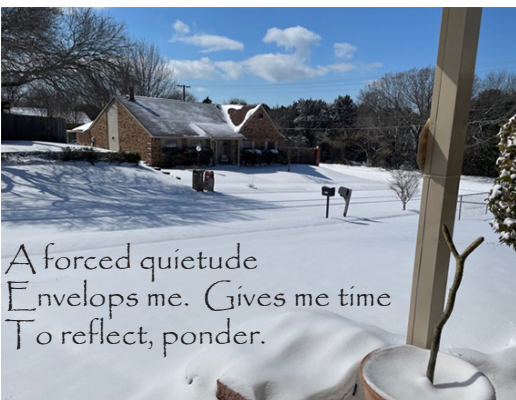
Ice sculpture fountain
Beauty of sight, not sound. No
Cascading water.

Laredo (Rosa De Llano Alpha Nu),



Only colors brought
To life in this colorless
Scene are Old Glory.

Forney (Vivian Themer, Alpha Tau)



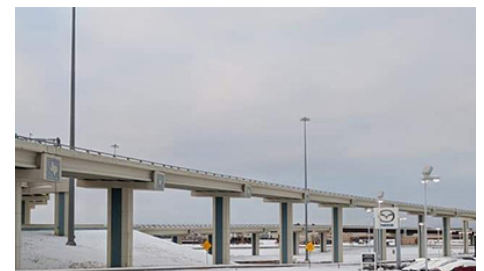
A forced quietude
Envelops me. Gives me time
To reflect, ponder.

Dallas (Jane Quintanar, Kappa Upsilon)



Paris, Texas scaled
Down in architecture, but
Not in winter's cold.

Paris (Dense Kornegay, Theta Phi)



And so the world halts.
By necessity our lives
Convey new meaning.

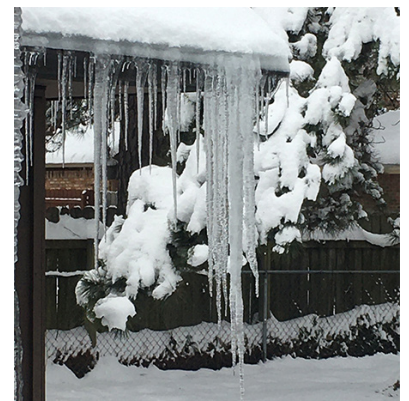
Texarkana (Charlotte Nyman, Alpha Pi)



Some people can turn
Bad situations into
Moments of frolic.

Bangs (Re'Genna Gamblin, Omega)

Please stay, I ask the
Snow and Ice Goddess. I can't
Absorb your beauty.



Texarkana (Kerry James, Alpha Pi)

ASTEFL plans 10th birthday celebration

On September 17, 2020, ASTEF turned ten years old. The ASTEF Directors planned to celebrate this milestone in McAllen. This would have been the perfect venue because of ASTEF's connection with McAllen, but a pandemic caused the convention to be canceled.

In 2011, during the TSO Business Meeting of the 82nd State Convention in McAllen, a special committee's recommendation to the general assembly – "That TSO approve the establishment of the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation to be known as ASTEF" – was adopted. Jean Webb, ASTEF's First President, presided at the first Annual Meeting that afternoon, and members elected the first class of directors. The next year, 2012, during the 83rd State Convention in Las Colinas, Webb received an important phone call that the IRS had approved ASTEF as a nonprofit foundation.



In 2021 in Denton, the ASTEF Directors will celebrate this milestone. Members will learn more about the process of creating the Foundation during a brief presentation. Throughout the convention, members may drop by the ASTEF birthday table to claim a birthday favor. The ASTEF Annual Meeting will have a few surprises, too.

All members who have made a Decade Donor donation of any amount on either the McAllen or Denton Convention registration form or using the Decade Donor form found on the ASTEF website will receive special ribbons. Donation forms will be available, and board members will accept contributions during the convention.

Those who have contributed \$500 or more since 2010 received a Cumulative Donor pin and were honored at their Area Workshops. Members can still make contributions toward this unique pin. Headquarters personnel will give members their total giving amount. Members earning a commemorative pin this year may collect it at the convention. Donors will have until the end of June 2021 to complete their Decade Donation.



To remember this special occasion, ASTEF is selling a birthday charm designed by a graphic arts student at Angleton High School and produced by The Bell Collection. The charm celebrates the birthday theme, "A Decade of Making Dreams Come True." A limited number of charms are available. Members may order one now by contacting Headquarters or purchase one in Denton for \$15.



The generous donations of all TSO members made ASTEF a reality and a success. The ASTEF Board thanks everyone who was part of the first ten years of ASTEF's existence.

ASTEFL Annual Meeting open to all members

The 2021 Annual Meeting of ASTEF members will be held immediately after the TSO Business Meeting on Friday, June 18, in Denton. All members are encouraged to attend; **every member of TSO is also a member of ASTEF.**

Meeting highlights will include

- reports on ASTEF activities
- announcement of the 2021— 2023 ASTEF officers
- election of the ASTEF Directors Class of 2021
- presentation of the 2021 ASTEF Advocate for Education Award
- awarding of ASTEF Project Stipends to deserving chapters, areas or individuals
- awarding of a special door prize



Protocols in place for the 2021 Denton Convention

A TSO Convention serves a dual purpose. It is a significant event for DKG Texas so members can conduct necessary business each year. To achieve this goal, a quorum of the TSO Executive Board, including chapter presidents, must be present at the business meeting before the presiding officer may conduct any business. A convention is also essential for members to understand the value of their membership and for them to be able to set up the professional networks that benefit them in their careers. Many members have developed lifelong friendships with other professionals in this organization.

Presenting a convention requires expenses. TSO must have a large number of attendees to pay for the components of the event. The goal of each convention is to break-even financially, not to make money. Recovering expenses protect the finances of TSO. If registrations don't meet the level for a "break-even" convention, the president will face the difficult decision to cancel the convention. In the case of the cancellation of the event, the registrar will refund members' fees.

As organizers plan the convention in Denton, they consider the health and safety of members. Many attendees will be fully vaccinated by the time of the convention; however, the vaccination does not guarantee 100% that a member will not become ill. Some members are more immune-compromised, and TSO respects their decision if they decide to wait another year before attending a convention.



Denton Convention Chairs, Robyn Rucker, Lou Hitt and Liz Garrett

Many safety procedures are in place for the convention center and hotel during the meeting. Attendees may read the policies outlined in the March edition of *The Key*, the convention newsletter, posted on the resources tab of the convention website at dkgtx.org. Members must wear masks at all meetings and practice all recommendations for safety concerning themselves and others.

Texas State Organization is throwing a



TEXAS FIESTA

at
Casa Rio in San Antonio

(during International Conference)

July 23, 2021 5:30-7:30 p.m

Reservations Required

Buffet includes: Chips and Salsa Chili con Queso Tamales Rio Pollo
Cash Bar Guacamole Flautas Chili con Carne Poppers

Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address _____

Number of reservations _____ Total enclosed (@\$25 each) _____

1. Make check payable to TSO 2. Mail check to: P.O. Box 797787, Dallas, TX 75379-7787

Reservations due by July 11, 2021

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Members making plans for 2021 International Conference

The 2021 International Conference is taking place in San Antonio on July 22-24, 2021. The Texas hosts are providing information for Texans planning to attend the conference.

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Hybrid Conference

Due to the uncertain nature of in-person events in a pandemic, DKG is scheduling the 2021 International Conference in San Antonio as a hybrid event. Members may register to attend the conference in-person (with appropriate safety protocols) or attend the event virtually. If organizers cancel the in-person conference, members may choose to have their registration switched to the virtual event with refunds for all ticketed activities. Members also will have the option to receive a full refund if organizers cancel the

in-person event. Members may register either online or via mail.

Decorations/Project

The event chair asks attendees to bring one or more children's books to help decorate the luncheon tables. The level for the books should be newborn to 8th grade. DKG will give the books to four organizations in the San Antonio area to be distributed directly to children or to existing children's libraries. Members may think of this as a Texas Unifying Project. If individuals wish to contribute to the book drive but are not sure they will be attending the conference in person, they can mail a gift card to purchase books or send the actual books to Cathy Criner, events chair. Her address is 13331 Colorado Parke, San Antonio, TX 78254.

Safety Protocols

Members will find information about Safety Protocols on dkg.org by going to Events, San Antonio Conference and Conference Safety Protocols. On that page, JW Marriott's *Commitment to Clean* heading leads to *Review Marriott's Safety Protocols*.

Volunteers

Texans may volunteer to help with the conference by going to dkg.org and choosing Events and then the banner for the San Antonio Conference. By scrolling down to the Schedule at a Glance draft and looking to the right-hand side of the page, members will find volunteer information.



“Opportunities, Contributions, Impact.” The theme of this year’s Conference in San Antonio, July 22-24, encourages members to take advantage of the many opportunities to make contributions and have a positive impact on our Society.