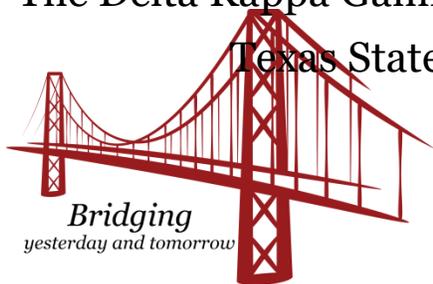


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This first year of my biennium as Area III Coordinator has been a memorable one for many reasons. It all started with the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey in August 2017. We in Area III are thankful to the members in our area, in our state, and in our Society who rallied behind us and so graciously offered us not only financial help, but also many gifts and cards of love and encouragement. Many members stepped in to help pay our chapter dues for the year, to help alleviate the financial burden caused by the flooding.

I want to thank our state president, Dr. Jo Murphy, and her Executive Committee for their “Member-to-Member” and “Campus Helping Hands” plans that provided help (in addition to our society Emergency Fund) to individual members who suffered loss of property and classroom materials and supplies. I especially want to thank Michelle Grandinetti and Cooke Johnson for implementing these plans. These two women spent countless hours collecting names and addresses to coordinate these plans, so that help could be given where help was most needed.

I would also like to thank Pat Bumpus, my predecessor, for giving me my Area III Coordinator pin. In spite of her own significant personal loss, Pat reached out to help me.

Last, but not least, I want to publicly thank Sharon McDougle, Area 12 Coordinator, who has been my “angel” for the past year. I will never be able to thank her enough for all the times she wrote me last year and sent continual messages of hope and support.

As I have visited 17 of our 19 chapters this year, I have met women who have shared incredible stories of their rescue experiences and the pain of the loss of prized personal possessions. I have also heard stories of the love and encouragement many of you have received from others in Delta Kappa Gamma. I have heard you tell of the importance of your membership in this society at this crucial time. Some of us still are not back in our homes; we are still rebuilding.

We are also still rebuilding our chapter membership. Congratulations to Nell Baham and Dawn Laird, outgoing chapter presidents, for initiating over ten new members in their chapters last year!

I am now looking forward to seeing everyone at the Area III Fall Workshop on Saturday, September 29, 2018, at the Garden Oaks Montessori School at 901 Sue Barnett Dr in Houston, where our focus will be on “Building Bridges in Area III.”

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