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Bylaws create new state committee

One of the results of the bylaws voted in during the 84th Convention in Austin is a new committee called Global Awareness. The Global Awareness Committee promotes Delta Kappa Gamma's Mission and Purposes worldwide by encouraging support of official Society projects and programs and other state and chapter global outreach activities.



While the committee name may be new, this isn't a new concept to Delta Kappa Gamma; one of DKG's purposes is to inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society. Committee members will spend time investigating the direction of the new committee and working with TSO President Nancy Newton to implement her goal of cultivating member participation in Delta Kappa Gamma's global vision of impacting education worldwide.

Global Awareness is part of the Educational Excellence Committee and will not only incorporate the former World Fellowship Committee responsibilities, but will include the officially approved DKG project, Schools for Africa, promoting the DKG/UN relationship as described in the International Constitution and exploring and learning about the 18 member countries with DKG chapters inclusive of global connections within the USA.

In addition, the committee will explore and provide opportunities for members to be involved in official Society projects and programs related to global issues and topics. The committee will encourage participation in events that develop multicultural connections. These may include work with CTAUN, teacher exchange partnerships and mini-teaching assignments in other countries, particularly those supported with ASTEF funded scholarships, and connecting with international students (World Fellowship recipients) attending Texas universities.



An opportunity to learn about global partnerships

The United Nations and its agencies have worked for many years to awaken interest in the root causes of global problems, whether they are environmental, political or economic. Delta Kappa Gamma has been involved since the late 1960s in providing a team of volunteer experts to enable educators to develop new and better ways of teaching about the United Nations and its non-governmental organization partners. The result is CTAUN, the Committee on Teaching About the United Nations.

On November 2, 2013, CTAUN and The Embrey Human Rights Program at SMU are collaborating on a conference for educators, students and concerned citizens. This one day gathering will be filled with information that will educate, inspire and encourage members to learn about global issues, sustainability and global partnerships in an increasingly interconnected world. There will be keynotes, panelists, breakouts and an info-fair that will showcase ways of engaging young adults, connecting classrooms to the world through social networks, finding global education resources, understanding sustainability and discovering world travel opportunities. More information is available on www.ctaun.org.

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Joining together for TSO

Nancy Newton
2013-2015
Texas State President



What a fascinating time to be a TSO/DKG member!

On the state level, we have:

- New biennium
- New bylaws and rules
- New committees

Your new state officers are excited to begin these two years of serving chapter members. Our aim is to be a conduit to help facilitate the many changes we will be experiencing. We have pledged ourselves to help the Texas State Organization to move easily and competently into the following biennia.

Join us as we educate our members in the revised state bylaws and rules. Did you know your chapter can initiate members every month, if you want to do so? You can set your chapter committee structure to suit you and your needs. Fulfilling the seven purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma is the goal—not to have a mini-state structure on the chapter level.

Join us to structure the responsibilities for the four new state committees; Programs and Service Projects, Global Awareness, Personal and Professional Development and Educational Excellence. These committees are structured to assist each chapter and our members.

Join us to set high expectations and goals for these new committees. Help them be of benefit for all of Texas members.

Join us as we develop guidelines for all TSO committees. Offer your suggestions to the members of the various state committees from your area. Your AC has the names of all committee members from your area and will be glad to share. Committee members are spread state-wide where possible.

Join us in Annie Calling (page 14) as we reconnect with members who have dropped their membership in the past few years. In a recent survey of former DKG members, 70% said they'd most likely return if asked. Let's ask!

Join us! The 2013-15 Executive Committee welcomes your ideas, your suggestions and your support.

Also, **JOIN US** in Lubbock next summer as we paint the town RED and GOLD!

Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



This is one of the busiest times for treasurers! This column is intended to provide financial information, reminders and tips for treasurers and other members who are interested in chapter and state finances. Hopefully, all members will benefit from reminders and new information. Many treasurers were able to attend one of the convention workshops. For those unable to attend, handouts from the "Star" treasurer workshop are available from state headquarters upon request.

Thanks to the treasurers who have already submitted the yearly treasurer's report (form 15) that was due July 15. The goal is to have 100% of chapters reporting. Reminders will be sent to chapters not reporting. Interactive report forms are available on the TSO website and may be submitted electronically. A hard copy is always accepted if computer problems inhibit e-filing.

Dues collection should be well underway. Treasurers should have received their dues packet from international headquarters. If the current or the previous treasurer has not received the packet, the treasurer should contact state or international headquarters for a packet. Dues and fees for state and international are the same as last year; there are no changes. A breakdown of dues and fees is available in a file called 2012-2014 Dues Card on the financial committee's page on the state website, www.alphastatetexas.org.

New initiates will not receive the state and international mailings if names and fees have not been submitted to the state office. Initiate fees may be sent at the time of initiation or with the chapter dues and fees. Since there is no charge for reinstatements, encourage members who have dropped their membership to consider activating it.

The last reminder is more of a warning: file the 990-N for your chapter. DO NOT ignore it or it will become a 990-N nightmare for you and your chapter. If you receive a letter regarding your filings from the IRS, DO NOT IGNORE IT. Call state headquarters, and someone will help you. Having one person designated to file this form with the IRS each year would assure that it gets done on time and done correctly. Always keep a file of all receipts and all documentation related to the 990-N.



At-A-Glance Deadlines

Sept 1	-International Cornet Award application -State Treasurers Form 16
Oct 1	TSO Mini Grant applications AC status reports
Oct 15	Nominations for International Personnel due
Oct 19-20	AC Workshop Training
31	Dues and fees paid by all
Nov 1	-LSN submissions -Members dropped for non-payment of dues -Early Bird Yearbook deadline -International Cornet Seminar Application -CATUN
10	Membership Dues and fees to HQ: Form 18
15	IRS Form 990N E-Postcard Due
Dec 1	-Chapter yearbooks to State Chair, State HQ and AC -Golden Gift LMS applications

Committees

Sept 7	Educational Excellence
14-15	PSP Advisory Council
23-24	ASTEF
27	Exec Comm
28	Exec/LDCP
29	LDCP

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Capitalizing on Austin in 2013

The 84th Texas State Convention in Austin had been a work in progress for over a year for Elizabeth Polk, Sandra Morales, Pam Akins, Joanne Davis and a large supporting staff.



Joanne Davis, state president and Dr. Beverly Helms, international president arriving in a burnt orange car trimmed with Texas flags and a longhorn hood ornament

International President Dr. Beverly Helms arrived in true Texas style.

Finally everyone was ready for the activities to begin—and they began with smiles



Elizabeth Polk, Sandra Morales and Pam Akins making a memory



Kay Danziger and Jeanette Melasky enjoying the ice cream social

and laughter as members enjoyed a casual ice cream social and had their pictures made enjoying the festivities.



Barbara Derrick, Katherine Reid, Kim Birkelbach, Pat Osborne and Betty Jo Watts creating a picture opportunity from available props

The amazing amount of planning and attention to detail was evident as our 948 registered members got to their activities with little trouble.



Lorine Kuhn, and Myrna Mund organizing convention programs

Presidents were trained, strategies were learned, bylaws were passed, Annies were displayed, and school supplies were gathered for the Hands Across Texas Unifying Project.



Shirl Hawes, LDCP chair, leading presidents' training



Dr. Sarah Hodges voting in Executive Board meeting



Janet Burgess checking out the Annie Award boards.

5584 individual items collected for Unifying Project



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David Gaschen, the beau in the Belles and a Broadway Beau production.

Cindy Neander, Nancy Newton and Eileen Pink had a special treat for chapter presidents. As part of the presentation of chapter presidents, David Gaschen, singer and heart throb, crooned to the audience as the presidents prepared to be recognized. He ended the evening with a selection from *Phantom of the Opera*.



Presidents from Area 1: Linda Ashby, Alpha Eta; Jean Blanton, Phi; Linda Bordelon, Delta Gamma



Anne Barab demonstrating how to put stress in the past and think like a leader.

Speakers inspired us, the TSO chorus uplifted us and International President Dr. Beverly Helms explained how members of the Texas State Organization have received an amazing amount of monetary benefits from being a part of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

ASTEF held its business meeting and members had a bitter sweet reaction to all of the stipends awarded and raffles won because of the death of Jean Webb, the driving force behind the creation of ASTEF.

Members took advantage of free time to shop and shop and shop.

Joanne Davis, outgoing president, reflected on the importance of lighthouses and the guiding light they share. She believes this light is the essence of what we do—the positive influence that we have, and she reminded us that our influence is making a difference.

Nancy Newton, incoming president, looked forward to

expanding the vision of being leading women educators impacting education worldwide by educating, inspiring and encouraging our members to be a vital part of the organization. Through global awareness, she wants TSO members to learn and share the human connection with members around the world in educational endeavors.



Nancy Lowry and Mary Claire Welch singing in choir



Rhonda Cerrone and Nancy Hale visiting the vendors.



Pam Weathersby winner of an ASTEF raffle item



Reality sets in as Nancy Newton realizes that Joanne Davis is about to give her the gavel used by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton

How do you identify a strong society?

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Societies and organizations are defined by the people who make up their membership. At the state level, Delta Kappa Gamma recognizes outstanding women by awarding the Texas State Organization Achievement Award and the Golden Rose Award every year at the Birthday Luncheon.



Margaret Berry,
Alpha

Cheryl Edgington,
Alpha Beta



Golden Rose recipients are those members who are the backbones of our Society, working hard behind the scenes. These are the four Golden Rose Award recipients. Dr. Margaret

Berry is responsible for keeping the heritage of Delta Kappa Gamma in the public's eye for almost 75 years. Cynthia DeVies contributes her musical talents to many state conventions, area workshops and her own chapter functions. Ruby Schuman demonstrates her love for the



Cynthia DeVies,
Eta Zeta

Ruby Schuman,
Iota Upsilon

Society by providing music for the benefit of all the members whenever asked. Cheryl Edgington finds no job was too small if her chapter or area asked for her help. Cheryl was the member who always said yes.



Patti Belknap,
Theta Alpha

Jo Murphy,
Omega Iota



The State Achievement Award goes to women across the state who have demonstrated leadership skills at all levels including

chapter, state, regional and international levels. Their credentials are long. The following are the five Achievement Award winners. Patti Belknap is identified for her inspirational mentoring of early-career educators. Shirl Hawes is distinguished for



Shirl Hawes,
Kappa Kappa

Sharon Daugherty,
Lambda Xi



Katherine Reid,
Theta Sigma

her enthusiasm for learning and sharing that learning with others. Sharon Daugherty is recognized for all that she has done for the Society over the past 45 years. Dr. Jo Murphy is named in part for her work on the Scholarship committee and service as a state officer. Katherine Reid, recommended as an exemplary role model, a shining light in her chapter, area, and state, utilizes her artistic and computer talents for the benefit of the Society.

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

Begin gathering information now for future awards

If you know someone who has given outstanding service to the Texas State Organization at the state level through participation or leadership and would like to nominate her for the Golden Rose or Achievement Award, download a form from the state website, www.alphastatetexas.org, while you are thinking about it. The deadline is February 1, 2014.

Building leadership in chapters

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We have a situation in Delta Kappa Gamma that is uncomfortable to discuss but critical to the future of our organization. Why is it so hard for members in many chapters to say “YES!” to leadership roles? This question is taking a few chapters to the brink of dissolution and many others to moments of anxiety and turmoil.

Is this a scenario familiar in your chapter? In February in the second year of the biennium, the chapter president realizes that she and her Executive Board will need to be replaced – soon. “Who is on the Nominations Committee?” she thinks. “Do we even have a Nominations Committee?” “Yes, we do.” After finding their names, “I need to call the chair and get them to work!” Now after several weeks of asking, cajoling, begging and, at times, outright bribery, the chair calls to say, “Sorry, we can’t get anyone to take the presidency, if you don’t do it again, I just don’t know what we will do.”

This situation doesn’t happen overnight. There are many possible variables in the scenario. A few might be:

- Every woman in the chapter does not see herself as a leader
- There are tensions between factions in the chapter (retired and working, boomer and millennial, past leaders and current ones)
- A president’s position made onerous with duties and responsibilities that are added to but never deleted, never delegated, never shared
- Members and past leaders who do not see themselves as a safety net for current leaders, a supportive environment for assisting and encouraging current and future leaders

If even one of these rings a bell in your chapter, there are things that can be done and done now to change the situation for the current year. First, it is important to turn “scarcity” thinking into “abundance” thinking by changing the frame of reference from the world of “measurement” to the world of “possibility.” Make over a chapter meeting into a discussion about these two worlds in your chapter. After you have explored the question of chapter framework, break the members into diverse groups with the following assignments:

- Suggest ways the chapter has changed with the times and needs of members
- List the times a team concept was important to success as an educator; translate that to the work of the chapter
- List important wisdoms learned through DKG membership
- List ways leadership roles have helped members’ personal leadership journeys

End the program by asking members how what they have learned about the chapter and themselves may lead to changes in the chapter’s strategic plan or the beginning of a chapter plan and what the important next steps might be. For example, the Nominations Committee might work during the entire biennium to encourage and inspire members to take short-term or project roles or offer specific assistance to an officer. The Executive Board might take a hard look at the chapter rules with the idea of simplifying and downsizing while asking, what committees do we really need to get the work of the chapter done?



Shalan Inmon, Lubbock convention chair, and Dawn Houy introducing Lubbock.

Plan on Lubbock in 2014

Get ready because on June 19-21, 2014, TSO members are going to “Paint the Town Red and Gold” during the 85th Texas State Convention in Lubbock, Texas.

Convention chairs Shalan Inmon, Nancy Doss and Debbi Ball are working with the steering committee to plan an innovative, exciting and fun filled time for all members.

If you visited the table promoting Lubbock in the vendor area in Austin, you noticed a display of many of the things Lubbock has to offer visitors. You might have been introduced to the heritage of music, wine, wind and cotton that help define this West Texas town. Come to Lubbock to find out why it is called “the Texas you have always dreamed of.”

Tips for understanding the new TSO Bylaws

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Members of the Texas State Organization adopted new Bylaws and Rules at the 84th Texas State Convention in Austin. The complete text of the Rules and Bylaws can be found on the state website, www.alphastatetexas.org.

- Revised TSO Bylaws = slight changes in committees.
- Why did things change? - To align our Bylaws with International Constitution, accomplish the work assigned to us, and better meet the needs of our state's members.
- What do the new committees do? See each committee's page on the TSO website. Read their description in the State Rules lines 196-317.
- Does my chapter have to have all these? No, but your chapters rules need to designate who is responsible for the jobs assigned to chapters by the International Constitution, State Bylaws & State Rules.

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*Elected



Begin with a Five-letter Word: APPLY!

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The Golden Gift Fund Leadership Management Seminar will be held June 29 - July 11, 2014. A Golden Gift Award helps defray the expenses of attending this empowering seminar at The University of Texas at Austin. The award covers all but a \$500 registration fee for which applicants are responsible. Successful TSO applicants may apply for a TSO scholarship to offset the registration fee.

You are qualified if you've been a Society member for at least three years on the date you apply. Application forms are available at www.dkg.org. Click Forms, then Applications. Submit your application by December 1, 2013.

30 chapters earn coveted PACE award in 2013

The President's Award for Chapter Excellence was developed 19 years ago to recognize chapter excellence. Today it continues to do that, but it is also a guide that gives the chapter direction and leads to stronger commitment to the purposes of the Society. With a defined point system, it helps the chapter see areas of strength and guide the chapter to greater success. President Joanne Davis gave awards to 30 chapters. An additional 24 chapters were awarded honorable mention.

2012-2013 PACE Award winners

Alpha, Area 7	Iota Pi, Area 10
Alpha Chi, Area 7	Kappa Lambda, Area 7
Alpha Iota, Area 4	Kappa Theta, Area 16
Beta Lambda, Area 17	Lambda Delta, Area 18
Beta Zeta, Area 6	Lambda Sigma, Area 4
Delta Gamma, Area 1	Mu Pi, Area 18
Delta Theta, Area 2	Nu, Area 7
Epsilon Kappa, Area 7	Tau, Area 8
Epsilon Omega, Area 4	Theta Alpha, Area 9
Eta Delta, Area 3	Theta Epsilon, Area 12
Eta Omega, Area 4	Theta Gamma, Area 5
Eta Zeta, Area 9	Theta Kappa, Area 7
Gamma Epsilon, Area 16	Theta Mu, Area 14
Gamma Zeta, Area 10	Zeta Tau, Area 18
Iota Omega, Area 9	Zeta Xi, Area 14



Copyright violations can lead to chapter fines

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The art of accomplishing goals

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As a young teacher I worked during the summer at a private camp in Estes Park, Colorado. On my days off, I climbed many mountains in three mountain ranges around Estes Park, Colorado; 35 mountains were over 11,000 in height. I climbed at least two over 13,000 feet and one, the highest in the Rocky Mountain National Park, was 14, 259 feet: Long's Peak.

There is a point in any climb that you feel the urge to stop or to turn back. Common sense tells you it will only be more challenging if you proceed. On my Long's Peak climb, the first day's hike was to a point which was over 11,000 feet in altitude. I had done that before and was used to the sense of accomplishment you feel after that type of climb. We spent the night in Jim's Grove. Since this was above timberline, there were no forests, only ground shrubbery. We pitched our tents and after an early meal, slept until 4:00 a.m. when we proceeded up Long's in the dark. There is a trail through a boulder field which we could follow with flashlights. As the sun began to rise, we were then faced with a very steep ascent without a trail and several challenges which I had not known about or ever experienced before.

At one point, we were to pull ourselves up using some cables which the Corp of Engineers had placed in the rock. The distance straight up was approximately 15 feet. We would place our feet in a crack in the rock and then try to walk horizontally up as we pulled ourselves up the cable. I wasn't sure I could do it. Because there was no going back at this point, I had no choice but to try and do the best I could. I did it. There were places where the rock shelf, "The Narrows," on which we were edging upward ended, and we had to propel ourselves across a void to another rock shelf and an outstretched hand. Had we fallen, we could not have survived. I did it.

When we reached the top of Longs, I sat and thought about what I had accomplished. It was something which I didn't think I could do, but which others believed I could.

Today I realize my life has changed because of my willingness to grow in areas of my life to the extent possible. I now know that I can do things which are challenging and which few can accomplish because I believe in myself and my ability to accomplish things which very few even aspire to accomplish.



Longs Peak, Colorado

I owe most of this determination to a group of friends who continue to amaze me with their accomplishments. They come from all walks of life. Not all have climbed mountains but all have met goals which were accomplished because of their willingness to reach out beyond what they thought was possible.

Are you, as a Delta Kappa Gamma member, sometimes satisfied with the safe, the tried and true instead of more challenging activities and goals? Be the role model on issues and concerns which would make a difference to yourself and others in your chapter and in the state. Follow through on those goals. You will not regret it. You will begin to feel empowered to accomplish much more. Share your accomplishments with others and inspire them toward their own greatness.

GLOBAL AWARENESS

Madrid, Spain: A Dream Come True

Deborah Parrish, Epsilon Alpha
Maetha Griffin Weatherby Educational Travel Scholarship 2013

Human connections spark dreams and help fulfill them. As a second grader in Fort Worth, Texas, when two monolingual Spanish speaking brothers moved into class, my world suddenly doubled. My seven-year-old brain reasoned that if I could speak Spanish, I could talk to twice as many people! In sixth grade, I began studying that language. In seventh grade, my Spanish teacher took a student group to Monterrey, Mexico. I fell in love with the culture and the language and have been hooked ever since.

Although I studied and volunteered many times over the years in Mexico, I always dreamed of studying Castilian Spanish in the heart of the Iberian Peninsula. Was it really that different from the culture and language I knew? In the summer of 2013 I had the opportunity to discover that information for myself with help from the Maetha Griffin Weatherby Educational Travel Scholarship from the Texas State Organization.

I decided to attend school in the center of the country. Madrid offered two major advantages for me over other cities: the metro and the museums. First of all, unlike in Texas where a car is essential for getting around, the metro in Madrid offered the perfect means of public transportation for me. Walk a few blocks, grab the metro and I could go almost anywhere in town. Madrileños willingly helped lost tourists find their way in this marvelous web.

The other important reason I chose the capital was the museums: from world class to quaint, quirky private collections gone public. The world renowned Museo Nacional del Prado displays pieces from international superstars such as Goya and El Greco to a personal favorite, *El jardín de las delicias* (The Garden of Earthly Delights) by Hieronymus Bosch, created around 1503. How did he get away with painting that during the Spanish Inquisition? Just a couple of metro stops away art lovers find the Museo Sorolla, the painter's former home turned museum, and the Museo Cerralbo mansion offered works from paintings to suits of armor and medieval weaponry. I set a personal goal to visit as many exhibits and cultural activities as I could in my one month stay. Final count: nineteen in all: a dream come true for an art lover!

While the culture was more European, the food was more Mediterranean and the weather was less humid than I anticipated, the Spanish I learned in the Americas served me well. My classes at the language academy offered a glimpse of the subtleties and nuances of the Castilian language from the Inner Plateau that I will continue to study. Students from China, South Korea and Russia helped me learn to say "thinko" for cinco and "grathias" for gracias as we studied together.

In another human connection, a special thanks to Juan Carlos, former exchange student to our district, and his family for making my stay in Madrid a memorable one. They opened their home to get me oriented, stayed in contact, and safely delivered me to the airport for my journey home. My trip to Madrid, Spain truly was a dream come true.



Deborah Parrish at a tapas bar, Las Bravas, in Madrid, Spain

Alpha State Remembers

We mourn the passing and celebrate the lives of those cherished members of the Society whose deaths have been reported to Texas Necrology Chair Risa McCann between April 1, 2013, and August 1, 2013. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of death.

Linda S. Glover, Beta Omega (1) Wills Point
Lois Boles, Lambda Phi (1) Jacksonville
Marilyn Hooker, Lambda Phi (1) Jacksonville
Jennie Mae Phifer, Lambda Phi (1) Jacksonville
Brigitte Sylvia Mangham, Theta (2) Orange
Mary Elizabeth Grubb, Delta Theta (2) Castroville
Bertie Louise Childress, Iota Rho (2) Nederland
Naomi Grace Gleason, Iota Rho (2) Victoria
Lenore Joyce Harris, Mu Upsilon (2) Evadale
Nettie Aline Payne, Beta Eta (3) Houston
Mary G. Swan, Epsilon Rho (3) Pasadena
Anna Marie Becker Black, Epsilon Sigma (3) LaMarque
Louise Hall, Lambda Sigma (4) Franklin
JoAnn Parrish, Delta Delta (4) Alvin
Dorothy Jean Ryan, Epsilon Omega (4) Rosenberg
Lee Means, Mu Zeta (5) Harlingen
Lucille Bennett, Theta Beta (6) Victoria
Margaret Williams Dotson, Alpha Chi (7) Kingsland
Ella Mae Quebe, Gamma Omega (7) Brenham
Linda Lou Cavender, Gamma Omega (7) Somerville
Maggie Brune Selman, Gamma Omega (7) Sealy
Winona Anita Stewart, Alpha Rho (8) Corsicana
Juanita McConathy, Gamma Delta (8) Whitney
Dorothy Jackson, Gamma Delta (8) Hillsboro
Zelma Hunt, Eta Iota (8) Killeen
Mary M. Chancellor, Epsilon (9) Dallas
Linda L. Scurlock, Epsilon (9) Dallas
Jean H. Webb, Iota Pi (10) Fort Worth
Billie Roberson, Iota Pi (10) Fort Worth
Janetta Lamb Hudson Shelton, Beta Delta (11) Amarillo
Barbara Brown, Beta Phi (11) Arlington
Anita Hammit, Zeta Delta (11) Amarillo
Suzanne Anglin, Zeta Omicron (12) Lubbock
Joyce Brigham Hill, Omega (13) Brownwood
Essie Haisler, Epsilon Eta (14) Houston
Jackie R. Hamilton, Zeta Xi (14) Midland
Dorothy V. Brandon, Beta Gamma (16) Quanah
Mary Elizabeth 'Liz' Cullum, Zeta Sigma (16) Wichita Falls
Helen Ardella Johnson, Zeta Sigma (16) Wichita Falls
Mildred Burnett, Beta Psi (17) Bonham
Minnie Bell Weaver, Kappa Mu (17) Beckville
Evelyn Blanchard, Lambda Alpha (18) Houston

Member
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Monica Cantrell, Epsilon Sigma (Hitchcock-3), was named Executive Secretary for the Hitchcock Chamber of Commerce.

Julleen Bottoms, Alpha Rho (Corsicana-8), was elected 2013-2014 ATPE treasurer.

Lou Hitt, Gamma Epsilon (Decatur-16), was named Elementary Teacher of the Year for Decatur ISD and for ESC 11.

Julie Bell, Epsilon Epsilon (Athens-1), was named Athens ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Alyce Bartley, Lambda (Goldthwaite-8), had her article "The Partnership of Creativity and Accountability" published in the Summer 2013 edition of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bullitin*.

Amy Frierson, Alpha Pi (Texarkana-17), was named Elementary Teacher of the Year in the Texarkana Independent School District.

Dr. Barbara Derrick, Epsilon Sigma (Hitchcock-3), was named Hitchcock Chamber of Commerce's Woman of the Year.

Becky Kyle, Eta Omega (Lake Jackson-4) was honored by *The Facts* of Brazoria County as first runner up for Citizen of the Year.

Katy Bendele, Delta Beta (Uvalde-6), was named Secondary Teacher of the Year for UCISD for the 2012-2013 school year.

Theresa Beauchamp, Theta (Orange-2), was named "Woman of the Year" by Altrusa International, Inc. of Orange.

Member News continued

Celebrating 50 years

Marjory Vickery, Kappa Theta (Flower Mound-16) received the LISD Board of Trustees Champion for Kids Award.

Janey Brainard, Kappa (El Paso-15), had her reflection "Sharing Cultures" included in the Spring 2013 edition of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*.

Robin Gattis, Eta Zeta (Mesquite-9), was a finalist for the 2013 H.E.B. Excellence in Education Lifetime Achievement Award. Robin received \$1000 for her school.

Lisa Thibodeaux, Iota Omega (Carrollton-9), recently received her Doctor of Education degree from the University of North Texas.

Lori Jackson, Cheryl Pritchett and **Sue Wieprecht**, Gamma Omega (Bellville-7), were awarded academic grants by the Bellville ISD Education Foundation.

Carolyn Adkins, Alpha Upsilon (Daingerfield-17), was presented the Woman of the Year Award by the Daingerfield Business & Professional Women's Club.

Donna Fong, Eta (Beaumont-2), received her doctorate in educational leadership from Lamar University.

Delna Bryan, Delta Pi (Richardson-9) was awarded the Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal and Scholarship by the John L. Dezgrazier Lodge in Dallas for Achievement and Excellence in Teaching.



Dr. Johnny Abbey 50



Margaret Bains 50



Dr. Karen Duke 50



Charlotte Edmons 50



Jane Garcia 50



Carolyn Johnson 50



Emma Jean-Tanner 50



Dr. Mary Ann Walden 50



Lou Ayers 51



Jeane McGown 51



Wanda Frix 52



Ruth Hull 52



Julia Mellenbruch 52



Maria Herrera 54



Dr. Aleene Van de Grift 56



Margaret Ann Beardsley 58



Dorothy Stallings King 62



Dr. Margaret Berry 74

These members were honored in Austin for their years of membership to DKG.



Past TSO Presidents gathering at the 84th State Convention in Austin.

(B) Dr. Mary Ann Walden 97-99, Catherine Davis 05-07, Juanita Harmon 99-01, JoAnn Brooks 07-09, Dr. Vicki Davis 09-11

(F) Carolyn Atkins 03-05, Dorothy Stallings King 87-89, Aleene Van de Grift 89-91

Jean Webb remembered as founding director

Jean Hefner Webb, founding director and first President of Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation, passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer. After many years of service to the Society at the chapter and state organization levels, Jean focused her attention and her efforts on the formation of a tax-exempt foundation for Texas State. ASTEF would not exist were it not for the vision, determination, and leadership of Jean Webb. Those who were privileged to work with her learned from her and were inspired by her. Members of the ASTEF Board of Directors extend condolences to the Webb family and pledge to continue to follow and develop Jean Webb's vision of a strong Texas foundation.



Jean Webb,
founding director
of ASTEF

Annie Calling, won't you pick up the phone?

Annie Calling is an initiative to reclaim former members. The process which was begun by the 2013-2015 Executive Committee and Membership committee is currently in full motion. Chapters across the state are being led by their presidents to call members who have dropped out in the past, inviting them to come back.



The plan is to identify former members from each chapter and volunteers from the chapter will call them during the next few weeks, asking them to rejoin the Society. Since there is no longer a monetary penalty for reinstatement, former members are more receptive to rejoin DKG.

A simple friendly phone call from a willing chapter member is all that is required. Let your former members know they are missed and you would welcome them back this fall. Won't you volunteer? The exciting chance to visit with former DKG sisters is a plus as one can sit in the comfort of one's own home, chatting on the phone. This is a great opportunity to participate in chapter activities for those who are unable to travel and also stay-at-home moms. Let your chapter president know today you will be happy to be Annie and make a few phone calls.

Yearbook guidelines change for 2013-2014

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As chapters are completing their yearbooks, they should be aware that additional requirements have been added to the guidelines. Chapter yearbooks must have information on ASTEF: what it is and who the officers and directors are.



Required information on ASTEF and the new guidelines are available on the yearbook committee of the TSO website.

Electronically produced yearbooks may be submitted in a PDF format to Yearbook Chair Connie Hernandez, chernan57@yahoo.com. Please make sure to include the completed 2013 Yearbook Guidelines form with the submission. Chapters must still submit hard copies to the area coordinator and to state headquarters. Deadlines are November 1, 2013, for the Early Bird Award and December 1, 2013, for on-time submissions.

ASTEFL funds projects with stipends

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In the first two years since its inception, Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEFL) has awarded project stipends for 14 chapter projects impacting Texas educators and students. Eight chapters received a total of \$4,980 in ASTEF project stipends for 2013-2014. The awards were presented at the 2013 ASTEF Annual Meeting of members during the TSO Convention in Austin. Congratulations to these chapters and their outstanding projects.

The following chapters and projects received stipends for the first time:

Epsilon Sigma (Area 3) – The Spirit of Giving - \$250

Members will prepare a shopping experience for needy children at Christmas time.

Zeta Beta (Area 6) – Partnership with Girl Scouts - \$800

Members will work with girls from a local Girl Scout troop to complete the requirements for a merit badge and build awareness of DKG in the community.

Alpha (Area 7) – Reaching Out to Reserves - \$530

Active members will visit reserve members and produce video biographies, share small gifts and cards, and keep reserve members informed of chapter activities.

Epsilon Eta (Area 14) – Mentoring New Teachers - \$900

Reinforcing DKG purposes with emails, cards, phone calls, and lots of chocolate, Epsilon Eta members will mentor first year teachers. The stipend will be used for teachers to purchase non-consumable items for their classrooms.

Four chapters and projects received funding for a second year:

Epsilon Kappa (Area 7) – Supporting Early Career Educators - \$600

Members support first through third year teachers by actively mentoring at five schools. The funds are used to provide non-consumable items for the classrooms.

Lambda Pi (Area 10) – Books for Babies - \$700

New baby books kits are purchased, and chapter members add cards, bibs, and bows to the package. The project is in connection with Friends of the Library and local hospitals.

Zeta Epsilon (Area 11) – Women STEM-ulate Career Fair - \$1,000

Chapter members will participate in a career fair for elementary students focusing on encouraging young girls to consider careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Eta Omega (Area 15) – Janice's Storybook Summer - \$200

The members of Eta Omega read to first graders and provide a book for each first grader in Brazosport ISD. Books are also donated to students in Tulia, Texas, Janice's hometown.

ASTEFL project stipends provide funding for individual and chapter projects that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and/or promote educational excellence for Texas students. Check the ASTEF Website www.alphastatetexas.org/astef.html

for additional information. Application forms for 2014 project stipends will be posted in October, and completed applications will be due no later than April 1, 2014.

INTERNATIONAL

Japanese members entertain in Branson

The Southwest Regional Conference in Branson was a fun and low keyed way to get to know about the bigger picture of Delta Kappa Gamma. With no business to conduct, members enjoyed renewing friendships, being inspired by speakers and learning what an international organization Delta Kappa Gamma really is. The Southwest Region has members in North America, Latin America and Japan. This was the first year that the Japanese members were in attendance. They not only participated in all events, they brought a part of their heritage and talent to Branson.



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Yasuko Kita, Dr. Beverly Helms and Shige Nakayama concentrate on dressing Dr. Helms in a traditional Japanese kimono.

The members from Japan gave a very special demonstration for all members as they dressed International President Dr. Beverly Helms in a formal kimono. As Dr. Helms walked on stage and bowed, everyone thought she was dressed in a beautiful white kimono. The piece of clothing turned out to be the undergarment to protect the fine fabrics of the kimono. The mother and daughter team of Shige Nakayama, owner of a kimono dressing school for more than 40 years, and Yasuko Kita, a retired art teacher and curator of a museum, spent over 30 minutes draping, folding and tucking numerous collars,

waistbands, sashes, boards, pillows and belts in a very precise manner. Each piece of fabric was a different piece of textile art, and together they created a beautiful, coordinated garment that was worth \$10,000.

Japan also contributed to the music that was an integral part of all gatherings in Branson as members from various states in the region displayed their talent. The secretary of Japan State is the wonderfully gifted Reiko Sumi. Not only does she teach music, but she is a professional singer. Members emotionally watched the beautiful woman dressed in a formal kimono being humbled by the gratitude of the audience as she finished her songs which she sang both in Japanese and English.



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Reiko Sumi performs at SW Regional in Branson

\$1000 Anniversary Award grant deadline approaches



The Educational Foundation is offering fifty (50) \$1,000 awards to fund individual classroom, school and community projects involving learners in an educational environment. These projects are to be initiated after July 15, 2014 and completed by the end of the 2014-2015 academic year.

All employed educators are eligible to apply. See www.dkgef.org/forms.html for details. Deadline for application is November 15, 2013