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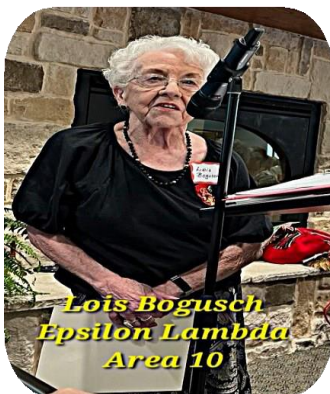
Fall 2024

Achievement Award Recipients for 2024

The Achievement Award Committee announced Golden Rose and State Achievement Award recipients at the Regional Area Workshops held throughout the state of Texas. These women honored have served their Chapters and TSO by giving of themselves, impacting the Society through years of service.

The **Golden Rose Award** was given to five outstanding ladies who have given years of service at TSO Conventions and chapter meetings. These were **Julie Eisenhauer** - Zeta Tau, Area 18; **Carolyn Miller** - Delta Omicron, Area 9; **Jane Garner** - Alpha, Area 7; **Mary M. Landon-Meador** - Theta Chi, Area 10 and **Lois May Hinegardner Bogusch** - Epsilon Lambda, Area 10.

The **Texas State Achievement Award** was awarded to three ladies who have excelled on the chapter and state levels. Those honored this year were **Cathryn (Cathy) Burke** - Iota Upsilon, Area 8; **Sherri Davenport** - Iota Epsilon, Area 18 and **Elizabeth "Liz" Garrett** - Nu Gamma, Area 9.



2023 - 2025 TSO Theme:
SOAR to new heights



Seek new members and opportunities
Open your heart, mind, and attitude
Act to serve and share
Reach to renew, respond, and relate

SOARing to Success



Bonnie Moore
Texas State President
2023 - 2025

What a summer. In June we had seven different Regional Area Workshops across the state on the same Saturday. While several things were the same, each one had its own creativity and flavor. Over 1300 members attended, many of whom were members that had never attended something beyond their chapter and now plan to attend the convention June 24-27, 2025, in Denton. The evaluations noted 90% of our members chose to have regional events in even-numbered years.

*** Put Saturday, June 20, 2026 on your calendar for the next TSO Regional Conference.**

A week in July was spent by 60+ TSO members in National Harbor, Maryland at the International Convention. Business was conducted, sessions were held, and a true highlight was the Collegiate Community of Beta Lambda. The women presented how they worked, served collaboratively, and how their collegiate group truly met their needs. A special thank you to Dr. Shannon Manley, Dr. Jo Murphy and Patti Belknap for making this a reality. August brought new presidents, officers, and chapters to plan for 2024 - 2025 and to *SOAR* into our future. Each chapter president is a member of the TSO Executive Board; so the organization needs you to attend the Denton convention to conduct business.

As we continue the second year of this biennium, please consider applying for a state office or serving on a state committee. On the TSO website, www.dkgtxas.org under Resources / Forms, you will find the necessary applications to apply and make your choice known. Elected officers and nominations and finance committee applications must be received by January 1, 2025. Area coordinators and committee assignments must be received by February 1, 2025. Let us make the job of the next TSO president easy by your willingness to serve.

Thank you to each of you for being a member of this incredible organization.

It is because of you, I am blessed to SOAR!

Bonnie Moore
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Deadlines to Remember

October 15, 2024:

Leadership Seminar
Application & Letter of
Recommendation Form

October 31, 2024:

Chapter Website
recertification (Form 72)
can be downloaded from
International website

November 1, 2024:

- *Cornet application
- *Yearbook Early Bird
submission
- *STAR 2024 application

November 15, 2024:

IRS 990n

December 2, 2024:

Expense Reports & Travel
Reports for State Leaders

December 2, 2024:

TSO Yearbooks

January 1, 2025:

Nominations for 2025-2027
Elected Positions

Chapter Website Recertification Deadline

It is time for webmasters to recertify their chapter website. Form 72-Society Website Compliance Assurance must be completed online to maintain International Website compliance and submitted by the deadline - October 31, 2024. Form 72 and information needed for the recertification of a chapter website is found on the International Site (dkg.org) under My DKG/Forms/Webmaster.

Once the form is submitted, International will send the chapter webmaster the new compliance seal that must be included on the chapter website. Place that seal on your website then email Debbi Ball, TSO Webmaster your chapter's web address. The placement of the new seal is verified, the chapter's web address will be posted on the Chapter Websites page.

See the TSO Chapter Websites page for more information.

****NOTE:** there is a new disclaimer included in the style guide that **MUST BE INCLUDED** on your home page.

Debbi Ball, Webmaster, dkgtxas@gmail.com

It's Coming!

Get Ready to
SOAR to Denton!

95th TSO Convention 2025

Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27, 2025

Denton, Texas

Embassy Suites & Convention Center

Upcoming Convention General Information

<https://www.dkgtxas.org/2025-convention-denton.html>



Let's Get Ready for Convention

It will soon be time to begin planning for the Denton Convention to be held June 24 - 27, 2025. DKG members should consider sharing their expertise by presenting a breakout session for CPE, Special Interest topics, or Society Business. The application can be found on the dkgtxas.org website on the Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee page.

Members may use the fillable pdf. or print the application and mail it in.

Applications are due by February 15th, 2025.



Communications on the Move

Member in Print Award

WANTED: Published writers to apply for the Member in Print Award. Anyone who has published in 2024 is eligible and encouraged to apply. The publishing requirements are:

- Publish in a professional journal
- Publish a series of articles (3 or more)

which deal with education

- Write a chapter in a collections of articles published in book form
- Publish a book, poem, short story

A Fillable application is on the Communications & Publicity Committee page at dkgtexas.org

Due April 1, 2025,

Being published is an outstanding accomplishment to be recognized and honored.

****Please apply.****

Importance of Maintaining Archives

An archive is an accumulation of historical records or materials that show an organization's history and function. TSO keeps its archives in the Blagg Huey Library on the Texas Woman's University campus in Denton. Members are welcome to look in the boxes of materials for their chapter and the state organization to learn about the organization and the women who have been a part of it.

The material includes written documentation of events, photographs of people and happenings, and artifacts of the past.

Each chapter has an archive committee that keeps items to preserve the chapter's history.

Chapters periodically turned over their materials to the TSO Archive Committee. Not every record has enduring value. The committee selects records based on the historical context, intended use, and relationships to other sources. The committee then places them in the Blagg Huey Library.

Current members of the TSO Archives Committee include Salethia Morris, chair; Pauline Sinnamon; Linnea Grindley; Kathy Howell; Ulana Ratley, immediate past chair; Dawn Broadway; Cheryl Crawford; Deborah Thomas, liaison.

News Flash

The **TSO Programs and Projects** has a new learning opportunity for you. Before I tell you what it is, I'll tell you a few things that will make it easy.

- No Cost
- No Registration
- No Breakouts Groups
- Same day and time each month:
2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm
- Click on the Zoom link, and get connected
- No Active Participation Required

What It Is

The Programs and Projects Committee is sponsoring a monthly one-hour Zoom session that will focus on topics of general interest. On October 15th, participants will learn about Cyber Security.

Kitty Hutchcroft will be doing a presentation Enjoy the Web While Staying Safe.

In March, the annual Monarch Butterfly migration to Mexico will be presented by Texas's own Libby Horton.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89775244838pwd=TSKY7hSYqB2hoblVZEJbfh1NXhpPPW.1>

Meeting ID: 897 7524 4838

Passcode: 837963

So join the Programs and Projects Committee for our inaugural event on **Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.** to learn about **Cyber Safety**. Unfortunately, the session will not be saved, so be in attendance or miss a great learning opportunity.

Every TSO member is invited to join.



Let's Start a STAR Constellation!

If you are interested in starting a Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat event in your area or region, please fill out a form for us. (If you did this at RAW, please do it again. The creator of the QR code goofed. User error! Someone will get with you soon!



OR GO TO:

<http://forms.gle/xRavcQGzuFS7EEvv9>

Contact Cathy Burke, WIA Chair, at cathrynburke@att.net

if there are questions, or visit the STAR website at <https://spectacularartexasartsretreat.weebly.com/>

Achievement Award Nominations

Chapters interested in nominating a member for Golden Rose Award or Texas State Achievement Award are encouraged to read the information and nomination form at www.dkgtxas.org/ Committees /Achievement Awards. Members wanting to nominate someone should start collecting the necessary material needed early. The form is to be submitted electronically to the Achievement Awards Committee chair, Connie Hernandez at tsoawards@gmail.com
Deadline is February 1 2025.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 5TH ELECTION

Election Dates

- * Last day to register to vote - October 7, 2024
- * First day of early voting - October 21, 2024
- * Last day of early voting - November 1, 2024
- * Deadline for mail in ballot application - October 25, 2024

ID Required to Vote

- * Texas Driver License
- * Texas Election ID Certificate
- * Texas Personal ID
- * Texas Handgun License
- * US Citizenship Certificate with Photo
- * US Passport
- * US Military ID Card with Photo
- * **Must have a PHOTO ID -**
Acceptable Alternative - Utility Bill, Bank Statement, Paycheck

How to vote by Mail

- * Be a registered voter
- * Be 65 or older, disabled, confined in correctional facility, absent from the County on Election Day, or expected to give birth within 3 weeks of Election Day
- * Download the application <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqabbm.shtml>
- * Complete the application, print it, sign it, and mail it to your County Early Voting Clerk

Election Year Checklist

- * Get registered or help register voters
- * Get informed about candidates & issues
- * Educate yourself – Read all points of view
- * Share information with friends, co-workers, family
- * Attend candidate appearances if able

Where to Get Information

- * Texas Secretary of State: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/index.shtml>
- * Vote Texas: www.votetexas.gov
- * Vote 411: www.vote411.org/Texas
- * The Texas Tribune: www.texastribune.org
- * Texas Retired Teachers Association: www.trta.org

More information is available on the Legislation page of the TSO website:

<https://www.dkgtxas.org/legislation-committee.html>

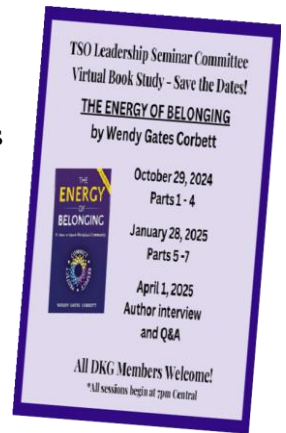
“The Energy of Belonging” Book Study

Wendy Gates Corbett is on a mission to create a world where every person knows to their soul that they belong and deserve to be seen, heard and valued.

In “The Energy of Belonging”, she explores many ideas that can be used for creating and sustaining a sense of belonging within work environments. The book serves as a guide to cultivate inclusive cultures where everyone feels valued and understood. If a member is eager to spark a stronger sense of belonging in their workplace, community (or chapter), but don’t know where to start, this book provides research-based, practical ways to build an environment in which people feel connected, respected and protected.

Interested members can join the TSO Leadership Seminar Committee in a 3 part book study and lively discussions about building belonging with Wendy joining Session 3 to answer questions. TSO is excited to have Wendy as a keynote speaker at our convention in Denton in June, 2025. When members register for Session 1, they will be entered to win a signed copy of the book and other swag. Members may complete the form to register:

<https://forms.gle/X6z2MU5gUB4q4gt39>



Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN)

The Committee on Teaching about the United Nations focuses on teaching children about a world made increasingly interdependent by globalization. Everyone is linked internationally:

- telecommunications and the media.
- cultural/social interactions and
- economically, through trade.
- the air we breathe and politically through treaties and wars.



We all depend on other nations for many things, such as energy, disaster relief and intelligence gathering. CTAUN realizes that worldwide events shape children’s lives and is working to create awareness about how to generate ways to enhance children’s lives to communicate across cultures, function in a global marketplace, respect diversity and help make peace when conflicts arise.

CTAUN’s goal is to teach children the importance of international law and that they can make a difference, no matter how small. No one can do this alone. This challenge lies first and foremost with educators. CTAUN works diligently to provide numerous opportunities for educators to learn and understand the workings of the United Nation and to incorporate global awareness into curricula and school activities.

Listed below are the current efforts of CTAUN’s volunteers who have built a network of teachers, international experts and UN advisors:

- Partnership with the Outreach Division of the UN Department of Global Communications to promote the UN Academic Impact Initiative, a program involving universities around the world in advancing the purposes of the United Nations;
- Cooperative work with the UN Department of Global Communications to promote and identify teaching resources throughout the United Nations system;
- Collaboration with the UN Foundation to expand their conferences and workshops to other parts of the United States;
- Development of their website to provide educators at all levels with curriculum materials devoted to global understanding;
- Support of educational projects;
- Annual meeting with their Advisory Council made up of UN Ambassadors and other representatives of the UN, the media and NGO (non-governmental) organizations.



Calling ALL Ceremonies

Everyone has probably heard, “The greatest compliment is for someone to copy your idea.”

Another common saying is, “Don’t reinvent the wheel.” These two adages are what’s behind the Ceremonies “Calling ALL Ceremonies” project. The Ceremonies Committee is asking all chapters to consider submitting an original chapter ceremony so that others may use them in their chapters. After all, “Why reinvent the wheel?” Ceremonies will be collecting for both required and optional ceremonies.

Chapters might consider submitting their Chapter Birthday and Founders’ Tribute, both of which are required by all chapters. They should also consider optional ceremonies such as Recommitment and Membership Milestones. Induction is a set ceremony with there being one formal and one less formal. These can be found on the International site; www.dkg.org. The Necrology Service is conducted when a member passes. Installation of officers is conducted in the second year of the biennium.

Consider submitting the one used last spring. All ceremonies will be published on the Ceremonies webpage and many will be referenced in Denton this summer during the Ceremonies’ breakout session. For questions or for the Form to complete, please contact Dr. Barbara Derrick BLSDerrick@aol.com

A Journey of Excellence:

Nelly Estrada Munguía Awarded Scholarship by the Eula Lee Carter Committee

Education is the key that unlocks doors to personal and professional growth, and it is our pleasure to celebrate the achievements of dedicated individuals seeking to further their academic pursuits. On this occasion, we are delighted to share the news that the Eula Lee Carter Committee is in the process of awarding a scholarship to the outstanding Licenciada in Educational Counseling, Nelly Estrada Munguía.



Nelly, a graduate in 2011, has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence over the years. Currently immersed in the Master's program in "Comprehensive Psychological Support," her decision reflects a constant desire for improvement and to provide exceptional service to her students. Her determination to complete this master's not only showcases her dedication to education but also her steadfast commitment to personal and professional growth.

Native from Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, Nelly is an example of educational leadership in her community. As the Educational Excellence Chair in the Beta Ensenada Chapter since her initiation in 2021, she has showcased her commitment to continuous improvement and the promotion of high educational standards. Nelly Estrada Munguía not only seeks to advance her own educational journey but has also kindly requested support to cope with some of the expenses associated with her studies. Her courage in seeking help reflects her determination and humility, qualities that undoubtedly set her apart not only as a professional but also as a human being.

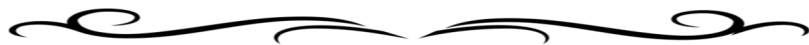
The Eula Lee Carter Committee recognizes and celebrates Nelly's dedication to education and her desire for continuous improvement. The scholarship she will receive is a well-deserved acknowledgment of her efforts and an investment in the future of educational leadership that she represents.

In this moment of celebration, TSO extends our gratitude to the Eula Lee Carter Committee for their commitment to supporting individuals like Nelly Estrada Munguía. Their contribution not only makes a difference in the life of this outstanding professional but also strengthens the fabric of education and community leadership.

Congratulations to Nelly on her achievements thus far, and members wish her a future filled with continued success in her educational and professional journey. May her story inspire others to pursue their dreams with passion and determination.

We Remember our Members

We mourn the passing and celebrate the lives of those cherished members of the Society whose deaths have been reported to the Texas Necrology Chair Dianne McCorcle. 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.



Mary Jane Hamilton, Gamma Beta - 9, Allen
Dorothy Ryan Smith, Eta Pi - 4, Victoria
Sarah Ann Laird, Alpha - 7, Conroe
Dana Jo Kirkland, Alpha Upsilon - 17, Granbury
Carol Howland Meyer, Lambda Eta - 5, Rio Hondo
Betty Williams, Alpha Pi - 17, Texarkana
Mary Peek, Beta Omicron - 3, Houston
Barbara June Culp, Gamma Nu - 3, Baytown
Margaret H. Ehlig, Gamma Nu - 3, Baytown
Irene O'Connor, Delta Psi - 5, Austin
Arlene Aldrick Stewart, Alpha Rho - 8, Corsicana
Lisa Kathleen Lipstraw, Theta Phi - 17, Roxton
Claire W. Robin, Epsilon Nu - 10, Fort Worth
Shirley Ann Smith, Alpha Delta - 17, Lake Creek
Leta Mae Teakell, Lambda - 8, Round Rock
Margaret Ann Bierschwale, Beta Zeta - 6, Fredericksburg
Phyllis Gerdson, Zeta Zeta - 11, Canyon
Louise M. Volz, Alpha Iota - 4, Wharton
Sheila Anderson, Beta Omicron - 3, Tomball
Mona Carol Carter, Delta Delta - 4, Alvin
Lucille Harmon, Kappa Lambda - 7, Austin
Estela Casares, Rho - 5, Edinburg
Cheryl Flick, Theta Lambda - 18, Missouri City
Mary Ione Stewart, Kappa Pi - 1, Chandler
Janet Cundiff, Delta Omicron - 9, Dallas
Dr. Margaret Sebern, Beta Eta - 3, Round Rock
Hazel Godhelp, Beta Eta - 3, (unknown)



Just a Little Reminder

***Each members needs to update her Contact Information on the International website www.dkg.org If you still haven't done so, the International site *requires member log in* for registering an event, some features and resources:

Your account is your member ID number.

This member ID number is your username.

When prompted to sign in, use your six-digit member ID number (on membership card or only first six digits of the seven digits on your publications labels) as your username and the **default password, dkg2014society**. Once logged in, you can change to your password preferred password at any time.

What's In The Name?

Here are some ingenious names to the chapter newsletters!!!

Kappa Pi Pipeline - Area 1

Eta Delta Data - Area 3

Alpha Phi - Area 4 **The Alpha Philes**

The Rose - Epsilon Omega - Area 4

Beta Xi's Business - Area 5

Beta Zeta Buzz - Area 6

MU DELTA MUSE - Area 6

Theta Beta Data - Area 6

Gamma Omega Focus - Area 7

Kappa Lambda Leader - Area 7

Lines from Lambda Omicron - Area 8

Alpha Tau Tales - Area 9

Delta Omicron - Area 9 **The 4:15***

**The 4:15? Delta is the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet and Omicron is the 15th. On a good day, 4:15 is the time we leave school and head to a Delta Omicron meeting!*

Zeta Theta - Area 9 **Key Words**

Eta Alpha - Area 11 **The Key**

Lambda Rho - Area 16 **The Rose**

Lambda Delta - Area 18 **The Ledger**

Mu Omicron - Area 9 **MUESLETTER**

As Editor, I have thoroughly enjoyed receiving the Chapter Newsletters from around the State. I have read about some:

✦ Inspirational Poems and Stories

✦ Cancer Survivor Stories

✦ Recipes - yummy!

✦ FUN at chapter meetings!!!!

“Happy Hour” during the Summer

“Wine Hour” for October meeting

Dear TSO members,

I'd like to introduce myself as the new *Lone Star News Editor/Photographer*. My name is Connie Hernandez, Mu Kappa Chapter (Area 15) from El Paso. I have been a member for 27 years and have loved every minute of it. I have a passion for the Society and everything it stands for, especially the history and traditions we share.



I have high hopes and dreams as I begin my journey as the new Editor/Photographer. A few months ago, TSO President Bonnie Moore created a task force to see which direction the Lone Star News would go and what/how we wanted it to change. Many of you shared your input at the RAW with the QR code survey. Some of you sent your comments to members of the task force committee. One of the main things decided was that the **4 issues of the Lone Star News would be electronic**. Nothing will be mailed due to the expense and printing costs. Some of the newsletters were returned to the TSO office with wrong home addresses or moved. Chapter Presidents, I encourage you to share the newsletter by printing it out for those members would like a hard copy.

Here is where I need your help. Please know I truly value your opinion and want to make the Texas State Organization Newsletter an item that you want to read, that has valuable information for you and something that you will hopefully share with other members. I have thought about some things that I would like to incorporate. I am open to "new ideas" as well. I firmly believe we are life-long learners trying to grasp all the wonderful things around us.

- I encourage individual members or chapters to submit news about all the great things happening in your chapter. Texas is a huge state and there are so many wonderful things to "share" with other chapters. This will be called ***TSO's Chapter Experiences Talented Spectacular Outstanding***
- I encourage your feedback, or should I say "constructive criticism" to help improve the quality of what goes into to newsletter. This is **OUR** newsletter, let's make it one we can ALL enjoy reading and benefit from. Please feel free to email me at: lonestarnestx@gmail.com

Again, I ask for your help as we move forward to resume the publications of the *Lone Star News*.
Your DKG sister,

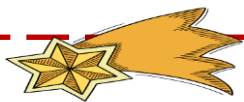
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Members are encouraged to submit information to be used in the *Lone Star News* to Connie Hernandez
lonestarnestx@gmail.com

- Fall edition goes out Sept. 10th,
 - Deadline for submissions August 1
- Winter edition goes out Jan. 10th
 - Deadline for submissions Dec. 1
- Spring edition goes out April 10th
 - Deadline for submissions March 1
- Summer edition goes out June 10th
 - Deadline for submissions May 1

Information Sources

DKG Texas Website

www.dkgtxas.org

DKG Texas on Facebook

www.facebook.com/tso.deltakappagamma

ASTE F Website

www.astef.org

ASTE F on Facebook

www.facebook.com/astef.org/

International

www.dkg.org

TSO Regional Area Workshops



North Central Region - Areas 10 & 16

On June 22nd, more than 185 members of Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) gathered at the Decatur Church of Christ in Decatur, Texas, for the inaugural **North Central Regional Area Workshop**. This historic event brought together members from Areas 10 and 16 for a day filled with fun, fellowship, and learning.

The day began with a warm welcome from TSO 1st Vice President Jeanette Rhyan, accompanied by beautiful music performed by Alisha Odoms of the Kappa Theta chapter. State President Bonnie Moore made a virtual appearance, delivering encouraging updates and exciting news about the Texas State Organization (TSO). The morning was dedicated to celebrating the achievements of DKG sisters and their chapters. Attendees participated in a variety of breakout sessions, covering topics such as leadership for Presidents and Treasurers, ASTEF, Scholarships, Zentangle, Gardening, and more. The highlight of the day was the Birthday Luncheon, where the room was festively adorned with hot air balloons. Alisha Odoms led the crowd in a lively rendition of "My Bonnie SOARs Over in Texas," which had everyone enthusiastically joining in. The workshop also honored several members who have been part of DKG for over 50 years, along with recognizing Golden Rose and Achievement Award winners.

After another round of insightful breakout sessions, the totals from the ASTEF fundraiser were announced, with the North Central Regional Area Workshop raising an impressive \$3,027.25 for the cause. The day concluded with a poignant Necrology ceremony, reflecting on the lives of many cherished members, including Past State President Nancy Newton. As the workshop came to a close, participants joined together in singing "As We Leave This Place," a reminder of the continued work and dedication within DKG. The event ended on a hopeful note, with attendees looking forward to reuniting at the TSO Convention in Denton in 2025.



Northeast Region - Areas 1, 9, 17

With a registration of 280 and attendance of around 240, the **Northeast Regional Area Workshop** kicked off at the Dr. Gene Burton College and Career Academy, 2301 John King Blvd, Rockwall on Saturday, June 22, 2024. A Continental breakfast and coffee was served as TSO members arrived. Opening Session began at 9:00 a.m. with introduction of guests, Chapter recognitions and ASTEF recognitions. Over forty breakout sessions were conducted throughout the day with Leadership Development of Chapter Presidents (LDCP) and Treasurers being trained in double sessions. Lunch catered by Occasions of Stone River was started with an Inspiration by Kim Paetzel. The Ceremony Committee headed by Chair Katherine Bunce celebrated the DKG Founders and the 95th birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma. Outgoing and Incoming Chapter Presidents were recognized as were 50 and 50+ DKG members. ASTEF's Aspiring Educators were named and 3 chapters were awarded ASTEF Project Stipends: Area 9 chapters, Kappa Phi and Nu Gamma; Area 17 chapter, Beta Lambda. The Closing Session was a time of remembrance as the TSO Necrology Committee, chaired by Dianne McCorkle, called the names of DKG Sisters who had passed. The Unifying Project, SOAR with ASTEF: Invest in Education, announced the amount of \$14,756.01 being raised for the Projects Fund. NE Regional Area Workshop raised \$2,302.66 of that total. Closing remarks were made by TSO Recording Secretary Lynda Anderson, the Delta Kappa Gamma song was sung, and members departed with a Grab and Go Snack.





South Coastal Bend Regional Area Workshop (Area 4 & Area 5)

Regional Area Workshops were meant to be a fun mini convention. South Coastal Bend Regional Area Workshop (SCBRAW) fulfilled the benefits of attending the workshop. SCBRAW provided Area 4 and Area 5 members with delicious food, awesome door prizes, and lots of shopping. But, most importantly the presidents, secretaries, and treasurers attended training by the pros. In addition, many exciting sessions were offered to all members and enjoyed by all. We were blessed with the honor of recognizing 50-year members. The necrology ceremony honoring our deceased Area 4 and Area 5 members along with our Past President, Nancy Newton was a beautiful remembrance. The most important time during SCBRAW was the opportunity to re-connect with our DKG sisters and meet new ones.

Lambda Sigma Chapter (Area 4) and Alpha Mu Chapter (Area 5) experienced the excitement of receiving the project stipend award presented by ASTEF. The generosity of our members to help provide funding for these projects brought in \$2,075.00. Thank you to Area 4 and Area 5 members.

Food, training, exciting sessions, and bonding with DKG sisters was achieved by attending the South Coastal Bend Regional Area Workshop. Trying to keep the cost down for our members was accomplished and the member attendance increased! South Coastal Bend Regional Area Workshop was a Success! Area 4 and Area 5 members did "SOAR to New Heights"!



The **Southeast Regional Area Workshop** for Areas 2, 3, and 18, held on June 22, 2024, was a tremendous success, bringing together members of Delta Kappa Gamma for a day filled with learning, connection, and fun. With various breakout sessions, members could engage in meaningful discussions, gain new insights, and exchange items. The excellent food, uplifting music, exciting door prizes, shared memories and celebrations added a lively and enjoyable atmosphere to the event, making it a memorable experience for all who attended. The theme "SOAR to New Heights" truly resonated, as members left feeling inspired and energized for the future.

Planning for SERAW began during the summer of 2023 and involved many Zooms with the steering committee. Each made important contributions that led to SERAW's success.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who participated, especially the presenters who brought their expertise and passion to each session. Your contributions made this event successful, and we couldn't have done it without you. The overwhelming response and enthusiasm from attendees have encouraged us to continue hosting workshops like this in the future. Together, we will "SOAR for more," reaching new heights in leadership, sisterhood, and service.



The **Southwest Regional Area Workshop**, which encompasses the 554 miles from Brownwood to El Paso, Areas, 13, 14 and 15 was held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. It was an excellent location due to hotels being within walking distance of the church. Of the 12 chapters in the SW RAW, there were 82 members registered, with approximately 75 attending. There were 12 sessions offered throughout the day. All workshops were well attended. Members attended a variety of workshops in the morning and afternoon sessions on topics pertinent to their chapter growth and development. Newly elected or returning Chapter Presidents and Treasurers attended specific training on their duties.

At the noon assembly, various Committee members, officers, and Area Coordinators presented awards to Outgoing and Incoming Chapter Presidents, 50+ members, and project award stipends. Before ending the assembly, members celebrated the DKG Birthday with "This is the Birthday" song and donations collected for the 2024 DKG Unifying Project for Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF). A total of \$1,376.00 was collected. Music was provided by Dr. Anji Morgan-Thornton and Melody Drinkard, the TSO music chair for this biennium. Our final assembly concluded with the total of ASTEF's donations from across the state, a heartfelt remembrance ceremony of members who have passed, and a singing of the "DKG Song." and "As We Leave This Place". None of this could have happened without the work of our fearless and dedicated mentor, Patti Belknap.





What started as a dream under the leadership of Shalan Inmon, Past State President (2021-2023) came to fruition at the **Northwest Regional Area Workshop**. St Luke’s Methodist Church welcomed 99 members from Areas 11 and 12. Shalan Inmon was master of ceremonies for the day, and she was assisted by Area Coordinators, Janet Pipkin (11) and Terri Egerton (12).

The steering committee put together a wonderful event for the sisters to attend. The tables were decorated with hand painted hot air balloons painted by Virginia Bowers. In each basket of balloons, there were pictures of members of Areas 11 and 12, as well as members of TSO leadership.

Areas 11 and 12 welcomed Katherine Wright as guest. She is currently a member of a chapter in Area 3, but has recently moved to McLean, Texas in is Area 11 and is visiting chapters in the area. Chapter recognitions were presented and awarded by various members so Areas 11 and 12.

The breakout sessions of society business, such as membership, technology, programs and projects were presented by committee members. Additional sessions included AFSTEF, Scholarship, Global Awareness and Communication. A facilitator presented a Women in the Arts session and helped members create a take home project. The presenters did a wonderful job of presenting information and gaining member participation.

New Presidents for Areas 11 and 12 were trained by Shalan Inmon, Areas 11 and 12 mentor. There was much new information for these sisters to gain. There was discussion among the chapter presidents of Area 12 of wanting to connect with one another and many exchanged emails and phone numbers. All chapter presidents were encouraged to apply for Leadership Seminar and to attend the TSO state convention in June 2025. Sharon McDougle trained the incoming treasurers for the new biennium. This year, secretary training was also provided.

During lunch, attendees enjoyed their birthday cupcake. Members sang the Birthday Song to celebrate the 94th birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Members donated \$1,672.00 to ASTEF for Programs and Projects.

One of the highlights of the day was recognizing the 50+ members. It was astonishing to see how many of these members were from Areas 11 and 12. What a wonderful legacy of dedicating so many years to TSO and DKG. Their leadership and involvement is what makes the society thrive.

Members were encouraged to fill out evaluation forms to see if the regional workshop was successful and would be attempted again. Most of the evaluations were favorable to having another regional area workshop. Participants were delighted to see old friends they haven’t seen in a while and to make new acquaintances and friends. Shalan gave closing remarks on the day’s event and was slightly emotional at having the first Northwest Regional Area Workshop in the books. We concluded the day with the singing of our DKG Song and bidding goodbye to our friends until we see them again.

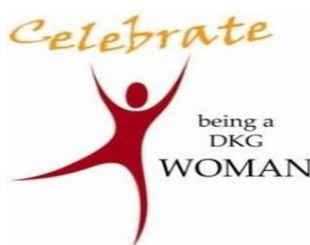


Northwest Region - Areas 11 & 12



Central Region - Areas 6, 7, 8

McNeil High School in Austin was the gathering place for 219 members from Areas 6, 7, and 8 attending the **Central Regional Area Workshop**. The day was very much like a mini convention, filled with learning and celebrations of our organization, chapters, and members. Participants were able to select from 49 breakout sessions throughout the day to learn about chapter officer and committee responsibilities, classroom strategies, crafts, travel, wellness, and even chocolate. Four chapters in the region were awarded ASTEF Project Stipends and participants contributed \$2250 to the ASTEF Unifying Project. Fun and fellowship abounded as members learned more about their neighboring areas and expanded their DKG friend circles.





ASTEF Congratulates 2024 - 2025 Project Stipend Recipients

The ASTEF Board of Directors awarded \$26,513.10 for project stipends this year at the Regional Area Workshops. The projects were selected because they support ASTEF's purposes: to provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and to provide educational excellence for Texas students

Alpha Beta 13	First Steps Blessings & Hunger Happens Here	\$1,000.00
Alpha Mu 5	Building Leaders Through Service	\$2,000.00
Alpha 7	STEM Girl Conference	\$400.00
Beta Eta 3	Let's Go: Back to School Backpacks Bonanza	\$2,461.60
Beta Lambda 17	Modernizing Library Environment to Optimize Student Learning	\$1,000.00
Epsilon Delta 11	Life Skills for Friends at Shelby's Bridge	\$2,500.00
Epsilon Tau 3	Making Each Day Count: A Self-Care Program	\$2,856.99
Iota Epsilon 18	Keeping Girls in School	\$1,152.00
Iota Eta 12	A County History (Lamb County Library)	\$1,500.00
Kappa Delta 10	Help for Homeless Students	\$987.70
Kappa Phi 9	The Buzz for Bea	\$500.00
Kappa Theta 16	More Student Writers of Distinction	\$417.80
Lambda Sigma 4	Rainbow Room Children's Blanket	\$585.00
Nu 7	Books for Beginning Readers	\$1,500.00
Nu Epsilon 7	Helping Budding Teachers Bloom	\$1,495.00
Nu Gamma 9	Repair & Tracking of Little Free Libraries	\$498.00
Omega 13	Kindness Counts!	\$1,000.00
Theta Beta 6	Passmore Elementary Recess Equipment and Games	\$558.41
Theta Sigma 3	Journeying into Reading Helping Students SOAR	\$1,100.00

ASTEF Founding Directors' Award

Upsilon 18	Story Trails for Early Literacy	\$3,000.00
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***Complete descriptions are available at www.astef.org

Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Aspiring Educators 2024 Recipients

ASTEF Board of Directors awarded the following women an Aspiring Educator Grant for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

- Emily Elizabeth Harris Mendoza
iteachTEXAS alternative certification
- Joanna De La Cerda
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- Kelli Christine Jones
Texas Teachers Of Tomorrow
- Sophia Elena Hernandez
Texas Tech University
- Paola Galilea Garza
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- Jessica Simon
The Art Institute of Houston
- Ruth Yuliana Vega Quintero
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley



ASTEF


Advocate for Education

Advocate for Education nominations are due **by April 1, 2025.**

ASTEF is looking for a woman who is an Outstanding Advocate for Education **in or around Area 16** whom ASTEF can honor and celebrate at the 95th TSO Convention 2025 in Denton.

Please consider nominating someone.

www.astef.org/forms





**Happy
Birthday**



Alpha Chi Chapter celebrates its 90th Birthday

Alpha Chi chapter celebrated its 90th birthday on March 4, 2024. Alpha Chi chapter was organized on March 10, 1934 by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton following a luncheon at the Driskill Hotel in Austin, Texas. Twelve charter members formed the chapter with headquarters in Burnet, Texas.

The chapter is composed of members from the Burnet, Llano, and Marble Falls communities. Fifty of the 74 chapter members were in attendance, along with two guests, for a lovely dinner at a local restaurant. State President, Bonnie Moore was in attendance along with Area 7 Coordinator Genia Klein. Bonnie congratulated the chapter on their birthday and thanked them for their involvement at all levels of Delta Kappa Gamma. Chapter President, Dr. Alice Smith, honored all the members with a beautiful 90th birthday pin. Archives Chair, Lorine Kuhn, and Ceremonies Chair, Jamie Horn presented a special ceremony recognizing members of long standing for each decade of Alpha Chi's 90 years. One member was recognized for her 67 years in DKG. Music Chair, Frances Lachance prepared a handout about the music of 1934. She led the group in singing Happy Birthday Alpha Chi. The evening closed with a special birthday cake at each dinner table.



Thanks to Lambda Sigma, Area 4

TSO's Chapter Highlights

Calling all TSO Chapters

Texas is a huge state and there are so many amazing and exciting things happening in our chapters throughout the state. Let's "share" with other chapters. When other members read about it, they will say "that's a great IDEA". Submit your chapter news with a brief summary and include a picture. Let's call it:

***TSO's Chapter Highlights
Talented Spectacular Outstanding***



Overcoming Challenges

Author Unknown

Each one of us will face hard times at some point in life. Sometimes the hardships come for a short season, and other times they seem to last longer than anticipated. Even though those moments feel like they are going to break us, we each have incredible strength that can push us forward. Having the determination and mindset to persevere can make all the difference.

Even though the struggles in life are not fun, and we wish we could do without them, they help develop our character. They teach us lessons we would not learn when things are pleasant. Each struggle we overcome is one more that shows us we can make it through anything. Hopefully, we can be inspired to find the courage to keep fighting whatever we are facing at the moment and embrace the future with hope.

Epsilon Gamma Chapter, Area 17 held a “Share-A-Book Train” event in June in conjunction with the little mini train rides that are located in Mineola. The chapter had several activities for the children and their families to enjoy such: "Guess the Number of Book Worms" (gummy worms), "Color a Bookmark", and "Books for the kids" to take home. Members also showcased our Little Free Library which looks like a train. All of this was at the railroad park, Iron Horse Square, run by our Historical Commission.



Little Free Library



Family and Friends by Jeanie Stiles Souvenir Booth

A Tribute to Jeanie Stiles - A Souvenir Booth Dedication was held to honor our sister Jeanie Stiles who passed away in 2022. Garrett York, a carpenter and friend of Jeanie and her family, asked if he could donate and build a souvenir booth at our railroad park in Jeanie's memory. Jeanie's family was present for the dedication, along with Garrett York and members of the Mineola Historical Commission and Epsilon Gamma members. Jeanie did the grant writing part for the Little Free Library and one of the members designed and had it built.



Plaque on Souvenir Booth



Bonjour! Area 3 Coordinator's Presidents' Luncheon on Saturday, September 7, 2024.

What an honor for the Colorado ISD school board to recognize the women of Beta Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Dr. Larry Polk, Jr., CISD Superintendent, gave details of the state, local, and international history, contributions to schools and communities and volunteer activities. The best part of the ceremony was the announcement honoring our own Frances Godwin. Based on her contributions to CISD and Delta Kappa Gamma, the old Colorado Middle School Cafeteria was named the *Frances Godwin Center*.



Gamma Omega sisters are all smiles after putting their heads together to plan the 2024-2025 year during the Summer Planning Meeting.



Happy Birthday



**Geneva Zacharias, long time member of Gamma Delta Chapter, Area 8
celebrated her 100th birthday on Sept 5th
Happy Birthday Geneva!**

Good Reads



“Want Members? Want to Keep Them? Include Fellowship!”

by Marilyn Nease

“If I were to sum up the most important “best practice” for recruiting, retaining and reinstating members, I would say, “Fellowship!”

“...No one understands a woman educator like another woman educator.”

Marilyn is a member of Delta Omicron chapter



“Membership Mindset: Navigating Mixers, Energizers, and Icebreakers”

by Andrea Fox

“Knowing membership is such an integral part of DKG, when was the last time you considered how mixers, energizers, and icebreakers contribute to the attraction and retention of members?”

Andrea is a member of Nu Gamma chapter

Read more about Marilyn’s and Andra’s thoughts in the DKG Collegial Exchange Vol. 90 - 2



Meet our new International President:

Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan from Tennessee

Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan, served as the 2022-2024 International Second Vice President, served Tennessee State Organization as president, vice president, and recording secretary and received the 2022 Tennessee State Achievement Award. A 21-year member, DKGIEF Founding Luminary, and member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, she has chaired the International Finance Committee; received a DKGIEF Cornet Award to attend the Tennessee Prospective Superintendents' Academy; and attended the International Leadership Management Seminar. Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan is willing, capable, and eager to provide the necessary time and energy to pursue Avenue M recommendations and safeguard the needs and interests of DKG's members.

https://www.dkg.org/DKGSIOther%20Rotator/Nominees_and_Bios_for_2024-2026.aspx#intPres

2024-2026 ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD		
International President Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan, Tennessee	Regional Directors	Members-at-large
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DKG VOTING on a Member

The DKG Society International *Constitution* has two applicable provisions relating to membership.

Article III,C.1, which quoted, says:

"A candidate for active or collegiate membership shall be selected by the method established by the chapter's rules."

Article III.A.1 says: "Membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International shall be by invitation."

Roberts Rules of Order (RONR) says: "A general statement or rule is always of less authority than a specific statement or rule and yields to it" [RONR (12th ed.) 56:68 (3)].

- *Because the rule in Article III.a.1 states a more specific requirement than the rule in Article III.C.1, it has more authority than the rule in Article III.C.1. Therefore, a prospective member must be invited to join. Even though the governing documents do not specify how or by whom that invitation must be given, many chapters assume that the invitation must be a chapter vote.
- *However, this assumption is incorrect. There is no rule that requires the invitation to be by vote, and Article III.C.1 gives the chapter full authority to decide how and by whom that invitation is offered. For example, a chapter has the authority to say that an eligible person shall be admitted to membership if she is invited by a chapter member or that an eligible person shall be admitted to membership if she is invited by any DKG member. The chapter rules simply need to state whatever provision the chapter decides to adopt.
- *If a chapter wants to be more accessible and welcoming to prospective members, it may choose to adopt one of these provisions or to adopt some other provision. If the members have concerns about changing their customary way of issuing invitations, they might ask themselves when the last time was that they voted not to admit a woman who was recommended by a fellow member.