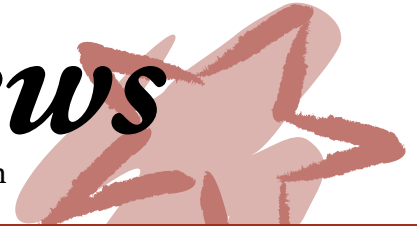


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San Antonio will host 2015 convention

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Remember the Alamo! Of course all Texans remember the Alamo. Maybe even 80% of the people in the world have heard about the Alamo.

But, June 25-27, 2015, the 86th Texas State Convention will meet in San Antonio and give DKG members new reasons to remember the Alamo and all that is Deep in the Heart... of Texas and of Delta Kappa Gamma.



Chapel of Alamo Mission.
Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Members of Area 6 are helping Texas State Organization President Nancy Newton plan a convention with speakers, breakout sessions and entertainment that will fill your hearts and minds. Area 7 is also pitching in to facilitate the convention process. The City of San Antonio already has fiestas, boat rides, food, song and dance ready for convention participants. Log onto <http://visitsanantonio.com/2015DKG> regularly between now and June to learn about highlights available to members.

Newton said, "This location on the San Antonio River will offer both entertainment and education. From mariachis to museums, San Antonio provides cultural diversity and historic sites. We will provide educational training, leadership and information during workshops. You will experience personal and professional growth 'Deep in the Heart of Texas.'"

Everyone can get into the action. Deadline for presentation requests is March 15, 2015. All presenters will be notified of their selection by April 15, 2015. Find a Breakout Proposal Form on page 16 or on the **Alpha State website**.



Friendship Torch & Tower of the Americas. Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.

A biennial event in 2015 will be election of 2015-2017 State Officers during the Executive Board meeting, as well as members of Finance and Nominations committees. Installation will be held Saturday, June 27.

Presentation of chapter presidents will highlight the more than 270 chapters in Texas. The ceremony is planned to spotlight the diversity of cultures throughout Texas and those which are totally evident in San Antonio.

The 2015 Convention Steering Committee members say, "It's time to mark your calendars, find your roommates and plan transportation to San Antonio June 25-27!"



River Walk. Photo courtesy of San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.

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Expand the Vision: Educate, Inspire, Encourage



Nancy Newton
2013-2015
Texas State President



Janye Brainard, Texas State Poet Laureate, wrote a poem for this biennium which sits on the bookcase adjacent to my desk. When I look at it, lines from the poem leap into my mind as I work for you and the Texas State Organization

A vision is never static. It will expand with new expectations.

We have expanded! Mu Omega began on October 19, 2014 in Area 5, Premont and Falfurrias, Texas with 26 members. What a joyous occasion that was! How exciting to watch this chapter be chartered under the guidance of Joanne Davis and Graciela Estringel. Now we have new expectations as another chapter is in the process of being formed in Area 7, Nu Alpha. Visions do expand!

Educate each member, chapter and area strengthening their understanding.

Our 18 area workshops were tremendous educational successes! Over 1,200 of our Texas members took part in these one day events across the state. Our 18 area coordinators each did an outstanding job presenting workshops that were tailored for the needs of their individual areas. The authority of chapters to offer CPE credit for qualifying programs is of value for members working to stay current with the demands of classroom instruction. TSO does educate!

Inspire each member to reach beyond themselves.

This year we gave over \$56,000 in scholarships and mini-grants to our Texas members to help them achieve advanced degrees, certifications, and attend other personal knowledge enhancing events. The 2015 Leadership Seminar training is currently being planned and the thirty women selected to attend this intense training have recently been announced. We continue to step out of our comfort zone!

Encourage each member to meet challenges.

The challenge of declining membership has been met head on through a combination of efforts. New members are being added thanks to the recruitment program developed by Dr. Lyn Schmid and shared with chapter presidents in Lubbock. Reinstatements are up thanks to our highly successful "Annie Calling" initiative. Visits by Empower Teams are making a difference for five struggling chapters across the state. We meet challenges head on and with purpose, conviction and renewed effort!

The vision should never be static but expanding through education, inspiration and encouragement.

That is what we are all about! This is what we have been attempting in 2013-2015 as we continue to move forward....faithfully becoming a part of the DKG vision!

Janye's poem daily reminds me of you, the women of Alpha State, Texas and how lucky I am to be a part of your vision, your dreams. Thank you!

Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



My! How time flies! Fall has certainly arrived. Dues and fees from chapters are arriving daily. Those “early bird” treasurers whose dues were in our mail box by October 31 include Mu, Rho, Beta Omicron, Beta Sigma, Beta Upsilon, Gamma Nu, Gamma Tau, Gamma Chi, Delta Upsilon, Epsilon Gamma, Epsilon Eta, Epsilon Xi, Epsilon Psi, Eta Eta, Eta Pi, Eta Rho, Eta Tau, Theta Alpha, Theta Lambda, Iota Gamma, Iota Theta, Kappa Beta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Iota, Kappa Pi, Lambda Eta, Mu Omicron and Mu Sigma.

It is not too late to encourage former members to reinstate! A call from you letting them know that you care about them often encourages them to return to your chapter. There is no reinstatement charge and forms are found on the International website.

Now is the time for you to find those outstanding teachers and nominate them for membership. Treasurers are aware that the initiation fee is \$10. The chapter keeps \$5 and sends \$5 to State to be shared with International. Completing the Initiate Form is also important because it provides the information for State and International to send communications such as the newsletters and bulletins. This form is also on the International website.

November 15 was the deadline for filing the 990-N with the IRS. A big thanks to all the treasurers who filed and submitted the paperwork early. Tish Mulkey worked diligently with treasurers to get all filed on time. Remember that it must be filed every year.

The office staff has the time and is very willing to help you find a new chapter if you have moved. Finding a new chapter can be as easy as making one phone call or sending one email to Headquarters.



We will tell you the person to contact, or we will have someone contact you. Relocating to a new city or state is not a reason to give up your DKG membership. You should consider it as an opportunity to make new friends and an avenue to quickly get acquainted in your new location.

A member may also choose to go to the International website and complete a “Transfer Form”. A chapter in your new location will welcome you to its group.

You are always welcome to call or come to the Texas Headquarters. We are open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Special arrangements may be made to come at other times.

At-A-Glance Deadlines

Dec 1	Chapter yearbooks to State Chair, State HQ & AC
Jan 1	DKG submission period opens for Arts and Humanities Jury
	TSO Nominations for state officers and elected committees
	DKG Educational Foundation Project application due
Feb 1	TSO recommendations for committees and state chairs
	TSO Chapter President's Report
	Nominations for State Achievement and Golden Rose Awards
	LSN deadline
	DKG scholarship applications and Cornet Professional Development Applications
Feb 20-22	TSO Leadership Seminar
Mar 1	TSO applications for state scholarships due
Mar 15	TSO Convention workshop proposals due

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Successful plan targets new members

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Chapters all over Texas are searching for new ways to increase membership. International President Lyn Schmid shared a brand new plan at the Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents training during the Lubbock convention. This plan has been used successfully to revitalize a struggling chapter, to add to a healthy chapter and to build the newest chapter, Mu Omega, in Premont. Schmid's easy to use recruitment plan, now available on the TSO website Membership Committee page, includes complete instructions and all the resources a chapter needs to start building membership.

During a chapter meeting, members receive prospect cards on which they record the name and contact information of an educator they would like to nominate. Chapter members might nominate an enthusiastic teacher they noticed at a district training session or a talented music teacher they noted directing her school's student musical. A retired teacher could nominate a beloved teacher she learned about from a grandchild or a teacher she noticed while volunteering in a school. A member could record the name of an educator whose outstanding teaching ability she witnessed while receiving instruction in a photography group, painting class, a master gardener session or technology training.

Once the cards are collected, and a vote taken on the prospects, the chapter mails an enthusiastic letter to the prospective members inviting them to an orientation session. Research shows that holding the orientation on a weeknight from 7-8 p.m. is optimal for attendance. During the orientation, the prospects are introduced to the Society via the Pride in the Big Picture presentation, featuring specific chapter program and project highlights, benefits of membership, and shared stories of the power of DKG to transform lives. After initiation, the new members may also receive prospect cards to honor someone they know with membership in the Society.

Bring your own favorite convention bag to San Antonio

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That is right! Every member needs to bring a convention bag from a past convention to San Antonio. No totes are being ordered this year. One of the continuing suggestions in past years has been to recycle bags of other conventions.

First timers will be given bags from past conventions, and members are encouraged to help with this. Those having extra bags that they would like to share should contact Billinelle Currie at billinellecurrie@msn.com and indicate the number of bags they will bring to convention. Between 150- 200 totes will be needed.

Put SA-BYOFB in the subject line and be sure to include contact information of the person donating the bags.



Mu Omega is newest chapter chartered in Texas

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Mu Omega Chapter of the Texas State Organization was chartered on October 19 in Premont. Ten new members were initiated, six former members were reinstated and seven transfer members from Beta Pi, Alice, joined the chapter. These 23 members made up the charter members of the new chapter.

Participating in the ceremonies were Joanne Davis, chair of the Texas Expansion Committee and Immediate Past TSO President; Nancy Newton, TSO President; Shirl Hawes, TSO Second Vice-President; Sandra Smith Bull, LDCP Chair and Interim Executive Director of International Headquarters; Betty Vines, TSO Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Lori Shontz, Area 5 Coordinator and Bonne Stroman, member of the Leadership Seminar Committee and former Alice member, who now resides in Weatherford.

Dr. Lyn Schmid, International DKG President, attended the ceremony and shared some special thoughts on the occasion.

The chapter has members in the Premont/Falfurrias area.



Mu Omega Chartering
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
October 19, 2014

Convention bags part of TSO heritage

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The Archives Committee is looking forward to the San Antonio Convention to display part of the DKG heritage for members. Committee members have been gathering bags from previous conventions and will display them in San Antonio. How well will members do identifying the convention city and year? The committee is devising a game to see who is the most "convention savvy"! Members should look for the Convention Bag Exhibit and play along as they work to identify the bags and learn about the Texas State Organization and DKG heritage. It will be great fun!



Do you recognize these bags from the past?

Reservations are open at Grand Hyatt

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Main lobby Grand Hyatt on the Riverwalk in San Antonio

Picture yourself walking along the famous Riverwalk. You pause to listen to music streaming from a sidewalk cafe and enjoy the ambience of a modern city enveloped in the cultures of its past. San Antonio is waiting for you to visit and celebrate our commitment to our profession, Society purposes and one another. Let's come together as one heart, one *corazon*, deep in the heart of Texas.

The Steering Committee for the 2015 convention is planning exciting experiences for you at the **86th Texas State Convention** to be held **June 25-27, 2015**.

Make reservations online at <https://aws.passkey.com/g/25186170> or call 888-421-1442.

For June 25 - 28, 2015 (Thursday - Sunday)

- \$139/night - double occupancy
- \$149/night - three occupants/room
- \$159/night - four occupants/room

For June 23 & 24, 2015 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

- \$199/night - double occupancy
- \$209/night - three occupants/room
- \$219/night - four occupants/room

Parking is \$13 per day for self parking. Shuttle service from the airport to the downtown area is \$20.25 one-way or \$36.50 round-trip. Look for the Shuttle Service kiosks in both terminals near baggage claim or book your trip in advance and get a discount. Taxi rides allow two to six people ride for the price of one. Approximate fares, not including tips, to the downtown business district from the airport range from \$24 - \$26.

2015 Unifying Project is Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio

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The Texas State Organization is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of San Antonio to collect a wide variety of items for after school and summer care for children and teens as the Unifying Project for the TSO Convention, June 25-27, 2015. These children are cared for by volunteers who provide a safe place for fun, games, leadership opportunities, field trips and skill building. As educators, we know the importance of taking care of boys and girls when school is out and even in the summer when supervision is a gateway to becoming successful in school as well as in the community. Details about specific donations will be forthcoming in the spring edition of the *Lone Star News*.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF SAN ANTONIO

WALKING TOUR #1

San Antonio: Take a walk to Alamo Plaza

Betsy Kiker, Iota Beta, Area 6

“All the world’s a stage,” and for a few days in June, 2015, the spotlight will shine on San Antonio for the Texas State Organization Convention. Your room at the Grand Hyatt places you within the heart of the city.

Since you are less than one-third mile from the Shrine of Texas Liberty, start with a walk to The Alamo. Head left on Market as you leave your hotel. Cross the street if you like and walk parallel with the Riverwalk. If the verdant view invites you down, treat yourself. When you again come to the upper level, continue to Alamo Street, turning right.

Cross Commerce and check out the other side of Alamo Street where souvenir and t-shirt shops might hold travel gifts for family members. Eyes right for the historic Menger Hotel, a favorite of Richard King (King Ranch), Teddy Roosevelt, and a spirit or two.

You are walking within what was the Alamo compound, within its walls, and across the street is Mission San Antonio de Valero, the Alamo. Cross to tour the chapel; bask in the dimness as you think about the men who bravely sacrificed there in 1836. Go across the courtyard to the Long Barracks for a film and museum exhibits. To answer your question, of course there is a gift shop, housed in its own building on the grounds.

Directly across the street, you can find a window to see the actual compound wall that was found when doing some work in the area. Adjacent to that, do not miss the San Antonio Official Visitor Information Center at 317 Alamo Plaza. Help yourself to a wealth of maps and brochures on San Antonio and Texas, too. Browse the many souvenirs. The knowledgeable staff can recommend routes, restaurants and recreation of any kind. If you want to bus back instead of walking, ask one of the agents about the red or blue trolley route particulars (\$1.20 per ride or \$4 for a day pass).

Before you leave Alamo Plaza, gaze at the Cenotaph, created by Pompeo Coppini to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of the Alamo. The Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building heads the plaza, and Howard Cook’s sixteen-panel mural inside was done during the 1930s to tell “San Antonio’s Importance in Texas History.”

Summarize your trek on the way back to the Grand Hyatt as you recognize now familiar sights. As you prepare to turn left on Market for the last leg, look right across Alamo to the Hilton Palacio del Rio. It looks like little boxes stacked on top of each other... We’ll start there next time.

This and future walking tours may be found on <http://visitsanantonio.com/2015DKG> and www.alphastatetexas.org

Musicians wanted for San Antonio

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The music committee is looking for instrumentalists, composers and singers to furnish music for the San Antonio convention June 25-27, 2015.



Anyone who plays an instrument and would like to share her talent by playing a prelude or postlude for a convention function should make sure her name is sent to Sharon Kraus by February 29 in order to be included in the convention program.

February 29 is also the deadline for members who have composed original music and would like to have it considered as a selection for the chorus. Contact the committee chair, **sharonkraus77@att.net**, for more information about this opportunity.

All singers are encouraged to participate in the wonderful Alpha State Chorus. Two CEU credits can be earned for participation. Singing with old and new friends is fun, and the chorus adds to the major functions of the convention. Possible selections for music include "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend," "Hymn Of Promise" and "She's My Sister" which was such a favorite last year. A registration for singers will be included on the general registration form in the spring edition of the *Lone Star News*.

Members travel with DKG, ASTEF and Road Scholar

DKG members and guests travelled along the Colonial Parkway and walked Duke of Gloucester Street as participants in the Road Scholar program, "Colonial and Revolutionary Virginia: Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown." The October 5-10 program included 5 nights lodging, 15 meals, 8 expert-led lectures, 4 field trips, 1 hands-on experience and 4 performances.

One participant said, "This was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream to visit these historic sites. I was very impressed with all the speakers and guides and the Group Leader. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and recommend it highly. I am looking forward to doing another one."

ASTEF thanks Road Scholar for the opportunity to have an educational fundraiser. Future travel coordinated by ASTEF will be based on a member survey taken this fall. ASTEF welcomes member suggestions.



The Colonial Virginia adventure began on Jamestown Island as seen in the group picture at the statue of Captain John Smith.

Research contributes to chapter life

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The Research Committee works under the Educational Excellence Committee's umbrella and collaborates with the EEC to reach its goals. Whether a chapter chooses to use a standing research committee or configures research activities in another manner, the function of investigative study contributes to chapter life.

Research was originally charged with studying educational issues. This responsibility continues. One means of collaboration is to poll a chapter's membership to discover interest in or misconceptions about proposed program topics. A second is to enrich members' professional or personal growth gained from a program by summarizing the knowledge attained plus added information in the chapter newsletter. In this way those who were unable to attend the meeting remain in the loop.

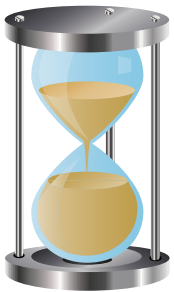
Finally, the TSO Research Committee keeps on-going records. These lists are compiled through local chapters reporting pertinent information about the names of members and honorary members for whom facilities are named and names of members who are published authors. Chapter leaders and research committee chairs should access the correct forms online at the state website to notify the TSO committee of additions to these lists.

Convention graphics available on website

The San Antonio publicity committee has created graphics advertising the 86th Texas State Organization Convention. They are available to all editors and webmasters under resources on the **convention page** of the **TSO website**. The jpg images can be sized to fit any available space in newsletters and on websites. Keep checking the resource page for additional free images for chapter publications.

Time's running out for chapter rules approval

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Less than half of Texas chapters have had their chapter rules approved this biennium. All must be in compliance by May 30, 2015. Use Model Chapter Rules on TSO website as your guide. Email to state Bylaws & Rules Committee member from your area or to Chris Morrison, chair.

Suggestions for chapter rules:

- Review yours at least annually. Submit to state for approval every state biennium.
- Say your dues will include state and international dues and fees "as set by those organizations," but don't list amounts because your chapter doesn't control them.
- Let yours be a guide for your officers and committees — list what your chapter expects them to do.



Weaving toward freedom

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Women beaten down, abused, spit upon, turned out and stolen, how could this be happening during the day of cell phones and iPads? It happens every day around the world! While shopping the vendors in Lubbock, I came across a booth that had beautiful items that were brightly colored and mostly woven. The goods offered by *Eternal Threads*, a non-profit organization, represent the hope of women from 12 countries trying to rear their children on less than \$2 a day. I was intrigued and then appalled that a single woman with children who had no money was considered a non-person in those cultures. Finding a way to make \$2 each day is difficult and a leading cause of women being trafficked. By giving these women a market for their talents that have been handed down for generations, *Eternal Threads* allows women to support their families honorably and gives them control for a better life for their families.

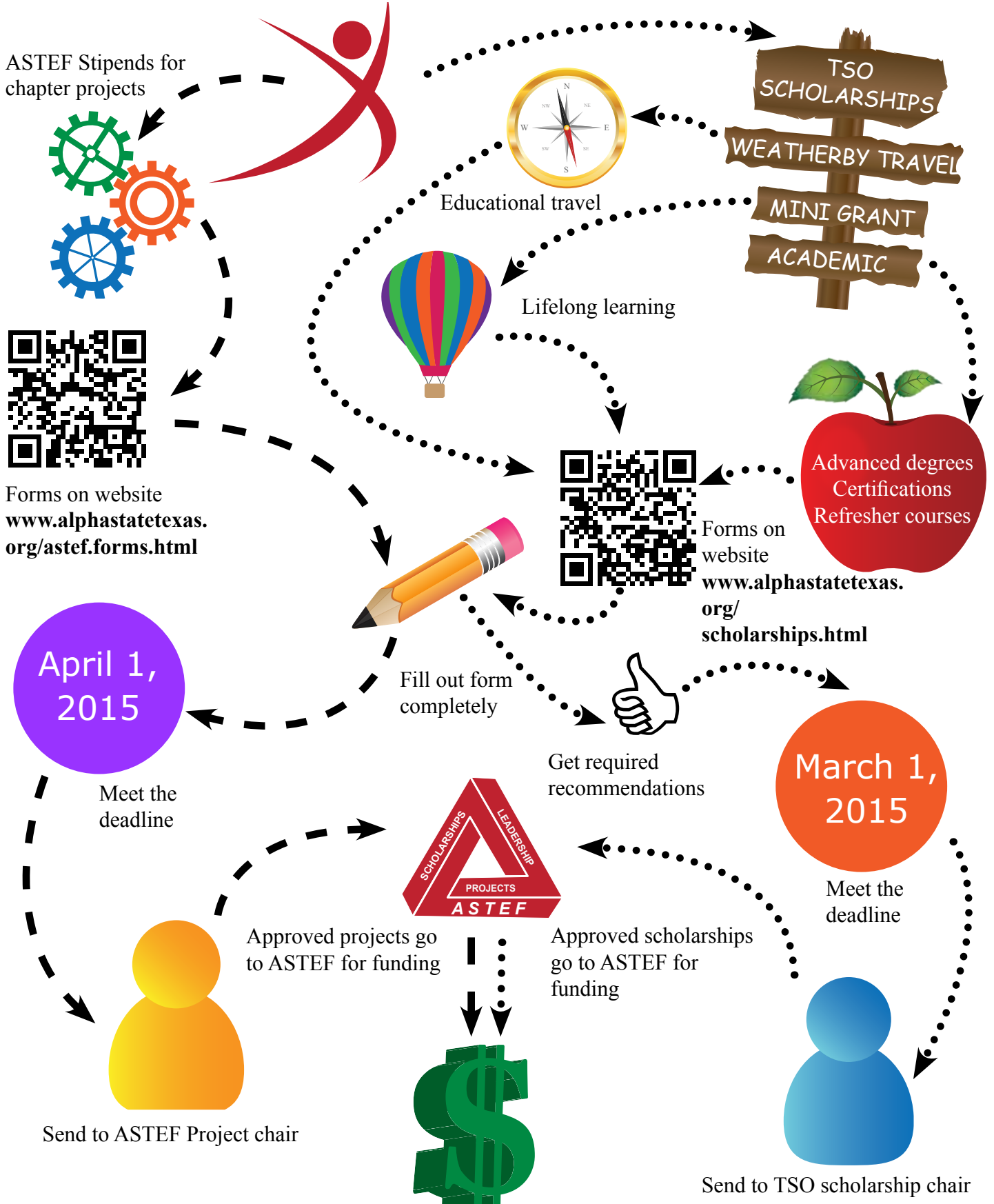
In Peru, where the winds in the mountains are icy and cold, knitting alpaca wool clothing has been done for hundreds of years. Women are teaching their children to knit regardless of gender. This is a source of income for many talented women, and it empowers them to provide an income while caring for their children, tending their crops, and watching over their herds of llamas and alpacas.

The same scenario is repeated in 11 other countries. India was the first country where *Eternal Threads* started helping women to realize financial independence. Women weave totes, crochet lace and hand tailor clothes. With training, more and more women are able to derive income from hand crafted products. The women are then able to send their children to school, gain access to nutritious food and healthcare.

Women and children in Nepal are especially vulnerable because of their lack of skills and education. The tough climate and soil conditions allow families to only grow food for two months. Men leave the village to go to India to find work. Sex traffickers deceive the young women and children into believing that they will help them get a job to support their families. *Eternal Threads* supports Anti-Trafficking Units in areas around Nepal, where watchers dressed in lilac (usually girls that have escaped from being victims of sexual abuse) stand and watch for girls that are headed in that direction and give them other options. They have rescued over 1500 girls so far from forced prostitution.

I can personally help these women by purchasing hand crafted items created by the women and girls from countries who will get money for each of their creations because *Eternal Threads* is a member of the Fair Trade Federation. I want to help these women gain enough control over their lives to turn it around from abuse to independence. I want to help children have a future rather than their being sold into slavery because of the lack of money. For more information on the various countries and programs, go to: <http://eternalthreads.org> .

Need money? Follow the path to the funding



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 August 31, 2014 and November 1, 2014. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of death.

Shirley A. Adams, Lambda Kappa (18), Magnolia, TX
Pauline Cavin Alexander, Alpha Beta (13), San Angelo, TX
Wanda T. Ballard, Theta Theta (9), Hurst, TX
Genevieve Berglund, Alpha Chi (7), Marble Falls, TX
Billie Louise Birdwell, Delta Xi (11), Hereford, TX
Christie Burke, Gamma (18), Houston, TX
Jean G. Capp, Delta Xi (11), Ingram, TX
Dr. Charlene Carter, Omega Mu Alpha (13), Pasadena, TX
Annabel Crow, Gamma Omega (7), Bellville, TX
Cleo Lane Davison, Theta Zeta (3), Galveston, TX
Maebell Vera Evans, Epsilon Chi (8), Waco, TX
Marcile Hollingsworth, Beta Omicron (3), Houston, TX
Phyllis May Hull, Delta Epsilon (2), Tyler, TX
Earline Jones, Alpha Beta (11), Granbury, TX
Mary Kelly McConnell, Kappa Psi (9), Richardson, TX
Johneva "Jackie" Rasberry, Mu Alpha (3), Houston, TX
Margaret E. Whitson, Kappa Pi (1), Lake Charles, LA
Dr. Irene Whitt, Theta Beta (6), San Antonio, TX

Angela Steagall, Theta Gamma (Corpus Christi-5), was appointed as a member of the Texas K-12 Libraries Advisory Group for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Edith Smith and Virginia Livingston, Delta Upsilon (Houston-3), participated in two Citizens Environmental Coalition projects being honored at the 30th Annual Mayor's Proud Partners Luncheon in Houston.

Gayle Stephens, Mu Upsilon (Kountze-2), had two photographs win awards at Hardin County Camera Club.

Gabriela Rodrigues, Alpha Mu (Brownsville-5), received her doctorate this summer from the University of Texas at Brownsville in Educational Leadership.

Lynn Stone, Eta Upsilon (Arlington-10), had the orchestra room at Boles Junior High in Arlington named in her honor.

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Hazel Carroll, Phi (Henderson-1), was recognized as an Henderson ISD Distinguished Alumni at the HHS Homecoming.

Mavis Ruth Dacus, Mu Xi (Winnsboro-17), was Grand Marshall of the year's Gilmer Yamboree.

Joyce Packard, Epsilon Chi (Waco-9), and her husband Bob have been honored with the 2014 Baylor Meritorious Achievement Award from Baylor University.

Susan Burroughs, Mu Pi (Kingwood-8), was elected to serve as president of the Humble Area Retired Teachers Association.

Holly Heinsohn, Alpha Phi (Shiner-4), received certification as a Master Teacher in the Western Tradition from The Free Enterprise Institute.

Jacquetta Graves, Gamma Epsilon (Henrietta-16), represented Henrietta as a Clay County duchess in the Clay County Pioneer Reunion.

arts & humanities

Four Texas members have works displayed in the Arts and Humanities Gallery. **Janye Brainard**, Kappa (El Paso-15), has three poems: "To Teach," "Reflection Gallery" and "Paint Me a Portrait"; **Susan Endicott**, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), has two poems: "Actions and Words" and "Fearless"; **Marylin Nease**, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), has one poem: "Of Socks and Aunt Francis"; **Ulana Ratley**, Kappa Delta (Bedford-10), has a photograph, "Water Lilly."

Nominations due for 2015-2017 state positions

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A Reminder: it is time to submit nomination forms to the TSO State Nominations Committee for the next biennium—2015-2017. Now is your opportunity to be a part of TSO leadership as an executive officer, Finance Committee member or State Nominations Committee member. Consult the TSO Guidelines for State Personnel, www.alphastatetexas.org/resources, for complete information on the duties (3.1.12.3) and qualifications (3.1.12.4) for elected positions.



An official nomination form is available on the TSO website. Deadline for submissions is January 1, 2015. Completed forms, along with the necessary letter of endorsement from the chapter executive board, should be sent before January 1, 2015.

Submit your completed application to State Nominations Chair, Donajean Caffey at dscaffey@gmail.com (preferred) or 5426 89th Street, Lubbock, TX 79424. Contact her if you have questions.

Achievement Awards recognize outstanding leadership

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It is that time of year again when chapters examine their membership to determine which leaders in the Texas State Organization are eligible for the Texas State Achievement or Golden Rose Award. The Achievement Award Committee is looking for those members who over the years have been involved at all levels of the organization and who have made significant contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma. Those making nominations should visit the state website, www.alphastatetexas.org, and look under committees for the link to Achievement. The qualifications and the nomination outline for both awards are listed there.

*A leader is one who knows the way,
goes the way and shows the way.*
— John C Maxwell

Chapter Achievement Committees and Executive Committees must be careful to follow the outline on the web when submitting a nomination. A photo is needed for both award submissions as well as a letter of endorsement by the chapter Executive Board. February 1, 2015 is the deadline for submitting a nomination. Members submitting nominations have to be a bit of a sleuth to do this because nominations for these two awards are kept secret from the nominee. The complete nomination outline, letter of endorsement and photo should be sent to State Achievement Award Chair, Pat Osborne at maryosborne@sbcglobal.net (preferred) or 103 Redbud Crossing #419, Houston, TX 77077.



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AREA 7: Mary Griffin & Cindy Bishop of Alpha Theta checking out the baskets.



AREA 13: Mothers and daughters include Terry Rogers, Theta Omicron and Carlene Markham, Lambda Xi; Ann Howard and Annette Woods, Lambda Xi.; Cindy Wood and Vella Palette, Omega.



AREA 6: Dr. Earin Martin, Epsilon Kappa; Marie Maierhofer, Mu Chi; Tammy Vitek, Beta Zeta; Bernadine Eaton, Epsilon Kappa playing a paper plate accompaniment to *O Fortuna*.

AREA 12: Donna Pugh, Theta Epsilon, and Paula Miller, Alpha Sigma, during a break.



Area Workshops: September 6, 13 & 20

AREA 18: Marian Mannix, Lambda Delta, at her breakout session covering Programs and Service Projects, Marlene Portier, Lambda Tau & Barbara Crook, Kappa Alpha.



AREA 11: Michelle Pittman of Iota Tau, and Vanessa Brown of Zeta Zeta at breakfast.



AREA 9: Janet Burgess, Eta Eta came as Annie Webb Blanton to do the recommitment ceremony.

AREA 10: Michele Pruitt, Brittany Pruitt-Gunter and Ulana Ratley of Delta Kappa enjoying the workshops.



AREA 16: Nicki Holbert and Janet Scott of Iota Omicron.



AREA 3: Becky Garner & Marsha Riley at closing session.



Nominations for ASTEF Board

ASTEF is seeking new board members with unique gifts, talents and skills. If you like to:

- raise funds
- read grants and award money for worthwhile projects
- prepare marketing materials and build public relations
- support scholarships and leadership training
- plan special fund raising events, including travel opportunities
- administer finances and programs
- work with teams

this might be just the spot for you. The working Board of Directors meets face-to-face at least three times a year for two to three days in September, April, and in June during the state convention. We are an active, philanthropic board. Each member is assigned a committee to work with and projects to implement. Throughout the year, members are in close communication to complete their tasks. The six-year term is 2015-2021. If you are interested, please contact Lee Bourg (leebourg@aol.com), Dr. Vicki Davis (vickitdavis43@gmail.com) or Dr. Marian Clinton (mclinton99@aol.com) for additional information.

Sixty-three pigs oinking their way across Texas



All across the state you can hear oinks. “Where are they coming from?” you ask. The ASTEF Piggy Posse of course. Sixty-three pigs are actively recruiting funds for Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation. Any time one of the ASTEF pigs goes to a DKG event he or she will be oinking to encourage members to give to ASTEF. At state convention the pig who has raised the most funds will be named Grand Champion, and the one who

raised the second highest amount will be named Reserve Grand Champion. So be on the lookout for pigs near you and please give to ASTEF to support scholarships, leadership, and projects for Texas educators and students.



Give living holiday gifts

Support the ASTEF Projects Fund with

- Contributions
- Honorariums
- Memorials

Contribution forms are available at www.astef.org and www.alphastatetexas.org/astef.html

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Q: ASTEF's Financial Report refers to a "cost of administration" paid by each ASTEF fund to the Texas State Organization. What does "cost of administration" mean? —Michelle Grandinetti, Area 9 Coordinator

A: Because the work of administering the Scholarship, Leadership and Projects Funds is done at the TSO Headquarters Building in Dallas by TSO staff members, ASTEF pays a portion of the amount TSO budgets for the following expenses:

- Headquarters building costs (property taxes, utilities, security, property owner fees, building insurance and maintenance)
- Office supplies
- Salaries for headquarters staff
- *Lone Star News*

The portion paid by ASTEF is determined biennially by a group made up of the TSO President, ASTEF President, TSO Finance Chairman and ASTEF Vice-President of Finance and Administration.

By decision of the ASTEF Board of Directors, these administrative costs are currently allocated to each fund according to the percent each fund's assets are of ASTEF's total assets.

Presenters needed for San Antonio in 2015

The Personal & Professional Enrichment Committee is seeking members to offer breakout sessions during the 86th Texas State Organization convention in San Antonio, Texas, June, 2015. Anyone interested in presenting a program should complete the presenter form below or the interactive one on the **state website**. Any questions should be directed to Cindy Neander, Personal and Professional Enrichment Chair, at **neanderc@verizon.net**.

Breakout Proposal	
86th Texas State Convention	
San Antonio, Texas June 25-27, 2015	
Postmark Deadline: March 15, 2015	
Select the type of Breakout Session: <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Professional Education (CPE) <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Development Interests (PDI) <input type="checkbox"/> Society Business (SB)	
Presenter: _____ Credentials: _____	
Chapter President: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Chapter: _____ Area: _____ Address: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Email: _____	
Title of Breakout Session: _____	
Brief Description: _____	
Co-Presenter: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Chapter President: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Chapter: _____ Area: _____ Credentials: _____	
****Presenters are responsible for providing their own AV equipment. WiFi will NOT be available.****	
Do you need a facilitator? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>Facilitators will be necessary for all CPE Breakout Sessions.</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Will provide own facilitator (Complete information below.) <input type="checkbox"/> TSO will provide facilitator	
Name of facilitator: _____ Chapter: _____ Facilitator Email: _____	
Return to: Cindy Neander, Personal & Professional Enrichment Chairman 1302 Juniper Lane Lewisville, Texas 75077 neanderc@verizon.net	
(Interactive form is available on the TSO convention website)	

