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## TSO welcomes June Bowers to Waco

June Bowers, a forty-year member of DKG and member-at-large, 2016-2020, will be the international representative to the Texas State Organization Convention. June believes that a member must be active and give to the Society in order to recognize and reap the benefits given by the Society.

Living her beliefs, June has participated at all levels of the Society, including chair of the Personal Growth and Services committee, Membership committee, and the Arts & Humanities Jury. In addition, she has served as northwest regional director and as president of the Nebraska State Organization and Lincoln's Zeta chapter.



June Bowers

Currently June resides in Falls City, Nebraska, and is an active member of Iota Chapter. She was instrumental in getting this chapter reinstated when she moved into the community. June is an involved citizen of Falls City being president of the District 56 School Board, director of the Methodist Church Choir, treasurer for the Southeast Area Nebraska Retired School Personnel and a substitute teacher.

June is excited to meet all the Texas members in Waco and again at the 2018 International Convention in Austin. Every member in attendance in Austin will be part of the decision-making process of updating the DKG *Constitution* and designing the Society's future. She challenges each member to be a part of building the success and future of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

DKG is moving forward while embracing our vision of being Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

## Murals add color and excitement to community



The Finery, 501 S. 8th St.  
628 N. 15th Street.



Shades of Shabby  
926 La Salle Ave.

Members who drive around downtown Waco will find surprising pockets of art appearing on old buildings. The community has embraced the art form and encourages new artists to express themselves in murals.



You Look Nice, 115 N. 7th Street



Salvage Finds  
324 S. 6th St.

Starry Night  
10th St. &  
Columbus Ave.



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# Creating a stronger chapter



Dr. Jo Murphy  
Texas State President  
2017-2019



Listening to chapter leaders in TSO brings interesting perspectives to the forefront. Many committed and caring women work diligently for the success of the chapters they lead. The Texas Executive Committee is committed to helping bring about “effective change” in all chapters.

Deciding on positive and potentially effective ideas to strengthen and move a chapter forward can be challenging. Selecting a strategy (or building a bridge) to achieve chapter strength and effectiveness should be based on the needs of the chapter. Here is one example.

Chapter XYZ has lost several members each year for the last several years due to resignations, relocations or deaths. They have good programs and projects their members care about and support. Attendance at meetings is good and members often attend state and area events. Reinstatement of members and some transfers have kept them stable, but they want to be initiating teachers newer to the profession and who are recent graduates of teacher training programs. Hoping to gain new members who have new ideas and perspectives, they chose to set a goal of growing membership as a way to strengthen their chapter.

They chose to use the TSO Recruitment plan. They have each suggested the names of potential members. After sharing the opportunities and benefits of membership with the community of potential members, XYZ members have rejected pre-selection negativism and allowed each potential new member to determine her own response to becoming a member. For a variety of personal reasons, some have weighed the merits and declined. Others have accepted immediately and have stated that “they had just been waiting to be asked.”

Other areas for chapter strengthening might be communication, relevance and interest of programs to members, involvement of members in chapter projects, and leadership development within the chapter. Getting members involved in state and international levels also brings strength to the chapter. Chapters should continually set goals that meet the needs of their chapter. To assist members with chapter strengthening goals, the TSO Executive Committee began a mentoring program during the 2013-2015 biennium. It has continued, and each of the state’s 18 Areas have a specific mentor from the Executive Committee. The mentors are listed on the area information webpage and the executive committee webpage on [www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org). These mentors will assist Texas chapters with ways to build bridges to be CHAPTER STRONG!

# Hints and Tips from Headquarters



As the annual dues process draws to a close, the initiation of new members, the reporting of new members and the reinstatement of members who are coming back into our organization continues throughout the year.

Quick reminders about new initiates:

- Before April 1, chapters need to send their names on a Form 18 with a check for their dues, scholarship fees, initiate fees and initiate forms.
- After April 1, chapters need to send their names on a Form 18 with their \$5 initiate fees and initiate forms.
- Chapters need to send their initiate forms and Form 18 to TSO Headquarters as soon as possible after members' initiation. This will ensure that they get their publications throughout the summer and their membership numbers to enable them to register for convention and to be on your 2018 printed forms from International.

Reinstatements may be sent in at any time on a Form 18 with dues, scholarship fees and reinstatement form. There is no reinstatement fee.

The April 1 deadline is critical for convention recognition for chapter donations to the TSO Eula Lee Carter fund and ASTEF's Leadership, Scholarship and Projects funds. Each fund requires a separate contribution form and a separate check made out to ASTEF or Eula Lee Carter, postmarked by April 1 and mailed to TSO Headquarters in Dallas. Donations to International funds have a separate form and must be sent to International Headquarters in Austin. All the forms may be found on the DKG Texas website on the Treasurer's Page.

If a chapter plans to honor its 25 and 50 year members this spring, certificates are available from TSO Headquarters at the minimal cost of \$3 for the 25 year and \$5 for the 50 year certificate.

May 1, 2018 is the day TSO will take a "snapshot" of chapter membership for recognition in Waco. Chapter membership lists may be found any time on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) under "My DKG" then "My Account," then "Chapter Connect."

The training session for treasurers in Waco is very important.



Treasurers need to join the TSO headquarters staff and learn how to "Be a Star Treasurer!"

## At-A-Glance Deadlines

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| Apr 1  | LSN deadline<br>Member in Print<br>Media Recognition<br>Annie Programs<br>Contributions to<br>State Funds<br>ASTEF project<br>applications |
| 15     | Visual Arts App  |
| May 1  | 5 Star newsletter<br>All reports for<br>convention<br>program<br>Cornet Award<br>for Prof Dev  |
| June 1 | State Personnel<br>Expense Rpts  |

## Highlights

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| ASTEF        | 4,13,14 |
| Technology   | 5       |
| UP           | 5       |
| Registration | 6       |
| Schedule     | 8       |
| Membership   | 9       |
| Gold Piece   | 12      |
| Austin       | 15,16   |

## Committee Meetings

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Mar 15       | Personnel Comm      |
| 17-18        | Scholarship<br>Comm |
| Apr<br>14-15 | Finance Comm        |
| 20-22        | ASTEF Board         |

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[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

## Building ASTEF Strong a special event for Waco

An exciting part of the 2018 Waco Convention will be a special ticketed event: **Building ASTEF Strong**. This is an amazing session members don't want to miss. ASTEF's special guest will be Jimmy Don Holmes of JDH Iron Designs. Members will know him better as Jimmy Don the Sign Man from HGTV's

**FIXER ★ UPPER**

*Fixer Upper* with Chip and Joanna Gaines.

Specializing in custom metal art designs ranging from wall art and home decor to custom projects and everything in between, Holmes has been making metal art for years. His metal signs and creations can be found in homes and businesses across the United States.

This special ASTEF event with Jimmy Don Holmes will be on Friday afternoon and everyone will want to be a part of it. As always, all proceeds will benefit the work of ASTEF, TSO's educational foundation. The ticket cost is \$25 and is 100% tax deductible.

At the close of the session, a drawing will be held for a JDH Iron Designs signature sign donated by Mr. Holmes. In addition, he will also autograph the sign and take a picture with the winner. A second sign will be awarded at the close of the ASTEF Annual Meeting to be held prior to the ticketed event.

Members should check the box for **Building ASTEF Strong** on their registration forms.



## Jimmy Don Holmes featured speaker at ASTEF event

For several years, I was a partner with my father in a metal art business called Stars Over Texas. It was located in Crawford, Texas. When he moved to west Texas in 2004, I stayed and worked really hard to make the business work on my own. In 2007, my wife Lori became my partner and full-time bookkeeper.



Jimmy Don Holmes

Over the years, we've been involved in some really special metal projects. We have built thousands of pieces and have worked on many projects for President George W. Bush and Mrs. Laura Bush. We've also done work for Hank Williams, Jr., the United States Secret Service and the Texas

Department of Public Safety, just to name a few.

We've been working with Joanna Gaines since her first call when she asked me to make her a metal sign. She explained that she and Chip were going to be filming a pilot show for HGTV and if it took off, she would need more signs during the whole season of filming. Since their show, *Fixer Upper*, was such a hit and Magnolia Market opened at the Silos, our company has grown significantly.

Now, I work on the graphic design layouts of our metal projects, my wife is still the bookkeeper and our two sons work cutting tables and manage the 30+ employees that help with the rest of the process. We recently opened our own powder coat facility, and we are proud to say that each metal piece is completed at JDH Iron Designs in its entirety from start to finish. I am grateful for every opportunity that has come my way and can't wait to see continued growth in Waco and the surrounding communities.



# Members challenged to be curious and brave

Irish novelist and poet James Stevens said, “Curiosity will conquer fear even more than bravery will.” DKG Founders were brave even while they had some fear about what they were doing. But were they curious? Most definitely. Their dreams were set by the question of what might be.

The TSO Technology Committee challenges members to be curious and to be brave. Just the mention of the word technology drives many members into hiding. However, there are TSO members who embrace technology and want to use what they know and want to learn more. DKG International knows that to communicate effectively within the 17 member countries, members must use technology effectively. The TSO Technology Committee challenges members to **get curious** and to **be brave**.



Organizers are implementing technology to provide the full opportunities and advantages of the state convention. Workshops, training sessions and CPE sessions will be offered in online training, giving all members the opportunity to learn more about the Society and implement the vision of DKG. Gamma Eta Chapter in Area 12 will be conducting an orientation session utilizing Facebook Live. They plan to utilize this, and other technology options, to connect with ill and reserve members. The potential impact of the use of this technology is inspirational and perhaps revolutionary.

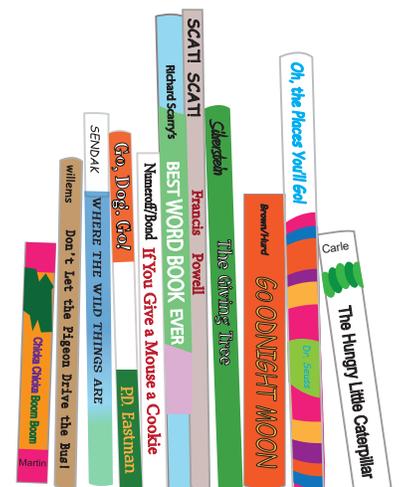
When members are brave and step up their curiosity, they can learn what is available to all members. A good start is to embrace the changes and especially the technological ones offered at the 2018 TSO Convention.

## 2018 Unifying Project supports literacy

The Unifying Project for the 2018 Texas State Organization is Storybook Christmas. Since its inception in 1991, Storybook Christmas has provided over 430,000 new books for underprivileged children. Ann Badolati Roznovsky, a recently deceased honorary member of Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, initiated the joint project of the *Waco Tribune-Herald* and the Central Texas Literacy Coalition. Mrs. Roznovsky characterized the gift of books as “the first step...to break the endless cycle of illiteracy and the poverty that accompanies illiteracy.”

As leading women educators, members can help Storybook Christmas bridge the gap between illiteracy and literacy. Each member is asked to bring to convention new children’s storybooks appropriate for the 3-10 age range. Books should not be in bags or wrapped in anyway.

More information is available at [www.storybookchristmas.org](http://www.storybookchristmas.org).



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Texas State Organization Convention  
Waco, Texas, June 14 - 16, 2018**

All members must register. Please use one form per member. Only one form is necessary for a member with a guest. To avoid late fee, registration must be postmarked on or before May 16th. No meals may be ordered after June 1st. Address registration questions to Terrie Cardwell at 713-208-4923 or tcardwell003@comcast.net. Mail completed form to Terrie Cardwell, 2738 Fontana Dr., Houston, TX 77043. Please type or print plainly.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title Last First Middle Initial Badge Name

**MAILING ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address or PO Box

City State Zip Chapter Area  
**Email address** (for a receipt) \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please check if you are the *current* president or will represent her at the Executive Board meeting:**  
 I will represent my chapter at the Executive Board meeting on Friday June 15, 2018.

**Please check all that apply.**  
 2018-2020 Chapter President  2016-2018 Chapter President  1st State Convention Attendee  Member 50 or 50+ Years

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

| <b>Registration Fee: (Choose one that applies.)</b>   | <b>Cost</b> | <b>Number</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2018-2020 incoming Chapter President or representative attending LDCP   | \$ 0        | _____         | _____         |
| All other member registration — postmarked on or before May 16  | \$ 50       | _____         | _____         |
| Late Registration—postmarked after May 16   | \$ 75       | _____         | _____         |
| Guest—Badge Name _____  | \$ 5        | _____         | _____         |
| <b>Box Lunch</b> (Thurs, June 14) <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Ham sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Salad | \$ 15       | _____         | _____         |
| <b>Building ASTEF Strong</b> —proceeds to benefit ASTEF (Fri, June 15) <i>tax deductible</i>  | \$ 25       | _____         | _____         |
| <b>Box Lunch</b> (Fri, June 15) <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Ham sandwich <input type="checkbox"/> Salad   | \$ 15       | _____         | _____         |
| <b>Presidents and Founders Banquet—Denim and Diamonds</b> (Fri, June 15)  | \$ 35       | _____         | _____         |
| <b>Celebration Brunch</b> (Sat, June 16)  | \$ 30       | _____         | _____         |
| <b>Continuing Professional Education Credit</b> (CPE)   | \$ 20       | _____         | _____         |
| <b>Choir Music—Choir Participants Only</b>  | \$ 15       | _____         | _____         |
| Voice Part Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Soprano I <input type="checkbox"/> Soprano II <input type="checkbox"/> Alto                      |             |               |               |
| I would be interested in playing <input type="checkbox"/> prelude <input type="checkbox"/> postlude   |             |               |               |
| <b>Contribution to ASTEF</b> <i>tax deductible</i> .....  |             |               | _____         |

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** .....

\_\_\_\_\_ CHECK (Payable to Texas State Organization Convention Fund) OR \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ VISA

Cardholder's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Cancellation requests must be made in writing to Terrie Cardwell, 2738 Fontana Dr., Houston, TX 77043 and postmarked by May 23rd.*

*By your attendance at this event, you grant permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped or photographed by any means, and you grant full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.*

# Music adds fun and smiles to conventions

Singing! Music! Friends! Fun! The most exciting group to be a part of in Waco is the TSO Chorus. We sing. We laugh. We honor our DKG members. The chorus is an exciting and inviting group that everyone is welcome to join. We work hard on our music and laugh as much as we rehearse. Friendships are formed and continued within this group annually.

The music for the Waco Convention is funny, upbeat and reminiscent of our great state's heritage. The chorus will offer music for the Presidents and Founders Banquet which will enhance the themes of the evening: "Denim and Diamonds" and "Building Bridges." Special music is planned to honor members during the Celebration of Life and Remembrance Service. The performance at the brunch on Saturday will send everyone home with a big smile and tapping toes.

Members are encouraged to come sing in the chorus in Waco. Singers of any level are welcome to join. This year there is a special need for yodelers. Registration for those wishing to sing in the choir and/or provide preludes and postludes for each group meeting is included on the general registration form in the spring edition of the *Lone Star News*.



# Leadership training important for incoming presidents

Capable leadership is a critical element in any chapter. It impacts the organizational culture and plays a part in the vitality of the chapter. Training is designed to help chapter presidents prepare for their position.



The Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents (LDCP) Committee surveyed outgoing presidents in the fall of 2017 about the training they received at convention. The presidents shared that the most helpful tools from that training included the calendar and deadlines, state organization connections, officers' guidelines, membership recruitment and retention ideas, access to resources, programs and projects ideas, how to set chapter goals, how to run a meeting, succession planning, and where to find help. They also said the time they spent talking with state personnel and staff, other presidents, and their area coordinator gave them the support they needed to feel ready to take on the responsibilities of their role.

Repeating presidents said they learned about changes and new initiatives that have happened in the Society in recent years. They were rejuvenated by the energy they saw in new chapter presidents, and felt valued as new presidents sought out and appreciated their experience and wisdom.

Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents training is scheduled for Thursday, June 14th, from 12-5 p.m. in Waco. The LDCP Committee urges nominating committees to ask their incoming officers to commit to this valuable training. It is important that chapter officers for the coming biennium are reported using the form sent by TSO President Jo Murphy, so chapter presidents can be welcomed and receive their personal training invitation.

# Convention schedule at a glance

## Wednesday, June 13

6:00 p.m. TSO Executive Committee informal dinner: Hilton  
7:00 p.m. Texas Executive Committee meeting: Hilton Conference Room  
9:00 p.m. LDCP assembles materials and gets instructions

## Thursday, June 14

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration: Convention Center  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Unifying Project: Registration area  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Vendor Setup: Texas Room South  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Visual Arts Display: Lone Star 105 ASTEF Project Boards: Registration area  
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. ASTEF Board Meeting: Waco Room, lower level Convention Center  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. First Timers information: Registration area  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Chorus rehearsal: McLennan Hall  
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Area Coordinators meeting  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents (LDCP) setup: McLennan Hall  
12:00 p.m. Box Lunch (ticketed)  
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Vendors: Texas Room South  
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 2018-2020 Presidents Training (LDCP): McLennan Hall & breakout 113-115, 103  
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Workshop for Membership Chairs: McLennan Hall  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Breakout sessions  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Training for Treasurers: McLennan Hall  
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Chorus rehearsal: McLennan Hall  
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own  
7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies & First General Session: McLennan Hall

## Friday, June 15

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration  
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Unifying Project: Registration area  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. First Timers information: Registration area  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. TSO Business Session and ASTEF Annual Meeting: McLennan Hall  
12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Vendors: Texas Room South  
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch (Box lunches available for pickup)  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ASTEF ticketed event — **Building ASTEF Strong**  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Breakout sessions  
2:15 p.m. Coordinating Council Chairs: Texas North 115  
  
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Session 1 15 Minute Info Blasts (separate schedule for topics)  
2:35 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. Session 2 15 Minute Info Blasts (separate schedule for topics)  
2:55 p.m. - 3:10 p.m. Session 3 15 Minute Info Blasts (separate schedule for topics)  
3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Session 4 15 Minute Info Blasts (separate schedule for topics)  
3:35 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. Session 5 15 Minute Info Blasts (separate schedule for topics)  
3:55 p.m. - 4:10 p.m. Session 6 15 Minute Info Blasts (separate schedule for topics)  
4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Session 7 15 Minute Info Blasts (separate schedule for topics)  
  
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Chorus rehearsal: McLennan Hall  
6:00 p.m. Pick up Visual Arts Display & ASTEF Project Boards  
6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. 50 & 50+ Member reception  
7:00 p.m. Denim & Diamonds Banquet: Chisholm Hall

## Saturday, June 16

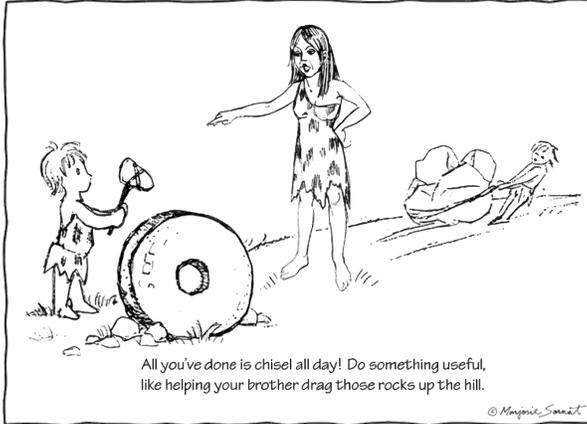
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Chorus rehearsal: McLennan Hall  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Celebration of Life and Remembrance: McLennan Hall  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Celebration Brunch & Awards: Chisholm Hall

Presidents Training

# T.T.W.W.A.D.I. Syndrome crippling chapters

It is time to check the health of your chapter, especially in light of several recent diagnoses of T.T.W.W.A.D.I. Syndrome in some TSO chapters. This syndrome is crippling; it prohibits growth and removes excitement. What is T.T.W.W.A.D.I. Syndrome? It is the mindset of chapter members that reflect the acronym; the mindset of “That’s the way we’ve always done it!” It is the mindset that develops because of the formation of habits.

As the future unfolds it is time to recognize the truth — change is inevitable. Successful



change requires a conscious collective decision about what the future should look like. As a chapter the collective vision should be that of a successful, healthy chapter with members excited to attend meetings and conventions, participate in projects and most of all ask other professional women educators to join the chapter. It is much easier to work toward a goal than it is to problem-solve. Fixing a problem is depressing; setting and achieving a goal is exciting.

If a chapter continues down the path of least resistance, the path without change, it will end up where it has already been. A chapter must be able to let go of the familiar ways and of the inertia that keeps them in place. The chapter must embrace a new idea, be open to doing things that are new and different. It takes courage to let go of what is familiar, safe and secure. If a new idea fails, learn from the failure, create an improved plan and be grateful for the support of chapter members. Everyone is in this together.

Just because ‘the process’ continues to work does not mean it is the best way to do it or that it is yielding the very best results. By changing the process or creating a new process, a better result might be achieved. A prime example of trying something new is the implementation of the TSO Recruitment Plan. Chapters should step forward, embrace the plan and watch for the success it will yield.

As a chapter works to envision what the future holds and what a truly successful chapter would look like, goals can be set. Members can think, envision and then achieve a chapter that is exciting, innovative and sustainable rather than suffering from T.T.W.W.A.D.I. Syndrome.

## Texas Spectacular Arts Retreat a winter success

This year’s Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat took place in February, 2018. The Women in the Arts Committee hosted



Paula Miller and Pat Brazzell, Alpha Sigma (Lubbock-12) work on their folded book art.



96 women who created over 400 art objects, produced and enjoyed a play, sang and danced,

and experienced genuine spiritual fellowship in

East Texas at Camp Allen. A registration form for next year is available on the Women in the Arts webpage of [www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org).



## 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 René Pittman between November 1, 2017 and February 1, 2018. 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](http://www.dkgtxas.org) under Committees, Necrology.*

Charlotte Ann Mann, Alpha Omega-2, Spring Branch  
Shelba Jean Spears, Alpha Omega-2, Port Arthur  
Donna E. Wilsker, Eta Mu-2, Beaumont  
Emma Ella Riehl, Gamma-3, Houston  
Ruth Elaine Helm, Epsilon Sigma-3, La Marque  
O'Lena Jones Perkins, Epsilon Sigma-3, Pearland  
Mary Hazel Landers, Epsilon Tau-3, Livingston  
Roberta Harris, Zeta Omega-3, Friendswood  
Katheryn Aleen Jones, Theta Sigma-3, Houston  
Diana Barnett, Epsilon Omega-4, Buckeye, Arizona  
Vera Johnson Guynn, Eta Pi-4, Victoria  
Helen Olive Greer, Eta Omega-4, Freeport  
Kathryn Merchant, Eta Omega-4, Lake Jackson  
Elizabeth H. Hunt, Epsilon Phi-5, Weslaco  
Joyce Haugen Knolle, Gamma Omega-7, Bellville  
Pauline Dunn, Kappa Lambda-7, Pflugerville  
Ann Badolati Roznovsky, Zeta-8, Waco  
Hellen Arlene Mallory Yarber, Zeta-8, Hewitt  
Janice Fay Davis, Iota Upsilon-8, Comanche  
Ada L. Williams, Epsilon-9, Dallas  
Barbara Sue Brewer, Lambda Upsilon-9, Rockwall  
Mary Virginia Davis, Lambda Upsilon-9, Royse City  
Alta Mae Higgins, Delta Xi-11, Hereford  
Willa B. Patterson, Zeta Phi-13, Abilene  
Barbara Ash Walker, Beta Sigma-16, Throckmorton  
Norma Allen King, Alpha Zeta-17, Marshall  
Kitty Dillon Day, Kappa Alpha-18, Lebanon, Ohio

Member  
News



**Hilda Salas**, Kappa Beta (San Antonio-6), received the "Outstanding Woman Role Model" award from Image de San Antonio for her contributions to Education.

**Shannon Copeland**, Theta Epsilon (Levelland-12), received the Levelland Chamber of Commerce Educational Professional of the Year award.

**Elvira Barrera, Hilda Salas and Annelise Vela, Ph.D.**, Kappa Beta (San Antonio-6), were given "PAL of the Year" awards from the Pan American League in San Antonio for their service to the organization. The Pan American League is a philanthropic organization that serves the less privileged with educational, health and welfare endeavors.

Four Texas members were chosen to attend the International Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in Austin, Summer 2018.

- **Suzanne Bathe**, Lambda Gamma (Houston-18)
- **Bonnie Moore**, Eta Delta (Houston-3)
- **Lynda Anderson**, Zeta Gamma (Tyler-1)
- **Genia Klein**, Xi (Pflugerville-7)

## Breakout session applications available on TSO website

It's not too late to apply to present a break-out session at the state convention in Waco in June. Sessions can be about society business, topics of personal interest or educational workshops offered for CPE credit. Applications are available on the Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee webpage at [www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org). Contact PPE Chair Virginia Olsovsky at [olsovskyy@icloud.com](mailto:olsovskyy@icloud.com) for more information.



## Annie has a new approach to outstanding programs

Annie is alive and well and will be presented with a new look in Waco. This year Annie will showcase chapter programs in a slideshow presentation prior to various events at the convention. The goals of this new look are to share ideas, introduce members to potential topics and expand the approach to chapter programs. This format will give members the opportunity to view outstanding programs created by TSO chapters. To complement Annie's new style, the Programs and Service Projects Committee will offer quick and easy program ideas in a 15-minute blast session during the convention.



Instructions, templates and consent forms for Annie submissions are available on the Programs and Service Projects webpage on [www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org).

## Changes in newsletter rubric announced



Several changes have been made in the past few months that will affect many chapter's newsletters. The TSO Executive Board decided to suspend the Seal of Merit award for chapter newsletters this year. The 5 Star newsletters will continue to be recognized. To streamline and adapt to the changes, an updated newsletter rubric is available on the TSO website to guide editors as they create chapter newsletters.

Important changes to note include:

- Required elements can be used anywhere within the newsletter, not just the heading.
- Branding for international and state may be the written names and/or the logos for both DKG International and TSO.
- Recognition for a 5 Star Newsletter will need all required elements plus essential information about the next chapter meeting and information for members pertaining to chapter, state and international levels of the Society.

## Deadlines for communication awards nearing

April 1

### Member in Print Award

Member must publish in a professional journal, publish a book, write a chapter in a collection of articles published in book form or publish a series of three or more articles which deal with education.

April 1

### Media Recognition Award

Newspapers demonstrate excellence in overall coverage of educational news or excellence in coverage of local chapter news.

May 1

### Five Star Newsletter Award

Chapter newsletters must follow the newsletter rubric and publish a minimum of five newsletters by May 1, 2018.



# Children of Harvey

Dr. Lorena Zertuche, Zeta Tau

It will soon be six months since Harvey caused devastation and wreaked havoc on the majority in our school community and city. As the principal of Bear Creek Elementary School in Katy ISD, I have the privilege of getting to hear our students' voices once a month during lunch. Recently they shared with me how their lives were affected by Harvey at the time and how their lives have changed since. Many children recall a whole long chain of events going from place to place. First, deciding whether to evacuate, then living in a hotel for a couple of weeks, staying at a cousin's house, unsuccessfully trying to get to grandma's house and going to a friend's house. One child recalled, "When the flood happened, we had to evacuate, but when we came back, the whole house was full of mud. We had to knock down the door of my room just to get in." They slept on inflatable mattresses for months and missed having a place to play. Quite a few had family or friends that were displaced from their homes living with them.

Several students talked about having to take everything off the floor each morning so that the workers can work on the house while they go to school and their parents go to work during the day. Some of them have moved and are in new neighborhoods. Their families were just not willing to wait to see if they would be flooded again after having been flooded several times before. Others have gone from having the only two-story house on the cul-de-sac with thousands of stuffed animals to living in a hotel room with their belongings in suitcases full of what they were able to save before the mandatory evacuations. One child said, "We went from having no problems in our neighborhood to it looking like a tsunami went through it." One thing all of the children agreed upon was that they are helping out at home more and have become more mature. From the mouths of babes:

- *I feel more connected to the community. We are all doing more, giving clothes to families who were flooded and helping each other.*
- *Lots of people lost a lot of things. Even pets died because they couldn't get to them in time.*
- *A lot of my friends have left the neighborhood. Because of all of the floods, we have less kids in our class. A lot of our friends left.*
- *Every time my dad talks to my uncle, he cries and my mom has also been more emotional. I noticed that several stores we used to go to have closed. A lot of neighbors have left and have not come back. I'm not sure if they're going to. When it flooded, many people got flooded.*
- *I think we have become closer because I remember driving down the street and seeing everyone helping each other. As a community, we were helping everybody even if we had no idea who they were.*
- *I have to get a new pet because we had to give my dog away. I picked a ferret, but then my grandma said that it was not a good idea because she said it would smell, but then she agreed because she just didn't want to fight with my mom about that.*
- *My brother's friend's house flooded so they were staying at our house. One thing I've noticed is that his friend is always mad or sad and he can get really grumpy.*
- *I have a lot to catch up on ever since Harvey — mostly science and math.*

We all learned many lessons about the power of the human spirit and best practices for schools to carry out in the wake of catastrophic events. It is important to create organized mass transportation plans and ways to best receive and dismiss students in a safe and orderly manner from two locations. Clear communication is always critical, but especially during emergencies in order to share resources with agencies able to assist. Distribute donations early and often without concern for who receives them; if they show up, they must need them. Children write the best thank you cards and those who receive them truly appreciate them. We will forever be bonded by having experienced this devastation together, and we will come out stronger for it in the end.

## Theta Mu Chapter completes 2016-2018 biennium project

After reading an article in the Summer 2016 issue of *Lone Star News* about Days for Girls International, members of the Theta Mu Chapter, Odessa, Texas, became interested in a project for that organization. Members made plans for preparing reusable feminine product kits for girls and women in developing countries around the world. This project was chaired by the Theta Mu Global Awareness Chair with a committee of helpers. The project was started and completed during the 2016-2018 biennium with Sherry Pomroy as president.

Beginning in October 2016 Theta Mu members began fundraising and collecting items needed for the kits. In January of 2017, the donation theme was “Pennies for Panties” for the kits. Several Theta Mu members work and/or exercise at Curves workout center. They started a competition between the Curves teams. Over 70,000 pennies were collected from ladies at Curves and the Theta Mu members. That is over \$700.00!

With the money, Theta Mu members were able to purchase needed supplies. Information and patterns were received from Days for Girls. The work was accomplished by chapter work days and individual stitching and serging. Twenty-five kits were completed by thirty-four members. That many kits included fifty shields, two hundred liners, twenty-five tote bags and other supplies. The two-year project was completed at the January 2018 meeting by members stuffing tote bags with supplies.



Back Row: Millie Ward, Doris Givens, Merita Hart, Jennifer Askew, Kelly Morris, Vanessa Green, Janette Miller, Nita Merrifield, Bobbie Duncan  
Middle Row: Debbie Stewart, Sara Easley, Carol Horton, Trudy Lewis, Jane Kirby  
Front Row: Kathy Chandler, Sherry Pomroy, Pam Hicks, Rebecca Tolbert, Ellen Sablan  
Picture taken by: Karen Telck

The completed kits were delivered to a Days for Girls chapter in Georgetown, Texas, for distribution. A check for over \$300.00 has been mailed to Days for Girls International from extra funds raised.

## Nominations open for Advocate for Education

Any member who has knowledge of a deserving woman in Texas who has significantly impacted education positively at the state, regional or local level through her commitment to service and financial contributions to Texas educators and students is encouraged to submit a nomination for the ASTEF Advocate for Education Award. The nomination guidelines and form are posted on the ASTEF Forms page at <http://www.astef.org/forms.html>.



## Women in the Arts is sponsoring Fine Arts Display

The Women in the Arts Committee is sponsoring the annual Fine Arts Display held at TSO conventions. Members may participate by filling out the application on the 2018 Convention Website which is accessible from [www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org). Stitchery, pottery, poetry or visual hand-made items may be displayed in Waco.



## Asheville and College Station next ASTEF destinations

ASTEF Travelers are eager to take members and guests on two trips this year. Based on the results of the recent survey, members want to continue the ASTEF Weekender and reinstate the ASTEF longer trips.

Members expressed an interest in a longer more in-depth trip. They selected Asheville, North Carolina as their destination of choice. ASTEF will partner with Road Scholar to provide this travel experience. Plans are being made to participate in the Asheville Signature City trip in early November 2018.

Highlights of the trip include visiting the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to discover the Art Deco architecture, thriving arts scene, and unique history that make Asheville a signature American city. Members will hear expert analysis on the Vanderbilt family's influence on the city and learn why the preservation of the downtown makes it a living museum of mid-century architecture. They will join experts on explorations of Asheville's most significant sites and historic properties like the lavish Biltmore Estate and enjoy the artistic and culinary delights of Asheville's thriving downtown. Planners hope that by going this time of year, members will get a glimpse of the fall foliage and perhaps some Christmas decorations too. Dates for the Asheville trip are November 11 to 16, 2018; registration is limited. The ASTEF website has information about registration and an 800 number for Road Scholar. Members may register online or by phone.



Biltmore Estates, Asheville, N.C.

In the spring of 2019, members can pack their bags for the Third ASTEF Weekender to be held in the Brenham/College Station area. Survey results chose this site and time of year in hopes that the bluebonnets are in full bloom. Highlights of the trip will include a visit to the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, Texas A & M University, the Blue Bell Creamery and much more.



George H. W. Bush Presidential Library, College Station

These trips and the entire travel program are open to all members and their guests. A small donation is built into the cost of the trip. These proceeds provide scholarships, leadership events and projects for TSO members and their communities.

To learn the details, members should make sure they have signed up for the ASTEF emails. This can be done by visiting the website, [astef.org](http://astef.org), and completing the form on the Contact Us page. Members traveling with ASTEF make a difference in the lives of members, aspiring educators, Texas educators, students and children.



The 2018-2019 Project Stipend Application Guide is on the ASTEF Forms page at [www.astef.org/forms.html](http://www.astef.org/forms.html). Members and chapters are invited to get creative and design a worthy project that benefits Texas educators and/or students. Projects may be for a chapter, an individual member or an area. The application is due April 1, 2018.



## Amendments to DKG *Constitution* and *Standing Rules* ready

In 2010 The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Constitution Committee presented the revised *Constitution* and *International Standing Rules* to members at the Spokane convention. Some members found individual changes objectionable. One particularly emotional issue was:

*1.02 The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International may also be known as the Society, Delta Kappa Gamma, ΔΚΓ, or DKG.*

Members argued passionately that ΔΚΓ means Key Women Educators in Greek and DKG is just an abbreviation, without meaning, of the name.

Change from the familiar is often uncomfortable. In this instance, the practicality of typing DKG on English keyboards has proven to be a positive change for members, and the stylized DKG logo has been well received by members.



Within the more than 120 amendments to the *DKG Constitution* being presented in Austin this year are some practical and some emotional issues. The constitution committee has grouped amendments into like subjects. Written narratives explain the thinking behind the proposed amendments. Before reading the amendments, members have the opportunity to read the stories and get an insight into the thought process that spawned the proposals. The amendments to the *Constitution* and *Standing Rules* and the stories can be found under the Resources page of [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) after signing in with a member login. They will also be included in the March/April *DKG NEWS*.

### Story example: The Identity/Names Story

“When Annie Webb Blanton founded Delta Kappa Gamma, she chose a name that would be ‘acceptable’ in a time when women were not allowed to organize in professional groups. In essence, she shielded the Society by using a name that sounded like a sorority — a type of organization that WAS permitted in 1929. However, 80+ years later, in 2018, some would argue that our name confuses others who assume that DKG is a sorority rather than a professional society of women educators.

“To resolve this ‘identity crisis’ and help the Society move from perception as a sorority to that of a professional organization, at least one proposed amendment suggests changing the name of DKG. Whether one agrees or disagrees with the specific name that is suggested — Women Educators International (DKG) — the impulse behind the proposal needs consideration. To what extent does our name reflect who we are as a Society? What are the philosophical and practical implications of a name change?

“Aligned with the issue of our name leading to perception as a sorority is our use of terminology such as ‘initiation.’ One amendment seeks to change the word ‘initiate’ to ‘induct’ — a broader term that indicates bringing an individual into a group. The change in this wording in no way changes the ability of chapters to hold a ceremony to bring in members; it simply removes a word with sorority connotations.”



# Texans are host state volunteers

The DKG International Convention will be Monday, July 16 - Friday, July 20 in Austin at the JW Marriott. This year the International convention will end on a Friday night. Texas Night will be Monday, July 16, following

the opening session of the convention. The steering committee is working with International President Carolyn Pittman to determine specific needs for Texas ambassadors. Volunteers will be contacted soon about duties. When Texas members register for the convention, they may register as Host State Organization Volunteer.

Online registration and information about the events each day of the convention are found on [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). The steering committee has created DKG



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International Convention newsettes that tell more about the convention and a Texas Edition that shares information with only Texas members. These publications are found on [www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org).

## DKG website has Society information in new design

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International launched a new website in December. The biggest changes involve the home page and the committee pages. There are now two home pages:



- Main Home – Everyone can access this page and it will be the landing page for everyone who is not currently signed in. This gives potential new members a chance to explore what DKG is about, without having the option to access member-only files.
- Member Home – Once signed in, members have access to a different homepage with additional navigation options including tools and resources. Sign in is the same as before: Click on “Sign In” at the top right hand of the page.

Committee pages are under About Us > Committees. This is where each committee’s goals and members are displayed. All documents and helpful links that previously were under each committee can now be found under Resources > Presentations (for videos and PowerPoint presentations) and corresponding sections under Tools.

Also, to help members navigate, a site map is available on either home page beneath the rotating image at the top of the page. Members may contact international headquarters for any problems navigating the site.