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Marilyn Gregory coordinates successful DKG conference

The DKG International Conference on Technology was one of five thematic conferences offered for members this summer. Marilyn Gregory, Southwest Regional Director, organized the Costa Mesa event. Experts in the field of game-based learning, social media and robotics presented in general sessions. Texans contributed with breakout sessions, music and poetry. Society speakers included Cathy Daugherty and Nita Scott, who talked about the future of DKG, and Dr. Karen Duke, Trish Woodley and Victor Trisnadi, who shared the use of technology within the Society.



Mary Rowlette leaves shining footprint for others to follow



Mary Frances Wheeler Rowlette passed away in Red Oak, Texas on Saturday, July 13th, 2019, at the age of 100. She was born on March 10, 1919, in Trenton, Texas, to John Anderson Wheeler, a Methodist minister and circuit rider, and Frances Lillian Terry Wheeler. Her parents instilled in her a strong connection to her family and her Christian faith, and it was upon this foundation that the rest of her life was built.

Mary Rowlette

Mary Frances attended McMurry College with the help and encouragement of the college president and dean who not only offered her a working scholarship but encouragement when money was a problem. After graduating she took her first teaching job in Whon, Texas. She was the school principal, 5th-8th grade teacher, WPA lunchroom supervisor and building janitor for \$75 a month plus lodging. During her time in Whon, Mary met and married Grover Rowlette, a soldier stationed at Randolph Field in San Antonio. The following year Grover was transferred to Colorado. They made their home in Denver until Grover was deployed to Korea. Mary returned to Lubbock to be near relatives, build a home and begin a teaching career in Lubbock ISD. She taught math in four junior high schools in Lubbock ISD for 30 years. She retired in 1983.

Mary was always thankful for those who believed in her and felt her worthy of the honor of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. She participated in the Society on the chapter, state and international levels. Her leadership earned her the Alpha State Achievement Award and the position of Texas State Organization President from 1979-1981. Her vision as president was for members to leave shining footprints for others to follow. Her legacy to TSO and the Society includes recognizing the DKG Founders by placing memorial markers at their gravesites during her biennium as TSO president; chairing the committee in 1991 that created the *Autobiography of State Presidents 1929-1991*; and helping create the Texas State Organization banner in 2005 with Carolyn Adkins, TSO president 2003-2005.

Her feelings for Delta Kappa Gamma are summed up in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson:

The glory of friendship is not the outstretched hand, not the kindly smile, or the joy of companionship; it is the SPIRITUAL inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone believes in him and is willing to trust him with his friendship.

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YOU are the key

Patti Belknap
Texas State President
2019-2021



Each member is important to the organization and welfare of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Texas State Organization. This important and fundamental idea is emphasized in the 2019-2021 theme: YOU are the key.

- You are the one who said yes to membership.
- You are the one who says yes to leadership opportunities both in the chapter and in the state.
- You are the one who mentors new members.

Without YOU, TSO will not thrive.

YOU can unlock the door to strategic planning through

➤ KNOWLEDGE of the Society's Mission, Purposes, and Traditions

Without that knowledge, which is just as important in 2019 as it was in 1929, TSO can lose a part of who it is as an organization.

➤ ENGAGEMENT in purposeful programs and projects to increase member involvement.

Effective programs and projects draw members to chapter meetings to learn about new strategies, network with others, form lifelong bonds and contribute to your communities' needs.

➤ YEAR LONG involvement in recruiting, mentoring and leading.

You must be on constant watch for potential members and be open to members who may not fit the traditional role of a classroom teacher. You have the opportunity to identify new, future and non-traditional educators who need members' expertise to become those key women educators through active mentoring and providing them the opportunity to further their education through scholarships and grants. You need to move beyond a once-a-year effort and consider inducting whenever you identify new members.

You need to increase your efforts to identify and nurture leaders. If each of you makes a commitment to take on one task, then together we can work for the good of the chapter and TSO.

➤ SUPPORT from officers, mentors, and others to increase stronger members and chapters.

You can make a priority of picking other members up for meetings, calling them if they miss a meeting, involving them in all the chapter's activities. You are here because someone helped guide you on your journey in DKG. You have the opportunity to pay it forward by giving others the same help and guidance that you received. The TSO officers, committee chairs and members, and area coordinators are ready and willing to help support your efforts.

Keys are important. You use them daily to unlock cars, homes and hearts. Keys are unique. They may come in different shapes and sizes or even colors, but it takes only one key and one person to unlock a door using the keys that she has. It takes only one person to invite another to membership, to mentor a member and to say "Yes" to leadership opportunities.

YOU are the Key to the future of the Texas State Organization.

What doors will YOU unlock?

Hints and Tips from Headquarters

Important Chapter Treasurer Update



The implementation of the new system for dues collection and reporting is almost complete. Kudos to chapter treasurers and other chapter leaders and members for accepting the challenge to collect, report and pay dues using the new online dues portal and timeline.

Items that should be completed:



1. Dues collected and paid members reported using the Dues Portal on the International web site.
2. Dues payments mailed to International; dues and fees payments mailed to TSO.
3. Form 18A submitted to International & TSO for 2019-20 non-renewing members.

Members remaining in the Unbilled section of the Dues Portal will be automatically dropped on October 1. Contact TSO HQ or International HQ with questions.

Upcoming deadlines:



September — October: File the 990N ePostcard online with the IRS. The link to the IRS filing site is on the DKG Texas website, treasurer's page along with help documents. The IRS deadline is November 15, but it is best to file early and avoid last minute issues.



March 1: Membership snapshot date. This determines TSO membership recognition for the McAllen convention (previous snapshot date was May 1). This date shifted to March to accommodate the preparation of the Dues Portal for the next membership year.

Important tasks & tips:

Members need to use the most updated forms found on the International website. Forms are found at Chapter Connect as well as under Forms/Membership, and Forms/Treasurers.

***Newest form: Change in Treasurer form must be used per new IRS requirement.

Chapter membership must be kept current:

- Chapter treasurers can add new members and update member contact information using the Dues Portal at Member Management.



- Members can keep their own information current by logging into My DKG to edit personal information.

At-A-Glance Deadlines

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| Aug 30 | Chapter Pres Kit posted online |
| Sept 1 | Cornetet Individual Awsrd St Treas Form 16 |
| 15 | Int'l Speakers Fund App |
| Oct 11-13 | ASTEFL Weekender Galveston |
| Nov 1 | -Applications due: +Cornetet Seminar Award +Fall Mini Grant -LSN submissions -Early Bird Yearbook -STAR registration |
| 15 | IRS 990N submission |

Committee Meetings

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| Sept 7-8 | PSP Advisory Council |
| 19-22 | ASTEFL Board meeting |
| Oct 4-5 | Exec Board meeting |
| 5-6 | LDCP |
| 19-22 | Membership meeting |
| 26-27 | EEC meeting |

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MEMBERS: Send address changes to your chapter treasurer or go to www.dkg.org /MyDKG to make any changes in your information.

Arlington convention focuses on the arts

The Women in the Arts Committee and the Arlington ISD united in presenting a special kickoff event at the 90th Texas State Organization Convention in Arlington, Texas. Artwork from all 54 AISD elementary schools was prominently displayed in the registration area of the Sheraton hotel. A reception for the student artists to show and explain their outstanding work was a wonderful experience for the students, their parents and TSO members. Members engaged with the shy, talented students and smiled knowing that behind the art was an excellent teacher encouraging the creativity of each student.



Artist with his visual concept of Saturn



Artist and Nancy Lowry, WIA committee member

One of the most anticipated events at any convention is the opening of the vendors. Members were both buyers as they sought out special finds and sellers as they worked to raise money for their chapters.



Cathy Criner & Carrie Lowe

Pamela Turpen & Pam Cook



Megan Kerry, Kerry James, Persis Ann Forster and Persis Forster of the Miss Persis School of Dance

Breakout sessions covered a variety of subjects. This year the Women in the Arts Committee introduced a strand that included a professional dancer and musician talking about how to bring students and adults into an active role in the arts. The speakers engaged the audience in activities to show that art is all about participation and fun.



Diane Randolph, soprano, and Sallie Frederick with their "Johnny B Goode" air guitars

Members were flying high during the ASTEF Salutes



event. Elizabeth McCormick commanded attention with her patriotic clothing and fascinating tales of trailblazing in the U.S. military. She kept the audience engaged as she led everyone through the process of piloting a helicopter.



Elizabeth McCormick



TSO members flying their helicopters



Debbi Ball, hand thrown pottery

Shirl Hawes, watercolor



Jean Williams, textiles



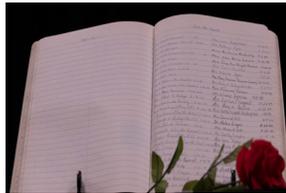
Before the Birthday Luncheon, members had time to visit the WIA Visual Arts Display and see the variety of media used in the creations.



Karla Marton

Continuing the arts theme, TSO celebrated its 90th birthday with Karla Kay Morton, 2010 Texas State Poet Laureate. In her soft clear voice, she read lyrical verses demonstrating how words can not only be thought provoking but can touch the heart and soul of any subject and person. In attendance at the luncheon were ten TSO Past

State Presidents: Marilyn Gregory (2015-2017); Carolyn Atkins (2003-2005); Sheryl Minick (2001-2003); Mary Ann Waldon (1997-1999); JoAnn Brooks (2007-2009); Sandy Whitney (1995-1997); Nancy Newton (2013-2015); Vicki Davis (2009-2011); Juanita Harmon (1999-2001); and Joanne Davis (2011-2013).



The name of each deceased member is entered in the Book of Memory under her chapter's name

Every member can remember one special person who was the light in her chapter, the mentor for younger members. When these members leave this life, their contributions are celebrated and their memory is honored. The Celebration of Life was a solemn and dignified ceremony that reflected on those members who died during the past year. Their names are recorded in the Book of Memory along with others who were faithful members of the Texas State Organization.

Adding to the beauty of the Ceremony of Life and to the liveliness of the banquet and birthday celebration is a group of women who spend hours rehearsing while the rest of the attendees visit or rest: the TSO Choir.



2019 TSO Choir

Melody Drinkard



AC Jennifer Barnabo helps with voting

Updating the TSO bylaws was the primary action in the business meeting. Months of work invested in the process by the TSO Executive Committee and the Bylaws and Rules Committee Chair Emma Joven made the process understandable and allowed members to vote quickly on changes.

The ASTEF business meeting focused on several announcements: new ASTEF officers, the 2019 Advocate for Education Award and thirty-four project stipends.



Rhonda Posey
ASTEF President
2019-2021



Bonnie Moore, Cindy Neander, Judy Mezick, Jo Murphy, Patti Belknap, Shalan Inmon, Marilyn Gregory, Barbara Derrick

The 2017-2019 Executive Committee stood on the Arlington bridge awaiting the change in TSO leadership.

As members crossed the bridge in Arlington with Jo Murphy, they learned from new TSO President Patti Belknap that they are now the **key** to success in TSO.



Passing the gavel from Jo Murphy to Patti Belknap

Members receive awards for years of service to TSO

The Achievement Award Committee announced Golden Rose and State Achievement Award recipients during the Birthday Luncheon at the Arlington Convention. The women honored have served their chapters and the Texas State Organization by giving of themselves, impacting the Society through years of service.

The Golden Rose award was given to three outstanding ladies who have given service through participation at area workshops, TSO conventions and chapter activities. The honorees are Janis Besselar, Charlyn Trussell and Jean Williams.



Janis Besselar
Lambda Rho-16



Char Trussell
Epsilon
Upsilon-5



Jean Williams
Gamma
Eta-12

The State Achievement Award was given to seven ladies who have excelled on the chapter and state levels. These ladies have served their chapter in various offices including president. They have attended numerous area workshops, state conventions, regional conferences and international conventions. The honorees are Linda Schultz, Marian Clinton, Mandy Story, Kitty Hutchcroft, Elizabeth Polk, Cookee Johnson and Michelle Grandinetti.



Linda Schultz
Mu Chi-6



Marian Clinton
Theta Chi-10



Mandy Story
Iota
Omicron-16



Kitty Hutchcroft
Epsilon
Upsilon-5



Elizabeth Polk
Alpha-7



Cookee Johnson
Mu Lambda-16



Michelle
Grandinetti
Theta Alpha-9

Congratulations to these women who have served tirelessly impacting many lives in DKG, their communities and students whose lives they have touched.

The Achievement Award Committee encourages chapters to look at their members who have given years of service and recognize them by nominating them for one of these awards.

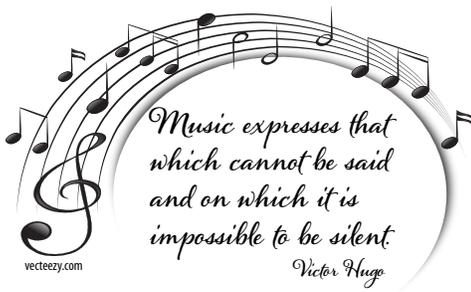
Collegiate membership category offers possibilities

Back to school, fall festivals and college football games are a favorite time of year for many. With the new school year getting under way, members begin to think of a colleague at work or someone they know in the educational field to invite to join DKG. The new collegiate membership that was approved at the 2018 International Convention has a wealth of possibilities. The two collegiate members in attendance at the Arlington Convention were eager to be a part of DKG. If a college offering a degree in education exists in a chapter's town, then the collegiate member is out there waiting to be invited to join a chapter. Collegiate membership may be granted to undergraduate or graduate students who meet the criteria. The complete criteria for collegiate membership can be found in the *Go-To-Guide* for Chapter Members. This guide is located on www.dkgtxas.org under the Resources link.



Collegiate member

Music inspires, motivates and uplifts



Anyone who enjoys singing with a group, learning songs, meeting new people and inspiring others will be excited to join the TSO Choir in McAllen. Members from all over the state will share their stories, display their creativity and form lifetime friendships. Through words and movement, the choir inspires, motivates and uplifts the audience whether at the Celebration of Life, the Presidents and Founders Banquet or the Birthday Luncheon. A particular song may recall nostalgic memories, encourage audience

participation or simply entertain. Audiences always enjoy the music as members share their talent and provide a welcome addition to the events of the conventions.

STAR registration continues for 2020



The Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) takes place every MLK weekend at scenic Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas. A link to the January 17-19, 2020, retreat is on the front page of the TSO website. Registration is open now for a weekend of fun, food and

fellowship. Attendees do not need to be artistic; instructors ensure that the directions are easy enough for everyone to be successful. STAR features a variety of fine arts and craft projects, as well as singing, dancing, drama and writing. A few past projects include such activities as napkin folding, photography, polymer jewelry, glass etching and watercolor techniques. The STAR registration fee includes all meals, art supplies and cozy hotel accommodations in a beautiful setting. The best part of STAR is fellowship — the joyous opportunity to spend time with dear friends.

Aspiring Educator Grants awarded for 2019

ASTEF annually awards Aspiring Educator Grants to women in Texas to assist them in completing a degree in education and/or Texas teacher certification. With the exception of a “collegiate member,” the applicant must not be a member of DKG, but must be sponsored by a member of the Texas State Organization. Applicants may apply for grants each year for up to four years.

ASTEF is pleased to award \$1,000 Aspiring Educator grants to the following applicants:

Carter Coleman
Madison Cooley
Kristina Coronado
Sara Heinrichs
Charis Elaine Jordan
Kimberly Morris
Yulissa Santos
Destiny Saucedo
Jacie Studebaker

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth
East Texas Baptist University, Marshall
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville
Howard Payne University, Brownwood
LeTourneau University, Longview
Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville
University of Houston—Clear Lake
Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock





Legislation concerns a constant process

The 2019-21 Legislative Committee would like to remind every member that the Texas Legislative year between sessions is the best time to contact her legislator. For one thing, they are back in their district and for another they are doing research on the next biennial session. The Legislative Committee and DKG members cannot sit back during this break time. The next critical issue that will impact all teachers and employees will be TRS CARE for Active and Retired Personnel. TRS Care will continue to experience shortfalls so beginning right now, each member needs to write, call, or email her representative and address this issue explaining her personal situation with health care insurance. Members not already receiving the free online newsletter from Tim Lee, *The Inside Line*, may go to **TRTA.org** and sign up. This online news will keep members informed of the most current issue facing educators. To find out who represents an individual member in Texas, members may go to **www.house.state.tx.us** or **www.senate.state.tx.us** and find contact information for all legislators. If possible, members should visit their representative's local office during this interim period. A personal face, a real person makes the most impression on legislators.

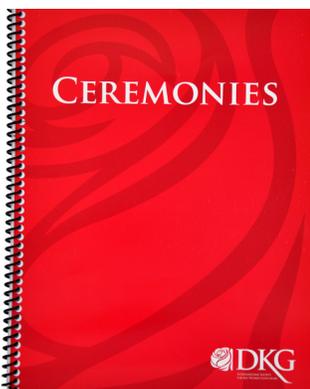
SPOTLIGHT
ON

Programs
&
Projects

Chapters spotlight programs and projects

In 2019, fifty-six chapters submitted a PowerPoint presentation showcasing their chapter projects. These projects not only exemplify the programs of action that support individuals and organizations in our communities, but they also demonstrate the commitment to service that our chapters exhibit each year. TSO members donated to shelters, supplied books for newborns, gave gifts to the homeless, supplied students and teachers with materials, bought teddy bears for police officers to give to children, and much more. These outstanding projects are available online on the Programs and Projects webpage. Also available are the program PowerPoint presentations that were seen in Waco at the 2018 state convention.

For 2020, the Texas State Organization wants to hear about a program or service project from all of its chapters. Each chapter is encouraged to share either a specific program or service project it has completed this year. Chapters will complete a short form about it and include a photo of the event. All forms will be compiled and published in a format that will be accessible for all chapters to review. This document will serve as a great resource for chapters. Committee members will assist chapters with the process.



Ceremonies vital part of chapter meetings

Starting a new chapter year is always exciting. DKG Ceremonies are a vital part of chapter meetings. Whether it is a Recommitment Ceremony at the beginning of the year or an Induction Ceremony throughout the year, the DKG ceremonies can enhance chapter meetings. The first resource for any ceremony is the DKG Ceremonies Book. It contains many ceremony options. The TSO Ceremonies Committee is only a phone call, text message or email away when the chapter ceremonies chair needs help.

2019 chapter yearbook guidelines online

Yearbooks are a tool for chapter members, and they serve members best when information is easy to access and pertinent for chapter members. The guidelines for creating and organizing a yearbook are located on the yearbook page of www.dkgtxas.org. When submitting a yearbook, chapters need to make sure the completed guidelines accompany the book.



Important yearbook dates:

- November 1 Early bird submissions
- December 1 On time submissions

ASTE F announces 2019-2021 officers in Arlington

The ASTEF Annual Meeting was held during the 2019 TSO Convention in Arlington. At that meeting, newly elected officers were announced. They are:

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| President | Rhonda Posey, Iota Rho – Area 2, Nederland |
| Vice-President, Programs | Cindy Neander, Kappa Theta – Area 16, Flower Mound |
| Vice-President, Marketing/PR | Dr. Rosemary Morrow, Alpha – Area 7, Austin |
| Vice-President, Advancement | Cindy Drumm, Iota Pi – Area 10, Fort Worth |
| Vice-President, Finance/Admin | Nelle Gentry, Alpha Gamma – Area 10, Cleburne |
| Secretary | Gail Herring, Zeta – Area 8, Axtell |

Also, during the meeting, six new ASTEF directors were elected. They are:

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| Debra Ball | Gamma Eta – Area 12, Spur |
| Elke Eisenhauer | Delta Upsilon – Area 3, Houston |
| Janet Helmcamp | Alpha Gamma – Area 10, Cleburne |
| Kerry James | Alpha Pi – Area 17, Texarkana |
| Kellie Rogers | Kappa Chi – Area 2, Winnie |
| Janie Wigley | Gamma Eta – Area 12, Crosbyton |

Patricia Hardy receives ASTEF Advocate for Education Award

Patricia "Pat" Hardy of Fort Worth was awarded ASTEF's 3rd Advocate for Education Award on June 22 during the ASTEF Annual Meeting at the TSO Convention in Arlington. Hardy is now serving in her 19th year on the State Board of Education representing Parker County and parts of Dallas and Tarrant counties. She will complete her final term in January 2023.



Earin Martin & Patricia Hardy

As a lifelong educator who remains truly committed to her craft, Hardy has served on many Texas and national education boards and committees and has received numerous education-related honors at the district, college/university, community and state levels. She has also served and continues to serve on many Texas and national education boards and committees.



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 Rhonda Hall between April 1, 2019 and August 15, 2019. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at the time of death using Form 6, Report of the Death of a Member, found at www.dkgtxas.org under Committees, Necrology.

Ouida Eugene Carroll, Epsilon Psi-3, Baytown
Patsy McGinnis Borochoff, Lambda Sigma-4, Houston
Olga Hilda Madrid, Theta Beta-6, San Antonio
Janie Hansard Knolle, Eta Tau-7, Austin
Peggy Joyce Kidd Crittenden, Kappa Gamma-7, Bryan
Dixie Lee Martin Woodell, Kappa Gamma-7, Bryan
Alice Marshall Davis, Lambda Iota-7, Austin
Lorraine Doshier, Zeta-8, Waco
Mary Lou Ables, Alpha Alpha-9, Ennis
Ruby Ann Casillas, Alpha Alpha-9, Ennis
Wanda Watson Frantz, Epsilon Lambda-10, Fort Worth
Peggy Sue Turner, Epsilon Lambda-10, Fort Worth
Irene A. Beckelman, Theta Chi-10, North Richland Hills
Mary Frances Rowlette, Alpha Sigma-12, Midlothian
Mary Frances Owens, Alpha Beta-13, San Angelo
Patricia Jane Beck, Iota-16, Denton
Laura Rueda, Gamma Epsilon-16, Rhome
Virginia Elizabeth Reed, Alpha Delta-17, Paris

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Aurora Gonzales, Zeta Upsilon (Houston-10), was awarded the Julius Glickman Educational Leadership Award for her work with *Harvey Bear Gets Rescued!*

Pat Bumpus, Ella Gautier, Patricia Macias, Carolyn Mashburn, Andi Kirby, Mary Widmier and Patty Cordrey were pictured in the second quarter edition of the TRTA publication *The VOICE*.

Gabriella Ocanas, Zeta Pi (El Paso-15), received a Cornet Individual Professional Development Award in the amount of \$2,000.

Dana Tarter, Zeta Omega (Houston-3), was pictured on the cover of the 2019 National Senior Games Edition of *Sports Illustrated*.

Janet McMurray, Gamma Epsilon (Bowie-16), was crowned 2019 Bowie Pioneer Queen.

arts & humanities

Two Texas members have works displayed in the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

- **Lee Larkin**, Theta Chi (Hurst-10), has two paintings, "Orange Poppies" and "Double Day Lilies."
- **Ulana Ratley**, Kappa Delta (Bedford-10), has a painting, "Iris Trio," and a drawing, "Diva Daisy Dog."

GLOBAL
AWARENESS

In the Texas State Organization, the Global Awareness Committee promotes the *Schools for Africa International Project* and the *World Fellowship* grants that are offered to women in non-DKG member countries to study in the United States and Canada. It also promotes the United Nations initiatives that address global issues and assist children in underdeveloped countries. For information about each of these components visit the Global Awareness webpage www.dkgtxas.org/global-awareness-committee and join the community of members that fulfill our DKG vision and purpose to "advance education worldwide" and "participate effectively in a world society."

Members recognized for 50 or more years of membership



Sixteen members were honored at a reception and acknowledged at the Founders and Presidents Banquet in Arlington for their 50 or more years of Membership in DKG.



Ann Anthony 50



Janet Dickey 50



Bobbie Duncan 51



Billie Ebersole 50



Charlotte Edmons 56



Elva Garcia 53



Jacquetta Graves 53



Ruth Hull 59



Gloria Hutchison 51



Carolyn Johnson 55



Mary Ruth Jones 57



Patsy Jones 50



Jean Robinson 53



Wanda Spoonmore 55



Mary Swaner 55



Mary Ann Waldon 56

WANTED! PRESENTERS

The Personal & Professional Enrichment (PPE) Committee needs YOU!

The committee is looking for presenters at the 91st TSO Convention in McAllen, TX. Presentations are needed on Society Business, special interests and specifically, Continuing Professional Education (CPE) sessions.

Members need to start planning now for a presentation in McAllen. Chapter members who are talented presenters would be a good source to encourage to sign up. Successful educators are encouraged to develop a presentation and apply to present at the TSO State Convention.

The convention presenter sign-up form is online. It is available from now until February 15th, 2020. The form must be filled out completely in order for a person to be considered as a presenter.

Everyone can begin planning to come to the state convention in McAllen and sharing her talents as a presenter. The PPE Committee needs YOU!



Building confidence through a genuine spirit of fellowship

Denise Harris, Delta Psi

“With this faith in one another, we shall win for aye!” As I reflect on my years in DKG and my new position as area coordinator, I couldn’t help thinking of my journey here. Without a doubt I am standing on the shoulders of several impactful women who had faith in me when I didn’t have faith in myself. My mind goes back to the beginning. The beginning here in Texas. My immediate family and I came to Texas when I was 18 years old.

The transition from the Caribbean island of Trinidad was rocky. I will never forget our meager and humble beginnings. Although we were plagued with feelings of sadness, remorse and confusion, we kept the faith. Our family valued education and encouraged us to follow our dreams to the fullest. I began my educational pursuit shortly after my arrival.

The culture shock was unreal. I couldn’t believe the liberties that I witnessed — vulgar language, skimpy dress, sexual perversion. My conservative and sheltered mindset was constantly being challenged. So, I buried myself in my studies. I used my parents’ faith in me as motivation to keep going. Because my siblings and I are close in age, it wasn’t long before my parents had three of us in college at the same time. The financial strain was tremendous. Both of my parents held multiple jobs to sustain the family.

I enjoyed learning. Even though my roommates always disappeared (my island accent and serious study habits were apparent turnoffs), my professors appreciated my diligence. During my senior year, I met the woman that would introduce me to this organization. There have been several DKG sisters since then that have encouraged me, but my mentor teacher with whom I did my observation and student teaching was the one who laid the foundation for me in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Someone once said, “A teacher affects eternity; you can never tell where her influence stops.” That is certainly true of my mentor. When we met, I was academically sound, but socially awkward. My confidence was very low. With her years of experience, and several years as a member of DKG, she was efficient, creative, sincere, patient and wise. She joyously poured her heart and soul into me. And, for the first time in my new country I felt at home. She saw me not as an ignorant immigrant but as an individual. This woman of influence gave me her approval. She had so much faith in me that she sponsored my initiation into DKG during my third year of teaching. Her guidance and faith spurred me on, and now I have made it my desire to do the same for others.

Dear TSO members,

What a wonderful, exciting experience I had in Arlington at the 90th celebration of both TSO and DKG this past June. Working with treasurers as they perfect the dues process, meeting first-timers to your convention, sharing information about the International Society, and making new friends were just some of the highlights you afforded me. And, that doesn't even include the absolute thrill of arriving at the hotel in the Elvis "Love" car with TSO President Jo Murphy. Texas gifted me with great food, much-needed fun, and meaningful fellowship – the trifecta of an excellent Society Representative's visit. Thank you so much. I'm invigorated for the conferences this summer and the convention to come in 2020. Hope to see you there and return the hospitality you showed me.

Cathy Daugherty



Jo Murphy, TSO President, Easy E, and Cathy Daugherty, DKG International President

Variety of scholarships available to members

Any member planning to work on a graduate degree, attend an educators meeting or participate in educational travel may be eligible scholarship opportunities at the international, state and chapter levels. One of the seven DKG purposes is "To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study...."

This year TSO awarded:



- 5 Doctoral scholarships (\$7,500 each)
- 5 9 hour graduate scholarships (\$2,000 each)
- 2 6 hour graduate scholarships (\$1,500 each)
- 1 3 hour graduate scholarship (\$1,000)
- 7 Life Long Learner scholarships (\$1,000 each)
- 1 Fall mini grant (\$750)
- 2 Spring mini grants (\$750 each)

IMPORTANT DATES:

- December 1** Fall Mini Grant
- March 1** Spring Mini Grant
All scholarships

Scholarship information, instructions and application forms are available on the state website, www.dkg.org, under the scholarship committee webpage. A "quick guide" will help a member decide which scholarship she qualifies for and what's needed for her application. A "helpful hints" page is full of great tips and reminders as a member completes her application.



Google online accounts save time and energy for chapters

From newsletters to file storage, Google online accounts can save a chapter time and energy. Many DKG chapters have an account to store items electronically, perform emails and create communication documents for their chapter. It saves automatically. Members can write to the same document online. Accounts can be shared by executive members with documents private until shared with individuals, groups or public. Maintaining contacts, web pages, newsletters, birthdays, photos or yearbooks, Google gives a depository for the chapter's archival documents. Years ago, a chapter's archives were housed in a filing cabinet traveling with each new president. Upon the death of a member, the family — without knowledge of the value of the documents collected — often destroyed the files. A chapter wanting to maintain an archive of past documents historically significant to the chapter may scan them and store them in a Google account. Members may contact a technology committee member for specific information and instructions.

Thirty-four project stipends presented in Arlington

ASTEFL awarded \$39,560 in project stipends to Texas chapters and individual recipients in 2019.



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| Alisha Procter (13) | LCFBC Family Summer Reading Camp | \$950 |
| Alpha Gamma (10) | DKG Poetry Competition and Festival | \$250 |
| Beta Kappa (14) | Caring for CASA Kids | \$750 |
| Beta Lambda (17) | Supporting Early Career Educators | \$1,250 |
| Delta Gamma (1) | Providing Books for Needy Students and Their Families | \$1,300 |
| Epsilon Omega (4) | Supporting Struggling Readers | \$2,000 |
| Erin Figert (9) | Rockwall Reads | \$1,200 |
| Eta Eta (9) | Encourage, Elevate, Empower 2 | \$2,000 |
| Gamma Beta (9) | Game Day at the Samaritan Inn | \$700 |
| Gamma Eta (12) | To Infinity and Beyond in the Rural Classroom | \$1,500 |
| Gamma Nu (3) | Filling Little Free Libraries in Baytown | \$1,000 |
| Iota Upsilon (8) | Elementary Anti-Bullying Campaign | \$2,000 |
| Kappa Kappa (18) | Ready Set Explore! Reboot with STEM | \$975 |
| Kappa Lambda (7) | Beyond the Textbook | \$2,000 |
| Kappa Upsilon (9) | Advocates for Vulnerable Children | \$1,500 |
| Kappa Zeta (9) | Encouraging Geary Girls | \$1,000 |
| Laura Downes (18) | The Instructional Tutor Needs Your Help | \$500 |
| Mu Iota (2) | Increasing Teacher Retention | \$750 |
| Mu Sigma (3) | Mu Sigma: Student Success | \$800 |
| Mu Tau (1) | Forever Families Children's Library - Wild About Reading | \$550 |
| Mu Upsilon (2) | Building Budding Bibliophiles: Let There Be Books! | \$750 |
| Nu Gamma (9) | Hook a Reader | \$1,000 |
| Omicron (3) | Mentoring the 21st Century Student | \$700 |
| Phi (1) | Early Educator Enrichments: Materials and Mentoring | \$1,200 |
| Theta (2) | Theta Mentoring | \$300 |
| Theta Alpha (9) | Adopt-a-School - "Math Fact Stairs" | \$1,560 |
| Theta Epsilon (12) | Feeding OUR Kids Through Bill's Backpacks | \$1,800 |
| Theta Iota (15) | Elementary School Adoption (3rd Grade) | \$1,850 |
| Theta Lambda (18) | Stuff a Duffel | \$2,000 |
| Theta Nu (1) | For the Silent | \$1,250 |
| Theta Psi (2) | Books are a Novel Idea | \$1,500 |
| Zeta (8) | Pack of Hope | \$975 |
| Zeta Lambda (12) | Books for Kinders and the Importance of Reading | \$1,000 |
| Zeta Theta (9) | Baskets of Books | \$700 |



Five Star Newsletter recognition changed

The TSO Communications and Publicity committee, consisting of representatives from each area, has been busy communicating with chapter newsletter editors to share important information and assist with chapter newsletters and publicity.

One important change to note this year is that the only requirement for chapters to receive 5 Star Newsletter recognition is submitting five newsletters to the Communications and Publicity Committee Chair by the May 1st deadline. Elements that were previously “required” for 5 Star recognition are now simply recommendations for chapter archive purposes. To see a complete list of suggestions for chapter newsletters, please refer to the information document located on the Communications and Publicity Committee page on the TSO website.

A new state biennium brings changes to the theme, logo and personnel who should receive copies of chapter newsletters. The new theme for the 2019-2021 biennium is “YOU are the key.” Information regarding the theme and the new key logo can be found on the Resources page of the TSO website.

Hard copies of all newsletters should be mailed to the following members:

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| Patti Belknap, TSO President 4305 Stella Court Arlington, TX 76017 | Carol McMillan, <i>Lone Star News</i> Editor PO Box 443 San Augustine, TX 75972 |
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Electronic copies should be sent to:

- Dr. Stacey Arnold, Communications and Publicity Committee Chair, **sjarnold31@gmail.com**
- Area Coordinator
- Area mentor from the State Executive Committee
- Area representative on the Communications and Publicity committee

(The names and addresses of the representatives specific to a chapter are located in the *Vol 5, Issue 1 The Communique* which is posted on the Communications and Publicity Committee webpage of **www.dkgtexas.org**.)

Eula Lee Carter Fund provides scholarships

Eula Lee Carter, a Texas State Honorary Founder, organized and installed the first chapters and the first state organization in Mexico.

Following the death of Dr. Carter, the Texas State Organization approved a special fund in her memory. As a result, Delta Kappa Gamma members residing in Latin American countries in the Southwest Region may apply to the Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund Committee for a grant to improve their educational advancement. The amount of the grant shall not exceed \$750.00 U.S. and shall be used only for tuition and necessary instructional materials. Two grants of \$700.00 each were presented at the International Conference on Technology in Costa Mesa.

Every chapter is encouraged to contribute to this essential and worthwhile fund that helps DKG Latin American members to advance their education and/or educational positions. Contribution forms for the Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund can be found on the TSO website, **dkgtexas.org**.



McAllen ready to welcome TSO in 2020

Area 5 invites TSO members to come to the tip of Texas, one of the fastest growing areas in the state, for the 91st TSO Convention. This convention convenes on Wednesday, June 17, and continues through Friday, June 19. The site is the McAllen Convention Center. The convention hotel is the Embassy Suites where everyone will enjoy a spacious 2-room suite with many extras including breakfast and a shuttle to and from the McAllen International Airport.

The convention center will be the site of many breakout sessions, meetings and celebratory meals. The area around the center has numerous restaurants and shopping venues to satisfy everyone.



For guests of the Embassy Suites, the shuttle will also take members to the newly renovated La Plaza Mall, with possible stops at independent local boutiques.

Members can begin making plans now to come to McAllen on June 17-19, 2020. Area 5 promises everyone a warm welcome and a convention to remember. Watch the *Lone Star News* and the TSO website for upcoming convention information.

Texas represented at all DKG International Conferences

Besides participating in the International Conference on Technology this summer (page 1), members took part in other conferences as well.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES ASHEVILLE, NC



Linda Eller, Evelyn Barron, Sandi Causey, Marcia Kirkland.

LEADERSHIP DES MOINES, IOWA



Leesa Cole, Marilyn Greory, Cheryl Crawford, Kim Paetzel, Patti Belknap, Judy Mezick, Bonnie Moore, Sandi Causey

GLOBAL AWARENESS MASHANTUCKET, CT



Connie Rensink, Nita Scott, Sandi Causey, Libby Horton, Monica Fortenberry, Phyllis Hickey, Michelle Grandinetti

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH AND PRACTICES REYKJAVIK, ICELAND



Janie Wigley, Karen Duke, Terri Egerton, Phyllis Hickey, Sharon McDougle, Genia Klein, Nita Scott