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## **Support for Early Career Educators**

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Adopt-a-Teacher: Chapter members “adopted” new teachers. Members provided some small gifts throughout the school year. More importantly, members provided support, encouragement, and advice to new teachers hoping to keep these early career educators in education.

Small gifts were given to “new to campus” teachers at the beginning of the school year with a brochure, local Gamma Eta members’ names, and chapter information. Baked goods or candy and sodas were given after the first week to just offer a “pick me up”. Chapter members were available to help with lesson plans, scheduling, parent conference helpful hints, discipline problems, etc. We also sent notes of encouragement during the year. We have invited all these new teachers to numerous meetings, but as of yet we have not had any come. The following ideas were sent to our members as suggestions of what could be done to make gift giving easy. (Copy and paste into your browser.)

<http://todaysfabulousfinds.blogspot.com/2010/12/15-gift-ideas-under-2.html>

[http://media-cache-ec2.pinterest.com/upload/249668373062100488\\_UeKt8A4f.jpg](http://media-cache-ec2.pinterest.com/upload/249668373062100488_UeKt8A4f.jpg)

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All of the members brought three dozen cookies and we donated them to our members’ namesake schools.

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We have set up a liaison with the local school district in which members have the opportunity, if they so desire, to mentor early career educators. One of our members met with the principal of one of the schools (she is also a member of DKG) to discuss the possibility of our members mentoring early career educators. The principal gave the guidelines from the district as to the procedure for going into the schools as a volunteer, and said that she would be willing to be the liaison between our members and any principal that we do not already have personal contact with in the district. The kinds of support include tutoring a child, sending a note of encouragement or listening to their concerns (kept in confidence), and support items in the classroom such as cutting out items for bulletin boards, etc.

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- Delta Pi is volunteering at Dr. Annie Webb Blanton Elementary School in Dallas. We had the teachers give us a wish list that they would like to have this school year. Our focus is helping the nine new teachers, but we have donated welcome to school bags with items like: borders for bulletin boards, glue, rulers, paper clips, etc. for all teachers at the start of school.
- For winter, we did the same, and then added hand sanitizers, Kleenex, hand soaps and books. We have a librarian in our group who put the bar codes on the books, so they were able to go directly to their elementary school librarian to be added to their collection.
- We gave them an antique popcorn machine for Christmas. This was something on their wish list for them to be able to have fundraisers after school, and during parent conferences.

- Four retired teachers in our chapter go weekly to tutor the students and read with them. One of our retired teachers was an elementary math teacher, so she tutors the 5th and 6th graders in math. She works closely with those two teachers.
- The principal visited with us at a monthly meeting in the fall, and spoke to all the members about the mission, vision and certain pertinent statistics at his school. We will address his needs as far as meeting with the PTA to help the parents learn to navigate the school. The Spanish teacher is instrumental here. We all gave him our e-mails, and what we taught for all their teachers to have. They could call us with questions at any time. We will mentor them. At times all they might need is another veteran teacher's view on classroom management, grading or just to listen after a long day.
- For March 1st, Dr. Seuss' Birthday, the Spanish teacher in our chapter went to the school for Read Across America. She read "Huevos verdes y jamón" (Green eggs and ham) to the bilingual K, and 1st graders. The librarian had set up the schedule for her that day. We took more books, stuffed animals, and games to donate to the library.
- For Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day the nine new teachers got their individual appreciation gifts. We will be doing the same for Easter.

We will continue volunteering and helping them. We are all excited about this project! I personally remember my first days as a young teacher in the classroom, so will mentor and help as much as I can.

**Iota Nu:** We are going to do supply buckets for new teachers this coming year and the group is excited about creating them.

**Theta Mu:** We adopted a struggling Junior High School. At the beginning of the year we provided supplies for the first year teachers. Then every other month we provided the entire faculty with snacks and supplies. The faculty was very grateful and said our treats kept them going and made them feel appreciated.

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 We also funded two \$500 scholarships for two upcoming educators/student teachers who really appreciated the monetary help. This money will help them set up their new classrooms in the fall.

**Theta Lambda:** We have invited two new teachers to our chapter's birthday celebration to offer encouragement and our services as mentors.

**Theta Epsilon:** We have a tea to honor our scholarship recipients and later we see them at the South Plains College Scholarship banquet.

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 We had some great ideas from our youngest members on how to appreciate teachers...during the last days of school, fill coolers with cold drinks and leave in the teachers' lounge. Another idea was giving each teacher a ream of copy paper in a school where there is no PTA or much support. We also have small raffles of home baked goods to raise a few dollars for this project.

**Phi Chapter:** We will hold a drawing for younger teachers on campus. First and second year teachers' names will be placed in a drawing with the winner(s) receiving a check from Phi Chapter for classroom supplies. It is a way to make Delta Kappa Gamma known to these young

teachers and at the same time they learn that we are supporting them and appreciate what they are doing.

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We gave money at the Back to School Breakfast for woman educators new to the profession.

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One of our yearly projects is to honor the new teachers in our school district. We usually have a breakfast for them, but this year because of the huge number of new teachers, we put together bags of pens, stickers, candy, etc. for each of them. We attached a card welcoming them, as well as, email addresses of contact people in our chapter. We also put out the brochures that can be obtained from the DKG office.

## Getting to know you:

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Traveling Sister Project: Cindy Ramage, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, distributed poster board cut out paper dolls at our first meeting, last September. The doll was blank. The activity is that each member will decorate and adorn her "doll" profile as the year progresses, with any visual accessory which depicts her individual year-long journey as a Delta Kappa Gamma sister. One member attended a military rank promotion for her son, so that doll will depict an item to symbolize a branch of service event. If someone travels to a foreign country, maybe a flag of that country will be attached to the doll. The project is still in progress. The final meeting is a "show and tell" of these traveling sister dolls.

**Kappa Lambda:** We have Sister Friends. We draw the name of a fellow chapter member and we send that sister encouraging notes and emails throughout the year to increase our connectedness to each other.

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One of our goals this year was to help members know each other better and to care for one another. Our Vice President has a short "getting to know you" activity before each meeting. I send e-birthday cards to members. I send e-mails out when a member is sick or has a death in the family. Our newsletter editor lost her husband in December after a long illness, but no one complained about late newsletters- a quick mass e-mail filled in the deadline gaps. Here is an example of one of our icebreakers:

This one was a great one to get reacquainted after the summer break.

Everyone got a chance to talk, but the topics were different and that variety was good.

Betsy Spiller passed out M & Ms with the instructions to take only one and do not eat it. Then she read the following:

If you selected a red, you have 1 minute to tell about your family.

If you selected a yellow, tell about your favorite hobby or pastime.

If you selected a blue, tell about the thing you like the most about DKG.

If you selected a brown, tell your favorite memory of teaching.

If you selected a green, what is your favorite flower and animal.

If you selected an orange, tell about your favorite song.

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Our favorite program this year was when members brought photos of grandpets and grandchildren. Photos were placed on a table and numbered. Our program chair knew who belonged to whom. Members had to guess to whom the photos belonged.

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We have used ice breakers to inspire fellowship at each meeting. The ice breakers relate in some way to the theme for the evening. Here are some examples:

- In September after our DKG Birthday Celebration, members came into the meeting room and found a table with a picture of a birthday cake and their birthday month. They were to discuss a memorable birthday while they waited for the meeting to begin. Friends tend to sit together, and this encouraged members to mingle and get acquainted with others.
- Our theme for the October meeting was "Serving Families and Children in Need." Members picked up a piece of a puzzle of a child's toy when they came in, and were assigned to a table with others who had parts of the same puzzle.
- Our November theme was "Across Our Borders." Members were given a sheet with flags representing all the countries with DKG chapters. They worked with their table mates to identify the countries. The tables with 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies teachers did the best. We talked about our newest DKG country, Japan. To support World Fellowships members contributed 25 cents for each country with DKG chapters which they had visited. We collected \$47.00.
- In February our theme was "All Things Delta Kappa Gamma." Since legislation was a big focus for us this year and a part of our program, we put pictures on the tables of our state leaders and local senators and representatives and challenged members to identify them.
- "Hats Off to Dr. Seuss" was our March program, and as an ice breaker, members were challenged to use a list of words to create Dr. Seuss types of rhymes. We discovered it was hard to do and came away with a greater appreciation of his writing.

## Fundraiser Ideas

On the TSO Finance Committee page there is a document titled *A Fund-Raising Guide for Delta Kappa Gamma Members*. It contains many ideas for fundraising.

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Our White Elephant Sale (Sep or Oct.) idea works very well for raising scholarship monies for local students at our chapter. We raise anywhere between \$600 to \$ 900 in a couple of hours. Our members go all the way in donating beautiful items to baked goods which go like hot cakes as they bid against each other in good humor in a fun- filled environment. A tray of home-made brownies or gourmet cakes can go all the way up to \$50.00 each. We look forward to the event and everyone donates and buys in a generous mood. Sometimes we conduct raffles for a worthy cause as well.

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We held a bingo party and served pies. The prizes were also pies and the members really enjoyed this. Brag for a dollar also worked. The chapter makes a dollar and everyone gets to know something positive about another member. Win/win situation.

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We held a garage sale within days of our annual fundraiser auction. It was a lot of work for the fundraiser committee, but having two events so close together helped the chapter focus with donations. Both events were highly successful and freed us from having to conduct other fundraisers at intervals during the year.

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Schools for Africa: We did "Change for Children". Each member got a red box in October and in February we turned in all of our change. Eta Delta raised over \$400 for this project.

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We have a pre-Thanksgiving bake sale/silent auction that is very successful.

**Mu Upsilon** uses a silent auction to raise money for World Fellowship.

**Alpha Omega** chapter was impressed with a neighboring chapter who raffled a Very Hungry Caterpillar afghan as a fundraiser. Many of our chapter members bought raffle tickets. At our first meeting members measured their feet to determine contribution to Schools in Africa.

**Zeta Eta** raised money doing a chapter auction. We brought all of our old books, jewelry, plants, baked goods, whatever...and auctioned items off. We do this every February meeting and then depending on how much we raise, we give 1 to 2 scholarships in odd-numbered years. It's fun; you get rid of your junk and buy a treasure someone else brought!

**Gamma Eta:** We had a Bake-less Bake Sale, in which members donate money instead of baking items.

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We have a silent auction for our scholarship fund. It is advertised within the school district and we have it set up so that people are able to come and browse and leave their bids. Then at 5:00 in the afternoon, at our chapter meeting, we take more bids from our membership. Then, near the close of the meeting, the winning bids are announced. It worked well last year and brought in \$700 for our fund.

**Iota Nu:** Two years ago we made "Change for Change" boxes for the Schools for Africa fund that worked great.

**Theta Mu:** At our Christmas luncheon a member displayed several Christmas decorations she had made. She gave everyone there a copy of the directions on how to make each item. Then the members had the opportunity to purchase the items. All the money raised, approximately \$250.00 was sent to World Fellowship.

**LeAnna Graham**      **Lambda Gamma**      Email: [leannagraham@gmail.com](mailto:leannagraham@gmail.com)  
For the last several years, we've done a chocolate dessert silent auction during the February meeting to raise money for our grant-in-aid. We hold the silent auction during our dinner and meeting. Each member brings a dessert. Most of the desserts are chocolate, but we accept any and all desserts. We did have some cookies from a local bakery that someone brought and a box of really good chocolate candy. We've also had people bring a basket or baking pan with the ingredients for a dessert. I know how stressed people get so our "rules" for this event are very loose. Our speaker is usually someone in the food or hospitality industry; this year it was a

chef from HEB who also does delicious cakes for weddings, etc. as a side business. We have a lot of fun trying to outbid each other so we can win a wonderful dessert or two. This year we raised \$340 which is about average. All of the money raised goes into our grant-in-aid fund. Not our most nutritious meeting, but a lot of fun for everyone.

**Delta Omicron:** We have had successful fundraisers in the form of resale of books, CD's, DVD's, and VHS tapes, a white elephant sale, and just "past the hat and donate" a dollar or two. The revenue from the fundraisers has been donated to World Fellowship and ASTEF projects as found on page 4 of the PACE application. The Schools for Africa (UNICEF) project was funded by individual donations. Next year we will add our chapter grant-in-aid to the list.

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We did a silent auction at our December meeting filled with goodies, homemade items, and heartfelt gifts! It was a huge success! We made more money than we had in years.

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With so many busy people we are having a no-bake bake sale. We will collect the amount of money from members that they would have spent on baking. We brought a money jar to each meeting and collected change for Africa.

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We try to get most of our items donated for the fall fundraising auction. We invite surrounding chapter members to serve as auctioneers. This event pays for scholarships and helps provide funds for convention.

**Theta Sigma:** Our garage sale fundraiser raised \$600 which will be used for student scholarships.

**Barbara Anders**                   **Area 4 AC**

Fundraising: Our chapter earned about \$5000 by having a wonderful raffle, a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, and a used book sale before meetings. Most went to scholarship, but some was donated to Schools in Africa and generally shored up our bank account.

50/50 drawing- They do this at our baseball games. You use a double roll of tickets and a basket. Participants purchase tickets at \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5. They keep their part of the stub. Then we draw a ticket and the lucky winner gets half the pot--the chapter keeps the other half. We used to draw for a basket of goodies, but the members enjoy this more with better participation. \$2000 of our fundraising came from our raffle--we raffled off tickets to a show in Houston--very popular! The silent auction brought in about \$2000.

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Each year, the executive committee meets to select a fundraising project. We invite the demonstrator to explain the product as part of our monthly program. We use the money raised to fund our service projects and scholarship programs. We usually pick a fundraiser that is on trend such as "Scentsy" and/or "31 bags".

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Our November meeting was to plan the set up for our chapter garage sale. We use the money we make to give a scholarship to a female education major at either Amarillo College or West Texas A&M University. Chapter members brought their already priced items to the Thursday

afternoon meeting, and we set up for the garage sale on Saturday. We worked the sale, provided food and drinks for the workers, packed what we didn't sell, and hauled it to Goodwill. We made \$650.00 at our sale the first weekend in November.

**Debbie Settler**                   **Zeta Omicron**                   Email: [dlset@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dlset@sbcglobal.net)  
This year we had a silent auction to raise money for the Africa initiative, and we raised over \$100 by bringing home- made casseroles, other items, accessories – just from our own chapter!

**Alpha** chapter had a gently used jewelry sale for World Fellowship fund raising.

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Our Fundraising initiative is called "Boots on the Ground." We were able to raise money for: Plano Police Toys for Kids, Teaching with Jamaica, North Texas Food Bank, grants for seniors in high school who want to enter teacher education, new teacher grants to set up their classrooms, Plano City House, Guatemala Project, and Schools for Africa.  
We set a goal, had three fundraising activities, and allocated funds by prioritization. We have had several non-profit initiatives in the past. We decided to organize and prioritize them by setting goals for each endeavor. These are the "boots." We have numerous fundraisers: raffles at meetings, a bake less bake sale, DKG themed jewelry that we make and sell at area, state, and local meetings, and donations of money, canned food, toys, and a dues allocation for grants. The boots are metaphorical, but also literal as we show how they are being "filled" at meetings.

Boot # 1 was filled first for state and international scholarships

Boot # 2 was filled next for grants in aid to high school seniors to enter college teacher education programs

Boot # 3 was filled for a contribution to Plano City House, a shelter for neglected children

Boot # 4 was filled for grants to new teachers to set up their classrooms

We wanted our initiatives to be more goal- oriented, purposeful, and defined. It has really charged up the membership.

From Mu Mu's newsletter that explained it for the members:

The Personal Growth and Services plan for the rest of this year is entitled "Boots on the Ground," representing all of the contributions and work we have already completed and will continue to do. The committee proposes a plan that will meet our goals at chapter, state, and international levels.

Mu Mu's have already been industrious and generous halfway through the biennium. City House, Christmas Cops and the North Texas Food Bank have been the beneficiaries of our efforts. To finish out this year, we are planning to embrace 4 different causes (boots).

Boot 1: \$88 for State and International Charities.

Boot 2: \$1000 for City House. Because that organization has grown, we would like to allocate funds to other areas as well.

Boot 3: \$1000 for Grants in Aid so that we can give a grant of \$1000.00 to a prospective teacher.

Boot 4: \$572.00 for Support for Early Educators. In line with the international initiative, we will offer our support to local teachers new to the profession. These monies will be used to help with school supplies, and we hope to add a mentoring component next year. We do not think that this is a huge goal; it is based on what we raised last year and, with our raffles, jewelry, "bakeless" bake sell, etc., we can certainly achieve it. In addition, we plan on collecting school supplies and used books at our spring meetings for the Teaching with Jamaica project.

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**Eta Rho**

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This would benefit the Lubbock area only, but, the best fundraiser we've had was a meat tasting at Texas Tech University. We raised \$500 in 1 hour and we are doing it three different times! Texas Tech had a contract with a large "unnamed" company to test various cuts of meat. It was a consumer survey, basically. Technically, they paid each participant in the study \$25, and then the participants donated their money to a group. Many groups, including high school booster clubs, etc., were doing it with the understanding that the participants would donate their earnings. You could have up to 22 people at a time. It might be worth checking with any of the major universities to see if they have any types of studies going on that could be used in a similar way. We were allowed to sign up as many times as we wanted, as long as we had different people at each study. There could be no repeat participants. We signed up for 3 slots. Our next one is in May. We have raised \$1,000 so far, and after May, it will be \$1,500. That's more money than we've raised in 3 years! It will be so great to have money to send people to convention, etc.!

**Kappa Upsilon:** A fundraiser that has worked for us is a Silent Auction.

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At the planning meeting last summer, we set goals for our chapter, then planned programs and action items which brought us steadily closer to accomplishing those goals. We held a garage sale in October, which was our largest single-event fundraiser. We also held a pie raffle to raise money for our local Partners in Education (P.I.E.) foundation.

**Epsilon Eta:** We've had very successful fundraisers by raffling off quilts that members have helped to create.

**Pat Cribbs**

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Fundraiser – A Quilt Raffle – One of our members made a quilt based on Eric Carle's book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We anticipate clearing around \$800 - \$1000. This will help to relieve our financial burden.

At our chapter meetings, we now have a segment called "Etas are a Buzz-z-z". Members pay \$1 to brag or share a bit of personal news. Monies collected are used to support Schools for Africa, the World Fellowship Fund and various scholarships.



**Omicron** fundraisers include a Kindle 3G drawing and selling Grocery Cart Bags. The Kindle 3G was paid for by chapter monies. We ordered 50 red, 50 blue and 50 black grocery cart bags. The red ones have the DKG logo. We sold those at the tri- meeting in March and will sell them

for \$10.00 each at the annual convention. The bags attach to the inside of the grocery cart and are used to place items in and out once you reach the counter.

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One fundraiser that really worked was our Georgetown Trade Days booth with silent auction items donated by members. We have good funding now to lead us in to some of the things we would like to do to support early career educators next year. I have found school district administrators highly approachable regarding plans for S.E.E. projects beginning in the fall of 2013. I believe we will be able to provide helpful support for GISD teachers as we continue to seek avenues of service in this area.

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For our fundraiser, we did a silent auction as our November meeting. We raised over \$500. We may do another one for a Spring-Summer activity.

## Program topics

**Theta Kappa:** The Theta Kappa Executive Board meets in the summer to plan the programs for our yearly meetings. We discussed a list of ideas and our first v-p made the calls to lock in speakers for our meetings. Ideas still on our list will be discussed this summer so that we keep interest level high for the meetings.

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Our programs this year have been presented by faculty members of Loan Star College, Kingwood. We have had programs on collecting (Barbie dolls), film making, and the most popular one on the Beatles music. Our Christmas party was at a member's home, and was a very relaxing, enjoyable time to get to know each other.

**Gamma Eta:** Program on aprons: the program was educational (history of aprons), fun (stories about each apron) and great for fellowship (sharing of memories and modeling aprons).

**Mu Kappa:** Our program was at Fitnessworks, where we learned about nutrition and participated in exercising, for our own personal growth.

**Kappa Alpha:** Our monthly programs have been awesome: Coldwater Creek Trunk Show, a Chainsaw Sculptor, travels around the world, and many more. President Andrea Barnes explained the traveling program: I travel all over the world so I took my chapter on a trip around the world in 35 minutes through video clips from my travels. We went up the Eiffel Tower, toured the Louvre Museum, London, England to the States Parade to see the Queen, Beijing, China on the Great Wall, Hong Kong, Australia, Tasmania, Mount Rushmore, New Zealand, and inside the 787 Dreamliner. I handed out a packet for each member and then I shared and showed video clips. It was a fun chapter meeting because many saw sights they had only dreamed about. I also told approximate prices. The feedback was positive.

**Epsilon Epsilon:** Our programs included a district wide winter book exchange and an expert on our city history.

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We enjoyed water color painting with Betty Iles, one of our artists in our chapter. We also visited with a church garden to see how they use it for outreach.

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I have created a program for March that combines the travel available through DKG with what is offered through the Road Scholar program. Many members are retired (or soon will be); I would like for them to stay in the chapter, and I see this program as a way to stay relevant with them.

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Our program "Teddy Bears Alert! News from the Chief" was well received and resulted in a follow-up project collecting stuffed animals for the city police department.

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We spotlighted our "treasures" with a program on Wills and Estates and how we can preserve our family treasures by making sure that they go to the people we want them to go to. Each member brought a "treasure" to the meeting and spoke about how important it was to them and why it was important. We then had an attorney speak to us about Wills and Estates. It was a great way to get to know each other.

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This year our Programs Committee really wanted our programs to involve members as much as possible. One of our most memorable programs (submitted for the Annie Award this year) was titled "Thoroughly Modern Annie." The program focused on a style show of fashions which might have been worn by Annie Webb Blanton if she were a working professional in today's world. Garments were provided by a thrift shop which is associated with a local charity group. All members present at the meeting were included, either by choosing garments and modeling them for the group or by composing and narrating descriptions of the fashions. The program also gave us the opportunity to review the life and work of Annie Webb Blanton and to highlight the work of the local charity group and its resale thrift store. The program was not only informative but truly a lot of fun for everyone!

**Leigh LaVergne**      **Lambda Alpha**      Email: [scylla1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scylla1@sbcglobal.net)  
We used our scrapbooks, newsletters, and yearbooks to do a "Bingo" game of information on our chapter. All past presidents were invited to attend this meeting, questions were asked of them regarding their roles in the Chapter History. Everyone had a wonderful time with much sharing of information. After members had a chance to find the answers, we all sat around and went over them. It was so much fun.

Research Bingo details by Chris Morrison: I wasn't involved in the planning of the scavenger hunt, just a very pleased participant. My chapter president, Leigh LaVergne, and the first vice president, Sue Thompson, were the principal planners, I believe. They can give much more detail, but here is what I remember. Everyone got a sheet with 31 questions to "research". At the top of the sheet was a list of letters representing the places one could look to find the answer. Each question had at least one of the letters by it. Materials used for "research" were our 3 chapter scrapbooks, 3 bound books of chapter newsletters, and a table with the ceremonial brass and other items found on an initiation table. All of our former chapter presidents had been given a special invitation to be at this meeting, even those who they could locate that were no longer members, and they were to be used as resources, too. Oh, and there was a person at the ceremonial table to answer questions about the items if necessary. We were supposed to be able to use the school computers to find some of the things, but we were forced to hold our meeting in an alternate room because a campus planning

meeting went on way over time in the library where we usually meet. So no computers... we adjusted well. After a certain amount of time, 15 minutes if I remember correctly, everyone had to stop looking for answers, which was really hard for them to get us to do because we were enjoying it so much. Then everyone got a blank bingo-type card plus a page full of stickers with the answers to the "research" questions in random order. We all peeled them off and stuck them on our own bingo card, and since there were more answers than spaces on the card, everyone's bingo card was different. One by one, the questions were drawn from a container, read, and the answer provided by the members. So even if you didn't get to find the answer to that particular question, you could mark it on your bingo card if you had it. Small DKG prize items were given for winners, and once someone won, we just kept on playing so that several people won and all of the questions were eventually answered. Examples are:

- Who was the first person to sign our initiation book?
- Who was spotlighted in the October 2011 newsletter?
- What are the DKG colors?
- What were the years of Julie Gentry's presidency?
- Who is our most recent initiate?

**Wanda Spoonmore**      **Delta Omicron**      Email: [wrspoonmore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wrspoonmore@sbcglobal.net)

We have had great programs this year. Two programs stand out as special (1) a talk by a member of the Texas House of Representatives and (2) a talk and power point presentation by the director of the George W. Bush Library and Museum.

**Theta Lambda:** We had a technology meeting filled with everyday websites that some were timid to try on their own. We focused on easy ones like Evite and Pinterest.

**Sandra Rightmeyer**      **Epsilon Beta**      Email: [srightmeyer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:srightmeyer@sbcglobal.net)

- 1).We had a Neimology author/ specialist who spoke and donated part of her book proceeds to our chapter treasury. (Neimology-the effect names have on us.)
- 2).We had a specialist in growing your own herb garden who had been pictured and published in a Garden Magazine article.
- 3). Last year, we invited the Ambassador to Honduras and his wife to speak to us about the life styles and educational efforts of the US.'s influence in a foreign country. Our meeting was published in our local newspaper.

**Linda M. Bordelon**      **Delta Gamma**      Email: [lmb1@eastex.net](mailto:lmb1@eastex.net)

Our "Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture" program was a huge success involving 26 members in the skit. We are proud to submit this program for the "Annie Award," and will be looking forward to sharing our ideas at the state convention in Austin in June.

Fannie Watson shares the details of this program:

A letter to members-

Dear Delta Gamma Sister,

Several of us have worked on the program "Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture" that Linda told us about at the last meeting. **Many people** will be involved in this "**production**." It is always good to remind ourselves of what Delta Kappa Gamma is all about and the **pride** that we should take in being a member. We hope that this can be a lively program and we can all enjoy it.

I know that all of you are better than I am at speaking, so I am definitely writing to myself. It is not always what we say that makes a difference but **how we present the message**. I am going to try to be as **lively** as I can, and I know that you will do this also. **Please practice your part a number of times** so that you will not have to read it. Of course, you can have your notes in your

hand. I will bring you a fresh copy of your part to use that evening, so be sure you get the copy before time for the program to start. Most of the parts are short but each is important.

We are pretending that we have been invited to State by the Membership Committee to present our program. This is our first and last practice session. Jeanette Ashley is going to be the director and she will help to keep us going strong. On your written script, I will tell you who the speaker is before you, so this will help to keep the program moving along quickly and smoothly.

Let's use the Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared." I will say this over and over to myself. Let's pretend we are trying out for a part in a movie and the competition is stiff. If for any reason you realize that you cannot attend, please let me know as soon as possible.

Warm regards, Fannie

I was asked to be in charge of the program *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture*. I always try to remember that when I joined Delta Gamma that one of the instructions that I had was that if someone asked me to do something that I should never say NO because that person believed in me and my ability. Of course, I did not do the work all by myself. I especially want to thank Judy and Carol for coming to my home and helping organize our program. I thank all of you who said yes to being a part of the program. It is going to be a grand production.

I wish to introduce Jeanette Ashley who will be our director as we practice for our program that we will present at State. Listen very carefully to her and to all our speakers as we reminisce about our past, the present and where our Delta Gamma chapter will take us in the future with pride in our hearts.

Excerpts from the PACE application:

Our program *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture* relates to the purposes because it definitely encouraged us to rethink taking pride in our Delta Gamma chapter by learning more about the work of our chapter, our state and our international organizations. Personally, it helped many of us who often decline taking speaking parts on the program to know that we do have value in this area of work if we just step out of the box of our comfort zone.

The planning began in early October after State President Joanne Davis challenged each Texas State Delta Kappa Gamma chapter to produce a program entitled *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture*. Our Delta Gamma chapter president knew that she must delegate the writing and producing of this program to other members to get them involved and to stir interest and excitement. Thus began a whirlwind of activity to choose someone to compose, communicate and put ideas gleaned from Sisters into what would ultimately become the script. Another member spearheaded the project of creating a power point that would be patterned after the one provided by State but would be personalized to fit our unique production. Planning the program involved a wide variety of members including archives, membership, program, research, music, world fellowship, and technology committees as they provided input. After the script was finalized, since our chapter is composed of members from 3 counties, we felt that the scripts with detailed instructions must be mailed, numerous phone calls made and all of this must be instrumented with care. There were 26 speaking, acting or singing parts to be practiced individually before the meeting. There had to be much cooperation among the widely scattered members. Since we endeavor each meeting to participate in a project to help individuals or an organization in the community, we invited the coordinator of the Rainbow Room at the Child Welfare Office. As we look back on the planning process, we feel rewarded that our hard work produced an outstanding program.

The planners and writers of the script decided to pretend that our chapter had been invited to the State Convention in June to present our *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture*. The night of our program on November 12<sup>th</sup> would be our one and only practice together. Everyone involved was challenged to study their parts enough that they could use notes but not read their presentation. Each member participating was asked to add their own touch of interest and props if needed. The production involved speaking, singing, rap music and a bit of drama. Finally it was time to get the show on the road. A director was needed since we were pretending that this was a practice session before going to State. Who could this be but our liveliest member, a several time cancer survivor who is an inspiration to all? As

she sat in her director's chair or moved about to be more emphatic, she helped to make what could have been a boring program lively. Using a power point as a background, our oldest active member was the first speaker, relating her personalized story of the honor of membership. Then the Founders were spoken of providing little known facts. Someone spoke from the audience to relate a poem that had been found in our chapter archives that an earlier Delta Kappa Gamma chapter had penned about Dr. Annie Webb Blanton. Next, the purposes of the Society were discussed in a conversation between two members. This was followed by a trio singing *Beautiful Alpha State Texas* which was written by Carol Wadzeck, a member of Mu Iota chapter. We found this in our music archives. Then the most exciting part of the program was presented through an original rap that was performed by two members. It spoke of Delta Kappa Gamma's three organizations...chapter, state and international. To coordinate with this presentation candlesticks of three different sizes were used on each table to illustrate the three levels. The rappers were the hit of the evening. An original very professionally created power point was presented which spoke of the many opportunities that are afforded to members of the Society.

The group was then told of the many ways that we can contribute to the chapter, state and international as we take leadership roles. It was quite interesting as 5 speakers gave a membership review. Then we were reminded that members are the heart of the program, but the programs that we create to inform or entertain are crucial for a healthy chapter. It was so much fun to reminisce as the audience told about some of the favorite programs from years past or something that had happened that made an impression on them...maybe even an embarrassing moment.

At the ending, we reminded ourselves that our program *Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture* would help us to believe that we must grow professionally and personally. We recited A Collect written by Mary Stuart in 1941 to help us celebrate that we are members of an organization with a mission that encompasses not only our area, but the world.

We did not leave our invited guest, the director of the Rainbow Room out because she was given the opportunity to share a short presentation about her work. We sent her away with treasures of helpful items and books for children who come to their office.

Although Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture seemed a monumental, boring challenge in the beginning, it became an outstanding program with 26 of our members taking part in the presentation. We will always be grateful to State President Joanne Davis and our President Linda Bordelon for this challenge that inspired us to go beyond the call of duty to provide a very meaningful program.

**(The script is located at the end of this booklet, so you can see how this chapter took the International PowerPoint and personalized it to their chapter history.)**

**Lois Hagins                  Zeta Xi                  Email: [lhagins@suddenlink.net](mailto:lhagins@suddenlink.net)**

Our International Delta Kappa Gamma and World Fellowship programs worked well for our chapter. We combined the two for one night of fun and fund raising. We each brought a food dish prepared for a different country where DKG is represented. We also brought items for our annual World Fellowship silent auction. We raised over \$250 with our silent auction. For our roll call each member told which country they chose to prepare a dish for and why. Some had family ties and others had gotten their recipes from friends and one went online to the website for the country she had chosen and asked for a recipe from someone in that DKG.

**Jan Moreland                  Lambda Upsilon                  Email: [janmoreland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janmoreland@sbcglobal.net)**

We had an outstanding speaker, Dr. Luanne Sparks on the future of the family and how students are impacted by family issues. One of our very best programs was done by our three members who are IT specialists for Rockwall ISD on the newest technology available to teachers and students. Our members had the opportunity to experience ("hands-on") new programs with iPads, Smart Boards and broadcasting technology used in the elementary schools. It was very enlightening to those of us who are no longer in the classroom.

**Victoria Herr                  Kappa Phi                  Email: [bvherr@aol.com](mailto:bvherr@aol.com)**

We had an excellent meeting on the changes in the tax law given by one of our members who is a tax expert. We also went to the Arboretum in Dallas just for a fun outing. We had dinner,

had a wonderful turnout and great social bonding. The other meeting that had great value was focused on technology and how students are using social media to enhance their learning.

**Viola C. Vela**                  **Mu Sigma**                  Email: [velavi4@aol.com](mailto:velavi4@aol.com)

For the past two years, our speakers have been the members telling of some important things occurring in their lives. In November one of our past presidents who is a member of the coast guard spoke about her experiences. In February one of our members who is CEO of the Texas Council of Economic Education spoke to us about the work that her organization does to educate Texas youth on financial literacy. That made me very proud of them.

**Linda Miska**                  **Iota Omega**                  Email: [l.rmiska@verizon.net](mailto:l.rmiska@verizon.net)

As part of our "All Things Delta Kappa Gamma" program we used a test adapted from "Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture: A Reorientation Guide for all DKG Members." Even our most knowledgeable members missed one question. It gave us a chance to review much information that members had forgotten. A copy is attached. Members with the best scores received door prizes as well as those who could sing the first and last verses of the DKG song. In that program we also used an article by Dr. Beverly Helms, "Is DKG Worth It?" After discussing it, we had members write a statement of why they thought DKG is worth it!

Just for fun and fellowship in December, we divided those attending the meeting into two teams and played a game of holiday Pictionary. The designated artist for each team was given the name of a holiday song. The first team to recognize the title and sing the first verse of the song was given a point. The members of the winning team received "fabulous" prizes.

#### "All Things DKG" quiz

Mark each of the following T if they are true and F for false.

1. The mission of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society is to bring educators together in fellowship.
2. There are seven purposes for the society.
3. The founder of DKG was Annie Oakley Webb.
4. DKG gives approximately \$3,000,000 through scholarships and grants each year.
5. DKG works through UNICEF to support the Guatemala Project.
6. Texas is part of the Southwest Region, one of five DKG regions.
7. The international offices of DKG are located in Richardson, Texas.
8. One of the benefits of membership is networking.
9. There are three types of membership in DKG.
10. If a former member wants to be reinstated the chapter must vote and she must pay a reinstatement fee.
11. Our chapter is obligated to contribute to all the International Projects.
12. If you want to know more about DKG, your only resource is the International Web Site.
13. In addition to chapter meetings, all members can attend the state, regional, and international conventions.
14. You may only wear your key pin to DKG meetings and events.
15. The first line of the "Delta Kappa Gamma Song" is "Women teachers, to the calling."

Questions are adapted from "Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture: A Reorientation Guide for all DKG Members."

**Psi** used the school computer lab to have members actively involved in a new technology program. We also did a program on women's heart health.

**Lori Sutherland    Kappa Upsilon    [lsuther52@aol.com](mailto:lsuther52@aol.com)**

We had a really good program on personal safety provided by a member of the Duncanville Police Department. He covered all areas of safety from Identity Theft to Home Safety.

**Kappa Lambda:** We had a program on geo-caching. We advertised for it in the newsletter with an article from one of our former chapter presidents and current grandmother of five, describing her own inhibitions and accomplishments with technology.

**Iota Phi** program ideas:

- September – Reorientation to DKG goals, Convention Report, and “State of the Chapter” Report
- October – Joan Hester, our area rep, gave a program on the State and National Projects – *Beyond Local Service*
- November – Traditions and Benefits of Tea Around the World by Jack Sharp
- December – Covered Dish Christmas Dinner – Gifts for Georgetown Nursing Home collected
- January – “Bridges to Growth” by Jane Hazelton and The Georgetown Project
- February – CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) by Alisa DeLuna, Executive Direction for Wilso CASA
- March – Work Day for Local/State/National/International Projects and Chapter Fellowship (Magazines for Teachers Project, HOPE phones, Caring Place food collection, The Locker collections for homeless students, Market Days Donations for Fundraising, SENSY fundraiser Introduction, Collections for World Fellowship/Schools in Africa/bilingual books – and I hope I’m not leaving something out!)
- April – “New Teacher Preparation” by Dr. Alicia Moore – Southwester University Education Professor
- May – Founder’s Day Tri-Chapter Luncheon

These great programs are really a credit to Nancy Bacchus, who chairs the programs committee. I think she did a FABULOUS job at choosing things that define and enhance DKG goals AND the needs/interests of our Chapter membership.

**Alice Cardner                  Lambda Tau                  Email: [acard1@msn.com](mailto:acard1@msn.com)**

We have been trying to incorporate more “make and take” type meetings (at least one per year) just to let members have fun and enjoy each other’s company. We had one where we painted ceramic tiles and another where we made gift bags. The members really seem to enjoy the time spent together and appreciated the less formal structure of the meeting.

**Mary Ann Slaughter                  Zeta Tau                  Email: [mtrapolino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtrapolino@sbcglobal.net)**

Pat Osborne reported: My chapter Zeta Tau had a nifty tri chapter meeting. We included Lambda Alpha and Eta Chi both in the Houston area and both off shoots of ZT. Three of my chapter members and I went to hear Vicki Davis in New York give her presentation on Annie Webb Blanton’s letters. We loved it and my ladies loved it so much they asked me if Vicki would consider coming to Houston to do it. We decided if we had a big audience, she might consider it. In true Vicki Davis spirit she said yes immediately. We invited all the chapters in area 18 and our friends in Beta Eta. Vicki’s presentation was about a collection of letters written to Annie W Blanton at a celebration. It is a fantastic presentation and I hope someday Vicki will do it at

state convention. In true Vicki fashion she involved the audience through the letters and as a follow up we suggested that members "write a real letter" to Vicki. It was a giant success because so many in the audience had not ever heard such intimate stories about our founder Annie Webb Blanton.

## Community Service

**Ann Hurt      Iota Sigma      Email: [annhurt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annhurt@sbcglobal.net)**

Our Books for Babies literacy project is very successful. We bring books for newborns at the hospital and give one to each mother to read to her baby.

In February, we make Valentine cards for the residents of the nursing home and the assisted-living center.

**Barbara Hinnant      Delta Chi      Email: [barb\\_hinnant@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barb_hinnant@sbcglobal.net)**

During the month of December Delta Chi hosted a Holiday Tea "Paper from Your Pantry" benefitting the Wesley Community Center. It was a great success for our chapter. Members brought toilet paper, paper towels, sani-wipes, diapers, etc. for the center and we all shared in fellowship, fun and had light refreshments with tea. A representative from the Wesley Center joined us and shared info about the center, the history, needs and benefits as well as accepted our donations.

**Barbara Powell      Zeta Theta      Email: [ba\\_powell@earthlink.net](mailto:ba_powell@earthlink.net)**

Our project FRED has been very successful. The members donate books and tapes or CD's to be given to families with a father in prison. The father records the book and the son or daughter gets to hear the father read.

**Eta Delta** collected new and gently used books for all ages at the February and March meetings. We donated 135 books to a local social services agency that was beginning a library/literacy program for PK- adult.

**Theta Zeta:** Our project for the year is making Easter baskets for a nursing home. Our annual garage sale continues to be very successful with almost 100% member-participation.

**Connie Fuller      Epsilon Gamma      Email: [c.fuller85@yahoo.com](mailto:c.fuller85@yahoo.com)**

The Chapter Project that has really worked the best for our county wide chapter is making a donation of children's clothing, shoes, or other items needed to help "The Rainbow Room" for Wood County. This is an emergency resource center available to CPS caseworkers to help them meet the critical needs of abused and neglected children in our county.

**Edna DePriest      Epsilon Mu      Email: [edepriest@hughes.net](mailto:edepriest@hughes.net)**

A program/ project our chapter liked this year and worked well for us was the Pregnancy Care Program. The director gave a very interesting and informative program, and the members made tie baby blankets for the center. We also used the big baby bottle to brag at each meeting. Members donated a dollar to the bottle for bragging rights, and the money was donated to the center.

**Susan Sabino**      **Iota Beta**      Email: [sabinosusan@gmail.com](mailto:sabinosusan@gmail.com)

Iota Beta members wanted to do something to honor the memory of the precious victims of the Sandy Hook School shooting. After I did some research and discovered that it is not best to actually send items there (due to overwhelming response), we used meeting time to brainstorm alternate kinds of memorial. One of our members, who has volunteered at a local Catholic Children's Home called St. PJ's, suggested that we donate books there so that our efforts would help local children in need, thereby memorializing the victims in Conn. Everyone loved that idea. So, on the occasion of our chapter birthday luncheon, we all brought our new and gently used illustrated books and had a great time inscribing each book with a lovely red and white paper nameplate carrying the names of one or more victims of Sandy Hook. There were a lot of tears, I can tell you. On March 9, we delivered over 70 beautiful books to the children of St. PJ's, after coordinating with that staff. In their cheerful library, we met about 25 adorable kids between ages 3 and 12. Two of our retired elementary teacher members gathered us all on the floor to hear a couple of the books, and we explained to them that each book carried a very special name of a child hero. We were able to allow every child to choose two books to "own", while the rest stayed in the library for general use. I'll never forget the look on the faces of those children, who literally dived into that book display for their "own books." Now, our chapter has decided to make the children our special recipients of all helping activities throughout our next chapter year -- and perhaps long after. We are going to especially work with the pre and teen girls, since staff told us that is a special need. We're busy planning our next activities with them in mind. I am currently drafting a formal letter to the families of the Sandy Hook victims to tell them about how we have memorialized their dear ones. Yes, we all agree -- this result of our whole chapter's brainstorm has certainly worked well!

**Jo Linda Martinez**      **Delta**      Email: [jolindajmartinez@gmail.com](mailto:jolindajmartinez@gmail.com)

Our service project was a success. We joined in to help with AAUW's Sister-to-Sister Summit by donating money, assisting with facilitator training, helping with logistics, and by providing goody bags for the college women volunteers. Our members helped before during and after the Summit. We are currently helping with the fundraiser for the next Summit.

**Karen Telck**      **Theta Mu**      Email: [karen.telck@att.net](mailto:karen.telck@att.net)

One of our members is serving in the Army reserves and was called up for active duty, in Iraq late last year. We sent her and 5 other soldiers in her group 'goodie' boxes. Before the end of this month we are going to send another set of boxes.

**Karen Burmeister**      **Mu Kappa**      Email: [digger\\_350@elp.rr.com](mailto:digger_350@elp.rr.com)

My Program Officer has done a phenomenal job this year in setting up our programs. For example, the last program was at Fitnessworks, and we learned about nutrition and participated in exercising, for our own personal growth. Our project for the last couple of years has been for the students of a south side school in El Paso, who may not have the means to attain school supplies, uniforms, books, etc. We bring items for these students to every meeting, focusing on different themes. Since we had a fitness meeting last month, we brought sports equipment to donate to the students. For our December meeting, our program is to stuff socks (stockings) with little toys and candy for these needy children.

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We gave purses filled w/toiletries to the local women's crisis center. They were ecstatic. We also gave money and books to the therapy/read dog program and they thought this was fantastic.

**Corrie Logan**      **Zeta**      Email: [clogan1975@aol.com](mailto:clogan1975@aol.com)

Our Local Project for this biennium is the adoption of the Head Start teachers. In the fall, we hosted a shower for the teachers with items for their classrooms which were donated by the members. One of the Head Start teachers was initiated into our chapter in January and has kept us updated on the teachers and the children. The members feel a sense of ownership and connection to the project on a personal level.

**Zeta Eta** really had some great programs set up for this year. One meeting included a "study trip" to visit The Ronald McDonald House at the Dell Children's Hospital Complex. We toured the house and then provided items and monetary donations to help the house fulfill its goals for the community.

**Susan Duncan**      **Kappa Mu**      Email: [sduncan@ptisd.org](mailto:sduncan@ptisd.org)

We did our literacy project in December and partnered together with a high school sewing class. The class made 27 bags from material the members provided, and members brought books to fill the bags. The bags were delivered to children in a local homeless shelter along with purses filled with hygiene items for the mothers of the children.

**Sherri Davenport**      **Iota Epsilon**      Email: [sherrisdavenport@comcast.net](mailto:sherrisdavenport@comcast.net)

Our most impactful program we had this year: Members brought used purses and (new) travel size toiletries to a meeting. We filled purses and donated them to a Battered Women's Shelter. Our VP played a scavenger hunt game with members who had to locate different items in their own purses. Small door prizes were given. We also took a lipstick personality quiz. VP shared statistics from the shelter that were astounding and really generated a good discussion about signs of abuse and how to help women in this situation. That meeting, we collected 100 purses to donate.

**Rhonda Cerrone**      **Theta Sigma**      Email: [rcerrone@dpsd.org](mailto:rcerrone@dpsd.org)

Our chapter did a Purse Donation Project. Each member brought in a few gently used purses filled with toiletry items to donate to the local women's shelter. We had over 50 purses to donate.

**Sonja Hanks**      **Beta Epsilon**      Email: [sonjah1@suddenlink.net](mailto:sonjah1@suddenlink.net)

Pink it Up for Breast Cancer Awareness Style Show – we raised around \$900 for the American Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund.

The Beta Epsilon chapter in Colorado City (Mitchell County) is a small chapter and we want to become more visible in the community. We choose October to hold a fashion show to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness. One of our members owns a small sandwich / dress / jewelry shop and allowed the show to be held there. She contacted the other two clothing shops in C-City and they provided outfits and accessories for the models to wear. We asked ladies from the community and our chapter to act as models. One of our chapter members modeled along with her daughter (who was taught by many members) and her three granddaughters (who are currently taught by members).

The local newspaper, The Colorado City Record, did interviews before and after the style show and ran articles about the organization and where to obtain tickets. The owner of the radio station interviewed one of our members and played it on the air. Then he created a PSA and played it several times each day up to the event. He came the night of the show and did another interview and then did a follow-up broadcast. The Mitchell County Hospital has a large electronic ad sign and they created a slide advertising the event. They also allowed tickets to

be placed in the hospital gift shop. We created flyers and placed them in the windows of local businesses.

I created 100 tickets using business card blanks and a print shop program. They were sturdy, perforated, and easy to create - no cutting or trimming. We asked each member to purchase their own ticket and sell three additional tickets. Several of the members belong to social clubs and advertised the event to women at their meetings. We sold over 100 tickets and printed 30 more. Not everyone that bought a ticket attended, but they considered it a donation. We wrote the script just before the show. One of the CISD administrators and a former member acted as MC for the program. A representative from the American Cancer Society came and brought pamphlets to be distributed to attendees.

We decorated the shop in pink and white and used items that represented the breast cancer pink ribbon. I stamped and created survivor badges for women who were cancer survivors and recognized them at the show. We created paper purses and filled them with chocolate and placed them on the tables as party favors. I am a Stampin' UP! demonstrator and several of the chapter members are in my stamping group and we taught the others how to create the purses. We asked everyone to wear pink for breast cancer. We had light refreshments after the show. After expenses, we donated just under \$900 to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Fund and the American Cancer Society.

Everyone loved the event and suggested that we do it again next year. We plan on doing a similar event in a few years.

We are planning a Bunco for Heart Disease in February. One of our very active members has heart disease and we want to do this event in her honor. We are planning on red for this event.

**Lezli Collins**

**Iota Iota**

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We are trying a new project this year. It is called 'Pursesonality'. Each member brings a clean purse in good condition and we fill it toiletries any woman would enjoy. These filled purses are given to a women's shelter for Mother's Day.

**Lambda Upsilon:** We had excellent service projects, serving our local Rainbow Room and Toys for Tots.

**Evelyn Hamilton**

**Eta Zeta**

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Donations for the Community Partners of Dallas' Rainbow Room, chapter local project, increased greatly after a box was decorated for monetary donations. It seemed as if members preferred giving cash donations. It was easier to give cash donations rather than purchasing items of clothing and so forth to donate.

**Jean Blanton**

**Phi**

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One of our projects this year was the Sonshine Light House project. Phi Chapter has always enjoyed helping women in need so this project was a hit! We were inspired when we learned of an old, vacated nursing home that was being converted to a transitional home for women. The home has opened many doors for our chapter as the home will continue to have ongoing needs. This year we supplied toiletry items, purses and other personal items for the women. The home will house women with children and these children will be attending school nearby. As we begin a new year, Phi Chapter will be exploring new ways and projects to assist the women and/or children.

**Kappa Beta** has a successful service project that has been ongoing for several years. We support MeadowLand Residential Treatment Center in Boerne.

- a. Five years ago we visited the campus
- b. We have donated books to the library
- c. Two of our members serve on the Governing Board for the MeadowLand Public Charter school
- d. We have donated items to the school store to be used for incentives
- e. We send encouragement cards around STAAR time to the students
- f. This year we have donated over \$1,000 of underwear and socks for the residents.
- g. One of our members is a textbook representative and she has taken excess materials to the school.
- h. An employee of the agency – Roy Maas Youth Alternatives- received an Alpha State Non-member Scholarship last convention and we invited her to our September meeting and the Scholarship Committee told us about the scholarships.

**Kellie Rogers      Kappa Chi      Email: [krogers@bhisd.net](mailto:krogers@bhisd.net)**

Kappa Chi adopted Bridge Haven, a service that provides counseling to students, family support, and a Toy Drive at Christmas. We also sponsor the Rose Tea, a special gathering to honor the Top Ten Female Graduates from each of the Chambers County schools.

**Iota Omega:** For fund raisers, we have a dessert auction in November with freezable desserts for Thanksgiving. In February we have a chocolate auction just before Valentine's Day.

One of our favorite community service projects is a gift card baby shower that we have every year benefitting My Friends' House, a children's shelter in Plano.

Our legislative committee has worked very hard this year. We have collaborated with the Plano Retired Teachers, the Plano PTA Council, and the other Plano chapters to keep active teachers educated about what is happening in the legislature. In February, we sponsored a legislative forum and invited all Plano teachers and staff as well as all Area IX DKG members.

Now, we keep members informed about bills that are proposed in the legislature through frequent e-mails. We feel teachers must have their voice heard in Austin.

**Kappa Lambda:** Every November, we bake cookies and bring books to read to children in a local shelter while their mothers attend parenting classes. Every December, we have a candle dipping booth at the local holiday festival, increasing our name recognition and providing a fun tradition for many families.

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We collect children's books for UTMB Pediatric Center and support Ronald McDonald House and Galveston County Museum Hostesses.

**Kay Loehr      Beta Lambda      Email: [ksloehr@gmail.com](mailto:ksloehr@gmail.com)**

Our Student Diversity Awareness program lead to Beta Lambda "Comic Belief" to encourage reading for unique students and a school with limited budget. Beta Lambda's Dress for Class store has professional clothes for pre-service teachers & is staffed by Beta Lambda members.

**Iota Phi** worked on several LOCAL projects during 2012-2013, and I believe these were successful and appreciated in the community and in the Chapter. We support one local nursing home with Christmas gifts, the Caring Place with non-perishable food items, and Georgetown Locker (serving homeless students with various supplies and snacks). In addition, Iota Phi

donated to HOPE Phones this year by collecting old cell phones and sending them to this organization for distribution as needed. This is a worthy world-wide outreach, and we were glad to be able to contribute to the project.

**Judy Van Dyke**      **Iota Pi**      Email: [judyvandyke1@att.net](mailto:judyvandyke1@att.net)

Our chapter has been supporting the Snack Sack Program this year. Snack Sacks provide nutritious food for the weekend to young school-aged children and their siblings who qualify for food assistance programs in their schools on school days. Our members like this program because they can easily pick up items specified on a list and bring them to a meeting. The children who are being served also benefit because many of them would not otherwise have food for the weekend.

**Denise Standley**      **Delta Theta**      Email: [denises@pngisd.org](mailto:denises@pngisd.org)

Our main project this year was to collect new and gently used handbags, diaper bags, book bags, and beauty/hygiene items to give to the Women and Children's Shelter of Beaumont. We collected throughout the fall and part of the spring. Many of the members have been involved in collecting at their churches, their schools, their doctor's offices, and other groups they meet with. We feel good about being able to help others in need.

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During the summer, one of our 35 year members mentioned that Girl Scouts opened a Westside Center in San Antonio. We contacted the Girl Scout Council and met in September to explore a "partnership". It has blossomed to unbelievable heights! We are pursuing a DKG/Girl Scout patch/badge which addresses the purposes of DKG (researching founders of DKG and Girl Scouts, helping new and early career teachers at the beginning of the school year, singing the DKG song, and reciting the Girl Promise and Law, plus the DKG mission statement and vision statement.) Our chapter will pilot the patch June-August 2013 with Girl Scout troops at the Westside Center. We are also pursuing tutoring at the Westside Center and providing training to Girl Scout leaders.

## Recipes for Chapter Success

**Beverly Behgam**      **Iota Lambda**      Email: [beverlybeh@yahoo.com](mailto:beverlybeh@yahoo.com)

Frequent communication with members via email was an effective tool. Meeting reminders to generate excitement prior to each meeting were sent via email. Program ideas were solicited from the entire group resulting in record attendance at meetings. New members were included in the executive board and given responsibilities which increased their involvement in chapter activities. Those new members have generated additional members this year. While new members brought fresh ideas and input, we looked to experienced members for guidance and focus on accountability.

**Carolyn D Allen**      **Delta Mu**      Email: [CDRhino@aol.com](mailto:CDRhino@aol.com)

I think the thing we have done best this year is to combine chapter meetings. We have 3 chapters meeting together for big program meetings. It also allows us to visit with the chapters that most closely reflect our membership.

**Donna Carver      Beta Sigma**                  Email: momc\_47@yahoo.com

We've stressed using our members as program presenters rather than always bringing in an outside presenter. We have tried to have a roll-call answer that fits our program theme. Also the emphasis on our DKG heritage has made us look more at who we were and where we are now, and we've had programs on both. We took to heart the advice to "get DKG out there" by putting articles about our meetings and project in local newspapers.

**Jessica Lefere      Iota Nu**                  Email: jesslefere@yahoo.com

Making sure programs are high interest and meaningful helps get members there. We are trying to be less caught up in rules and formality and more focused on relationships and our purpose.

**Julie Comardo      Kappa Kappa**                  Email: Juliebobc@yahoo.com

We used candy invitations to invite members to the next month's meeting. We moved our meeting day to a non-stressful day and time and we are keeping the meeting length to 1 1/2hrs. We send letters in the mail to members that miss meetings. We also involved the members several different ways at each meeting. (i.e., reading quotes, singing songs, games, hands on activities, team builders)

**Lana Schwartz      Iota Upsilon**                  Email: jndl@centex.net

I am keeping a notebook of questions that have arisen for me and the answers to pass on to the next chapter president. I hope this will make her job easier.

**Lynda McQuaid      Kappa Pi**                  Email: cmcquaid@embarqmail.com

1) Ideas from "Annie" displays at the State Convention helped to plan our programs.  
2) \$1 for Brags is a fundraiser that members are happy to pay because it allows them to share some information that is very personal and special to them.  
3) Sisterly Scoop, a title for chapter membership news, was suggested in one of the meetings at Area I's workshop, and we have enjoyed using it for emails, especially to let other members know of those who are sick, having chemo, had a fall, etc.  
4) Sharing newsletters with other chapters gave us ideas for our own newsletters, program ideas, and items that would interest our members.  
5) The president's manual was really helpful; I changed mine to a binder though, so I could open it easily and add other things.

**Tarita Edmond      Delta Kappa**                  Email: taedmond@consolidated.net

We offered day care for our members that had small kids or even grandkids, so that they could attend meetings. Various members gave their success stories of how different grants were awarded to further their education, take educational trips, and advance their careers with members at our local meetings.

**Sally Stuebben      Iota Alpha**                  Email: geraldstuebben@att.net

Communication is a key factor to create a buzz and stay in touch with members.

**Reda Singletary      Zeta Nu**                  Email: redaracy@gmail.com

Recognizing members' birthdays, and providing a light dinner since we met after a long day of working and, trying to provide child care for our young mothers to attend really worked for us.

**Kappa Beta:** Support for young teachers: One of our members has had a hard year. She remarried last summer; she is an elementary teacher and treasurer for the PTA; has a daughter in

Girl Scouts (who has attended many a chapter meeting in past years), lost her step-mother in November and her father-in-law in March. The chapter voted to pay her dues for this year. I guess you might say we are retaining a member.

**Kathy Chambers      Iota Gamma**      Email: [kathyachambers@gmail.com](mailto:kathyachambers@gmail.com)

We held our meetings in a home each time. More of our members attended.

**Phi** Chapter started a drawing several years ago to inspire perfect attendance. Perfect attendance members are eligible for a drawing at the end of the year. The winner's membership dues for the coming year are paid by Phi Chapter. Any prize could be offered as an incentive; however because of the amount of dues, the chapter felt that this was a worthwhile incentive.

**Diane Stegall      Alpha Delta**      Email: [dstegall@chisumisd.org](mailto:dstegall@chisumisd.org)

Since our group is smaller, we have started having some of our meetings in member's homes.

**Virginia Olsovsky      Beta Theta**      Email: [olsovsky@hughes.net](mailto:olsovsky@hughes.net)

Recruiting and retention of members have become the main goals of our chapter this year. In addition to our traditional recruitment tea, we have begun inviting friends to join us at our monthly meetings. These guests join us for both business and social meetings. This seems to give them a better picture of our chapter and what we are all about. When the guests make the effort to attend two or more meetings, we can see that they are genuinely interested in DKG, and they will become active members of our chapter.

**Barbara Anders      Area 4 AC**

Membership: Inviting groups of 2 or more, especially if they know each other is working. They mentor each other, travel together, and totally enjoy the meetings.

Adding fun music adds a spark to our meetings.

Attendance at meetings has increased since our president has been meticulous about decorating for meetings. It shows a great deal of thought and effort has gone into that meeting. A four-chapter meeting enjoyed a catered meal and speaker. It's a time to visit with those members you don't see on a regular basis.

We stress to busy members that we would rather they come for part of a meeting than not come at all.

**Sue King      Theta Rho**      Email: [sueshoopman4@hotmail.com](mailto:sueshoopman4@hotmail.com)

1. Assigning the newsletter to the corresponding secretary.
2. Having a joint meeting with another chapter—it was fun and enjoyable to see other members from another chapter who also live here in Austin.

**Mu Sigma:** One idea that has worked for my chapter is meeting on Saturday for brunch. We meet 4 times a year + Founder's day and Birthday event. This seems to encourage members to attend the meetings.

## Honoring our Members

**Evelyn Farmer**                   **Alpha**                   Email: [efarmer@att.net](mailto:efarmer@att.net)  
An inspirational reading at the beginning of the meeting is a chance to give new members or shy members some visibility and start off on a nice calming note.  
We recognize birthdays with an announcement, a card and a Happy Birthday pencil.  
We send notes to reserve members or shut-ins.  
We recognize members who have been in the news or received recognition in other organizations.

**Mary Luetkemeyer**               **Mu Theta**               Email: [mickeymeyer@earthlink.net](mailto:mickeymeyer@earthlink.net)  
In January at our Birthday Celebration, we honored 3 charter members. It was Mu Theta's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had roses for each lady.

## Communication and Publicity

**Rose Bradley**                   **Beta Tau**                   Email: [debra\\_bradley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debra_bradley@sbcglobal.net)  
We used Survey Monkey to gather information and ideas from Beta Tau's membership...such as program and project ideas, sign up for committees and anonymous surveys to evaluate the 2012-2013 programs and projects.

We created a business card with information about DKG membership and Beta Tau. Each member got 10 cards to distribute to anyone interested in joining Beta Tau.

**Mellanie Fergsuon**               **Lambda Pi**                   Email: [mjferg@mac.com](mailto:mjferg@mac.com)  
One thing I did this year was create an online survey for members to cast their votes for new initiates. I received a lot of positive feedback from this. I will be doing the same to gather information about preferred times/days for our meetings next year.

**Mu Mu** chapter: New website for our chapter established this year. The President's Page supports our newsletters. It is sent out between newsletters and is more fun than just an email.

**Eta Zeta** Chapter executive board meetings were held by teleconference. The same number was also available for any committee to use for committee meetings ([freeconferencecall.com](http://freeconferencecall.com)).

**Eta:** Our newsletter now highlights a technology tip or two gleaned from the state Technology Committee printout.

**Beta Lambda:** Using a GOOGLE form we surveyed the members last summer for their preferences for dates, times and program topics. Our attendance has improved.

## **Appendix**

### **Treasures of the Founders Founder's Day Program: Gamma Nu**

This is read by the “narrator”. The narrator reads each founder’s name and the “founder” reads the part about her treasures and then places her things in a large treasure box.

#### Program Introduction

Wikipedia defines a treasure as a concentration of riches, often one which is considered lost or forgotten until being rediscovered. In our chapter we have a great concentration of riches in the form of our members. Today we also honor the 12 “treasures” who founded our organization. You might have noticed some different items on the founders table. These items represent the things that they might have “treasured” in their lives. As each founders’ name is called, they will collect their treasures and place them in the big treasure box. Our founders have all left us but their memories and examples continue to live in each of our chapters.

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton

(COPY OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SONG AND GAVEL TIED WITH GOLD RIBBON)

As founder of Delta Kappa Gamma I am having a hard time deciding what to include as a representation of my “treasures” for this chest. Little did I know that this organization of women would one day become an International Organization of Women Educators. My goal was to recognize and highlight women in a field that was predominately male and unite them to a common cause. These women sitting before me have helped to bring my goal to a reality that continues to flourish long after I have been gone. I would like to leave a copy of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song. As you sing it, listen to its words and take pride in knowing that you are chosen to a “special calling”. I thank Cora for helping me in the writing of it. I am also leaving my gavel as a symbol of leadership that each president demonstrates as she guides her chapter.

Miss Mamie Sue Bastian

(BIRTHDAY DECORATIONS, WHITE GLOVES, BEADED BAG TIED WITH PURPLE RIBBON)

I initiated the idea of the Birthday Luncheon and believe that the society should not only be scholarly but also social. We need to love each other, to laugh together, and to enjoy-to some extent- the lighter phases of life. I am including birthday celebration decorations along with my long white gloves and beaded evening bag, as some of the different things I treasured in my life.

Miss Ruby Cole

(BOOK AND MISSION CARDS TIED WITH ORCHID RIBBON)

I have always been a lover of Texas history. I worked to restore missions and establish parks and landmarks. I also worked for better schools and the welfare of our teachers. When visitors came to San Antonio, I wanted our community to be appealing to them and to our citizens who called it home. Every report that I gave and banquet that I hosted must be perfect to the last detail. I would like to include a history book from my library, and pictures of some of the missions in our state.

Miss Mabel Youree Grizzard

(ENGLISH GRAMMAR BOOK AND DECK OF CARDS TIED WITH NAVY RIBBON )

All my life I have been dedicated to my community and ways that I can serve it. Upon retirement I have contributed much of my time and leadership to the town of Waxahachie. I was honored when they named me "Waxahachie's First Lady of the Year" in 1953. I also enjoyed collecting old books, playing bridge and canasta and other card games. I have treasured these things in my life and would like to add them to the other treasures of our founders.

Dr. Anna Hiss

(BASKETBALL AND SOME SHEET MUSIC TIED WITH ORANGE RIBBON)

I was particularly honored when Dr. Blanton invited me to be one of the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma. Often times, physical education teachers are not always recognized for their value to education, so it was gratifying to me to be asked to help in this organizations' inception. Basketball has always been my favorite sport. I also am an accomplished pianist and I am including some of my favorite music.

Miss Ray Holden King

(TWO RED LEDGERS TIED WITH LIME GREEN RIBBON AND AN AFRICAN VIOLET)

I had the distinction of being the first treasurer of Delta Kappa Gamma. The office of treasurer carried great responsibility and entailed much work but at the same time it allowed me to do my favorite hobby, "figgerin". I also enjoyed some of the finer things of life in making intricate needlepoint pictures and growing African violets. I would like to share some of my ledgers, used for "figgerin" and an African violet from my collection to be included in the Treasures of our Founders.

Miss Sue King

(BOOKS TIED WITH AQUA RIBBON AND TENNIS RACKET)

My service to Delta Kappa Gamma was cut short by my early passing. Some of my former students wrote that I made history come alive for them. I did so enjoy history and reading for pleasure. Since there were no trained librarians, I often read widely to help select

supplementary materials for the school library. Before my health failed I enjoyed tennis for relaxation and playing bridge. I am putting a tennis racket and some of the books I collected as some of the things that were treasures to me.

Dr. Helen Lois Koch

(BOOKS TIED WITH YELLOW RIBBON AND PIANO MUSIC)

I was always an early riser and started my day around 4:00 with my piano practice. At one time, I considered teaching piano but decided I'd rather be a psychologist than a piano teacher. My German heritage and knowledge of the language aided me as an exchange professor in Germany for a year. It was very gratifying to help the German people with the problems that arose from the thousands of displaced children and refugees following the war. I am contributing some of my piano music along with some psychology books as a reminder of my dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma.

Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax

(TWO BOOKS TIED WITH A PINK RIBBON)

As a professor of classical languages, my classes were limited because so few students were interested in them, that I was asked to be dean of women. In this capacity, I counseled some of the women students and was able to solve many a difficult situations without incidents. I always said I was going to marry an author someday and I did. John Avery Lomax was a lecturer and collector of ballads. I accompanied him in the South, as he collected lost folklore and tales, for the Library of Congress. I am sharing a French book and some of the tales he might have collected because they were an important part of my life.

Dr. Cora Merriman Martin

(TWO READERS TIED WITH RED RIBBON)

I spent my professional career working toward improving elementary education especially in the area of reading. I believed that the content should be meaningful to children; therefore, I aimed at centering the lessons around factual situations related to childhood. I worked on producing a series of five *Real Life Readers* based on accounts of childhood experiences of Bob and Nancy. Since reading was so important to me I'm including some beginning readers to our treasure chest.

Mrs. Lalla McClatchy Odom

(GEOMETRY BOOK TIED WITH GREEN RIBBON AND CHINA PIECE)

I could have been viewed as a rebel in my time. After completing a highly successful year as a teacher at Metz Elementary School, in Austin, I was notified that married women were not issued contracts for teaching positions. I refused their offer of substitute teacher and many weeks later was finally given a regular teaching contract. I became one of the leading instructors of mathematics and wrote the text, *Intuitive Geometry for the Seventh Grade*, which

was used for many years. I'd like to put a geometry book and some of my hand painted china into the chest to symbolize things that were special to me.

Miss Lela Lee Williams

(BOX OF JEWELRY AND RED CROSS POSTER TIED WITH SILVER RIBBON)

I have always been noted for my fascination with costume jewelry and my flair for entertaining. But my greatest achievement was in the area of money given to different school districts to improve education in all areas. It was evident to me that the demand for increased efficiency in teaching methods must be met with higher salaries for teachers. Much of time was spent improving courses for training elementary teachers and securing a single standard salary schedule in order to hold good teachers and upgrade rural schools. To our collection of treasures I wish in include some of my costume jewelry and a reminder of my work with the Junior Red Cross.

**The “treasures” were displayed on a table along with the pictures of the founders. Each founders “treasures” were tied with a different colored ribbon, so the participants would know what things went with which founder.**

(Miniature treasure boxes were stained and given as favors, along with gold coin chocolates.)

## Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture

(A script showing how Delta Gamma chapter personalized the International power point)  
Practice Session

Jeanette: Director (Sitting on tall stool.)

I want to thank all of you for being here this evening. I am excited, yet concerned, about our program Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture. I know that you are well aware that this is our first and last practice session before we travel to State to present our program that the State Membership Committee requested us to do. It is always good to have a time to remember what the Delta Kappa Gamma Society is all about. Just think, we will be trying to inspire members from all over the State by using our Delta Gamma chapter as an example.

It is appropriate for you to use your notes but remember, do not read it all to us. You will have additional time to practice on your own, so I am sure you will get your part down to perfection. Since this is just practice those of you in the audience can join in to add to the script if you feel that you have something we need to add or delete.

Let's get this show on the road.

May we present Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture?

### The Honor of Membership

Fannie

Women teachers to the calling  
Firmly rally, never falling  
Duty ne'er upon us palling  
Staunch courageous, we.

Close your eyes for a moment and visualize the evening that you were initiated into your chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

May I share my personal story of becoming a member of Delta Gamma? In 1971 I was invited to join but at that time my son was a 4-H member and I was a 4-H leader and the organizations met on the same night and I had a very busy schedule. I really knew nothing about this organization so I wrote a note and explained why I could not join. In 1979, I was honored to receive another invitation to join. I accepted this invitation and I must say that this has had a profound effect upon my life. I began to realize the honor of the membership and Delta Gamma has enriched my life in so many ways because:

Someone noticed my work, my standards, my potential.

Gloria Fiedler, Ruth Templin and Joella Crawford sought my association and sponsored my invitation.

Grace Fite Allison honored me and showed confidence in me.

Billie Bailey, president, help me take pride in my continuing membership.

Harlowe Johnson, the ultimate mentor, helped me to take every opportunity to believe in myself and honor fellow members.

I remember how beautiful the initiation table was, and I envision everything being carried out with pomp and circumstance...planned to perfection with participants dressed in their Sunday best because they knew it was a special occasion. This day in January 1980 was truly a turning point in my life. I still look forward to the challenge of helping with a program or project. The second Monday in each month, I put forth my best effort to attend so that I can see all of you

and fulfill the privilege of being a retired educator still interested in my Delta Gamma chapter and my Sisters...staunch courageous, we. You are the wind beneath my wings. I love all of you dearly.

## **Founders**

### **Judy**

When the Founders envisioned the organization, they wanted it to be a unifying force with a nurturing environment of women educators. In 1929, the United States was not a very hospitable place for women if they wanted to work outside the home. Women were employed as teachers until they married, and then were expected to resign. College scholarships were rare and those that existed were awarded to men. The idea of a woman being elected to a public office or holding an administrative position was not acceptable. Women had only had the right to vote for 9 years.

Of course there were exceptions: strong women who would not be held back. As these women began to make advances in a male dominated world, they chose to create a support system for other women. The first invitations for an organization for women teachers went out under a pseudonym and information about the group was kept secret to protect women. It wasn't a secret society, but men didn't like the idea of women organizing.

The thought of an organization to promote professional and personal excellence of women educators and excellence in education was not openly accepted. After all, the Founders included women who worked to give the school children of Texas free textbooks, lobbied the legislature unceasingly for a retirement system for teachers and refused to accept substitute pay for a full day of teaching just because she was married.

**Billie: (From audience area.) Raise your hand and say," Judy, may I interrupt?**

I found words penned by a Delta Kappa Gamma chapter that expressed how they felt about Dr. Annie Webb Blanton. I would like to share it and perhaps you would like a copy. I will give it to you after practice if you desire to add it to your part.

She was a woman whom time will call great;  
She was a leader where few but men have led;  
One who never left a task unfinished or ill-done.  
She held the long purpose like a growing tree.  
Held on through blame and faltered not at praise...  
And when conviction gripped her soul,  
She dared, if need be, go her way alone.

**Judy:** Thank you Billie. Those are great words about Dr. Annie.

## **Mission**

### **Gail B.**

**(Gail B. and Sue will walk out together)**

With the organization of the Society, led by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, in 1929, the mission statement was created. It is important that each member know not only the wording but the philosophy that is the foundation of our Society.

**(Say the Mission first and then ask the group to repeat it with you.)**

To promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Delta Kappa Gamma does not encourage stagnation. It encourages life-long learning, risk-taking, and self-examination...a journey of becoming the best each of us can be.

## **Vision**

Sue

(Sue and Gail will walk out together)

As the Society expanded, the Vision of the Society grew to include women in all parts of the world. It describes where we are now and where we want to be in the future.

(Say the Vision first and then ask the group to repeat it with you.)

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

In much of the world, women are still struggling with problems that we faced years ago. As we help them realize their potential as women educators, we are impacting education worldwide. In our Delta Gamma chapter we must let our Vision light the way to a greater tomorrow for ourselves and for others.

## **Purposes**

(Gail and Linda will walk out together and carry on a discussion)

**Gail S.:** Linda, from the beginning, the Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International were established and we continue to adhere to these Purposes. I can't recite them as written, but let's see if we can paraphrase them.

**Linda S.:** We are generous in our giving because it is a part of our Purposes whether it is monetary or personal support.

**Gail:** Our Society seeks to keep women informed of issues that affect them as women. This might be economic, social or political. We have a US Forum that monitors all national legislation that concerns women and children. Our Society monitors legislation at all levels of government; again focusing on matters concerning women and children. We have a state legislative committee that puts out regular reminders of topics about which we should write our state legislators.

**Linda:** We seek to honor women educators around the world through scholarships and opportunities for professional growth.

**Gail:** The Purpose that we wish to focus on this evening is...To unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship. Let's allow Judy, Carolyn and Cindy to cover this purpose with a rendition of *Beautiful Alpha State Texas*.

(Move off stage and be seated)

## ***Beautiful Alpha State Texas***

(Sung to the tune of *Beautiful Texas*)

You've all heard the beautiful story  
Of the ladies who made history.  
Who together with Annie Webb Blanton  
Established our Society.

We're proud of our noble beginning.  
The twelve made a gallant start.  
For out of a few, the membership grew  
To the thousands who now are a part.

Today we have many fine leaders,  
Like Tommie and Billie and Sue.  
Who have worked hard that we might have guidance  
And help us in all that we do.

So as we move forward together  
We leave with a blueprint in hand.  
So be of good cheer and have a fine year  
As you carry out all of your plans.

In this song about Alpha State Texas,  
There is one thing we just have to say  
About sixteen thousand key teachers  
Who are proud that they teach today.

It's great to have friends and companions  
And that seems to be our good fate.  
So let us all smile for our jobs are worthwhile  
As we strive for our great Alpha State.

Chorus:

It was beautiful Alpha State Texas  
Where the beautiful bluebonnets grow,  
That our Founders created a vision  
And shared it that others might know.

We're proud to be key women teachers  
For others the pathway to show.  
We are sisters in Alpha State Texas,  
The most beautiful place that we all know.

Carol Wadzeck, Mu Iota

#### **As a member of DKG you belong to**

##### **Carole Ann:**

As a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, you belong to...  
A chapter, Delta Gamma  
A state, Texas State Organization which is also known as Alpha State International, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
There are 281 chapters in the state of Texas. Our chapter, Delta Gamma, was the 99<sup>th</sup> chapter to be chartered.  
The San Augustine Rappers...Tommie, Deborah and others will tell you about these three organizations to which we all belong.

#### **Delta Kappa Gamma Rap**

Hey! Hey! Sisters, we're gonna rap  
So, don't you try to take a nap.  
We're gonna rock, we're gonna roll  
Cause, we've got Delta Kappa Gamma in our soul.  
Our Society has three main parts  
Chapter, State and International should all be dear to our hearts.  
On your table, you easily observe  
Three candles, what purpose will they serve?  
They do not match, we're sure you've wondered  
If the decorating committee completely blundered.

The various sizes and shapes show diversity which is needed  
To initiate women of different positions and skills is needed.

Delta Gamma is represented by the shorter candles in red  
By president, Linda Bordelon, our fifty members are led.  
We are but one of 281 chapters in our state  
We strive to make our group first rate.  
Attendance at every meeting possible is a must  
You will want to attend, in that we trust.  
When asked to participate the cardinal rule is to never say No.  
Through your involvement, you will grow  
Our vision is to impact education right here  
Projects, programs and grants keep us in high gear.

The middle candlestick represents State  
Come on now and remember this date.  
June 21-23 is the time we will go  
To Austin for learning and fun you know.  
Eighty state organizations work to impact education  
We must appreciate the outstanding dedication.  
We learn of projects, programs and such  
The new friends you meet, will your lives touch.  
You will rub shoulders with the leaders each day  
Being on a State committee is a special light ray.  
Or later on, being a committee chairman is a fabulous thing  
Ask Carol or Fannie about the joy it will bring.  
So come on Sisters, let us nominate you  
You will get the experience that you are due.  
International is shown by the largest candlesticks, so grand,  
They are always willing to give a helping hand.  
Located in Austin, our headquarters so fine  
Just think, it is part... yours and mine  
All over the world women educators are uplifted...  
Making members aware as paradigms are shifted.  
The goal is to make teachers and students feel secure,  
While seeing that global quality education is insured.

Come on Sisters let's have some fun  
Before Linda's biennium is over, we'll get much done.  
Sustaining pride in the big picture, a worthy goal  
Come on girls let's play our Delta Kappa Gamma role.  
Being members of this Society should make us rejoice  
Around the world we have a resounding voice.

## **Opportunities**

### Carol

There are many opportunities afforded for Delta Kappa Gamma members.  
(A list of benefits is in your president's manual.)

## **Members contribute to the Society by...**

Never say NO  
(Montez, Madeline and Elaine will go up to speak at the same time,)

### Montez

Members contribute to the Society by participating. One of the traditions of earlier years was to tell every initiate that they were never to say "NO" when asked to do something in Delta Gamma. Fannie Watson, our oldest active member, was very timid when she joined. She said that she has attempted many things because she took this to heart. She has often stepped out of her comfort zone and tried to do things that she felt she did not have the expertise to do. She realizes that opportunity often goes around wearing overalls and looking like hard work. Follow this pattern and step out of your comfort zone.

### Madeline

Members contribute to the Society by paying dues and fees...Having Georgia Mathews as treasurer for so many wonderful years mentoring our Tommie to follow in her footsteps has made it possible for our chapter to always get our treasurer's report in by the deadline. This is a dream come true for our State treasurer. Thank you for always taking care of this matter. Without these dues our organization could not operate effectively.

### Elaine

Members contribute to the Society by accepting leadership roles...Many of us feel that we cannot accept a role in Delta Gamma that is above being a committee member or perhaps we might venture out to be the chairman of a committee. There is the story of Judy, someone always very reserved but doing an outstanding job as a committee member or chairman. We never thought that she would even consider being an officer. Once upon a time the vice president had to give up her job. Judy was asked to take the position and filled that vacancy until the end of the biennium. She did such a good job that the nominating committee asked her to be president. Because she is of the old school, she knew that she could not say NO and she did an outstanding job even though seemingly she never dreamed of accepting the presidency. You might like to let someone on the nominating committee know if you want to be an officer.

## **Membership Review**

### **Active**

#### Lavonne

We have 46 active members in Delta Gamma at this time. Bobbie Clay is the member who has been in the longest, since 1967.

### **Reserve**

#### Billie Jean

Reserve members are unable to participate fully because of physical disability or geographic location. We have 4 reserve members. These are Gloria Fiedler, Edith Henderson, Edgel Permenter and Jim Ann Taylor.

### **Honorary**

#### Tammy

Honorary members are those who are not eligible for active membership but who have rendered notable service to education. We have 1 honorary member of whom we are very proud...Dene Demke. Because of her steadfast support and participation, we feel in our hearts that she is classified as Active. She is our cheerleader.

### **Transfer**

#### Barbara

**Transfer members** are those who were initiated into another chapter but we try to believe that they came to us as quickly as they could. These are Jeanette Ashley from Beta Iota in Mangham, Louisiana; Linda Bordelon from Zeta in Shreveport, Louisiana; Gloria Fiedler from Iota Rho in Nederland, Texas; Carol McMillan from Kappa Sigma in Breckenridge, Texas; Nora Robison from Iota Iota in Denton, Texas.

## **Reinstatement**

### Barbara

**Reinstatement...**Chapter members are not required to know the member requesting reinstatement. Because she has been a member, her membership qualifications are not in question. She automatically becomes a member of the chapter that she has chosen. International takes care of all the details.

## **Projects...Projects...Projects**

### Nora

By bringing together a broad spectrum of qualified women educators in our communities, our state, and our world, we put our ideas in to action and continue our passion for projects. Our current local service projects support CASA, the Rainbow Room, Empty Stocking, Toys for Tots, and Grant-in-Aid. At the State level, we always help with the project being sponsored at convention by the Personal Growth and Services committee. This past summer we took children's books and DVD's so that military personnel could record the books for their children. On the International level we support World Fellowship to provide fellowships for graduate or doctoral studies to qualified women from other countries. We are pleased to assist UNICEF in its project to help the women and children of Afghanistan and Schools in Africa. Our small contributions mean a great deal to the children and women of the world and to educators from other countries whose lives are being enriched by the assistance of our Delta Gamma chapter.

## **Programs**

### Wendy

Members are the heart of our chapter but the programs that we create to inform or entertain are crucial for a healthy chapter. Focused programs help to fulfill the Society's mission. It would be so much fun to reminisce about some of our favorite programs or something that happened that made an impression on you...maybe even an embarrassing moment. Who would like to be first? (Becky, Phyllis and Billie have something planned to say. Others may want to say something.)

(Wendy you can also speak about a special program if you desire.)

## **Recommitment**

### Dene

We have practiced Sustaining Pride in the Big Picture for our State presentation. We have discussed the professional growth of women educators and how we uphold this purpose. In addition, let us commit ourselves to our personal growth by pledging a Collect used by a local reading club that was written by Mary Stuart in 1941.

## **A Collect**

(To be printed on power point)

Keep us, oh God, from pettiness;  
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.  
Let us be done with fault-finding  
and leave off self-seeking.  
May we put away all pretense and  
meet each other face to face,  
without self-pity and without prejudice.  
May we never be hasty in judgment  
and always generous.  
Let us take time for all things;  
make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better  
impulses, straightforward and unafraid.  
Grant that we may realize it is the little  
things that create differences,  
that in the big things of life, we are at one.  
And may we strive to touch and to know  
the great common human heart of us all,  
and, oh Lord God, let us forget not, to be kind.  
Our vision and mission encompass the world.

Jeanette

The work of our Delta Gamma chapter, the Texas State Organization and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International impacts education and promotes the personal growth of women educators, having no geographical boundaries.

Rejoice and celebrate that you are a member of an organization that makes such difference in the lives of so many. Thank you my Sisters for your participation this evening. You are the greatest. Just keep studying your parts and we will work out any kinks that get in our way. We will be ready to inspire others at State.

## Involving members multiple ways during a meeting

Magical Mystery Tour: History of Beatles Music

**Roll call:** choose one

- Beatles or Rolling Stones
- Favorite Beatles song

**Ice breaker:** choose one

- Share a memory of a Beatles song and what it means to you
- Read aloud a Beatles lyric. Discuss what it means in relation to your life experiences.

**Hostesses:** the all-time favorite food of the Fab Four is Honey - which features in no less than fourteen song lyrics recorded by John, Paul, George and Ringo - and their preferred drink is tea - with over a dozen musical references. Things your hostesses could bring: cuppa tea (hot tea) a dish with eggs (deviled eggs), marmalade and bread, chocolate truffles, apples (apple tarts or slices) strawberries (fresh, strawberry shortcake, or in a spinach salad), a dessert made with honey.

**Music:** pick a familiar Beatles song for everyone to sing accompanied by instruments like spoons and kitchen tools.

**Key quote:** Members choral read one or more famous Beatle quotes

**Program:** Members representing each decade could briefly share a music clip with historical reference that shows the evolution/ history/influence/importance of Beatles music.

**Fundraiser:** raffle a Beatles CD that has been donated by a music store.

### **Sample Lyrics**

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one.

All you need is love, love. Love is all you need.

There are places I remember all my life, though some have changed. Some forever, not for better, some have gone and some remain.

Let it be, let it be. There will come an answer, let it be.

Life is very short and there's no time for fussing and fighting my friend.

.Blackbird singing in the dead of night. Take these broken wings and learn to fly. All your life, you were only waiting for this moment to arrive. You were only waiting for this moment to be free.

## Involving members multiple ways during a meeting

Chocolate Bliss

**Roll call:** choose one

- Favorite kind of chocolate candy bar
- Favorite way to enjoy chocolate (cake, ice cream, cocoa, etc.)

**Ice breaker:**

- Chocolate personality test (page 41)
- Chocolate memory

**Hostesses:** chocolate tasting

**Music:** Sing *The Candy Man Can* from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory movie

**Key quote:** Members choral read one or more quotes involving chocolate

**Program:** Members share history and health benefits of chocolate, favorite chocolate recipes

**Fundraiser:** Chocolate silent auction, bake sale, or raffle

### Sample Quotes

Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands - and then eat just one of the pieces. Judith Viorst

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. Charles Schulz

There's nothing better than a good friend, except a good friend with CHOCOLATE.  
Linda Grayson

Exercise is a dirty word... Every time I hear it, I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

Life is like a box of chocolates - you never know what you're going to get. Forrest Gump

Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done.

"My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far today, I have finished 2 bags of M&M's and a chocolate cake. I feel better already." Dave Berry

Save the earth. It's the only planet with chocolate.

## **Chocolate Personality Test** (Chi State Leadership Conference 2013)

The activity uses the candy bars in the bag of Hershey's Miniatures.

Purpose of activity: Get acquainted, team building

Place a bowl or bag of candy bars in the center of each table. Tell each person to choose the candy bar they prefer but not to eat it.

After everyone has made a selection, members can form into chocolate choice groups to discuss a question for 2 or 3 minutes. ( Sample question: Do apps help you or just waste your time?) When the time is up, one person from each group can give a synopsis of the group discussion. After the discussion, the group leader reads the following:

**MILK CHOCOLATES** are All American; they love baseball, mom, and apple pie. They are the dependable, cheerleader type. They are great fund raisers, are entrepreneurial, levelheaded, and have high energy. They are playful and are great PR people. They are kind and thoughtful and they remember and celebrate special days.

**KRACKLES** are messy, but organized. They are creative, optimistic, perky, and are visual learners and teachers. They see the cup as half full. Sometimes they are a little off-beat and crazy but they are friendly. They don't mind chaos and they are able to multi-task. They can improvise. Sometimes they need a deadline to get a task done.

**MR. GOODBARS** like to be experts. They will gather data and then play devil's advocate. They like to be heard at meetings. They may drive other people crazy. They are able to see all the possibilities and take time to make a decision. They are logical and follow directions. They are analytical.

**DARK CHOCOLATES** are patient, insightful, are individualists, and are reflective and curious. They enjoy solving problems. They like a challenge that can be solved by sitting alone and thinking about it. They like to see a project through from beginning to end, but they like a plan. They work well with difficult people.

### **Chapter President's Song**

This song written by Tammy Vitek could be used as a fun way to encourage members to accept leadership positions.

The tune can be heard on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pL7YF1H7qxE&feature=related>

Some props you might use are: sunglasses, artificial roses, a report cover, a glue stick, a gavel, mirror, magnifying glass, pillow, tuning fork.

I hope you have fun using it!

Tammy Vitek, Beta Zeta Chapter

I'm glad I'm a Chapter President,  
There's nothing I'd rather be,  
But if I weren't a President, a \_\_\_\_\_ me. (repeat for each verse)

1. A treasurer, me!

Please pay your dues, thanks for the dough! (put on sunglasses)  
Book me a flight to Acapulco!

2. A Ceremonies chairman, me!

Tablecloth, roses, official scarf, (hit podium with roses)  
Who forgot the candles?

3. An Archives chairman, me!

Use acid-free paper and glue sticks,  
Encapsulate! Don't laminate!

4. A Parliamentarian, me!

Sit down and shut up! (shake gavel in air)  
It's rude to interrupt!

5. A Membership Chairman, me!

If they're still breathing,  
Bring them to a meeting! (hold mirror under someone's nose to check for breathing)

6. A Programs Chairman, me! (hold magnifying glass to eye)

Search ev'ry nook and cranny  
For a program that's an Annie!

7. A Vice-President, me!

Do this . . . do that . . . (hug pillow)  
I think I'll take a nap.

8. A Music Chairman, me! (strike tuning fork on podium)

Annie Webb and Cora M.  
Must have been sopranos! (screech in a high voice)

I'm glad I'm a Chapter President,

There's nothing I'd rather be,

Since I'm a Chapter President (hold up roses and gavel with happiness) I'm happy as can be!