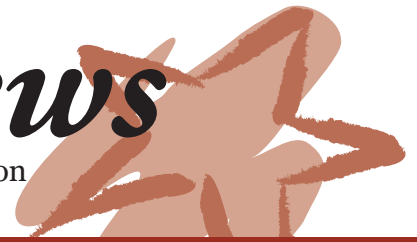


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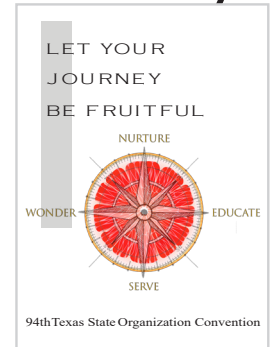
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International ~ Key Women Educators

Winter 2022

McAllen welcomes TSO to Rio Grande Valley

The Texas State Organization invites Delta Kappa Gamma members on a journey to Deep South Texas along the Mexico border of the beautiful state. The 94th TSO Convention, June 14-17, 2023, will be in McAllen, Texas, one of the most charming cities in the Rio Grande Valley. The experience will be fruitful as members gather to renew friendships, make new friends, conduct state business, and learn and share new ideas in breakout sessions and conversations.

The convention will open midday on Wednesday and conclude on Saturday afternoon. Attendees are encouraged to come early or extend their stay to take time to explore the Valley's rich culture and authentic binational flavor. The convention newsletter, *The Quest for Zest*, will introduce members to bountiful places and events in McAllen during the convention.



Remembering TSO Past State President Sheryl Minick



Sheryl Minick

Sheryl Minick's parents were both teachers who instilled in her a love of reading and a curiosity about the world around her. She was reading when she was four, and family discussions taught her about Winston Churchill, President Franklin Roosevelt, Poland, Japan and Emperor Hirohito. She learned to pronounce and spell Kwajalein, Iwo Jima and General Douglas McArthur when she was 5.

She attended North Texas State University, intending to get a degree in education. Instead, she met Bill Minick in a ballroom dancing class. They soon married and began their family. Bill's job took the family to Dallas, Kansas City, Detroit, Richardson, New York and back to Richardson, where they settled. During the moves, Sheryl was able to complete her degree at NTSU.

Her mother had been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, and when she mentioned that to a fellow teacher, Sheryl received an invitation to join the following year. She immediately became immersed in her chapter's work. Because a DKG member never says "no," she accepted organizing an area workshop. Later the DKG International staff asked her to plan trips to Austin and San Antonio during the Southwest Regional Conference in Dallas. Sheryl did such a good job with those trips that she was asked to do it again for Golden Gift members in 1980. In 1983, she attended the Leadership/Management Seminar herself, where she became more confident and a better leader. It solidified her belief that teaching and modeling leadership skills were something to pursue. In 1995, Sheryl became co-chair of the 1998 DKG International Convention in Dallas.

Minick became 2001-2003 Texas State Organization President in June 2001. On September 11, 2001, terrorists attacked the United States, and she oversaw members who helped students understand what had happened as they also worried about their own families going to war.

As her biennium ended, DKG International appointed her state chair of the San Antonio Southwest Regional Conference in 2005. At this point, she had participated in planning state, regional and international conventions. She said it might have opened up a new career, but she was ready to enjoy retirement. She valued her membership in DKG and thought that the friends she made were a bonus for her involvement. Sheryl passed away with her family beside her on September 13, 2022, in Allen, Texas.

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2021-2023

Regional Area Workshop explored

The Texas State Organization held eighteen successful Area Workshops this fall. Mentors, Area Coordinators and countless volunteers provided officer training and breakout sessions offering CPE credit for the Texas members. Over 1000 women educators attended workshops around the state. That is over 350 more women than attended the State Convention. Thank you for your full participation.

During the Area Workshops, attendees were asked to complete a simple three question survey. Below are the questions as they appeared on the survey.

1. Would you prefer to attend the Texas State Organization Convention?
 - A. Every year
 - B. Every other year in odd numbered years
2. Would you be willing to attend a one-day regional workshop in even numbered years?
 - A. On a Saturday in June
 - B. On a weekend during the last 2 weeks of June
3. Would you be willing to travel up to 2-3 hours to attend a one day regional workshop?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

Members responded and the TSO Executive Committee listened. In early October, the findings (See results below) were presented and studied very carefully by the Executive Committee.

- A. Every year 13%
- B. Every other year 87%
- A. On a Saturday in June 71%
- B. On a weekend during the last 2 weeks in June 29%
- A. Drive time 2-3 hours 71%
- B. Drive time any number of hours. 29%

As a result of the findings from the TSO members attending the area workshops, a "Regional Area Workshop" format is currently in the planning stages by the Executive Committee.

Here are a few of the planned details:

- Meeting June 22, 2024
- Meet for one day only from 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Achievement Awards and Golden Rose Awards awarded
- Project Stipends will be awarded
- 50 + year members will be honored
- Choir may choose to prepare music
- A ceremony of remembrance will be held
- Chapter presidents will be trained
- Chapter officers will be trained

The Executive Committee understands that the voice of TSO members is vital to the growth and change of the Society. More details about the "Regional Area Workshops" will be available as more details are confirmed. Thank you for making your voice heard during the Area Workshops.

The Texas State Organization is forward moving ever.

Information for Treasurers



Two staff members presently work at TSO HQ.

Leesa Cole, Executive Secretary/State Treasurer, and Vanessa Diggins, Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper, can assist members and leaders as needed.



Thanks to the chapter treasurers for submitting dues and fees with the correct forms and filing the required 990-N ePostcard by the deadline to maintain the chapter's income tax-exempt status.



Membership items available to chapters:

- TSO recognition certificates: 25 years are a \$3.00 donation and 50 years are a \$5.00 donation. Prices include postage. Both have the TSO President's signature.
- DKG keypins from TSO: small for a \$5.00 donation (does not include postage). These can be mailed or picked up at TSO HQ or Annie's Attic convention table.
- New member certificates from International: Fillable and printable certificates with the International President's signature are available to download at Chapter Connect.



New from International: The chapter president newsletter, formerly a printed version, is now available in video format on the International website under Publications and President's Page. The 12-minute video, starring International President Debbie LeBlanc and Membership Director Trish Woodley, replaces the printed version and is very informative for everyone.

Reminders and Important Dates:



- **Membership fees:** TSO collects only the scholarship fee with dues. There are no additional fees for inductees, reinstated or transferred members.
- **January and February:** members inducted during these months can pay DKG ½ dues, but chapter treasurers need to verify that the order form indicates the discounted cost. Contact the International membership department if the dues price is not adjusted.
- **February 28:** all entries and updates in the Dues Portal should be complete for 2022-23 members.
- **March 1:** TSO membership snapshot for recognition at the convention for membership growth or maintenance. Headquarters staff uses the numbers from March 1 of last year for the comparison.
- **March 1-31:** Dues Portal closes to prepare for the 2023-24 membership year.
- **April 1:** Contribution deadline to ASTEF and Eula Lee Carter funds for convention recognition.

Deadlines at a Glance

DEC 19-30	HQ closed
Jan 1	Proposed amendments to Bylaws and Rules Nominations 2023-2025
Jan 31	ASTEF Mid-Year Reports
Feb 1	LSN deadline Cornet Application State Achievement Nominations State Honorary Member Application Chapter Pres Rpt State Personnel-Chair and Comm Applications
15	Conv WS Proposals
24-26	Leadership Sem
Mar 1	Mem snapshot St Personnel report to St Pres Budget Request to Finance Chair Scholarship and Mini Grant apps ASTEF Aspring Ed Application
15	Guideline Updates to St Pres

Committee Meetings

Nominations	Jan 21
McAllen Kickoff	Feb 11
LOSP HQ	Mar 4-5
Personnel HQ	Mar 22
AchievAwdz Zoom a.m.	Mar 25
Scholarship Zoom p.m.	Mar 25
Finance HQ	Apr 14-16
ASTEF HQ	Apr 28-29

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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.

Opportunities to learn, serve and honor others

Women have many opportunities to grow professionally and personally and to be leading women educators by being involved in the work of the Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. Committees and groups offer the DKG woman an opportunity to enrich herself through learning, service to the organization, or by honoring other outstanding women for their service.

TSO NOMINATIONS



The Nominations Committee will review applications and select candidates for TSO president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, and members for the finance and nominations committees. Guidelines and applications are on the nominations committee page on www.dkgtexas.org. Applicants may email the completed form to aphi68@aol.com or send a hard copy to Kerry James, TSO Nominations Chair, 3004 Fortune, Texarkana, TX 75503. The committee chair must receive the nomination forms by January 1, 2023.

TSO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



The Texas State Achievement Award or the Golden Rose Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a Texas DKG member, recognizing a member's contributions to the Texas State Organization over many years. February 1, 2023, is the deadline for nominating a chapter member for either of the two awards. Members may find the nomination forms on the TSO website at www.dkgtexas.org on the Achievement Awards Committee page or the Resources page. Because the nomination forms require much documentation to show the member's DKG service, especially to TSO, it is best to start NOW collecting information from chapter archives using documents such as yearbooks, scrapbooks, convention programs, and TSO archives in Denton.

Cheryl Crawford, a past recipient of the Golden Rose Award, expressed her delight in receiving the award. "Surprise, joy, wonder, humility, and, yes, tears. All that and more went through my mind and heart when my name was announced as a Golden Rose Recipient. To be nominated by my chapter is an honor I will treasure forever. Working for Delta Kappa Gamma, TSO and Kappa Theta has been and will continue to be a precious gift. Wearing the Golden Rose pin reminds me to share that gift of membership and service whenever and wherever I can."

TSO COMMITTEE CHAIR & AREA COORDINATOR



The application for a position as a TSO Committee Chair or TSO Area Coordinator for 2023-25 is available on www.dkgtexas.org under Deadlines & Forms: State Personnel Application Form (fillable PDF form).

Applications are due February 1, 2023.

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TSO PERSONAL & PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS



The Personal & Professional Enrichment Committee is searching for presenters to present breakout sessions at the upcoming TSO Convention this summer. Topics for the convention may include but are not limited to the following: DKG Society business, education-related themes, self-care, leadership, self-help, general information topics, fundraising ideas, technology, art, STEM, teaching strategies, public societal issues and hobbies. Members may find the application to present a breakout session at the state convention on the TSO website under the Personal & Professional Enrichment Committee tab.

Topics for both Continuing Professional Education (CPE) and professional enrichment sessions are needed. Presenters may contact committee chair Lisa Yates at Lisa_Yates_DKG@outlook.com for questions regarding the CPE process or additional information. Applications are due to Lisa Yates by February 15, 2023.

ASTEF ASPIRING EDUCATOR GRANT

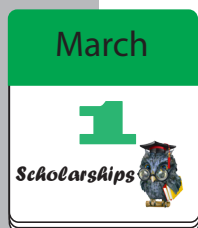


When looking for a nominee for the Aspiring Educator Grant, members may consider students enrolled in an educator preparation program through a college or university. Such a woman is a candidate for an Aspiring Educator Grant. The applicant will need a DKG sponsor to guide her through the process and proof her application. Members may plan to help support the applicant in this manner.

Chapter members may go to www.astef.org to download the applications. Aspiring Educator Applications are due March 1, 2023.



TSO SCHOLARSHIPS



The Texas State Organization has a variety of scholarships available to members. Each scholarship has a specific purpose and specific application. They include studies leading to a master or doctoral degree, life-long learner scholarships for continuing adult education opportunities, mini-grants for non-traditional professional development activities, and educational travel scholarships. The guidelines and applications for each type of scholarship are available on www.dkgtexas.org on the Scholarship Committee webpage and under Resources>Deadlines and Forms.

Applications are due March 1, 2023.

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ASTE F PROJECT STIPENDS



ASTE F gives Project Stipends as seed money for chapters to support an innovative project they are currently pursuing. Large or small, the committee considers every amount. The chapter must be actively involved in the project. One award, the ASTEF Founders Stipend, will be \$2500 for a chapter with an exciting project with both chapter and benefactor involvement. Chapter members may go to www.astef.org to download the application. Project Stipend applicati os are due April 1, 2023.

A chapter can decide to apply a second time for a previous unfunded project stipend. A past ASTEF Director may review the application and make editing suggestions before submission. ASTEF will send invitations to an informational Zoom session on February 2, 2023, for information on how to apply for a Project Stipend. Everyone is welcome to attend.



ASTE F ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATION



Each year ASTEF recognizes an outstanding woman who is an avid supporter of education by showing her commitment to service and financial contributions to multiple areas of education while not a current educator herself. This woman is a champion for education in her community, region, state, and beyond.

Any member can nominate a deserving woman for this award. Members can find the applications and guidelines on the ASTEF website under Forms and submit the completed nomination form to the ASTEF Vice President for Programs at programs.astef@gmail.com by April 1, 2023.



TSO WOMEN IN THE ARTS



Now is a good time for members to start creating art for the Visual Arts Display that will be presented at the TSO convention in June. Art will be on exhibit only. The artist will be responsible for preparing her art for display and removing it at a designated time. Applications are posted on the WIA webpage of www.dkgtxas.org and must be submitted by April 15, 2023.



Area 2



Area 3

Barbara Berry, Georgette Dredge, Jackie McNabb, Theta Sigma



Area 4



Stephanie VanSkiske, Eta; Andis Miller, Delta Theta; Connie Martinez, Alpha Omega



Area 9

Kendall Hutchinson, Marisha Watson, Theta Alpha; Fiona Hasse, Kendall's daughter



Area 10

Nikita Panton, Jacquetta Etheridge, Carrie Bracken, Nu Zeta

Betty Hill, Alpha Iota; Chery Rayome, Epsilon Omega

Kim Newman-Perez, Margie Olivas, Zeta Pi



Area 13

Cheryl Hindman, Lambda Xi; Denise Bell, Omega; Linda Boothe, Omega

JOURNEY
Area Workshops 2022



Area 15

Jessica Bilbo, Andi Kirby, Sue Jones, Kerry James, Deb Shidemantle, Charlotte Nyman, Alpha Pi



Area 18

Sister Jane Meyer, Lorena Zertuche, Soleil Roper, Zeta Tau



Area 17

Opportunities to support teachers and students

The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTE F) is the fundraising side of the Texas State Organization (TSO) of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG). The foundation raises money to fund activities that support the professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and promote educational excellence for Texas students. ASTEF needs every member's help raising money to support TSO scholarships, leadership activities and projects throughout Texas. The currently planned giving opportunities are:



October 1-December 31 ALL ABOARD THE ASTEF TRAIN



- Honorary and Memorial gifts are a special way to honor or remember friends and family.
- There are two ways to donate to ASTEF.
 1. Members may use the Donate button on www.astef.org to contribute to the Projects Fund using a credit card or Pay Pal.
 2. Members may use the Contribution Forms found on the Donate Now page or the Forms Page to contribute by check to the fund of their choice (Scholarship, Leadership or Projects). Contribution Forms also give members the opportunity to designate the contribution as a memorial, honorarium or chapter contribution for convention recognition.

November 18-November 30 PORTS OF CALL - GOLDEN TICKET



- November 17, 2022 - Instructions for purchasing tickets www.astef.org
- December 4, 2022 - Live ZOOM drawing from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for prizes

First prize: \$250.00 Visa gift card

Second prize: \$150.00 Visa gift card

Third prize: \$100.00 Visa gift card

Fourth-twentieth prizes: gifts linked to a DKG country. Visit <https://tef.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/ASTE FNovember2022GoldenTicket/PortsofCallPrizes/tabid/1329734/Default.aspx> to view all prizes.

February 1- February 28, 2023 FEBRUARY GIVING MONTH: ASTEF LOVE TRAIN



- Members may donate to ASTEF using either the Donate button or the Contribution Forms on www.astef.org.

Special Hearts in the Arts 2023 Unifying Project

Special Hearts in the Arts in Corpus Christi, Texas, is a program providing opportunities to individuals with special needs to showcase their talents through the arts. The nonprofit has been rapidly growing since its inception and has 40-50 participants (ages 9-97), with more wanting to participate.

Sherri Davis, the founder and CEO of Special Hearts in the Arts, says the idea for the program came from a dream. Every year Davis would ask students in a teen leadership and communication class to complete an assignment on creating a nonprofit. They didn't understand what a nonprofit was, and she gave an example that she always wanted to open a theatre for special needs individuals.



One night after she had a discussion with her class about nonprofit organizations, she had a dream or what she refers to as a vision from God. She dreamed of a butterfly princess and a frog on stage. The frog chasing the princess was a little boy in a wheelchair with frog legs on



the wheels, making it look like he was hopping as he rolled across the stage.

When she woke up, she decided to pursue her dream, but that was only the beginning. She shared her ideas with colleagues and former students and applied for nonprofit status with their support. Three weeks later, Special Hearts in the Arts was an official nonprofit.

Within months the program was putting smiles of delight on the faces

of participants, volunteers and trained professionals as they interacted in classes that would grow to include theatre, dance, music, art and film.

Special Hearts for the Arts has been chosen as the 2022-2023 Unifying Project. The program can use gifts cards from Visa, WalMart, Hobby Lobby or HEB.

Getting to know chapter members

Research is a process of discovering new knowledge. The chapter research or program chair may develop a set of questions that, when answered, will help chapter members get to know each other. These are examples of possible questions:

- Describe your first day of teaching.
- Name a past school rule you wish schools would implement today.
- What are your thoughts on extending the school day or extending the school year?
- If you hadn't become a teacher, what profession were you interested in pursuing?
- What is your favorite school food?



The activity organizer may share the answers to one question at the beginning of each meeting. The secretary can keep track of the members' responses, which is part of the chapter's history.



Teaching in China

Tara Sapp, Mu Tau

I had been teaching for 11 years when I had the wonderful opportunity to teach in China for a year. I taught through the Clifford International School program in the Clifford School, a private school that offers students a bilingual education in Chinese and English.

After the initial cultural shock of not being able to communicate in the Chinese language, experiencing authentic Chinese food and having squat toilets in bathrooms, I began to acclimate and enjoy the experience. Of course, it helped that the school was located in Clifford Estates in Guangzhou, China, which had shopping and other amenities. McDonalds even had delivery.



Clifford Estates
Guangzhou, China

The Western teachers were mainly from Canada and Australia. We lived in an apartment complex provided by the school. A bus would pick us up in front of our apartment and then take us back. If we missed the bus, we had to walk. Most children’s families, including extended family members, lived in apartment or townhouse buildings. Some students lived far enough away from the campus that they stayed in school dormitories during the week. We very seldom saw parents, but parents backed the teachers. Parents and students treated the teachers respectfully and viewed them on the same level as doctors and lawyers.



Tara's fellow teachers at Clifford School

Since this was a private school, students had to apply to be accepted. The school tested students and grouped them according to their skills in English. The students had long days, which started at 7:00 a.m. and ended at 5:50 p.m. However, for every 45 minutes of instruction, they were allowed to go outside to play and visit for 15 minutes. It helped the students focus during instruction time. They also had a 2-hour lunch/rest time. They were taken to the cafeteria daily and then to dorm rooms to lie down and rest. The school year lasted from early August into July, with the three week Chinese New Year's Celebration being the longest break.

A Chinese teacher and I shared a classroom. She had a 2-hour planning period in the morning while I taught 4th-grade English to 28 students, and then we rotated. After lunch, it was the same routine with a different set of students. Students were allowed to speak only English when they were with me. At the time, I had no set curriculum. Fortunately, I was an experienced teacher. I didn’t have textbooks, but I did have the Internet to access materials for the students. The teachers worked together to prepare lessons.

The Western teachers had free time to explore parts of China. We often visited Guangdong, Hong Kong and the beaches of the Philippines. I will always cherish the experience I was able to have and enjoy.

Members needed as ASTEF Directors

Every two years, ASTEF goes through the process of electing new directors to the ASTEF Board of Directors. Now is the time that TSO/ASTEF members from around the state can “pay it forward” by sharing their time and their talents with ASTEF. New ASTEF board members will be elected during the 2023 State Convention in McAllen.



Board members are hard workers with experience as grant writers; grant administrators; non-profit or school district foundation board members; finance and budget specialists; technology and fundraising specialists. In addition, ASTEF needs people who work well in a collaborative environment, who are creative and can help with promotion and marketing, who are regular ASTEF donors and contributors, and who are willing to give their time and talents. **ASTEF NEEDS YOU!**

TSO members will find the ASTEF Director Application on the ASTEF website under Forms. A Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document is also available for additional information. Applications must be submitted by April 15, 2023. Members of the ASTEF Nominations Committee are Rhonda Posey, Debbi Ball, Connie Hernandez, Trudy Matus and Charlotte Nyman.

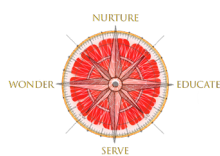


Chapter yearbooks and histories important

For a chapter to be eligible for the Early Bird Award and Exemplary Award for its chapter yearbook, the chapter must submit it by November 1st to the TSO Yearbook Chair. Many chapters do achieve one or both of these awards each year. Each chapter must also send a hard copy to the TSO Executive Secretary at Texas State Headquarters. A hard copy of each yearbook remains in the files at headquarters in Dallas. State personnel must know who the officers are in each chapter and how to contact them. The TSO Archives Chair has the TSO Archives Chapter Inventories notebook, and she checks each chapter yearbook and chapter history. Some chapters need a current chapter yearbook in the headquarters file.

Each chapter yearbook chair is responsible for following the guidelines set by TSO, which includes sending a copy to the area coordinator and the coordinating council chair (if applicable).

Chapter members continue to work on writing their chapter history each year. They use the information in the chapter newsletters, minutes and yearbooks to complete the chapter history. Members may look at the TSO Archives Committee on the dkgtexas.org site for guidelines to write the chapter history in either an outline or paragraph form. In addition, the chapter may email histories to the archives chair Ulana Ratley at ulana@swbell.net. The chapter histories and past yearbooks are kept in each chapter's archive box in the vaults at the Blagg-Huey Library at TWU in Denton.



The Rio Grande Valley isn't a valley but a river delta. When the railroads arrived in the 1900s, they brought irrigation to the area. Water and the warm weather produced three harvests a year and allowed marketing people to promote the area as "Magic Valley" to draw in investors and new settlers. The Magic Valley of the Rio Grande soon became the Rio Grande Valley.

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 August 15, 2022, and November 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.dkgtexas.org under Committees - Necrology.

Sheryl Minick, Texas State Member, Allen
Gloria Inez Hill Richards, Alpha - 7, Austin
Glenda Gray, Beta Nu - 8, Lott
Gwynn Sandlin Range, Beta Nu - 8, Waco
Peggy Triplett Cheatum, Beta Xi - 5, Shavano Park
Mariorie Evelyn Chapman, Beta Omicron - 3, Houston
Evelyn Sharp, Epsilon Iota - 1, Carthage
LaDelle Rose Smith, Eta Zeta - 9, DeSoto
Mary Florence Platt, Eta Omega - 4, Lake Jackson
Betty L. Dodd, Iota Epsilon - 18, The Woodlands



Alea Peña, Gamma Epsilon (Decatur-16), was given the 2022 Decatur ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year Award and received the National Teacher of the Year Platform Essay Award from ESC Region 11.

Forney ISD is honoring **Vivian Themer**, Alpha Tau (Forney-9), by naming a future middle school the Donald P. & Vivian N. Themer Middle School.

ShaLonda Adams, Kappa Mu (Longview-17), received her EdD from Walden University.

Barbara ten Brink, Alpha (Austin-7), received the Shining Star Award in Science Writing from the Preach the Word Worldwide TV Network at the Red Carpet Gala in Atlanta, Georgia.

Marylin Nease, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), won a 1st in Poetry & Prose: Community Member and Best in Show-Writing: Community for her poem "With Me Still" in CC Young's 2022 Spirit is Ageless Writing and Art Contest.

Leslee Barham, Alpha Omicron (Mineral Wells-10), was Region 11 Teacher of the Year Candidate from Mineral Wells ISD.

Dr. Belén Palos Tuley, Delta Psi (Corpus Christi-5), played alto flute in a Houston-based "Flutes on the Bayou" choir at the 50th Annual Convention of the National Flute Association in Chicago.

Bonnie Moore, Eta Delta (Houston-3) was accepted as a 2022-2024 International Speaker.

Anji Morgan-Thornton, Zeta Pi (El Paso-15), received her PhD in Music Education from Liberty University.

Stephanie Donnell, Pi (Butler-11) has her published children's book *Feeling Anxious Again* on Amazon.

Alice Gomez, Beta (San Antonio-6), had the world premiere of her work *Yanaguana: Land of the Spirit Waters*, at the University of Texas San Antonio Recital Hall.

Grace Holtkamp, Gamma Omega (Sealy-7), received the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission.



TSO has ten members whose works have been chosen for the **Fall 2022 DKG Gallery of Fine Arts**

- **Marilyn Gregory**, Epsilon Kappa (Austin-7), photo, "Hummingbird Drinking in Flight"
- **Shirl Hawes**, Alpha Omicron (Mineral Wells-10), photo, "Pensive Peacock" and 2D mixed media, "Simply Spring"
- **Priscilla Humay**, Nu Alpha (Liberty Hill-7), photos, "Peering Roseate Spoonbills" and "Flying Roseate Spoonbills"
- **Lori Villarreal**, Nu Gamma (Wylie-9), photo, "Grand Plains"
- **Trish Woodley**, Xi (Cedar Creek-7), photo "Turtles Basking in the NC Sun"

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- **Stefanie Keller-Perkins**, Gamma Upsilon (Castroville-6), 2D Graphite, "Julia's Saltshakers"
- **Ulana Ratley**, Kappa Delta (Bedford-10), acrylic, "Four Seasons Red Oak Tree" and watercolor, "Dad's 1953 Plymouth"
- **Dawna Walsh**, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9) 2D oil, "Poppies in Red"
- **Marylin Nease**, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), essay, "A Sickbed Memory" and play, "Daddy and Huck Finn"
- **Jeanette Rhyan**, Theta Chi (Fort Worth-10), short story, "The Dental Card"

Common acronyms used in Texas State Organization

AC	Area Coordinator
ASTEF	Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation
CPE	Continuing Professional Education
DKG	The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
DKG website	www.dkg.org
IRS 990-N	e-Postcard- This is the chapter's IRS tax return. It is NOT optional.
ISR	International Standing Rules
LDCP	Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents
LOSP	Leadership Orientation for State Personnel
LSN	Lone Star News
PSP	Past State President
SPA	Strategic Plan of Action
TSO	Texas State Organization
TSO HQ	The office of Texas State Headquarters located in Dallas
TSO website	www.dkgtexas.org

Thanks, Deborah Thomas

TSO would like to thank Deborah Thomas for her time and dedication to Texas State Organization. Deborah has served as an employee at the TSO Headquarters since 2017. She worked as an Executive Assistant for three years and then moved into the position of State Treasurer for two years. TSO is thankful she was a part of the headquarters staff. She has supported our members with her kind, organized and helpful manner. At this time, Deborah is leaving her position due to health reasons.



What's in a Name Badge?

What a wonderful time when new members are inducted into DKG. Many chapters have had this privilege this fall. Though members may know one another well, new members do not. So, how can chapters help them and others get to know one another? First, everyone can wear a name badge. Members are encouraged to wear a badge with their name and chapter and a ribbon on which the DKG key is worn. Wearing a name badge may seem simple, but if a person walks into a chapter meeting with several new faces, this simple thing will help. If members or visitors have no name badge, use a stick-on badge that says, "Hello, my name is ..." This is a common courtesy to extend to members.



Extending Women in the Arts into the chapter

The Women in the Arts Committee provides opportunities for members to participate in various artistic endeavors, such as the Visual Arts Display at conventions.

Janie Wigley, Gamma Eta-12, has a plan for involving all members in the arts. She created a chapter-level Visual Arts Display, giving members advanced notice that everyone had to participate. Janie accepted no excuses from members that they had nothing to share. Those members needing inspiration for a project could go to [Creative Arts Handbook for the Texas State Fair](#).

THE STEPS IN THE PLAN:

TWO MONTHS IN ADVANCE:

- The chapter publishes information about the event in the chapter's newsletter.
- The chapter sends an email to every member.

ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE:

- The chapter publishes reminders in the chapter newsletter or email information.
- The chapter publishes examples of what can be displayed: craft items, knit or crocheted items, paintings, photography, any handmade items, collections of any kind.
- The chapter gathers supplies for make-and-take project, if one will be included.

ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE

- The chapter sends reminders that members are expected to participate.
- Members may enter a photograph if the art is too heavy or valuable.

DAY OF DISPLAY

- The chapter sets up three long tables with small paper tents created for the participant's name, the date of the project and description of the project, if necessary.
- As members come in, they place their items on the table and fill in the information.
- Members spend time looking at what has been brought by members and listening to the stories behind the creations.

MAKE-AND-TAKE (OPTIONAL)

- The chapter can make time for members to create simple projects they can take home.
- Members may give the projects to early career educators or nursing home residents.

AFTER THE MEETING

- The chapter can share pictures on the website and in the newsletter.
- At the following meeting, members can share what they did with the ideas from the make-and-take project.

Chapters can find more information on "Chapter Visual Arts Display Program" on dkgtexas.org.



Shelly Abernathy, Kathy Glidewell, Carolyn Allen at STAR 10.

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WHEN AND WHERE

- March 31 (Friday) 7:30 p.m. — April 1 (Saturday) 8:30-3:00 p.m.
- Marti Elementary School, 2020 W. Kilpatrick St., Cleburne, TX



REGISTRATION

- Link: <https://forms.gle/82SgxiDZ5N7NnVch8>
- Cost: (includes TCEA membership, CPE credit and meals)
 - Early Bird deadline 12-5-2022 \$65
 - Regular Rate deadline 2-6-2023 \$75
- Payment by mail:
 - Alpha Gamma, Attn: Tena Alexander
 - 807 Heatherston St, Cleburne, TX 76033
 - Checks payable to DKG or Alpha Gamma
- Payment on line: Venmo@tracyshea



PRESENTERS

- Keynote Speaker: Miguel Cuhlin, TCEA Technology Expert
- TSO Members (Members interested in presenting should complete the registration form by December 1, 2022.)



HOTELS

- Hampton Inn
1996 W. Henderson St., Cleburne, TX (817) 641-7770
- Holiday Inn Express
1800 W. Henderson St., Cleburne, TX (817) 641-5300
- Liberty Hotel
205 S. Caddo St., Cleburne, TX (817) 556-3700

Delta Kappa Gamma Funds support women

Delta Kappa Gamma has designated funds that support the mission of promoting the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education and the vision of being leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

Emergency Fund

A chapter and state organization president recommends members who sustain significant losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires and other natural disasters to receive U.S. \$500 from the DKG Emergency Fund.

- The chapter president informs state organization president of member(s) affected by natural disaster. The chapter president should use the interactive form to expedite the process.
- The state organization president submits the form to Executive Director Nita Scott with the member's name, member's chapter, date and exact nature of disaster sustained and current mailing address.
- Executive Director approves the request and mails or wires a check from Society Headquarters. The Executive Director may ask for additional information to determine whether the loss was due to natural causes.

Scholarship Fund

Delta Kappa Gamma seeks to advance the personal and professional growth of women through scholarships. As many as 30 scholarships are awarded annually to members pursuing advanced degrees. Scholarships for doctoral studies are \$10,000, and awards for other graduate studies are \$6,000.

To qualify for a scholarship at the international level, the applicant

- must be an active member of the Society for a minimum of 3 years if pursuing doctoral studies.
- must be an active member of the Society for a minimum of one (1) year at the time of application if pursuing other graduate studies.
- have completed a bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- must be accepted and enrolled in a graduate program.
- must provide evidence of excellence in scholarship and service to the community.
- must be a first-time recipient.

The deadline for the application is February 1, 2023.

World Fellowship Fund

The World Fellowship Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco when four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden during the spring of 1948.

Today the DKG World Fellowships supplement Fulbright Programs and are administered through the Institute of International Education (IIE). IIE is a private nonprofit organization that oversees the student portion of the Fulbright Program.

- IIE helps students with enrollment, visas, insurance and transportation.
- IIE aids students with obtaining grants to supplement the Fulbright stipend from many different foundations and organizations.
- IIE staff reviews successful international candidates and forwards applications for those who meet the criteria for DKG fellowships. From these, the World Fellowship Committee selects recipients for Society grants.