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Schmid and Hatcher will speak at Lubbock Convention

Two outstanding speakers will bring inspiration and information to Texas State Organization members at the 85th State Convention in Lubbock on July 19-21, 2014.

Lyn Schmid will be the keynote speaker at the Presidents and Founders Banquet in Lubbock. She is an educator who has a passion for people. She came to education because her high school didn't offer girls the requisite Mechanical Drawing for the architecture degree she sought. That glass ceiling experience led the way for Schmid to embark upon a career in education. She agrees that developing her passion for people, rather than buildings, has been a rewarding choice.



Lyn Babb Schmid, Ed.D

Schmid has taught secondary English, been a secondary and elementary reading specialist, a reading supervisor, and retired as an elementary principal. After 35 years of service in public education, her most recent position was serving as a National Assessment of Educational Progress assessor for the U.S. Department of Education.

The International representative is positive, reflective, and enthusiastic leader. She loves humor and its power to change attitudes. As the DKG International 2nd Vice President and Administrative Board member, she believes that the Society is truly moving forward and will emerge as a stronger organization in its current technological evolution. She wants us all to hold fast to our heritage, to be creative with our future to realize our purposes, and to launch Delta Kappa Gamma as a preeminent professional education organization. Lyn Schmid is the nominee for Society president.



Cathrine Hatcher is a professional speaker, author, image communications expert and founder of Persōnas Image Dynamics. She works with individuals and companies who want to offer their customers and employees top-notch training that leads to improving outward appearance, inner presence and the ability to communicate effectively by aligning the non-verbal messages people project with their verbal messages. She coaches presenters on how to gage the audience's non-verbal messages to give them the ability to react and transform their presentations in a meaningful way.

Cathrine Hatcher

Hatcher's topic to members in the general meeting on Friday morning at the Lubbock convention is "Everything About You Speaks." She will explain how the 3 A's of Image™ (Appearance, Attitude and Ability to Communicate Effectively) help each person to purposefully control the impression she makes on people.

Members will learn how to use body language as an important tool in building relationships in their business, social and personal life and how to exude success and confidence. They will learn that as they view other people, they begin to code information about these people into their own personal experience assessments and start making evaluations about their character and other attributes. Hatcher will explain how bad habits or patterns will give others the wrong impressions.

Finally, members will discover how to focus on bringing out the good parts of themselves, especially if they have acquired some bad body habits or insecurities. They will learn to exude real confidence and better ways to interact and radiate that confidence, even in unfamiliar situations.

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President responds to survey

Nancy Newton
2013-2015
Texas State President



Members have complained that filling out a convention survey is a waste of time because nobody reads it. Well, I did. Here are your comments and my replies.

1. The Opening Session at Convention is too long.

You will love opening night in Lubbock. The meeting is being held in the Lubbock Civic Center Theater with comfortable padded seats, good lighting, great sound and no keynote speaker. There will be awards, presentations and a surprise or two.

2. Can the Annie Boards/ASTEF Raffle items/Vendors/Arts Gallery be centrally located, combined for ease of viewing and left up longer?

All of these will be conveniently located in the giant Exhibit Hall of the Civic Center Thursday through Saturday afternoon.

3. I missed way too many workshop sessions that I wanted to attend. Please offer more workshops for CPE credit, for younger members and for older members; more workshops that cover the Society, health topics and technology.

This is our main goal as well. We are repeating most sessions at varied times to help you attend those in which you have particular interest. Did **you** volunteer to do a session on technology, the Society, health or for CPE credit? The offerings really depend upon you, the member as a presenter.

4. TSO needs to offer online registration.

We do offer online registration. Fill out the interactive registration form found on the TSO website. If paying by credit card, enter your credit card information on the bottom of the form. Then save it to your computer and email it as an attachment to **crscausey@sbcglobal.net** or print and mail it with your check to the address printed on the form. (Mac users should use Adobe Reader to open and fill in the form.) It is not currently cost effective for TSO to provide a system that allows for automatically paying by credit card after the completion of the form.

5. Conventions are expensive. Food costs for meals are too much.

Yes, they are. We are struggling with the individual meal cost with an added 20 to 23 percent service charge, sales tax and a catering fee. We are trying to keep the prices as low as possible by requesting lunch sized portions for the banquet and luncheon meal and having only one favor. It is still expensive; prices have risen considerably in the past few years; consider gasoline prices.

6. Our state conventions are always inspiring, each is unique to the location, yet similar in purpose. Can't wait till next year!

Me too! And "next year" is here. I consider our yearly convention the gift I give myself. Lubbock will be my 26th convention. The friends I've met, the connectedness I feel with others across the state and the wealth of information I have gained is priceless. Come join me and share in painting the town **RED** and **GOLD**, June 19 - 21.

Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



The cloudy, cold, dreary days we are experiencing make us wonder if spring will ever arrive. But, April 1 will be here before we know it. Here are answers to questions that often arise around April 1.

What is important about April 1?

- If a chapter initiates new members before April 1, the initiate must pay 2013-2014 state and international dues (\$60); Scholarship fee (\$1 or \$.40); and the initiation fee (\$5.) Each is sent to TSO Headquarters in Dallas.
- If a chapter initiates new members after April 1, only the initiation fee is paid. Immediately after initiation, attach a Form 18 to the money and the initiate card and send everything to TSO Headquarters in Dallas.
- **VERY IMPORTANT!** April 1 is the deadline for contributions in order to be recognized at convention. We check the postmark so you do not need to spend money sending them special delivery.

Why send initiate cards or reinstatement cards?

- The information included on the card is the means by which the individual is entered into the Society database and receives all of the Society communications.

Is it too late to reinstate a member?

- It is never too late to reinstate a member. The guidelines about dues are the same as for initiates in regard to April 1. There is no fee for reinstatement.

Where can a chapter order 25 and 50-year membership certificates?

- The certificates may be ordered from State Headquarters. Call or email and they will be mailed to you for \$2 per 25-year certificate and \$4 per 50-year certificate.

Texas is well known as a large state, even in Delta Kappa Gamma. Because we are unique, we often customize items to specifically meet our needs. You are encouraged to always check the state website first for forms, deadlines, and other information. More and more forms are interactive and can be found either on the state or Society website.

Because we are "saving trees" by using technology more and more, it is important to check both websites for information. Several have asked about "Focus on Finance." This is a wonderful publication from the Society for all finance committees and can be found on the Society website, www.dkg.org.



Again, treasurers, you are wonderful. You are to be commended for being so positive, cooperative and supportive. Your dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated. Special plans are being made for you at convention in Lubbock, so make your plans to attend.

At-A-Glance Deadlines

March 1	State Annual reports to International -President -Necrology Biennial Reports to international counterpart -Finance -Membership -Educational Excellence -Scholarship -Global Awareness -Programs & -Service Projects -Personal & Professional Enrichment Convention Reports -Kit Letter -CPE Convention Proposals -State Committee Convention Reports Budget Adjustment requests to Finance Chairman Mini Grant Applications
March 15	Names of 2014-16 Chapter officers Convention Breakout proposal form
April 1	Annie Application ASTEF Project Application Submissions LSN Contributions to State Funds

Committees

March 1 & 2	Leadership Seminar
8	Achievement Award
April 3	Personnel
12-13	Finance
28 -29	ASTEF

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Texas State Organization Convention Lubbock, Texas, June 19-21, 2014

All members must register. Please use one form per member. Only one form is necessary for a member with a guest. To avoid late fee, registration must be postmarked on or before May 6th. No meals may be ordered after June 5. Address registration questions to Sandi Causey at 512-892-0433 or crscausey@sbcglobal.net Mail completed form to: Sandi Causey, 6105 Oakclaire Drive, Austin, TX 78735. Please type or print plainly.

NAME _____
Title Last First Middle Initial Badge Name

MAILING ADDRESS _____
Street Address or PO Box

_____ City State Zip Chapter Area

Email address (for a receipt) _____ **Daytime Phone** _____

Special Needs—Check all that apply.
 Diabetic Vegetarian Gluten-free Limited Mobility Hearing/Visually Impaired

Please check if you are the current president or will represent her at the Executive Board meeting:

I will represent my chapter at the Executive Board meeting on Saturday, June 21, 2014.

Please check if you are the incoming chapter president or will represent her at the Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents (2014-2016) :

I will represent my chapter at LDCP, Thursday, June 19, 2014, from noon to 5:00 p.m.

Please check all that apply.

2012-2014 Chapter President 2014-2016 Chapter President 1st State Convention Attendee
 Member 50 or 50+ Years Member less than 3 years National Board Certified 2013-2014 Doctoral Recipient

Indicate number of tickets you want for each function. Cost includes tax, gratuities and facility fee.

Registration Fee: (Choose one that applies.)	Cost	Number	Amount
2014-2016 Chapter President or <i>representative</i> attending LDCP	\$ 0	_____	_____
All other members —postmarked on or before May 5	\$ 50	_____	_____
Late Registration—postmarked after May 5	\$ 75	_____	_____
Guest--Badge Name _____	\$ 5	_____	_____
Informal Box Lunch (Thurs, June 19) <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten-Free	\$ 12	_____	_____
Birthday Luncheon (Fri, June 20)	\$ 35	_____	_____
State Personnel Dinner By invitation (Fri, June 20)	\$ 32	_____	_____
Informal Box Lunch (Sat, June 21) <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten-Free	\$ 12	_____	_____
Leadership Seminar Tea (Sat, June 21) Year attended LS _____	\$ 5	_____	_____
Presidents Banquet (Sat, June 21)	\$ 43	_____	_____
Continuing Professional Education Credit (CPE)	\$ 20	_____	_____
Choir Music—Choir Participants Only	\$ 15	_____	_____
Voice Part Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Soprano I <input type="checkbox"/> Soprano II <input type="checkbox"/> Alto			
Instrumentalist (Prelude/Postlude) Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Piano _____ Other _____			

Contribution to ASTEF..... _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

_____ CHECK —Payable to Alpha State Convention Fund OR _____ MasterCard _____ VISA

Cardholder's Name _____ Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder's Billing Address: _____ 3-digit Sec. Code _____

Cancellation requests must be made in writing to Convention Registration Solutions, 6105 Oakclaire Drive, Austin, TX 78735, and postmarked by May 23rd. By your attendance at this event, you grant permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped or photographed by any means, and you grant full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.

Hotel reservations for Lubbock available

The MCM Elegante Hotel and Event Center is the convention hotel. It is located across the street from the convention center. The hotel has free shuttle service to and from the airport.



- Call 806-763-1200 (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) and ask for the DKG rate.
- Deadline is May 20, 2014
- Double rate is \$95.00 + tax; King atrium suite is \$115.00 + tax.
- Online registration is available. See the convention

website for online registration: <http://2014convention.weebly.com/lodging.html> or scan the QR code for direct connection to hotel site.



The Overton Hotel and Conference is located less than one mile from the convention center. This hotel also has free shuttle to the hotel from the airport. There is no shuttle available from the hotel to the convention center; attendees must have their own transportation.



- Call 806-776-7000 or 1-888-776-7001 and ask for the DKG rate.
- Deadline is May 19, 2014
- The rate is \$129 + tax
- Online registration is available. See the convention

website for online registration: <http://2014convention.weebly.com/lodging.html> or scan the QR code for direct connection to the hotel site.



TSO Unifying Project prepares for convention

Cooke Johnson, programs & service projects chair
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This year, our Unifying Project is the Genie Farley Harriman Center for Women and Children. The Center provides a safe and comfortable environment for mothers and children, and TSO is fortunate to be able to give its unifying gifts to this wonderful institution.



Whether members are flying or driving to Lubbock, thinking about what to pack can be a little challenging. With many activities and meetings to attend, members want to make the choice of items to bring for the Unifying Project an easy selection. Some items to consider are socks, underwear or even personal items like sunscreen lotion or disposable cameras. The easiest items to pack are gift cards. Gift cards in any amount are fun to have, and for families staying at the Center for Women and children, gift cards can be used to meet a variety of necessities. The cards can be those for use at Walmart, grocery stores, restaurants and fast food locations. They can even be used to purchase gas or to get a haircut. Gift cards come in a variety of types and amounts, are easy to redeem and are very much appreciated by residents.

Members' gifts to the Genie Farley Harriman Center for Women and Children may be dropped off at a designated location near the registration table at the Civic Center beginning on Wednesday, June 18, through Friday morning, June 20. Committee members will accept items in gift bags, small boxes or containers and look forward to seeing each member in Lubbock with her generous contribution to the Unifying Project 2014.

Convention schedule at a glance

Wednesday, June 18

9:30 a.m. ASTEF Board: Room 101, Civic Center
 1:00 p.m. Texas Executive Committee: Parlor 604, MCM Elegante
 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Tours: Tours Table, Civic Center Pedestrian Mall
 12:00 noon.- 6:00 p.m. Registration: Civic Center Pedestrian Mall
 12:00 noon - 6:00:p.m. Unifying Project items accepted: Civic Center Pedestrian Mall
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Pre-convention Welcome Party Civic Center

Thursday, June 19

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.. Set up Vendors/ASTEF Raffle/Annie/Visual Arts: Civic Center Exhibit Hall
 8:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Registration: Civic Center Central Mall
 8:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Unifying Project items accepted: Civic Center Pedestrian Mall
 8:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Tours: Tours Table, Civic Center Pedestrian Mall
 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Vendors/ASTEF Raffle/Annie/Visual Arts; Civic Center Exhibit Hall
 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Box Lunch (**ticketed**)
 12:00 noon.-5:00 p.m. Leadership Development for Chapter President (LDCP), Moe Turner Banquet Hall, CC
 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions
 2:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions
 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions and First Timers Session
 4:45 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 4:45 p.m. Flag Rehearsal
 Paint the Town RED; **Dinner on your own**
 7:00 p.m. First General Meeting: Welcome awards and recognitions, Theater
 ASTEF LIVE AUCTION follows immediately in Theater

Friday, June 20

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Registration: Civic Center Pedestrian Mall
 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Vendors/ASTEF Raffle/Annie/Visual Arts: Civic Center Exhibit Hall (**closed** during luncheon, reopen 2:30)
 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Unifying Project items accepted: Civic Center Pedestrian Mall
 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. General Meeting: Catherine Hatcher, Leadership Seminar Speaker, Theater
 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions
 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Breakout Sessions
 11:00 a.m. 12:00 noon Breakout Sessions
 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon Choir Rehearsal
 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Breakout Sessions and First Timers Session Repeat
 11:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Informal gathering for 50 and 50+ years members
 12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. 85th Birthday Luncheon (**ticketed event**) Moe Turner Banquet Hall
 2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions
 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Treasurers Meetings, Room 104 (Seasoned Treasurers) & 106 (New Treasurers)
 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Educational Excellence Extravaganza, Room 107
 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions
 5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions
 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Necrology Committee Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. State Personnel Dinner by invitation (**ticketed event**)
 Paint the town GOLD; **Dinner on your own**

Saturday, June 21

6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m. Rehearsals: Necrology/Choir
 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, Moe Turner Banquet Hall, Civic Center
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Registration: Civic Center Pedestrian Mall
 9:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. General Meeting: TSO Business Meeting, Theatre
 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon ASTEF Business Meeting follows TSO Business Meeting in Theater
 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Box Lunch (**ticketed**)
 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. Incoming and Outgoing Chapter Presidents meet with Area Coordinators
 12:00 noon -5:00 p.m. Annies/Visual Arts/ASTEF Raffle/Vendors: Exhibit Hall
 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions
 1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Leadership Seminar Reunion Tea: MCM Elegante (**ticketed event**)
 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Tours: Tours Table, Civic Center Pedestrian Mall
 1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions
 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions
 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. **STAR** Mini-Arts Workshop, Exhibit Hall
 4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Presidents and Founders Banquet (**ticketed event**), Moe Turner Banquet Hall, CC



We live it. You will love it. Tours of Lubbock, Texas

All tours are limited to 38 people. Additional information from Marlene Wellmann, mwwellman@live.com

Wednesday, June 18 and Saturday June 21 (1:30-4:30)

3 for 1 tour \$22



Courtesy Tonja Hagy, LHUCA

Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts is a thriving, exciting and innovative visual and performing arts campus. . Visitors have the opportunity to investigate, experience and share in the creative process.

Buddy Holly Center is a historical site promoting the legacy of Buddy Holly and the music of Lubbock and West Texas and providing exhibits on Contemporary Visual Arts and Music.



Courtesy of Visit Lubbock



McPherson Cellars is built in the old Coca-Cola bottling plant in the historic Depot District of downtown Lubbock. A sampling of five of their award-winning wines may be enjoyed in flights, by the glass or by the bottle in the tasting room or courtyard. A \$5 fee for 5 wines is payable at McPherson Cellars

Time permitting there will be a 4th stop at a local antique store in the Depot District.

Thursday June 19 (10:00-12:00)

Self paced walking tour \$15



National Ranching Heritage park and museum was established to preserve the history of ranching, pioneer life and the development of the livestock industry in North America.

Any day

Tours and wine tasting Llano Winery.

Complimentary tours and wine tasting. Participants must have their own transportation for this tour. Take 3426 Farm to Market 1585, Slaton, TX 79364, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Courtesy of Visit Lubbock

Convention Tour Registration Form

Make checks payable to: Alpha State Convention Fund

Mail reservation form and check to: Marlene Wellman, 1618 79th Place, Lubbock, TX 79423

Questions: Marlene Wellman, 806-745-3188, mwwellman@live.com

Registration deadline for all tours is **May 16, 2014**

Tour	Day	Cost	Number	Total
3/1	Wednesday	\$22	_____	_____
Ranching/Heritage	Thursday	\$15	_____	_____
3/1	Saturday	\$22	_____	_____
Total Amount Enclosed				_____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Musicians wanted for 2014 Lubbock choir

Sharon Kraus, Music Chair
sharonkraus77@att.net

Many opportunities await musicians who would like to provide music for one or more of the sessions or events at the convention in Lubbock on June 19-21, 2014. The registration form on page 4 allows musicians to sign up for choral parts, accompaniment preferences and instruments. All types of instruments are welcome.



Sharon Kraus accompanied the choir in Austin as they performed her original composition "A Blessing."

Composers are also encouraged to share their talents. Send information about compositions to Sharon Kraus, Music Chair, **sharonkraus77@att.net**

The first rehearsal of the choir will be on Thursday, June 20 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. All choir members should remember to bring a black notebook and pencil to the first rehearsal.



S.T.A.R. comes to Texas!

Carolyn Mashburn
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The first ever Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat will take place January 16-18, 2015, at Camp Allen near

Navasota. Please check their web site: **www.campallen.org** . It's a gorgeous place! The cost to attend STAR will be \$200, which includes two nights' accommodations and meals beginning with dinner Friday night, breakfast, lunch, and dinner Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. You may check in as early as 3, but our official program begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday and ends at 1:00 p.m. Sunday.



ALL craft materials will be supplied for a wonderful variety of fine arts and crafts projects. Absolutely no artistic talent is necessary. Our instructors will make the projects easy for all, so you can relax, create, make friends, and enjoy! You will also be a pioneer: no one in Texas has done anything like this before. Come join us as we start our own tradition.

Vendors wanted for The Shopping Trail

How is a girl going to shop at the convention if there are no vendors with irresistible merchandise? Commercial and non-profit vendors, chapter vendors or exhibitors are encouraged to come and Paint the Town Red and Gold with TSO in June. Members who know of potential vendors should email information about that person or company to Challa Goedeke at **cjgoedeke@aol.com** and put "vendor info" in subject line for all correspondence. Information will be emailed to vendors, chapters and exhibitors. The convention committee is looking forward to seeing members shop 'til they drop on The Shopping Trail at the Civic Center in Lubbock.



“Annie” applications due April 1st

Cooke Johnson, Programs & Service Projects Chair
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As chapters across the state prepare their yearly programs, the focus is on quality programs to promote the purposes of the Society. This includes a wellness check of the chapter, professional speakers to present information on educational and social issues and interesting presentations throughout the year. Along with the programs, chapters have also developed worthwhile educational projects or partnered with community projects to encourage members to become involved in rewarding year-long endeavors.

Quality programs improve the membership attendance and engage members in fellowship. Programs and projects help each of us learn about the needs of others, ways to improve our community, and most importantly, lead us as a society to renew personal goals and reaffirm our commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma.



All chapters are encouraged to submit a program for the “Annie Award” given at convention. Chapters are asked to identify one program they feel best represents the goals and purposes of the Society and had an impact on the chapter, education or the community. The official application is on the state website. The application has been revised this year. For assistance in completing the application, members may click on the link Hints for Writing a Successful Annie Application which can be found on the Programs and Service Projects Committee Web page. As a reminder, applying for the Annie Award is one of the criteria for the PACE Award. There were 94 chapters who received the Annie Award at the Austin Convention, and the committee wants many more chapters to receive the award this year!

Submissions must be sent via email to the Programs and Service Project chair, Cooke Johnson, acjohnson62@att.net. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline of April 1, 2014. At the 85th Texas State Convention in Lubbock, the committee will recognize outstanding programs with the Annie Award certificate and ribbon.

Chapters who have never submitted an application, should give it a try! The application is not long and allows a wonderful review of the program being submitted for an award. To those chapters who have submitted before, thank you! We look forward to hearing from your chapter again this year!

Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents scheduled

Sandra Smith Bull, LDCP Chair
sandrasmithbull1972@gmail.com



Calling all newly nominated and/or elected 2014-2016 chapter presidents in the Texas State Organization! SAVE THE DATE: June 19, 2014. Join us for lunch at 11:30 PM at the Lubbock Civic Center and then stay for Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents! Questions will be answered. Worries will be assuaged. Friends will be made. Connections will be forged. Plans will be formed. Learning will be fun. Visions will be focused.



Food for thought

Dr. Jessica Johnson, Mu Iota

Dear Mom,

I have been watching other kids unpack their lunches and “*eat high on the hog.*” I am not trying to “*bite the hand that feeds me,*” but I have “*compared apples to oranges*” and my lunches just “*don’t cut the mustard.*” So here are some suggestions to help my lunch become the “*cream of the crop.*”

First, mix things up like the awesome teachers who mix things up in their classrooms. Mrs. Harris varies the activities in her classroom so we don’t get bored. She does the “50/50” instructional strategy, which doesn’t allow teachers to talk more than 50% of the time. Mrs. Harris knows to really grasp the concepts, we have to discuss and reflect. She uses partner pairing, small group discussions, Socratic seminars and debates to support the “50/50.” Research shows that if students have the opportunity to interact through various tasks then there is a greater impact on the learning process (Littleton, 2005.) Not only does the “50/50” enhance learning but it also improves kids’ social and communication skills. So Mom, I suggest a “50/50” sandwich with one slice of wheat bread and one slice of white bread. My sandwiches on white bread every day has become tiresome (been there, “*bun*” that), let’s try the “50/50!”

Another great idea for my lunch is to add some dips. I have noticed others bringing dips with fresh vegetables or chips. They have so much fun dipping their food and it looks like it keeps them focused on eating all of their lunch. Besides, dipping reminds me of Mrs. Moore’s classroom because she “*dips*” into lots of hands-on activities in her classroom. Her students create and organize concepts through cool “*Graphic Organizers.*” Mrs. Moore also uses websites like <http://www.teacherprintables.net/free-printable-organizers.html> and <http://www.studenthandouts.com/graphicorganizers.html> . “*Graphic Organizers*” help students focus on complex material with easy visuals that increase comprehension and retention using both linguistic and non-linguistic modes of learning (Marzano, Pickering, and Pollock, 2001.) Just like a variety of dips can satisfy the pickiest eater (aka me,) “*Graphic Organizers*” can be used with all students ranging from gifted and talented to those with learning disabilities. So please Mom, think about some dips for my lunch box!

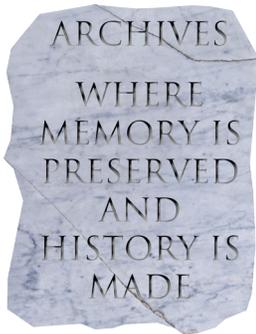
Finally, and I know this might be a little silly, Mom, but could you sometimes pack a little personal note, a knock-knock joke or surprise in my lunch? This would be a great “*pick-me-up*” at mid-morning. I know Mrs. Wadzeck uses lots of different strategies from the book “*Teach Like a Champion: 49 Techniques that Put Students on the Path to College*” by Doug Lemov to check for understanding which builds up our confidence. Some of her favorite techniques are “*No Opt Out,*” “*Cold Call*” and “*Exit Tickets.*” My favorite strategy “*Pepper*” is based on the baseball drill pepper, which is fast paced and unpredictable. Mrs. Wadzeck tosses questions to us in a quick high-energy manner usually as a warm-up or a wrap-up to check for the kids’ understanding. Think about it, Mom; I need a lot more “*Pepper*” in my lunch kit.

“*In a nutshell,*” I hope I have given you some “*food for thought.*” I think with the “50/50,” dipping into “*Graphic Organizers*” and more “*Pepper*” that my lunches will be “*cooked to perfection.*”

Love,
Jessica

Chapter yearbooks and history need updating

Ann Schmidt, Archives Chair
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Chapter yearbooks and histories help document what we do as Key Women Educators. In the TSO Archives at Texas Woman's University in Denton, our yearbooks and histories can be used by others and us to see our influence on education and society. The Archive Committee Web page on the TSO website has a number of resources to help in creating chapter yearbooks and histories.

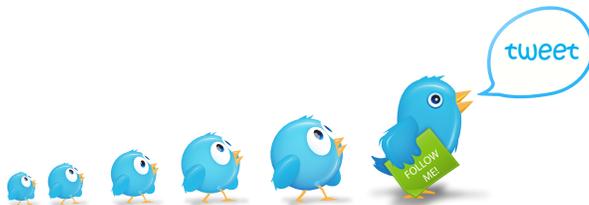
Chapters need to update their history at the end of each biennium. A simple chapter history can be written by pulling information from the Chapter President's Annual Report or a more elaborate history can be written covering a number of bienniums. Each chapter should determine a method of documentation that works for them.

Chapters may contact the Texas State Archives Chair to receive an inventory of their chapter items deposited in Archives. The committee is currently investigating the best way to place the entire TSO chapter inventory on the TSO website. Do great things and document it!

Twitter helps build your Professional Learning Network

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What is a Professional Learning Network (PLN)? In a nutshell, it's a way to connect, collaborate and share with professionals from all over the world. It's access to professional development 24 hours a day. Using social media is a great way to build or start your PLN. Many members are already using some of the social media platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest, and Google+. One of the most powerful ways to build your PLN is to join Twitter. A simple hashtag (#) will open up a global learning network, resources and ideas. The best thing is that information is happening in real time.



To get started, go to **www.twitter.com** and set up an account. Once your account is set up, the adventure will begin.

The first thing you want to do is find interesting people to follow. I suggest that you only follow people who truly interest you. When following someone, listen to what they are saying in their tweets and



connect by asking questions. To expand your network, join a chat. You will use the chat's hashtag to participate. The # will precede the name of the chat. For example, #edtech, #esl, #librarians, and #profdev are popular education hashtags. You can even chat about personal interests or hobbies by searching for additional hashtags. When you participate in a chat, you will see other people you do not follow. You may want to follow some of them and grow your network.

Twitter can be difficult but stick with it. A twitter account will change your professional growth.

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 November 2, 2013, and February 1, 2014. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of death.

Dr. Johnny Armstrong Abbey, Alpha Eta (1) Tyler
Jane Brady Thrasher, Phi (1) Henderson
Nina Jo Allen, Mu Theta (2) Jasper
Jill Anne Avery, Alpha Omega (2) Groves
Diana L. Tolar, Delta Epsilon (2) Doucette
Mary Margaret Armstrong, Gamma Nu (3) Baytown
Elaine Cominsky, Beta Omicron (3) Houston
Meriworth M. Mabry, Epsilon Tau (3) Texas City
MaryJane O'Dell, Epsilon Tau (3) Huntsville
Wanda Whitley, Gamma Nu (3) Baytown
Rita M. Woodward (H), Beta Omicron (3) Houston
Nina Annette Weaver, Epsilon Pi (4) Seadrift
Carmen I. Reese, Beta Pi (5) Encinal
Edna Gloria Yzaguive, Beta Pi (5) Falfurrias
Carolyn H. Immel, Eta Xi (6) San Antonio
Karen Hansen Katz, Beta Tau (6) San Antonio
Lorraine Rogers, Beta (6) San Antonio
Doris Zirkel Rohlf, Epsilon Theta (6) San Antonio
Helen I. Weiss, Beta Zeta (6) Fredericksburg
Katherine Lay Hurt, Theta Kappa (7) Seguin
Rose Brune Maneely, Eta Tau (7) Austin
Carol Skeleton, Beta Theta (7) La Grange
Ramona Madalene Barlow, Beta Nu (8) Rockdale
Becky Brown, Lambda Mu (8) Frankston
Lou McCollam Ayers, Zeta (8) Waco
Raye Juanita Evers, Zeta (8) Waco
Grace R. Brandenburg, Kappa Upsilon (9) Cedar Hill
Janie Lou Greenlee, Beta Epsilon (10) Colorado City
Olga Faye Parker, Beta Upsilon (10) Cisco
Naomi L. Washburn, Epsilon Alpha (10) Azle
Myrna Bell, Eta Alpha (11) Balko
Ruth Anna Cochran, Delta Xi (11) Dimmitt
Hollis Ann Hands, Zeta Epsilon (11) Amarillo
Lynn Harwood, Beta Delta (11) Pampa
Myrtle Laflin, Beta Delta (11) Pampa
Willie Mae Mangold, Beta Delta (11) Glen Rose
Margaret Robbins Rector, Zeta Epsilon (11) Amarillo
Berniece Braxton, Zeta Omicron (12) Lubbock
Rebecca Ann Brown, Gamma Tau (12) Maryneal
Charlene Jordan Davis, Alpha Sigma (12) Slayton
Juanita F. Hudson, Zeta Omicron (12) Lubbock
Irene Rieck, Alpha Sigma (12) Brownfield
Virginia Ringener, Zeta Omicron (12) Lubbock
Becky Brown, Lambda Mu (13) Abilene
Sue Codington, Lambda Mu (13) Albany
Betty Shira, Lambda Mu (13) Hamlin
Doris Spraberry, Lambda Mu (13) Anson
Pat Pettit Lauck, Iota Omicron (16) Wichita Falls
Ellie N. Whitmore, Omega Iota Iota (16) Denton

Shirley Bayless Lincoln, Zeta Tau (18) Marshall
Marcheta L. Huerter, Lambda Lambda (18) Conroe
Hazel Coulson, Lambda Lambda (18) The Woodlands



Penni Lewis, Delta Omicron (Richardson-9), and the choir that sang at the White House's Christmas celebration in 2001 were invited to be part of the George W. Bush Library and Museum's "Home for the Holidays" celebration in December.

Dr. Barbara Baethe, Epsilon Omega (Richmond-4), had her article "Using Digital and Audio Annotations to Reinvent Critical Feedback with Online Adult Students" published in the Spring 2014 edition of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Debbie McIntyre, Mu Pi (Kingwood-18), had a feature article in the Houston Chronicle written about her and her two successful books, "The Dance" and "The Search."

Connie Richardson, Iota Omicron (Wichita Falls-16), along with Marvin Harell and Dawn Slavens had their article "Investigating Non-Linear Asymptotes and the Graphs of Rational Functions" published in the Fall 2013 issue of the Ohio Journal of School Mathematics.

Mary Ann Dolezal, Lambda Sigma (Sugar Land-4) is an American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network volunteer who represented Congressional District 22 calling on Congress to protect funding for cancer research and prevention programs.

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Member News

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Dr. Theresa Kauffman, Iota Pi (Crowley-10), received her doctorate in January from Walden University in Administration Leadership for Teaching and Learning.

Stephanie Braddock, Pi (Amarillo-16), and Bushland ISD were recognized for their Families in Transition program in the 2013-2014 issue of Texas School Business.

Kellie Rogers and **Jeannie Wilson**, Kappa Chi (Winnie-2), received grants from the Barbers Hill Education Foundation for use in their classrooms.

Dr. Donna Fong, Eta (Beaumont-2), received her doctorate in Educational Leadership from Lamar University.

Dr. Christie Bledsoe, Lambda (Belton-8), had her article "Encouragement to Take the Risk: A Review of Sandbergs Lean In" published in the Spring 2014 edition of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Juanita W. Brownlee, Eta (Beaumont-2) had the Juanita Brownlee Memorial Scholarship for Mathematics Teachers endowed in her memory at Lamar University.

Dr. Judy Wallis, Lambda Sigma (Sugar Land-4), was awarded the Dr. Edmund J. Farrell Lifetime Achievement Award by the Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dr. Holly Lambert, Eta Xi (Kerrville-6), received her doctorate in Educational Leadership from Jones International University.

Cari Bounds, Iota Pi (Fort Worth-10) is being honored with the CREST (Counselors Reinforcing Excellence in Students in Texas) Award in Houston.

Sallie Mae Frederick, Beta (San Antonio-6), **Connie Hernandez**, Mu Kappa (El Paso-15), **Judy Mezick**, Iota Omega (Plano-9) and **Mandy Story**, Iota Omicron (Heniretta-16) were chosen as participants in the 2014 Leadership Management Seminar. **Teresa Toliver**, Kappa Kappa (Rosenberg-18) is the second alternate.

EmPOWER your chapter

Shirl Hawes, Second Vice President
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When you are struggling with a personal issue, isn't it comforting to have a friend with whom to chat? That kind of support is exactly what our chapters need when concerns arise that require unique solutions. TSO is ready to be that good listener.

To begin the process of providing chapter support, EmPOWERment teams are being assembled in each area of the state.

These enthusiastic, knowledgeable ladies are ready to travel to your chapter to listen to your concerns and emPOWER your members to develop



a plan of action for ensuring a healthy vibrant chapter.

They are even willing to return if asked to help implement the ideas the chapter has chosen. If the members get stuck generating an idea for a particular concern, the team can suggest ideas from a database being compiled with successful practices from chapters all over the nation.

After seeking our help, a pilot chapter was chosen to receive the first EmPOWERment team visit. When the brainstorming session resulted in a unique plan of action, the pilot chapter president was encouraged "knowing that someone cares and is willing to help."

If your chapter is struggling with any issues, and you would like support from an EMPOWERment team, contact Shirl Hawes at shirlhawes@gmail.com. We are ready to listen to you to secure the future of DKG!

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85th State Organization Convention
June 19-21, 2014

Joy comes from giving lasting gifts

The principles upon which ASTEF was founded are based on charitable giving and meaningful use of monies received.

“There is no greater joy than giving lasting gifts to others.” “There is no greater honor than receiving a gift from the heart of a cheerful giver.”

All of us delight in receiving gifts. It’s more meaningful than if we had paid for the gift ourselves. If the gift we receive also benefits others, we are inspired by the ripple effect.

ASTEF bestows gifts each year to Texas State Organization (TSO) members and chapters. Those gifts reach and affect the lives of non-members as well. TSO members receiving individual scholarships or leadership training are all educators who will use their learning to influence a diversity of individuals and a cross-section of groups during their careers. Chapters that receive project stipends have the potential to touch the hearts and make significant differences in the lives of many in their communities.

Why give to ASTEF? A gift to ASTEF is one sure way to leave footprints on the hearts of others through the heritage of ASTEF charitable programs. Not only will you receive personal satisfaction from the donation to ASTEF, but your donation is tax deductible. Donations may be made for specific uses (Scholarship, Leadership, or Projects) and may be made “in memory of” or “in honor of” an associate, friend or relative.

Participants praise 2013 ASTEF funded TSO Leadership Seminar

TSO’s Leadership Seminar encouraged me to step outside the box as a DKG member, educator, and individual while meeting wonderful new friends across the state. —Kay Loehr

Leadership Seminar gave me a “Yes, I can” attitude to step up and serve my DKG sisters. When the call came, I was ready. —Jerrie Dooley

During Leadership Seminar weekend I got to know so many amazing women, learn more about myself and develop a new strategy for personal and professional growth. Wow, no wonder I was tired but super excited by the time I got home! —Risa McCann



Join the ASTEF movement to give for meaning and purpose. Let 2014 be the year in which more funding is given to Texas Delta Kappa Gamma members for scholarships, leadership seminar awards and chapter projects stipends than in any previous year.

Members bring cash and excitement to raffle ticket sales



Nancy McDonald (Mu Tau) and Jean Robinson (Mu Tau) with one of the 2013 raffle items in Austin

TSO members should plan on filling their wallets for the Lubbock Convention trip with lots of “bills” (the spendable type!) to buy raffle tickets in support of ASTEF’s Special Projects. This year’s raffle items will be donated and solicited by the ASTEF Board members. Each of the spectacular and creatively displayed items will be for sale on Thursday and Friday at the Lubbock Convention Center.

With money from the ASTEF raffle ticket sales and other contributions, fourteen (14) chapter projects have been supported during the past two years. More special project stipends will be awarded this summer. To be considered for a special project stipend, a chapter member must complete and submit an application describing the chapter project by April 1.



If anyone would like to help with the raffles this year, contact Jean Robinson, jeanrmtx1@aol.com. The ASTEF Board members appreciate members support for this event and look forward to seeing everyone in Lubbock.

Funding provides opportunities for chapter projects

During the 2013 convention in Austin, eight chapters were recognized as recipients of project stipends from ASTEF. This funding provided the opportunity for those chapters to move forward with their creative ideas to support the needs in their communities. Chapters who received stipends report that they are receiving positive feedback on their project, seeing increased involvement of chapter members, and that they are making a difference.

Highlights of these chapter projects include:

- Lambda Pi - Every family of the babies born at Lake Granbury Medical Center receives a "Books for Babies" literacy kit. Chapter members assist in assembling the kits at a chapter meeting and a committee delivers the kits to the hospital. Members of the hospital staff have reported how they can use the kits to reinforce good parenting discussions with new parents.
- Epsilon Kappa - New teachers in Austin ISD continue to receive support from chapter members who serve as mentors. The target population served by the grant is 21 teachers impacting more than 700 students. Chapter members serve as mentors, participate in discussions and planning sessions, and assist with collection of resources requested by mentees.
- Epsilon Sigma - Members of Epsilon Sigma created a special Christmas memory for families in Hitchcock ISD. Members were able to provide gifts and a shopping opportunity for twenty-two identified students. With project funding, they were able to include the siblings and other family members of these students.



Linda Somervill delivers the Books for Babies kits to Lake Granbury Medical Center staff.

Does your chapter have a wish list? Is there an idea you would like to see implemented in your community?

The application and guidelines for applying for funding from ASTEF are available in the Forms section of the ASTEF Website (www.alphastatetexas.org/astef.forms.html). The deadline for applying is April 1, 2014. Don't miss this important deadline!



Road Scholar schedules Williamsburg trip for fall

The ASTEF-sponsored Road Scholar trip to Williamsburg and other colonial sites, originally scheduled for May 2014, will be re-scheduled in the fall. Watch the TSO and ASTEF Websites for announcement of the new dates. You will not want to miss this travel opportunity.

ASTEF recognizes levels of contributions at convention

Contributions to ASTEF made between April 2, 2013, and April 1, 2014, will be recognized in the 2014 TSO Convention Program. Individual contributors (members, non-members, businesses) are recognized in the following categories:

Benefactor	\$10,000 plus	Platinum	\$5,000 - \$9,999
Gold	\$1,500 - \$4,999	Silver	\$500 - \$1,499
Bronze	\$100 - \$499	Friend	\$25 - \$99

Benefactor Level recognizes accumulative contributions. All other levels are annual recognition. Make your tax-deductible gift to ASTEF before April 1 for listing in the 2014 program. An interactive contribution form is available in the Forms section of the ASTEF Website (www.alphastatetexas.org/astef.forms.html).



Plowman retires from Society Headquarters

Catherine Davis, Alpha State Past President

STAND UP AND SHOUT may be what she will do after ten outstanding years at Society Headquarters as Business Services Administrator and Executive Director. Corlea Plowman will begin a well-deserved retirement this April.

STAND UP AND SHOUT was also what many did when Corlea became Executive Director



Corlea Plowman

of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. She was fun; had experience, knowledge, skills, great potential and love for the Society. She had been working at Society Headquarters and flourished in that environment.

Many have said that the more they knew Corlea, the more they wanted to be around and learn from her. She is bright and observant. When you add those qualities to someone who is also clever and has good judgment, the results are outstanding. Corlea can follow as well as direct. She is judicious and knows when and where a subtle nudge is needed to motivate progress. Improvements in workshops, speeches, projects,

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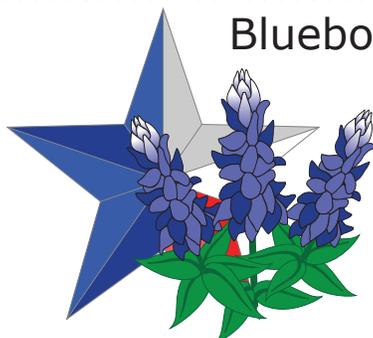
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fundraising efforts, chapter attendance, program planning, convention planning, and other things often occurred because of Corlea's involvement.

Where does she find the energy to do what she does and do it with a smile? Being the resilient and shrewd organizational leader she is, Corlea finds a way to accomplish most tasks. Setting priorities is a skill Corlea has honed, and she usually found a balance between home and work.

Selected as Executive Director, members knew she would step securely into this new position. Corlea is first a member of the Society and values the traditions that make us who we are. She is a leader with her own special style of strength and excellence. She is also forward thinking, a planner who researches and evaluates carefully. Corlea has inspired and guided the Society safely into the 21st century with good judgment. She has been a magnificent manager and the keeper of the flame of hospitality so evident at Society Headquarters. She is a respected task master, a role model of personal and professional standards. Always the educator, she has demanded the continuance of our mission for excellence in education.

So, once more, we **STAND UP AND SHOUT** as Corlea and husband Terry prepare a return to their home in Seguin. It is time to put family first and, being one able to set priorities and a woman of strength and faith, that is what she is doing. We have shared her with International long enough. Small as she is, someone will have some big shoes to fill. Now, however, it is time for Theta Kappa Chapter and Texas State to greet Corlea with a rousing, "Welcome home. A job well done. You never stopped working in the chapter and state, but we are glad you are home — and, yes, like every family, we have things for you to do!"



Bluebonnet Breakfast in Indianapolis

Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 a.m.

Cost is \$35.00 for a plated breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, orange juice and fresh fruit, morning pastries and breads, coffee and tea.

Send checks to: Betty Vines,
P.O. Box 797787
Dallas, Texas 75379

Send checks no later than July 10, 2014



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