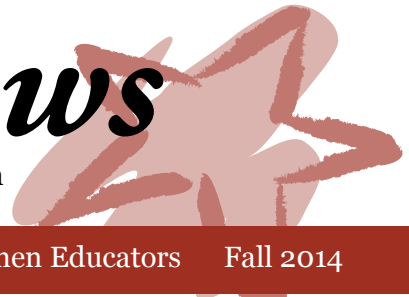


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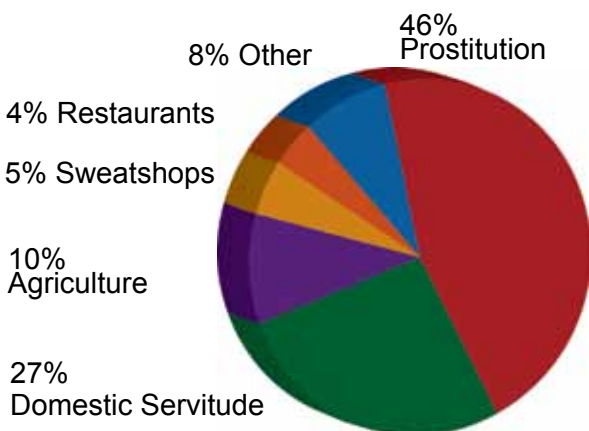
Modern day slavery active in United States

Dr. Ellen Kennedy, Executive Director of World Without Genocide, spoke at The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention in Indianapolis about human trafficking or modern day slavery.

According to Dr. Kennedy, human trafficking is a 32 billion dollar a year business involving 900,000 people, and it is booming because of international travel, wars and conflict, extreme poverty and the Internet. Human trafficking is considered one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world. It is simple economics. People can be sold over and over again for labor or for sex. They are used like slaves in almost every single country in the world, in every single state in our country and in almost every city and town in the United States.

The CIA estimates that 50,000 people are trafficked into the United States every year. This doesn't include U.S. citizens trafficked within its own borders. There are another 244,000 American children who are trafficked here. 80% of people trafficked are women and 50% are children, mostly teen-age girls.

United States Trafficking



Source: UC Berkeley: Hidden Slaves: Forced Labor in the United States

Texas is a hub for international human trafficking because of its transportation network of interstate highways, international airports, bus stations and shipping ports. Research by the Texas Women's Foundation indicates that the border with Mexico is North America's number one supply site for young children used in sex and labor trafficking, and the I-10 Corridor has been designated by the Department of Justice as the number one route for human trafficking.

Big cities represent a source of runaway children, abused and bullied children and throw-a-way children who are often lured into trafficking looking for acceptance. The diversity of the state allows traffickers to sell the people to be exploited

in agriculture, restaurants, construction, domestic work, and brothels. Include Texas' large convention business and sporting events and Texas is a prime location to keep the world's second largest criminal industry thriving.

For more information about human trafficking, visit www.worldwithoutgenocide.org. The presentation given in Indianapolis is available for purchase, and it may be edited to include local and state demographics. Additionally, Lambda Sigma is organizing a Human Trafficking Symposium on Oct. 4, 2014. The chapter is co-hosting it with State Senator Joan Huffman. Representatives from many agencies will bring help to teachers needing to identify children being trafficked. Contact Lynda Russell, lrussel4@yahoo.com, for details.

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New theme brings new ideas



Nancy Newton
2013-2015
Texas State President



July 1, a new biennium began as our 2014-2016 presidents took over guidance of our chapters. These women are filled with enthusiasm for their chapters' planned activities. Support them eagerly. At the same time, International officers began their biennium led by a dedicated and determined new president, Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid. I trust you met her in Lubbock when she was our International representative. She is a delightful person, and we had fun getting to know her.

Eighty-five Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life is the theme chosen by Dr. Schmid. Think about that! If you put emphasis or pause at different places, it changes meanings and gives you multiple interpretations. Read it several ways and see what comes to your mind.

85 Years... DKG has been in existence working for education, working for the betterment of women in education and for the children of Texas, and today helping the women and children of the world.

...and Beyond... what a great way to look forward, look toward the future, look toward what is to be! We have traditions and past history as a guide, but now it is time for us to move forward. Beyond beckons us to new opportunities, new horizons, new structures, new projects and new functions for the future. Don't always cling to the traditional way; try a new approach.

...Advancing Key Women Educators... sharing opportunities for both personal and professional growth; finding, acknowledging and honoring women in all facets of education; helping advance women who teach in non-traditional segments of our culture; advancing young educators and other beginning educators by mentoring, sharing, bolstering their confidence and activities.

...for Life... education should be ongoing and continuous. We never stop being teachers--we are educators forever. Our classroom may have moved beyond the school building, but we still teach.

...for Life... we teach to make a difference, to affect change, to create hope, to mold future generations, to equip those children for their future.

DKG is intent on moving forward, advancing key women educators for life however you interpret the 2014-2016 International theme!

Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



We are excited! Treasurers now have a special presence on the TSO website. Just look on the home page menu for "Treasurer's Page." Visit that site and a world of helpful information can be found. Deadlines, "how to" information and many forms can be found all in one place.

The Finance Committee has accepted a new challenge by volunteering to send email reminders and other important information directly to treasurers. Treasurers may have already heard from a Finance Committee "Communicator."

Thanks to the treasurers who have already submitted the yearly report that was due July 15. Since it is always a goal to have 100% reporting, reminders continue to be sent. Reports such as this can now be submitted electronically. Occasionally the computers do not talk to each other. When that happens, we have to have a hard copy sent.

Dues collection should be well underway. This is the responsibility of all members, not just the treasurers; ask others to help you. Treasurers should have received their dues "packet" from International. If you have not, please check with the previous treasurer to see if she received it. If not, let us or International know. Be aware that the dues and fees for state and International are the same as last year — no changes. To be counted on time, dues must be postmarked no later than November 10.

New initiates will not receive the state and International mailings if names and fees have not been submitted to the state office. You are welcome to send them ahead of time or with the chapter dues and fees. There is no charge for reinstatements, so continue to encourage members who have been dropped to become active again.

Last, but certainly not least, be reminded to file the 990-N for your chapter. DO NOT ignore it or it will become the 990-N Nightmare for you and your chapter. If you receive a letter regarding your filings from the IRS, DO NOT IGNORE IT. Call us and we will get help for you. It is strongly recommended that one person in each chapter be designated to file this form with the IRS each year rather than changing each time a chapter changes treasurers. Keep a file of your receipts and all documentation.

May this be the best year ever for you and your chapter!

At-A-Glance Deadlines

Oct 1	Mini-Grant Application
15	Leadership Seminar Application
31	Dues to chapter treasurer Recertification of chapter websites
Nov 1	Early Bird Yearbook Members dropped for nonpayment of dues and fees
10	Form 18 due IRS form 990, e-postcard
Dec 1	Chapter yearbooks to State Chair, State HQ & AC

Committees

Sept 29-30	ASTEFL Board Meeting
Oct 4-5	Exec Committee Meeting: HQ
Nov 15-16	Leadership Seminar Committee

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Encouragers, inspirers and educators can be identified

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Societies and organizations are defined by the people who make up their membership. Those who educate, inspire, and encourage are at the heart of the Society. At the state level, Delta Kappa Gamma recognizes outstanding women by awarding the Texas State Organization Achievement Award and the Golden Rose Award at the Birthday Luncheon.

Golden Rose recipients are those members who are the backbone of our Society, working hard behind the scenes. That includes the two Golden Award recipients. Dr. Barbara Hryekewicz, a bright light in her chapter encouraging members to attend meetings as well as attend state conventions. She is a staunch supporter of DKG Legislative Day. Mary Howington charms audiences with her book reviews and her DKG fashion statements. She inspires members with her dedication and loyalty to DKG.



Dr. Barbara Hryekewicz



Mary Howington

The State Achievement Award goes to women across the state who have demonstrated leadership skills at all levels including chapter, state, regional and international levels.



Cindy Neander, Judy Mezick, Shalan Inmon and Eileen Pink are 2014 State Achievement Award winners

This year TSO had four Achievement Award Winners. Cindy Neander is a role model to her executive committee and is always well prepared and carries a meaningful message. Eileen Pink's leadership during the Los Colinas State convention was invaluable to its success. Judy Mezick's chapter states that she is well versed in "all things Delta Kappa Gamma," and she provides that knowledge to her fellow members. Shalan Inmon, an encourager, seems to be always involved but never overwhelmed with responsibility. Shalan encourages all those who work with her to follow through on their jobs.

These six women exemplify what it means to be a Delta Kappa Gamma member, and the Texas State Organization is very proud of them and their contributions.

New chapter being organized in Texas

The Texas State Organization is forming a new chapter, Mu Omega. This chapter will be located in Area 5 with members in the towns of Falfurrias and Premont. Charter members will consist of transferred members, reinstated members and new initiates. You are invited to attend the Founding Ceremony on October 19 at 3:00 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Premont. Please RSVP to Expansion Chair, Joanne Davis joannedavis209@gmail.com, if you are able to attend. If you or your chapter would like to support this new chapter by a gift of money or an item for their chapter ceremonies, please contact Joanne Davis. We will recognize and honor this newest chapter in the Texas State Organization at our state convention in San Antonio.

Leadership Seminar Committee accepting applications

Janice Harsch, Leadership Seminar Chair
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Developing skills in leadership and friendship — what could be a more powerful experience for 30 key women educators? The Leadership Seminar will be held in Dallas, Feb. 20-22, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas. This weekend is planned and conducted by the Leadership Seminar Committee to help develop leaders for our schools, chapters, and communities as well as helping potential state leaders excel.



All TSO members who wish to pursue the development of their leadership skills and who have not completed the International Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar are encouraged to apply. The committee wishes to include members from all areas of the state. Upon receipt of a letter of acceptance, each participant is responsible for her own transportation to and from the seminar, an \$85 registration fee, and the purchase of specific reading materials. The cost of lodging, meals, and seminar materials is provided by ASTEF-Leadership Seminar funds.

Application and directions are available at www.alphastatetexas.org/leadership.html. The deadline for submission is Oct. 15, 2014. Complete instructions are on the application form. Notification for acceptance status will be sent in early December 2014.



A winning combination: ASTEF and Leadership Seminar

Part of the mission of the Alpha State Educational Foundation (ASTEF) is to provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas. This includes funding the Texas State Leadership Seminar, whose goal is to supplement and enhance leadership skills of TSO members.

Members who attended the 2013 seminar feel that the experience gave them skills to lead and a support group to encourage their personal and professional growth.

Leadership Seminar gave me not only the knowledge to be an effective leader, but the friendships that will stay with me wherever I go in DKG. Carol Young



WOW! I stepped out of my comfort zone when I applied for Leadership Seminar. It was a great honor to be selected and an even greater honor when Nancy Newton asked me to be Area 2 Coordinator. It is one of the best things I have done. Loved it. Mary Luetkemeyer



I loved the camaraderie of outstanding sisters from across the state! I finally decided it's time to step outside my comfort zone as an 8-year treasurer and try something new in my chapter. Susan Harmon



Annie programs represent diversity

These programs represent the diversity in interests and commitments by chapters around TSO. Chapter contact information is available in the president's kit on the state website.

Nineteen books entitled *America's White Table* by Margot Theis Raven were donated to 6 local libraries, 9 public schools and 4 private schools in Burnet and Llano counties. Alpha Chi provided the table items and members set up the remembrance tables in the schools and libraries, as well as a local book store.



White Table on display at Marble Falls Library

Members read the book in the various schools either once or several times to various groups of children. Lesson plans and suggestions were compiled for the educators in the schools to address the TEKS on Veterans Day. Veterans Day cards were sent to Alpha Chi spouses who are veterans as well as to Alpha Chi members whose deceased spouse was a veteran.

The members of Beta Eta were concerned about the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas and how it was impacting the schools and community. Members decided



West Asst Supt. Dr. Jan Hungate, Zeta-8, receiving donations from Virginia Jones, Beta Eta-3

to give financial aid to teachers who had lost everything in the fire. A group of members drove to West and met with the assistant superintendent of instruction who told them that two schools were completely destroyed and one was mostly destroyed. The teachers had nothing and faced tremendous challenges. The chapter raised enough money through a raffle to give 9 elementary teachers \$190 each to buy whatever vital items that each needed to help them continue to be the most effective teacher possible.

The director of a Houston-based outreach that provides shelter, food, and adult education to individuals and families who are homeless, shared the goals of the Star of Hope Mission and the programs offered to meet the needs of the clients they serve. Eta Delta members got insight into the struggles



Debbie McCart, Eta Delta-3, with a sample blanket.

their students/families face living in shelters and how those impact classrooms and learning. The chapter presented child and adult blankets they had made along with toys collected to bring Christmas smiles and warmth to the recipients.

Theta Eta placed invitations and chapter brochures in the mailboxes of the teachers and administrators in the district. They described Theta Eta and invited everyone



to attend a program on encouraging early career educators. During the program, members shared things that "I wish I'd known as a beginning teacher"

and related their early experiences as educators. The guests described their teaching assignments and the challenges they faced. Members shared tips and suggestions and offered to volunteer in classrooms and act as mentors. The guests were invited to browse shower gifts and choose the ones that would be beneficial to their classrooms. Two of the first year teachers were awarded a recruitment grant. All guests were invited to attend the next meeting to discuss challenges and strategies for early career educators.

Generations bring strengths to chapters

Cathy Criner, Membership Chair
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Membership is on everyone's mind as we begin a new year with DKG. The subject was the focus of attention in general sessions and breakout sessions in both Lubbock and Indianapolis.

Most discussions concentrated on learning about how members from different generations could use each one's strength to make a strong chapter. The Traditionalists (1930-1946) had to educate themselves on the job. They treat everyone with respect and are very disciplined. The Baby Boomers (1946-1964) are the largest group and have a strong work ethic. It may seem to others that they work too much. Generation X (1964-1977) members are very straight forward and flexible. They like to help others and are very individual. The current generation is Generation Y (1992-now.) They are also known as Millennials. They love challenges and are very social conscious. They have a great deal of energy! Generation Y has grown up with technology and war. They are compassionate and flexible.



Chapters can begin to learn the strengths of each generation and organize around those strengths. Each chapter should ideally have members from each of the five generations. All of our chapters need the seasoned teacher, the retired teacher, the beginning teacher as well as the young teacher who can bring our chapters into the digital age.

Chapters receive PACE Award for 2014

A total of 46 chapters received the President's Award for Chapter Excellence for 2014. The highest award, the PACE Gold, was awarded to 24 chapters. An additional 17 chapters received the PACE Red Award and 5 received an Honorable Mention Award. This award is earned by chapters accumulating points throughout the year in chapter leadership, programs and projects, dynamics, publicity and contributions.

Chapters receiving the PACE Gold for 2014 are listed beside their picture.



Delta Gamma Area 1	Tau Area 8
Eta Delta Area 3	Iota Upsilon Area 8
Beta Eta Area 3	Theta Alpha Area 9
Lambda Sigma Area 4	Delta Omicron Area 9
Epsilon Omega Area 4	Eta Zeta Area 9
Gamma Omicron Area 4	Gamma Zeta Area 10
Eta Omega Area 4	Iota Pi Area 10
Theta Gamma Area 5	Theta Epsilon Area 12
Beta Zeta Area 6	Lambda Xi Area 13
Epsilon Kappa Area 7	Theta Mu Area 14
Kappa Lambda Area 7	Kappa Theta Area 16
Alpha Chi Area 7	Mu Pi Area 18

Laughter and smiles are everywhere



Carla Meuth, Lambda Sigma-4

Delta Kappa Gamma women truly enjoy being together, and that was evidenced throughout the 85th Texas State Organization Convention in Lubbock, Texas this June.

The fun began at the pre-convention party as members danced, enjoyed refreshments and reacquainted themselves with those whom they hadn't seen in a year.

The ACs tried to get new chapter presidents to relax and enjoy the LDCP training by wearing a variety of outlandish glasses to help "Expand the Vision" of the presidents.

Just when the opening session was getting a little long and members were getting restless, the Vertically Challenged People stepped up the pace and set the tone for the rest of the week. The laughter started slowly and increased in volume and momentum

as the "three people" entertained with song and "dance."

At the state personnel dinner, members who are normally very serious about their jobs, couldn't help but follow Charlotte Nyman, a native of Louisiana, as she demonstrated how members should be up and dancing when Dixieland music is played.

Participants in STAR's mini retreat were very serious about their fun as they sampled as many craft activities as possible during the time period. This adventure was a preview of the full retreat scheduled for January.



Cathy McCollum, Epsilon Eta-14



Debra Mahlmann, Kay Bollom, Sharon Newsom; Arms: (persons not seen) Betty Hill, Francez Ziegenhals, Alannah Mosizek; Alpha Iota-4



Charlotte Nyman, Alpha Pi-17



Virginia Reader, Epsilon Epsilon-1



Julie Eisenhauer, Zeta Tau-18

Reports from committees are often not the most entertaining events, but Janice Harsch's Leadership Seminar team brightened up the meeting. Sherlock Holmes look-alikes appeared from everywhere searching for members who would make good candidates for the next Leadership Seminar.

Two special events brought smiles to convention attendees. One was watching 12-year-old Brooklyn Golden auction



Brooklyn Golden, Plainview Auctioneer

items for ASTEF in a poised and professional manner. The other was seeing Genie Farley Harriman being featured as a new honorary member of TSO. After acknowledging all of the ways her work has benefited women and children, TSO presented her with the TSO

Unifying Project gifts of \$4500 in gift cards and assorted other items for use by the residents of the Genie Farley Center for Women and Children.



Genie Farley Harriman, Nancy Newton, TSO President



Delna Bryan, Delta Pi-9

Nothing could have prepared members for the reaction to Delma Bryan's reflections as an outgoing chapter president at the banquet. She told us to never lose our sense of wonder and to dance — dance our way...in our Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Members accepted

her challenge. Everyone held hands and danced at the tables and in the aisles.

No one forgot Rule # 6 that night. No one took themselves too seriously.



Lana Massengale, Gamma Omicron-4, and husband Erwin



Sandra Smith Bull, Lambda Iota-7; Dr. Lyn Schmid, PA; Nancy Newton, Iota Pi-10



GOLD PIECE This is Delta Kappa Gamma

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It isn't easy to get to Santa Avelina, Guatemala. The beautiful little village is an eight hour bus drive through the mountains. Its inhabitants are Ixil Mayan refugees from the country's civil war. It is an impoverished area where the primary school was built by and is funded by the non-governmental organization HELPS International with headquarters in Addison, Texas.

Delta Kappa Gamma became involved with the schools of Santa Avelina when Loydell Seward (Gamma Beta-9) helped with the first in-service for teachers to improve teaching standards in 2001. She continued to work with the school and focused on two needs: expanding the children's world and training teachers. First, she wrote grants to the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation to fund field trips to larger cities so that children could experience things like traffic and tall buildings. Then she focused on funding scholarships for teacher training.

Loydell Seward has involved four chapters from Area 9 (Gamma Beta, Mu Beta, Mu Mu, and Iota Omega) in establishing a scholarship to assist women in Guatemala who are pursuing a degree in education. Degrees from a college are costly to attain, and few women can afford them.

As area coordinator, I received an email update on the progress of the women who had been given the funds to get their degrees, which are equivalent to a high school diploma. One is teaching at the school and one has been given a scholarship to receive advanced training. When I received the email, I read it. Then I read it again, but this time with a very emotional response. I was aware that I had been struck with the realization that this project represents who we are. This is what we do. This is what we are about.

In a world of trademarks, labels and brands, there seems to be a need to be identified with a specific product. This is our product: what we do for others. The monetary donations and the physical donations of books and school supplies might never reach the level of recognition that has been achieved by organizations that focus their effort on a specific product, but they are nevertheless needed, valued and appreciated.

What better group of people to recognize the power of education and lend their support to those who need it? What better group of people to offer their contributions to a young woman somewhere in the world so that she can offer the children of her community a chance and an opportunity to choose a dream? What better group of people would know that food, clothing, a warm bed and a peaceful home allows a young mind to flourish in school?

To me these four chapters represent every chapter in our organization that has reached out into the community to contribute their time, money, energy and expertise. This is who we are. This is our brand. This is our trademark: Women teachers, to the calling.

Windmills bring past and present together

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Windmills at American Wind Power Center in Lubbock, TX IMG 0220 <http://goo.gl/VIWReE>
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While traveling to Lubbock for the Texas State Organization 85th Convention in June, I was impacted by the image of all those wind turbines along the highway. Although I'm sure I saw only several hundred or so of them, I imagine there are thousands not visible from the highway. Of course, we stopped and took photos, but the one I like best is from the American Wind Power Center in Lubbock, Texas. If you look closely at the photo, you will see 12 windmills and one wind turbine. It struck me that this photo could serve as a metaphor for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Dr. Lyn Schmid, in her speech to the Texas members, quoted Dr. Annie Webb Blanton: "Keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. But, don't cling to the old when its worth has passed." Our founders were 12 strong women who stood firm in their commitment to improve the status and education of women teachers, and they faced the naysayers as a windmill faces the oncoming wind, steadfast and with a sense of purpose. As you look at the photo, notice that the windmills are surrounding the wind turbine as if to say, "Hand in hand our loyal band, Forward moving ever!" And the wind turbine replies, "Deeds of others now we're reaping, We for others stand!"

Through the years many long-standing DKG traditions have been discarded as their value has diminished or become outdated. One thing that has not changed is that this Society holds fast to its mission of promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Those who came before us led the way, but we can lead the way for others just as windmills led the way for wind turbines.

ASTEF Piggy Posse on move around TSO

Expect to see many piggy banks during the next year — fancy piggy banks, decorated piggy banks, well-dressed piggy banks, even piggy banks that look like bumblebees — all having one characteristic in common. They will be hungry... hungry for your ASTEF donations.



ASTEF is sponsoring a Piggy Posse as a fundraiser that will replace a convention raffle next year. Members of the ASTEF Board of Directors, assisted by members of the TSO Executive Committee, TSO committee chairs and area coordinators, will bring their piggy banks to every Delta Kappa Gamma event they attend throughout the coming year.



We want these pigs to be fat and happy. Save your loose change (folding money will fit, too) and help us keep our pigs well fed. All contributions to ASTEF pigs will go to the ASTEF Projects Fund to be used for project stipends benefitting Texas educators and students. The promotion will culminate at the TSO convention next year in San Antonio. Awards will be given, and you may even win a pig!



Alpha State Remembers

We mourn the passing and celebrate the lives of those cherished members of the Society whose deaths have been reported to Texas Necrology Chair Risa McCann between April 2, 2014 and August 1, 2014. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of the member's death.

Jeannette Framer, Omicron (3), Galveston, TX
Dorothy "Dot" Lucas, Epsilon Sigma (3), LaMarque, TX
Ruth A. Stephenson, Zeta Upsilon (3), Channelview, TX
Mary Claire Luce, Gamma Omicron (14), Beeville, TX
Jeanette Gossage, Alpha Lambda (5), Southlake, TX
Verna Edgemon-Green, Epsilon Upsilon (5), Weslaco, TX
Virginia Ruth Mulliken, Iota Beta (6), San Antonio, TX
LaDonna Kay Ogden, Lambda Beta (6), San Antonio, TX
Itasco Wilson, Eta Xi (6), Missouri City, TX
Helen Kassen, Iota Phi (7), Georgetown, TX
Agnes Hardin Sides, Xi (7), Granger, TX
Mary Ann Lacy, Zeta (8), Waco, TX
Eddie C. Forsgard, Zeta (8), Waco, TX
Claudine R. Morgan, Delta Omicron (9), Austin, TX
Susan K. Nelson, Alpha Tau (9), Forney, TX
Sarah Inez Males, Epsilon Lambda (10), Fort Worth, TX
Joy Sheffield, Epsilon Lambda (10), Fort Worth, TX
Carmen B. Sanchez, Iota Pi (10), Ft. Worth, TX
Patsy Edith Williams, Eta Upsilon (10), Arlington, TX
Evelyn Marie Wilson, Iota Pi (10), Ft. Worth, TX
Pauline Allen Phillips, Beta Delta (11), Amarillo, TX
Katie Joann Cargill, Alpha Sigma (12), Brownfield, TX
Caroline Rankin, Zeta Psi (13), Abilene, TX
Jann Buttery Pullig, Zeta Xi (14), Midland, TX
Mildred Doris Rogge, Delta Iota (14), Odessa, TX
Alice Littlejohn, Theta Iota (15), El Paso, TX
Margaret Moores Stuart, Alpha Pi (17), Texarkana, TX
Margaret Barnhill, Gamma (18), Houston, TX



Ann R. Veazey, Kappa Beta (San Antonio-6), was chosen as one of 20 distinguished educators and a finalist for the 2013-2014 Trinity University Prize for Excellence in teaching.

Dr. Lorena Zertuche, Zeta Tau (Houston-18), was named National Assistant Principal of the Year for Texas by Texas Elementary Principal and Supervisors Association (TEPSA).

Vicki Davis, Beta Lambda (Campbell-17), was appointed to the Eunah Temple Holden Fund Committee.

Donna Fee, Mu Zeta (San Benito-5), was named Harlingen CISD elementary teacher of the year for 2013-2014.

Sandi Causey, Epsilon Kappa (Austin-7), will be chair of the International Finance Committee.

Dr. Karen Duke, Alpha (Austin-7), was elected as a trustee of the International Educational Foundation for the next 6 years.

Susan Duncan, Kappa Mu (Longview-17), achieved Master Journalism Educator status from the Journalism Education Association.

Janell Abbott, Epsilon Gamma (Mineola-17), was given the Mineola Chamber of Commerce 2014 Woman of the Year award.

Janice Freeman and Joyce Freeman, Delta Psi (Corpus Christi-5), were named Phi Theta Kappa Advisors Emeriti in April. Phi Theta Kappa is the official honor society for two-year colleges.

Jillian Howard, Mu Alpha (League City-3), is the 2014 Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Anita Callaway, Iota Pi, (Fort Worth-10), was honored at the Marva Collins Excellence in Teaching Awards for Aledo ISD as the district teacher of the year.

Nikita Russell, Iota Pi, (Fort Worth-10), was elected to serve on the Board of Educational Employees Credit Union (EECU).

Diane Moose, Zeta Omega (Deer Park-3) was featured on Inside DP.com for her participation at the Indianapolis convention.

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Member News continued

Kay Lutes, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), had the opportunity of performing in Spain and France with the Dallas Symphony Chorus.

Virginia Riddle, Tau (Tehuacana-8), received a \$500 grant from Navarro College-Corsicana, where she is an adjunct instructor, to attend the Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference hosted by the University of North Texas.

Carol Daniels, Beta Theta (La Grange-7), was honored as one of seven “Outstanding Women in Fayette County” at the Fayette County Republican Women’s 2014 Tribute to Women Brunch in La Grange, Texas.

Dr. Beverly Irby, Upsilon (Huntsville-2), has her article “Educational Reform and Leadership” included in the Summer 2014 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Wynona Lipsett, Tau (Mexia-8), received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Mu Phi Epsilon, professional music fraternity.

Shalonda Adams, Kappa Mu (Longview-18), was named Pine Tree ISD PACE Teacher of the year and PACE Volunteer of the Year.

Sandee Johns, Lambda Beta (San Antonio-6), was featured in the San Antonio Express News when her former student Shaquille O’Neal returned to see his Cole High School jersey number retired.

Patti Belknap, Theta Alpha (Arlington-9), will be serving on the 2014-2016 International Educators Award committee.

Dr. Jo Murphy, Iota Iota (Oak Point-16), was invited to serve as Chair of the 2014-2016 International Golden Gift Fund Committee.

Susan Burroughs, Mu Pi (Kingwood-18), was elected President of the 500+ member Humble Area Retired Teachers Association, a unit of the Texas Retired Teachers Association for the 2014-2015 year.

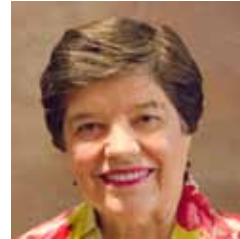
Members pictured on the right were honored at the 85th TSO convention in Lubbock for 50+ years of membership in DKG.



Charlotte Emmons-51



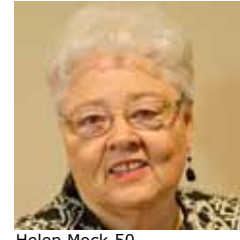
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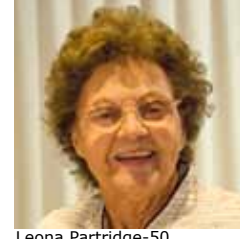
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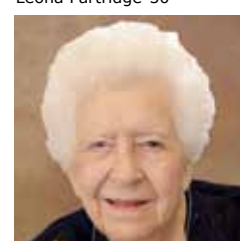
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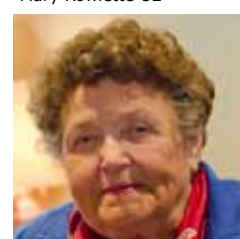
Leona Partridge-50



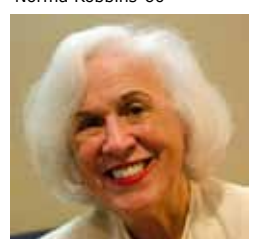
Mary Rowlette-52



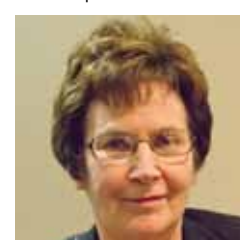
Norma Robbins-60



Wanda Spoonmore-50



Sammie Saulsbury-50



Sandra Voytek-50



Emma Jean Tanner-50



AREA 1: Cynthia Ellis-Beta Alpha, Fannie Watson-Delta Gamma and Sharon Gullett-Theta Nu in presidents' training



AREA 5: Eugenia Alcocer, Mary Brown and Norma Nelson, all of Alpha Mu, with winning raffle baskets.



AREA 14: Marcy House-Epsilon Iota

Area Workshops: August 9th & 16th



AREA 15: Incoming presidents are Rachel Torres (VP, standing in)-Zeta Pi, Connie Hernandez-Mu Kappa, Vicki Maline-Beta Iota, Janye Brainard-Kappa and Gloria Bolton-Theta Iota.



AREA 2: DiAnna Oldham, Neda Barfield, Beth Glenn, all of Kappa Chi



AREA 17: Mayor Bob Bruggeman presenting a Proclamation for Area 17 Day to AC Charlotte Nyman



AREA 8: Martha Kirgan-Tau Chapter, Phyllis MacMillan-Beta Nu and Ruth Ann Torgerson-Beta Nu



AREA 4: Bayou Babes with Joan Eubanks, Harriett Mantini and Mary Ann Dolezel, all of Lambda Sigma



ASTEF project stipends awarded

The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation awarded project stipends to thirteen chapters during its Annual Meeting held during the TSO Convention in Lubbock. This is the third year that ASTEF has presented stipends to chapters for projects that promote educational excellence for students in Texas. The total amount of funding for the project stipends was \$9,980.

Now is the time to begin discussing ideas for projects with members of your chapter. What are the needs in your community? How can your chapter make an impact? Start planning now!

Mu Tau (Area 9) — Little Free Libraries — \$270

Members of Mu Tau will initiate a free book lending library and provide reading materials for adults and children who might not otherwise have access to books.



Gamma Eta (Area 12) — Kid's Kubbies — \$500.

A need for school supplies for disadvantaged students will be met as members of Gamma Eta create Kids Kubbies in each of the school districts in their area.



Lambda Pi (Area 10) — Books for Babies — \$1400

Early literacy and early reading are encouraged as Lambda Pi members provide literacy kits to parents of newborns.

Gamma Zeta (Area 10) — ENTER— Encouraging New Teachers, Enhancing Results — \$500

Gamma Zeta members plan to mentor first year teachers and build a professional relationship with the mentees.



Beta Theta (Area 7) —Inspire and Encourage Early Educators — \$500

Beta Theta plans to expand a mentoring project for new teachers and provide classroom library materials for the early career educators.



Lambda Xi (Area 13) — A Shoe-In for Early Educators — \$855

Hanging shoe bags with twenty-four clear pockets will be filled with essential classroom items and delivered to first year teachers by their mentors.



Epsilon Phi (Area 5) — Alfresco Weslaco Literacy Program — \$800

Epsilon Phi members will promote literacy in their community as they participate in a monthly community event and distribute books to children.

Epsilon Sigma (Area 3) — Sharing and Giving — \$255

Members will plan a Christmas shopping experience for children in their community.

Epsilon Kappa (Area 7) — SEE-Supporting Early Educators — \$255

Epsilon Kappa members will continue a mentoring project for early career educators in the Austin area.

Omicron (Area 3) — Providing Fellowship to Early Educators — \$600

Members will provide support to beginning teachers by providing materials and mentoring activities.

Delta Omicron (Area 9) — All Hands on Deck for Hillier — \$1000

Delta Omicron members will support early career educators through mentoring and will also provide manipulative materials for students.

Zeta Beta (Area 6) — DKG Girl Scout Patch — \$1000

Members of Zeta Beta will continue to work with girls from two Girl Scout troops as they complete the requirements for the DKG Girl Scout patch.

Theta Epsilon (Area 12) — Building Bill's Backpacks — \$800

Food items will be provided to students in schools in Levelland ISD to ensure that they have enough to eat on weekends and during school holidays.

Your contributions to ASTEF
financed these awards.

Nominations due for elected offices

Donajean Caffey, Nominations Chair
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Now is the time for each member to consider the future of the Texas State Organization and nominate members for leadership positions.

Five members will be elected to the executive committee: president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Two members will be elected to the finance committee and seven members will be elected to the nominations committee.




Consult the TSO Guidelines for State Personnel, www.alphastatetexas.org/resources.html, for complete information on the duties and qualifications for each position. Begin the nomination process early and obtain the necessary letter of endorsement from the chapter executive board.

Deadline for submissions is Jan. 1, 2015. An official nominations form is available on the TSO website. Forms should be returned to TSO Nominations Committee Chair Donajean Caffey. Email completed form to dscaffey@gmail.com or mail to 5426 89th St., Lubbock, TX 79424.

Changes affect editors, webmasters and yearbook chairs

DKG State and International biennium changes occur in alternate years, and members are often confused by what logo and themes to use in publications.

Here is a simple guide:

International		
Logo		This logo should not be altered, but official variations are available on the International website: https://www.dkg.org/category/library/logos/web-logos
Mission	The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.	Remains the same: DKG Constitution
Vision	Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide	Remains the same: DKG Constitution
2014-2016 theme	85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life	Changes with DKG International President President: Dr. Lyn Schmid
State		
Logo		Changes with TSO State President President: Nancy Newton Available: http://www.alphastatetexas.org/graphics.html
2013-2015 theme	Expand the Vision: Educate, Inspire, Encourage	Changes with TSO State President President: Nancy Newton



All chapter websites need recertification

Chapter webmasters must submit a Form 72 for recertification of a chapter's website. Requests are being accepted until the Oct. 31 deadline. Form 72 is located on the DKG website under forms and should be sent to dkgswanson@gmail.com. Websites cannot be linked to the TSO or DKG website without certification to meet the current standards.