

## **Founder's and President's Banquet**

**June 21, 2014 Lubbock Convention; Lubbock, Texas**

### **Script: Founders for All Seasons**

As members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, we traditionally honor our Founders each year. We dedicate a few moments to look back at our dramatic past and our "Founders for All Seasons."

A Founder is like Spring.

She nurtures new green sprouts,

Encourages and leads them,

Whenever they have doubts.

Spring, from March 20 through June 20, is that special season that brings us fields of beautiful wildflowers. Three of our Founders were born in Spring and they certainly nurtured and lead our organization in the early years.

Miss Mabel Grizzard, born on March 22, was a Rural Supervisor and Elementary Principal. She not only guided and helped many students, but also the new members of our society.

Mrs. Lalla M. Odom, born on April 8, was head of the Math Department at John T. Allan Junior High School in Austin, Texas. She was unselfish, devoted and strong.

Born on May 11, Dr. Anna Hiss was Director of Physical Training for Women, of the University of Texas. She nurtured her students and was known to be a true woman of faith.

A Founder is like Summer,  
Whose sunny temperament  
Makes joining a pleasure  
And keeps the membership content.

Summer, June 21 through September 21, is the season that brings well-deserved vacations. However, the four Founders born in Summer did not have much time for vacations as they worked tirelessly to grow our organization.

Miss Ray King, born on July 13, was a High School History teacher in Fort Worth. She was a person with a vision for each of her students, as well as for our society.

Born on July 20, Miss Lela Lee Williams was a Dallas Elementary School Principal. She rallied Dallas teachers

to march for higher salaries. She was an advocate and defender of this cause – her dedication was to be appreciated.

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton was born on August 19. She was the motivating force of the group, whose professional career encompassed every level of experience – Rural Teacher to State Superintendent and Professor of Rural Education. She was an organizer beyond compare!

Dr. Helen L. Koch, born on August 26, was Professor of Psychology at the University of Texas. She pioneered studies in childcare which has benefited many educators today. She was a role model for members of our society.

A Founder is like Fall,  
With methods crisp and clear.  
She leads by example  
And creates a happy atmosphere.

September 22 through December 20 is the beautiful season of Fall. This season is marked by cool weather and an array of autumn hues on every horizon. Three of our Founders had birthdays during this season and they provided us with examples of what a member should strive to be.

Miss Mamie Sue Bastian, born on November 27, was an Elementary Principal in Houston, Texas. She was very influential in alerting legislators to the needs and concerns of women teachers. She was always an inspiration.

Also born on November 27, was Dr. Cora Martin. She was an Associate Professor of Elementary Education at the University of Texas. She was a musician and an author of children's readers. She modeled the creative aspects of membership.

Miss Ruby Cole, born on December 2, was an Elementary Principal in San Antonio. She worked to better schools and to support teachers. She showed us that we must stand up for issues important to women educators.

A Founder is like Winter,  
While it's snowing hard outside,  
Keeping members comfortable,  
As a warm and helpful guide.

Winter covers the period of December 21 through March 19 and brings us the birthdays of two final Founders. These Founders were able to guide many of the early members of our society.

Miss Sue King, born on January 8, was the head of a Junior High History Department in Fort Worth. There she was a guide to teachers and students. She held high ideals of scholarship and service which are qualities we still treasure in our society.

Born on February 7, Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax was Dean of Women and the Associate Professor of Classical Languages at the University of Texas. She was always ready to lend a hand and guide a new member.

Our Founders were from various fields of education, different parts of the state, different backgrounds, yet they came together to form an organization that is still vibrant today - 85 years later.

Founders, you did all these things,  
With pleasant attitudes;  
You were Founders for all seasons,  
And you have our gratitude!

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