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Texas Tech campus an outdoor art museum

Texas Tech takes pride in being one of the top universities in the nation in public art. Visitors may walk about the Lubbock campus twenty-four hours a day and experience art created by world-renown artists. The campus is an outdoor museum.



Run
Simon Donovan & Ben Olmstead
Sports Performance Center
A female figure in five stages exhibits the development of a runner.



Zepher
Marc Fornes
Honors Residence Hall
Different limbs extend from an intricate center to symbolize the university community where many parts give strength to the whole.



Agave Dreams
Julian Voss-Andreae
Biology Building
Blessing a plant depicts the connection with all forms of life.

The Public Art Program began in 1988 when the Texas Tech Board of Regents appropriated one percent of the total cost of each capital project for art as an investment in the campus environment and an extension of Texas Tech's educational mission to provide personally engaging experiences.

Each piece of art is one-of-a-kind, and the artist designs it to match the function of the building or area of installation. During the selection process, the public art committee considers an art piece for its sustainability, timelessness and ability to evoke conversation.

For a walking tour and quick guide to the public art on the Texas Tech campus, members may download the free app, ArTTrek, to help navigate the collection.

Images courtesy of the TTUS Public Art Collection



Mechanism
Frank Swanson
Maddox Engineering Research Center
Carvings are a physical representation of the transmission and transforming of energy.



Four Faces
Michael Stutz
Courtyard west of Talkington Hall. Welcomes those who enter campus from Boston Ave. The sculpture celebrates the diversity and experience of college life.



Headwaters
Larry Kirkland
English/Philosophy and Education complex
The letters remain a fragment of a word and symbolize the potential for communication and thirst for knowledge.

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Forward moving ever!

**Women teachers, to the calling,
Firmly rally, never falling,
Duty ne'er upon us palling,
Staunch, courageous, we!
Loyalty and trust e'er heeding!
Mindful of our sisters needing
Aid and guidance from those
leading
Helpful may we be!**

**To Delta Kappa Gamma
Faith we pledge forever!
Hand in hand, our loyal
band,
Forward moving ever!
Onward! 'tis our sisters need us,
Courage, Faith and Honor lead us!
Wrongs in truth and justice heed us!
Firmly shall we stand!**



Shalan Inmon
Texas State President
2021-2023

Lubbock was the host of the Alpha State (Texas State Organization) Convention in 2001. With Juanita Harmon as TSO President, Texas focused on "Expanding Our Horizons...Ensuring Our Future." Charlene Davis, Mary Jo Lovingier and Linda Ellis Somervill planned and executed the convention. The Lubbock Memorial Civic Center provided a spacious backdrop for the events. The opening night offered an amazing version of "The Song" as members' voices rang out and members' faces filled with smiles. Area 12 members "rallied" to serve as greeters, decorators, and table hostesses. "With guidance from those leading," the convention was a success.

**Guardians of the faith yet sleeping,
For our sisters watch e'er keeping,
Deeds of others now we're reaping,
We for others stand!
To us pioneers have given;
We return their gifts to Heaven;
Work for others is the leaven
That inspires our band!**

**Oh, Delta Kappa Gamma;
In thy fold we gather;
Unity and Liberty,
Shall be our watchwords ever!
Education e'er we'll further;
Each is bound to each as brother;
With the faith in one another
We shall win for aye!**

The TSO Convention returned to the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in 2014. President Nancy Newton's theme was "Expand the Vision, Educate, Inspire, Encourage...Paint the Town Red and Gold." The Lubbock Convention Steering Committee designed programs and sessions to meet the needs of all. Attendees honored the "guardians of the faith yet sleeping" in a service of remembrance. Members "stood for others" through a unifying project with Girlstown. Nancy encouraged the idea of the Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat to grow with hands-on, creative projects. Voices united again in singing "The Song" as the convention adjourned.

Once again, Lubbock hosts the TSO Convention. Areas 11, 12, and 14 have organized a convention to provide training for chapter presidents, appropriate breakout sessions for members, and moments of celebration and remembrance. Pack your bags and journey to Lubbock to join others in singing "The Song" once again.

Getting down to business with treasurers

TRAINING PIECES IN PLACE



Session #7 on Thursday June 16 @ 4 p.m.
Journey into the Dues Portal, Dues Collection & Paperwork

Designed for new treasurers or any treasurer new to the Dues Portal.

Session #10 on Friday June 17 @ 2 p.m.
 Experienced Treasurers-The Next Part of the Journey
 Designed to go beyond the Portal basics. This will be a 30 minute session with 15 minutes for Q&A for those attending the 2:30 p.m. ASTEF ticketed event.

LDCP on Friday June 16 @ 8:30 a.m.
 Chapter treasurers are invited to attend presidents training focused on finances. Designed to strengthen the partnership between the president and treasurer.

Area Workshops August – September
 Area Coordinators will contact chapters with details. Finance committee members will provide training to treasurers in the local area.

Deadlines at a Glance

May 1	Five-Star Newsletter
	Expense Rpts St Personnel
6	Convention Ads
15	Chapter officers to Int'l
June 15	Project Rpts to ASTEF
30	Dues to Chap Tres
July 1	990N filing opens
15	Treasurers Form 15
30	Chap Dues
Aug 1	Chap Pres Kit Letter

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President	2
Treasurers	3

DUES PORTAL IS OPEN

- Download chapter roster from Chapter Connect
- Collect dues by the **30's**
May 30 – dues paid to the chapter
June 30 – chapter pays dues to International & dues + fees to TSO
July 30-September 30 – chapter continues collecting and paying
 Oct. 1 – International auto-drops unpaid members
- TIP:** Use the Dues Portal Tip Sheets found on www.dkgtexas.org > Resources calendar and multiple how-to documents



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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.

Members completing the **All in a Day's Work Quiz** correctly:
 Sherri Davenport, Gail Herring, Cindy Hopkins, Elizabeth McCrone, Sharon McDougal, Paula Miller, Bonnie Moore, Nancy Newton, Monica Parkhill & Mellie Smithwick



ASTEF UPDATE

ASTEF President, Rosemary Morrow

ASTEF is the fundraising side of TSO

As TSO Conventions goes plan to be in Lubbock in mid-June, the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) is finalizing events and activities. They include an online auction with the items available for viewing in the Exhibits area, an opportunity to participate in a fitness activity with “In It to Win It,” an ASTEF Breakout Session, Special Event with Coach Steve Gomez, women’s basketball coach at Lubbock Christian University, and the ASTEF Annual Meeting.

On Thursday, ASTEF will have a breakout session to help participants learn more about their foundation. ASTEF will present the Advocate for Education Award at the Birthday Luncheon on Friday. Saturday is the ASTEF Annual Meeting. Directors will announce the Aspiring Educator grant recipients, award Project Stipends to chapters and individuals and have a drawing for door prizes.

While taking in all of the activities of ASTEF at the TSO Convention, members need to think about 2023 and apply for a Scholarship, the Leadership Seminar and a Project Stipend. Also, several positions on the ASTEF Board will be available. TSO members should consider completing and submitting the application for a six-year term (2023-2029) to help raise money and promote ASTEF in chapter meetings, at Area Workshops and the state level.

ASTEF is the fundraising side of TSO and raises money to give away. The foundation thanks TSO members for their continued support.

Shelby Lippold 2022 ASTEF Advocate for Education

Shelby Lippold and her mother, Donna Smith, started Shelby's Bridge, a non-profit organization that runs a gift and thrift shop and café in Sudan, Texas. They train and help individuals with disabilities.



Shelby Lippold

When Shelby was a child, she knew she wanted to help those with special needs. Her sixth-grade softball team helped with the Special Olympics, and that interaction made an impression on her.

She went to college and earned her Master's degree in Educational Psychology, emphasizing Transition Planning. She understood that schools help people with special needs, yet there is not much for those adults to do once they age out of the system.

Shelby recognized the need for training and transitioning individuals into an independent life. They needed a bridge. The original plan was to create a small community for adults with disabilities. However, that idea was put on hold when a family gave them a building.

As she decided how to incorporate the building into their plans, Shelby drew on her earlier educational experiences teaching students to make popcorn or bake cookies that could become a campus business to bring funds to the special education program. That activity brought a sense of pride and inclusion to the educational setting.

Shelby and Donna opened the new building as Shelby's Bridge Gift & Thrift Shop and the Sunshine Café. Here they can train adults with disabilities. Older students learn culinary skills, counting skills and life skills. More importantly, the store offers paid employment and job skills training.



For her vision and work, Shelby Lippold is the 2022 ASTEF Advocate for Education.



Opportunities with ASTEF in Lubbock



KENDRA SCOTT POP-UP STORE



Codes valid for Kendra Scott online shopping June 17 & 18

Members can enjoy an online shopping spree of 48 hours. That's 2 days of shopping that Kendra Scott will give back 20% of total sales to ASTEF. Members must have a code for online shopping. The code is available at the ASTEF tables in Lubbock or online at astef.org, dkgtexas.org or Constant Contact.

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Bids will be online; Items may be seen at ASTEF Tables

ONLINE AUCTION

Members may donate items by contacting
-Betsy Ruffin
computa.cat55@gmail.com
-Rhonda Posey
rrposey2@gmail.com.

Articles include original art, collectibles, jewelry, handbags, vacation packages and more.

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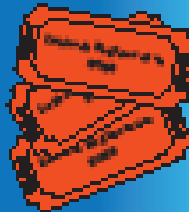
\$30 to get a gift card worth at least \$30 and maybe \$100

MYSTERY MANIA GAME

ASTEF is asking TSO chapters and individuals to donate gift cards valued at \$10 or more to use in the game. Those donating cards may send them to:

Joanne Davis
209 Ellebracht Dr.
Fredericksburg, Texas 78624.

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\$5 for your arms length of tickets

ARM'S-LENGTH OF TICKETS

Members can take a chance to win a free registration to the 2023 McAllen Convention.

Tickets are available at the ASTEF tables or from roving ASTEF members.

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Earn a prize by walking around during the convention

IN IT TO WIN IT

Members may register smart phones, tracking devices or apps for a \$10 fee at the ASTEF tables. Then the members walk around enjoying the convention. The members with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd most steps will win a prize.

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*Friday, June 17th
2:30-4:00*

ASTEF TICKETED EVENT

Follow the Bouncing Ball

Lubbock Christian University Coach Steve Gomez will encourage members as he has encouraged and motivated his girls basketball teams to championships.

Members will enjoy games, door prizes and much more at the event.

Breakout sessions provide variety

CPE — Continuing Professional Education
SB — Society Business

SI — Special Interest
R — repeated

Thursday, June 16

Connie Rensink

Dr. Bettye Cook

Phyllis McPherson

Debby Krueger

Dr. Stacey Arnold

Caring for Yourself So You Can Care for Others SI (R)

Bites Into the Big Apple CPE

Recruit, Retain, and Reinstate-Membership 101 SB (R)

The Deeper Conversation: Part I SI

I Am the Secretary. Now What? SB (R)



Dr. Helen Popovich

Dr. Helen Popovich, International Parliamentarian

The DKGSI Constitutional Amendments

Michelle Grandinetti

Bonnie Moore

Elizabeth Bowen

Debby Krueger

Jeanette Rhyan

Dr. Rosemary Morrow & ASTEF
directors

Donna Morehead

Debby Ball

Cara Cook

Sara Sponsel

Elizabeth Bowen

Dr. Barbara Baethe

Debby Ball

Mary Griffin

Marilyn Gregory

Lynda Anderson

Cookee Johnson

Keeping New Members and Developing Leaders. It's not Complicated. SB (R)

Oh, the Places You'll Go with TSO CPE

Enriching Student Learning through Writing Feedback: Part I CPE

The Deeper Conversation: Part II SI

Research Scavenger Hunt SB (R)

ASTEF Overview SB

Pack Your Bags! Your Adventure Awaits SB (R)

Setting Up Your Chapter Website Step by Step: Part I CPE

Elevate Your Storytelling! Captivate Your Classes With More Than Voice Work CPE

Building Community CPE

Enriching Student Learning through Writing Feedback: Part II CPE

State Ceremonies Committee SB

Setting Up Your Chapter Website Step by Step: Part II CPE

Brain Games and Exercises to Keep Alzheimer's at Bay SI

Benefits for Members SB

Reset Your Chapter's Compass in New Directions through Programs & Service Projects SB (R)

How Does Your Chapter Celebrate Founder's Day? SB



Dr. Yhun Lai Aung

Dr. Yhun Lai Aung, World Fellowship Recipient

The World Fellowship Journey

Trudy Mathus and the TSO Global Awareness Committee

Strategies For Teaching Educator Training CPE

The Shelby's Bridge Story & Mission SI

Cyber Security, Enjoy the Web While Staying Safe CPE (R)

Laura Ewing

Virginia Bowers

Tracy Shea

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Lisa Yates	Language Acquisition Strategies for Teachers of World Languages and ESL Students CPE
MJ Tykoski	DKG Symbols: STEM Style SB
Brenda Pearson	Women in the Arts SB
Dr. Karen Duke	Regaining Your Spirit of Adventure After the Pandemic SI
Kitty Hutchcroft	Sharing is Caring: Using Google apps CPE (R)
Phyllis Brown Walker	I'm Mad at James Patterson! CPE
Carol McMillan	Writing for the <i>Lone Star News</i> SB
Jeanette Rhyan	Research Scavenger Hunt SB (R)
MJ Tykoski	DKG Shoots for the Stratosphere SI (R)
Judy Mezick	Spotlight on Outstanding Members SB
Deborah Thomas & Leesa Cole	Your Chapter's Financial Journey: Dues, Paperwork & Portal (New Treasurers & Former Treasurers) SB
Lisa Yates	Creating CPE Opportunities for Your Chapter SB (R)

Friday, June 17

Dr. Karen Duke	The Benefits of Memorization in the Classroom and in Your Life SI
MJ Tykoski	DKG Shoots for the Stratosphere SB (R)
Lynda Anderson	Reset Your Chapter's Compass in New Directions through Programs & Service Projects SB (R)
Libby Horton	Legislative Destination SB
Ulana Ratley	Journey Through Your Chapter Archives SB
Kerry James & State Nomination Committee	How to Become a Leader for Our Society: We Need You! SB (R)
Tracy Shea	Feedback, Giving It/Strategies to Enhance Personal Growth & Impact CPE
Lisa Yates	Creating CPE Opportunities for Your Chapter SB (R)
Judy Evans	Heading in the Right Direction with Your Chapter Rules SB
Michelle Grandinetti	So You Have a Small Chapter, What to Do Now SB
Dr. Karen Duke	Fun Stuff About Some of our Society Leaders Past and Current SB
Dr. Cindy Kates	A Musical Journey: Creation, Preservation and Integrating Music Interrelationships and the Impact on Cognitive Functions CPE
Sandi Causey	DKGEIF-Educating the World SB
Dr. Lisa Rogers	Ultimate Games for DKG! CPE
Deborah Thomas & Leesa Cole	Your Chapter's Financial Journey: Returning Treasurers – Next Part of the Journey SB
Phyllis McPherson	Recruit, Retain, and Reinstate-Membership 101 SB (R)
Janice Harsch	From Trash to Treasure SB
Tracy Shea	Cyber Security, Enjoy the Web While Staying Safe CPR (R)
Dr. Alice Smith	Don't Stop Now Take 2! (CPR (R)
Donna Morehead	Pack Your Bags! Your Adventure Awaits SB (R)



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. (SI)

Libby Horton and TSO Legislative Committee

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Saturday, June 18

Dr. Karen Duke

Dr. Stacey Arnold

Kitty Hutchcroft

Kerry James & State Nomination Committee

Michelle Grandinetti

Connie Rensink

Dr. Alice Smith

Create Your Best Future-Reinvent Yourself! SI

I Am the Secretary. Now What? SB-(R)

Sharing is Caring: Using Google Apps CPE (R)

How to Become a Leader for Our Society: We Need You!!! SB (R)

Keeping New members and Developing Leaders. It's not Complicated. SB (R)

Caring For Yourself So You Can Care for Others SI (R)

Don't Stop Now-Take 2! CPE (R)



Lubbock attendees may display, view and create art

Women in the Arts

Art will be a continual theme throughout the Lubbock Convention. Members are encouraged to display their art, view student and member art, and create art during the convention. In addition, there will be a particular area in the exhibit hall dedicated to art.

On Thursday and Friday, the Members' Visual Arts Display will feature paintings, photography, fabric arts, literary arts, ceramics, jewelry, needlework, and many other media. Items created at STAR or a WIA Zoom session are perfect for the display. All attendees may enter one or more pieces for display by submitting the application form on the WIA page, the Deadlines and Forms page, and the Convention page. The deadline was April 15, 2022. Missing the deadline keeps the art from being listed in the program, but it can still be brought to the convention and displayed.

The Children's Art Display will feature art created by the local students. Anyone who arrives on Wednesday, June 15, should stop by to meet some of the young artists. This art will remain on display until the end of the day on Friday.

WIA will celebrate the Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) all day Friday. The first crafting sessions of STAR took place at the 2014 convention in Lubbock. Members may stop by for information, treats, memories and a craft to celebrate this anniversary. Each hour, the first 50 participants who visit will be able to create a unique "jiffy" craft.

On Thursday, WIA will present a session exploring the committee's activities, describing ideas for chapter programs, and sharing ideas for collaborating with local communities to support the arts.

A visit to the art area is a time to relax during the convention and experience fabulous art.

Global Awareness brings cultural appreciation



With a war raging in Ukraine, members cannot miss the impact that actions worldwide have on their lives in both an economic and humanitarian sense. However, what do Americans know about other countries, peoples and cultures? The Global Awareness Committee wants to help participants with activities, programs and projects that heighten members' appreciation of other cultures. Program ideas for chapters include:

- **Creating** greeting cards for international DKG chapters. DKG International Headquarters in Austin can supply the addresses of the presidents.
- **Initiating** cultural exchanges with international visitors to the United States. Some may be exchange students in a school district or World Fellowship recipients studying in Texas or other states. Members could invite them to speak to a chapter in person or by Zoom, become pen pals with the chapter, or receive regular cards from the chapter. A chapter can send gift cards for special occasions or just "thinking of you." Members may find World Fellowship recipients on [www.dkgtxas.org>resources> president's kit](http://www.dkgtxas.org/resources/president's%20kit).
- **Finding** and partnering with nonprofit organizations that specialize in supporting student education through donations of textbooks or direct monetary support of children in other countries. This could also be done through the DKG Schools for Africa project.
- **Locating** and partnering with non-profit groups that bring water to underdeveloped countries.
- **Backing** the DKG/UN connection and its Sustainable Development Goals. This action may be accomplished by having programs about UN initiatives such as UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund), WFP (World Food Program) and WHO (World Health Organization). In addition, the DKG-UN initiative CTAUN (Committee on Teaching About the United Nations) is an excellent resource for chapter program materials with teacher resources and webinars.
- **Learning** different educational teaching methods used in other countries and sharing them with the chapter.

Chapter archives tell the story of the chapter

Chapter archives are essential to maintain the records of each chapter. The TSO Archives Committee Chair has an inventory notebook showing the chapter histories and the chapter yearbooks sent to TSO Archives Committee since the chartering of each chapter. These chapter histories and yearbooks are stored in the Woman's section at the Blagg-Huey Library at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

Steps to updating a chapter's archives:

1. Contact the Archives Committee Chair Ulana Ratley at ulana@swbell.net to find out which chapter histories and yearbooks are missing.
2. Work with chapter members to find the missing histories and yearbooks.
3. Write a summary or an outline to record chapter history.

After reviewing "Guidelines for Writing a Chapter History" on the TSO Archives Committee page at dkgtxas.org, chapter members have a model when updating and maintaining the chapter's history. This activity should be completed regularly.



Archives Committee left to right:
Mollie Kasper, Deborah Thomas, Linnea Grindley, Katherine Grogan,
Ulana Ratley



Reviving Reading

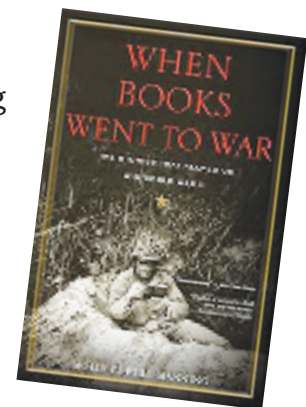
Ashlee Nouri, Eta Xi

I have loved reading for as long as I can remember. When I stayed home sick from school, my father would bring home library books to make me feel better. My favorite method of avoiding responsibilities as an adolescent? Reading in a warm bath. And I knew when Mrs. Kern entrusted me with *Jane Eyre* in 7th grade that I, too, wanted to be a teacher and inspire my students to love reading. Indeed, that has been my life's work for the 21 years of my teaching career, my calling for the three decades since Mrs. Kern's class.

With my ingrained bibliophilia, it never occurred to me before my teaching career that initiating students into the love of reading might become a desperately Sisyphean task of fighting technology addictions and shrinking attention spans. As student use of personal technology has increased, I have noted a steady, proportionate decline in their Lexile levels, critical thinking skills and independence. And despite my expansive pedagogical knowledge and ability to spark interest, it is increasingly difficult to convince kids that reading is valuable, nearly impossible to expect them to choose books over phones.

I believe the larger solution to these issues lies not just in teachers changing their pedagogy but school and local communities changing the way they think about literacy and literacy education. In particular, I think that community collaboration on school district literacy initiatives is key to reviving the broader social paradigm of reading valuation. I believe that broader community support in the pursuit and expansion of projects like little free libraries can invigorate community literacy, thereby also influencing student literacy (and by extension, affect our nation's cumulative literacy as more and more communities adopt this approach).

There is precedent for such fervor for reading in our nation. Molly Guptil Manning's *When Books Went to War* (2014) describes the national effort to collect books to send overseas to soldiers during World War II. Indeed, even as Hitler was incinerating books, ideas and people, our entire country came together to save all three. Many service men returning from the war cited those books as their saving grace and went on to pursue and succeed in higher education as a result of their war-time reading. What a powerful testament to the value of reading and to our collective community efficacy as Americans. Surely, we can do the same again.



LDCP important for chapter president and her team

New chapter presidents will not want to miss the opportunity to be trained by the experts at the TSO Convention. The Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents Committee and special guests have exceptional training in store. All chapter presidents need to register for the convention and mark that they are incoming presidents.

LDCP is the primary opportunity for the president's training. Although there will be training sessions at the area workshops, they will not replicate the value of the training provided at the Lubbock Convention.

Presidents' training will be:

- Thursday, June 16th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday, June 17th, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Presidents need to attend both sessions. They are unique in content.



Each president will meet other presidents and make connections all over the state of Texas. They will build essential relationships with members of the TSO Executive Board and LDCP members, and key people who understand what it takes to be an effective president. For this reason, and to build essential relationships within the chapter, the LDCP Committee requests that each president invite to LDCP

- chapter membership chair on Thursday, June 16th, at 3:00 p.m.
- chapter treasurer on Friday, June 17th, at 8:30 a.m.
- chapter programs chair (1st VP) on Friday, June 17th at 9:30 a.m.

The LDCP Committee is looking forward to meeting each president and her team and sharing what it takes to have a successful chapter.

Ceremonies part of Delta Kappa Gamma Heritage

The Ceremonies Committee will be having a breakout session on Thursday at the Lubbock Convention to share programs and ideas with members. In addition, the committee will be part of the Birthday Luncheon and the Presidents and Founders Banquet as they honor the heritage of the Society. Members unable to attend the breakout session in Lubbock may attend a session at an Area Workshop in August and September.



Area Coordinators can contact the area representatives on the

Ceremonies Committee or the Ceremonies Committee Chair Dr. Barbara Baethe (dr.baethe@earthlink.net) for assistance in finding a presenter.

Programs and Service Projects propose new ideas

The Programs and Service Projects Committee Breakout Sessions will be helping chapters create new ways of planning programs that members will find interesting, educational and meet a community need. The committee will feature discussions on using grants to fund projects, giving continuing professional education or CPE credit for attending meetings or adapting technology to manage meetings with other chapters or entities.



- Thursday, June 16, 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
- Friday, June 17, 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Texas State Organization Remembers

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

Nita K. Steinmann, Zeta-8, Granbury
Sue Margaret Hughes, Zeta-8, Waco
Carolyn Frances Wallace, Zeta-8, Waco
Becky Jo Rucker McEntire, Lambda-8, Temple
Mary Lu Haase, Xi-7, Taylor
Mary Lu Rosebrock, Phi-1, Kilgore
Inell Whitehead, Phi-1, Henderson
Nelda Juanita Skinner, Alpha Delta-17, Cooper
Charlotte Ann Edmons, Alpha Omega-2, Zavalla
Belinda Kay Strealy, Beta Sigma-16, Olney
Helen Jane Taulbee, Beta Tau-6, San Antonio
Ruth Carol Tiemann, Beta Tau-6, San Antonio
JoAnn Slack West, Gamma Chi-1, Trinity
Barbara Vermillion, Epsilon Sigma-3, League City
Betty Ellen Thompson, Zeta Lambda-12, Snyder
Linda Joy Cunningham, Zeta Xi-14, Midland
Mary Jo Ledbetter, Eta Pi-4, Victoria
Millie Ward, Theta Mu-14, Kermit
Mary Kimzey, Theta Zeta-3, Houston
Josephine B. Roberts, Iota Nu-9, Bonham
Callie Kathryn Blankinship, Kappa Tau-5, Alice
Myrtle Mae Watkins, Kappa Phi-9, Carrollton
Jimmie Smith, Nu Delta-9, Allen

Crystal Werkheiser, Delta Theta (Port Neches-2), received the Dr. Evelyn Milam Scholarship from International.

Alannah Mozisek, Alpha Iota (Wharton-4), was honored by the Wharton County 100 Club as the Wharton County Office of Emergency Management Citizen of the Year for the time she spent volunteering with last year's Covid-19 vaccination drive.

Dr. Denese Wolf-Hillard, Lambda Sigma (Missouri City-4) was the keynote speaker at the Second International Do It Yourself Workshops Symposium hosted by Istanbul Gelisim University.

Debra King, Kappa (El Paso-15) has been elected president of El Paso Retired Teachers Association for 2022-2024.

Ashlee Nouri, Eta Xi (Kerville-6), received the 2022 Pk-12 Teacher Leadership in Literacy Award from the Texas Association for Literacy Education.

arts&humanities

Two Texas members have works displayed in the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

- **Priscilla Humay**, Alpha Nu (Liberty Hill-5), 2-D/Mixed Media pieces, "Island Formation" and "Waters Flow Into Form"
- **Ulana Ratley**, Kappa Delta (Bedford-10), 2-D/Mixed Media piece, "Cardinal Couple" and 3-D/pottery, "Colorful Raku Pot"



Jocelyn Mrkwa, Alpha Iota (East Barnard-4), had the primary grades wing of the new East Bernard Elementary School dedicated to her.

Janet Pennock, Theta Beta (San Antonio-7), was honored at the San Antonio Women's Federation Outstanding Volunteer Luncheon.

Dawn Broadway, Alpha Gamma (Cleburne-10), received a grant from the Cleburne Education Foundation for equipment for her classroom/lab.

Charlotte Rigsby Connor, Delta Theta (Neaderland-2), received the Dr. Annie Webb Blanton Scholarship (#1) from International.

Chapter Chartering

Nu Zeta
Chartering May 22, 2022
Lake Ridge High School Theater
101N Day Miar Rd
Mansfield, Texas 76063
2:00 p.m.

Committee seeking Achievement Award legacy pins

The Achievement Awards Committee is excited to present the State Achievement and the Golden Rose Awards to very deserving TSO members during the TSO Convention in Lubbock. Will any of the awardees receive legacy pins?

Past State President JoAnn Brooks recently recalled receiving her State Achievement Award in 1996. The committee presented her with a legacy pin previously worn by Sarah Tobolowsky, TSO President 1963-65, International President 1980-82, and International Achievement Award recipient in 1984. Brooks says:

I am so proud to wear her pin. I feel the honor of being able to carry on her love and passion for TSO and DKG. I have big shoes to follow!

When an Achievement Award or Golden Rose pin is returned to headquarters because the recipient can no longer wear it, the pin becomes a legacy pin.

TSO members look forward to recognizing the newest recipients of the state awards at the Birthday Luncheon on Friday, June 17, 2022.

Membership recruitment happens year-round

Often chapters have traditionally recruited members in the fall or spring, but they may focus on year-round opportunities. Chapters may hold induction ceremonies whenever they invite new members to join. Organizers might:

- **plan** a fun activity during the summer, and invite recruits to attend and meet people in the chapter.
- **provide** breakfast at the beginning of the school year for teachers who are new to the district. Members can have information available for those interested, and they may even meet a member looking to transfer to a new chapter.
- **include** prospective members in a service project by helping with donations and deliveries.
- **invite** potential members to a Christmas sing-along or a Spring picnic.
- **celebrate** the chapter's birthday and invite others to participate as an occasion to let others know about the chapter.



Chapter members can create ways to make the chapter known in the community and open pathways to find new members. With some planning, recruitment happens year-round.

Choir seeking members to create musical journey



With the hustle and bustle of convention events, members need moments of calm and relaxation. That calm can often come by listening to the TSO Choir performing at convention functions. Any member who wants to sing or play an instrument and have fun with a talented group of TSO members can join director Cindy Kates in creating a musical journey in Lubbock.

Members may sign-up for the choir on the convention registration form. Soloists and instrumentalists are especially needed.

Thank you!

Thanks to all of the presidents, treasurers and area coordinators who have worked on updating members' mailing addresses in the dues portal from returned copies of the *Lone Star News*.

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 Standing Committees

Which now reads:

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

Be amended as follows:

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

If adopted would read:

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

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

Financial Impact: None

Proposed by: TSO Personnel Committee

Endorsed by: TSO Executive Committee

Proposal 2: State Rules – 9.11 Standing Committees

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. Member(s) will be appointed for five (5) years, with (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:

Delete: ...with one (1) member appointed at the beginning of one biennium and two (2) appointed at the beginning of the next biennium. Also, delete beginning in 2022.

If adopted would read:

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. Members will be appointed for five (5) years. An evaluation of progress will be held every five (5) years.

Rationale: Member appointment is better placed in the State Guidelines.

Financial Impact: None

Proposed by: Strategic Plan of Action Committee

Endorsed by: TSO Executive Committee

Annie's Attic a treasure trove of TSO items

Members in search of hidden treasures need look no further than Lubbock, Texas. Annie's Attic will be traveling to the Lubbock State Convention in June. Members may uncover gems from past conventions such as tote bags, key pin ribbons, rose curvets and arch centerpieces. Anyone needing a piece of brass for those special DKG celebrations or a dinner table will find Annie's Attic is the place to shop. Members wanting to know more about the history of DKG will find *Our Heritage* books or a biography of TSO's past state presidents.

Members will be able to preview pictures of selected Annie's Attic items on the TSO Website under Resources. If there is a particular item that a member wants, she may email TSO Headquarters Chair Emma Joven at jejoven2@att.net or phone her at 214-797-3340, and Emma will have the item packed and ready in Lubbock.



Many more items can be seen on dkgtexas.org/resources

2022 Area Workshops

Area	Date		Area Coordinator	Area	Date		Area Coordinator
1	August	6	Marsha Edney	10	September	10	Toni McCutchen
2	September	10	Susan Daigle	11	August	27	Cecelia Cates
3	September	17	Barbara Coon	12	September	10	Sonja Hanks
4	August	20	Salethia Morris	13	September	17	Nancy Lowry
5	August	27	Mellie Smithwick	14	August	20	Melody Drinkard
6	August	6	Jennifer Garcia	15	August	13	Melissa Matthews
7	August	20	Nancy Varljen	16	August	27	Lezli Collins
8	August	6	Shanna Denson	17	September	17	Debbie Shidemantle
9	September	10	Liz Garrett	18	September	10	Teresa Toliver



Texas Night in the BIG EASY

Creole House Restaurant and Oyster Bar, 509 Canal St., New Orleans
 Thursday, July 14, 2022 6:00 p.m. \$40/person
 The event is on the second floor, and the restaurant has no elevator.

Deadline for reservations is June 22, 2022

Name _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

Number of tickets _____ @ \$40 each. Total enclosed \$ _____

Send check made out to TSO to:

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

Payne, Doss and Gonzales lead the way in Lubbock 2022

TSO conventions take a great deal of planning and organization. The state president has a vision for her convention and relies on her convention chairs to carry out that vision. Three dedicated TSO members, Deborah Payne of Levelland, Nancy Doss of Midland and Gloria Gonzales of Lubbock have worked tirelessly to make the 93rd TSO Convention in Lubbock a success.

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Deborah Payne was initiated into Theta Epsilon chapter in 1984 and was a TSO Leadership Seminar participant in 2011. Besides being the 2011-2013 TSO Music Chair, she has served on the state ceremonies



Deborah Payne

committee, nominations committee,

membership committee and Leadership Seminar committee. Other service has included being a TSO Area 12 Coordinator, serving on the 2014 TSO State Convention Steering Committee in Lubbock and being the 2015 DKG Southwest Regional Conference Music Director. She always enjoys singing in the choir at TSO conventions. Deborah received a TSO State Achievement Award in 2018. She resides in Levelland with her husband, George. After 41 years in public education, she recently retired from teaching music and choir.

Nancy Doss, Houston native, mother of two and grandmother of two, graduated from Baylor with a degree in Elementary Education. She married a West Texas Baylor boyfriend and has lived in Midland for forty-eight years. Nancy taught first grade for twenty-five years in the same school. Now retired, she volunteers at her church as chair of the flower committee, sings in a lady's ensemble and choir and serves on the wedding and bereavement committees. In addition, she leads a Community Bible Study group each week and is active in her Pi Beta Phi alumnae group, Junior League and Midland Retired Teachers. Nancy has been a member of the Zeta Xi Chapter for 19 years. Cruising with her husband and entertaining in her home are fun things she likes to do.



Nancy Doss

Gloria Gonzales loves being a member of the Zeta Omicron. She is happy being surrounded by other key women educators who share her passion for helping children and youth thrive in their respective environments. While serving in various leadership roles, Gloria received a scholarship in 2006 to continue coursework toward school administration certification. She has been in education for 32 years, teaching elementary school, working as a school counselor, and now serving as the assistant director for the Center for Adolescent Resiliency and the United Future Leaders program director at Texas Tech University. In July of 2021, she was installed as chair of the Children's Home of Lubbock Board of Directors. She has been married to Mark for 32 years and has two sons.



Gloria Gonzales