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Sandy Whitney inspiring educator and leader

Sandra Louise Whitney was born on December 20, 1944 in Barberton, Ohio, and was the oldest child of Frank and Virginia Whitney. The family returned to El Paso when Sandy was a toddler so she considered herself an El Paso native. Sandy was a proud graduate of El Paso High School, class of 1962. She graduated from Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma, with a degree in Theater Arts and a minor in Religion. Her professional life was spent teaching and serving several schools as a campus administrator.



Sandy Whitney
TSO President
1995-1997

Sandy's parents were professional people whose expectations were high for their daughter. While they encouraged and supported her, they also made sure that she was independent and could think for herself. This independent thinking would become a hallmark of Sandy's leadership style.

Although middle school can be trying for students who are beginning to struggle with their independence, it was in the 8th grade that Sandy discovered three of her greatest talents: she realized that she could make people laugh, she was good at extemporaneous speaking and she could expand her creativity through theater arts. She made good use of these talents whether she was engaging with students, working with a campus or leading a state organization of women teachers.

What endeared Sandy to people was that she was the same with everyone and in all situations. She was a fun person, and she was also a person who dared to be different for the sake of accomplishing a goal. She surprised and pleased the crowd as she appeared dressed as Miss Piggy at the San Antonio Convention to help the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation crown the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ASTEF piggy banks which raised money for ASTEF's project stipends.

She approached situations in innovative ways, analyzing problems before making decisions. Solutions might come from brainstorming and planning with a team, delegating to competent individuals or using her talents in a unique way. Few members who were in attendance for her acceptance speech as TSO State President have forgotten the way she gave her speech. She made her entrance at the back of the room walking and talking as she strolled to the front past member tables before arriving at the podium. Using her theater background and training, she was able to emphasize that any member, from the newest to the experienced, could move up in the Society and achieve a leadership position.

Leadership and education were passions for Sandy. While she served the Texas State Organization and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in leadership roles, she continued her job as a school principal. Sandy began her journey as a TSO leader as an area coordinator and convention chair. She honed her skills as second vice president and parliamentarian before becoming TSO State President in 1995. Members remember her as being focused with definite goals; being thoughtful in choosing those who served with her; and being able to delegate and let people do their jobs. Along the way, TSO honored her with the Texas State Organization Achievement Award for all of her hard work and involvement.

DKG International positions offered new challenges which she handled with ease. She used her participation in the DKG Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar in 1992 as a gateway to serving the entire Society. After being on the steering committee for the 1998 International Convention in Dallas, Sandy was appointed to the international Leadership Development Committee. As a member of this committee, she was actively involved in the Focus 2000 project that looked at the future direction of DKG. She served on the International Administrative Board for six years — as southwest regional director, second vice president and first vice president — and served one biennium as a member of the DKG Educational Foundation Board of Trustees. In 2006 she was awarded the DKG International Achievement Award with these words from DKG International President Jackie Cuppy: "She applies her vast knowledge of Delta Kappa Gamma and offers logical thinking, realistic solutions and optimistic vision for our Society."

As TSO says goodbye to this dynamic, innovative and funny force known as Sandy Whitney, members will continue to be inspired by her legacy of leadership and her love of Delta Kappa Gamma.

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New members vital to chapter success

Patti Belknap
Texas State President
2019-2021



When chapters are asked about their number one concern, they often respond, "Membership." While many chapters struggle with this issue, others are successful in inducting and retaining members.

Most of the chapters considering themselves successful with membership are using the Recruitment Plan to invite prospective members to their chapter meetings. They are finding their prospects by being open to inviting all types of educators, not just classroom teachers. Many are beginning to partner with local universities in their areas. Inviting collegiate members to membership supports those young women as they work toward their goal to become educators. Collegiate members can bring new vitality to a chapter. Veteran educators can help mentor them, and when they enter the teaching profession, chapter projects can be developed to help support those early educators.

Another recruiting source that is often overlooked may be in your neighborhood or community. What about inviting members from your retired teacher groups, or your grandchild's teacher? Perhaps you know someone at the gym, the local hospital or your church who is or has been an educator. We all have connections we can explore for new members.

Since July 1, 2019, Texas has inducted 245 new members! Inductions bring change to a chapter. Whether the new members are collegiate, active or retired, what do they see at your chapter meeting? Does your chapter provide each new member with a mentor who can pick her up, bring her to the meeting and help explain your chapter's projects and traditions? Do you immediately involve your new members in your committees and meetings? Are your programs and projects interesting, topical and appealing so that all members want to attend? Are you doing member surveys to learn about the different interests, talents and needs of the chapter members? Have you asked the members what they might set as goals for your chapter?

Get out your magnifying glass. Look at not only the topics like meeting time, place and day, but also give consideration to these questions: What does your chapter value? How do we incorporate those values into our meetings? How do we communicate those values to prospective members?

Membership has been and continues to be a concern. TSO has officers, mentors and area coordinators who are willing to help your chapter achieve its goals of retaining and increasing membership.

Remember, inducting members is a first step and certainly an important one; however, retaining members is vital to the continuing health of your chapter. Changes within your chapter, even small changes, regarding recruitment and retention can make a difference. You can be the key to making those changes.

The McAllen Registration Form and the Schedule at a Glance are being repeated in the Spring LSN for those who did not have access to a digital copy.



Hints and Tips from Headquarters



Checklist for deadlines

2019-20 DEADLINES:

Dues portal will be closed March 16 — April 20

- By March 1: members new to chapter should be entered in Dues Portal and placed in an order.
- Before March 15: mail payments & order forms mailed to International & TSO.
- Before March 15: mail scholarship and inductee fees and form mailed to TSO.

Membership snapshot — March 1 for TSO membership recognition

- First week of April 1: download membership roster from Chapter Connect (official 2019-2020 roster).

Chapter contributions sent to TSO for recognition at McAllen convention

- Before April 1: mail ASTEF contributions & forms for Scholarship, Leadership & Projects.
- Before April 1: mail TSO Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund contributions & form.

Chapter officer updates at TSO before the end of March

- Submit via online link (contact your AC or TSO HQ with questions)
- Submit Change of Treasurer Form 87 to both TSO & International (IRS requirement)

Register for McAllen Convention by May 15

- Mark calendar for chapter treasurer workshop: Thursday, June 18 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Mark calendar for chapter president training: Wednesday & Thursday, June 17 and 18 after lunch

2020-21 DEADLINES:

Dues for 2020-21: dues collected & payment mailed before June 30

- March – May: collect dues, deposit in chapter bank account
- April - June: mark paid members and create orders in Dues Portal
- Before June 30: mail dues orders and payment to International
- Before June 30: mail dues orders, payment and fees to TSO (use the TSO Fees Form to calculate)

At A Glance Deadlines

- April 1 LSN deadline
Member in print & media nominations
Annie Extravaganza Submissions
ASTEF Project Applications
Contributions to St Funds for convention recognition
- May 1 Cornetec Application
Reports for Convention program
Five-Star Newsletter deadline
Expense reports
St Personnel
Int'l recomm for appointments
- June 1 Reports to ASTEF for Awarded Projects

Committee Meetings

April 3-4	Finance
24-26	ASTEF Board

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

Variety of speakers highlight events

ASTEFL EXTRAVANGANZA



Johnny Quinn

This special event will be held immediately after the ASTEF Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 18 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. It is a ticketed event. This is an Olympic year, and the highlight of the event will be Johnny Quinn, a former Olympian. Quinn competed in the sport of bobsled at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Johnny is also a former professional football player, spending time with the NFL’s Buffalo Bills, Green Bay Packers and the Saskatchewan Roughriders of the CFL. He will entertain, energize and empower ASTEF event attendees with his action-packed message.



PRESIDENTS AND FOUNDERS BANQUET



Aurora Vignau De Zambrano

Aurora Vignau De Zambrano is the 2020 DKG International Representative to Texas. As the Latin American Representative on the DKG Administrative Board, she will bring greetings and information about what is going on at the international level. Aurora has served as Neuvo Leon State President and been on many international committees.

She first taught at the Universidad Mexicana del Noreste organizing and implementing the Continuing Education Programs. Later she was head of the Leisure Studies department.

At present, she is the State Delegate of Nuevo León, Mexico, for the Mexican Red Cross and Chair of the Board of the Mexican Red Cross, Monterrey Chapter. She stays connected to education through the Nursing and Emergency Medical Technician programs offered by the Red Cross.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON



Chris Coladonato

When people join and become members of organizations, it is because they want to feel connected to something greater than themselves. Whether it’s to other human beings, a purpose or a cause they believe in, human beings are essentially social in nature and are wired to be connected.

If that is the case, then why do member organizations often find membership declining or a lack of engagement? If humans are wired to connect, why are we so disconnected at times? What does it mean to be truly connected; how can humans and leaders connect more effectively with each other and with membership? Chris will have a conversation about what it means to be connected and how each person can leverage the power of connectedness to take her leadership and chapter to the next level.

TSO honors members at Birthday Luncheon

Members celebrating fifty or more years in DKG who want to be honored at the Birthday Luncheon in McAllen should to mark the “Member for 50 or 50+ Years” on the registration form.

Example of how it appears on the registration form:

Please check all that apply.

2018-2020 Current Chapter President

2020-2022 Incoming Chapter President

1st State Convention Attendee

Member for 50 or 50+ Years



Committees prepare for McAllen ARCHIVES

Chapters have storage problems. Throughout the years they have saved papers, books and artifacts, and they don't know what to keep, what to trash and what to turn in to go to Texas Woman's University Archives.

To solve this problem, chapters need a plan. The plan might include:



- **KNOWING** what the Society requires to be kept at the chapter level, what to send to TWU Archives and what to recycle.
- **ENGAGING** the whole chapter to get the job done quickly and efficiently.
- **MAKING** a yearlong commitment to get organized and prepared for the future.
- **SOLICITING** support from all members to enable the chapter to locate all materials needed to record a chapter's history and have a great plan for special events.

The Archives Committee is always ready to assist and answer questions. Chapters may find help with archive problems at sessions in McAllen and area workshops.

CEREMONIES

The TSO Ceremonies Committee promotes an appreciation of the heritage and traditions of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Excellent resources exist to help chapters with various ceremonies such as induction, installation, recommitment and remembrance.



- The Ceremonies Committee webpage on www.dkgtexas.org
- The Resources page on www.dkg.org
- The *DKG Ceremonies* book, which is owned by many chapters, is out of print, but the individual ceremonies may be found on the Resources page.
- The members of the TSO Ceremonies Committee are listed on the committee webpage (www.dkgtexas.org.)

Ceremonies are an important part of the Delta Kappa Gamma culture.

Through active participation in ceremonies, members better understand the values and legacies which are at the heart of the organization. The committee is preparing ceremonies for the Birthday Luncheon and the Presidents and Founders Banquet in McAllen.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications and Publicity Committee has two categories of awards that will be given in McAllen:



- **Members in Print** recognizes members who have published in professional journals, books, chapters in books or a series of articles related to education.
- **Media Recognition** highlights newspapers that provide outstanding coverage of education news and local chapter news.

The deadline to submit nomination awards for both awards is April 1, 2020. The forms can be found on the Communications & Publicity Committee page on the TSO website.

Committees from p 6**GLOBAL AWARENESS**

Schools for Africa became Delta Kappa Gamma's first official international project in 2010. Schools for Africa is a partnership with UNICEF, the Hamburg Society and the Nelson Mandela Foundation, helping millions of children access a quality education.

In Africa, nearly one third of the children are still out of school because of inadequate school facilities and poor teacher training. Other factors include the trafficking of adolescents, early marriage, sexual violence and the lack of separate bathrooms in schools causing adolescent girls to stay home.



Schools for Africa currently serves thirteen of the neediest African countries. The program is making a difference with the support of Delta Kappa Gamma by helping to provide a better future for Africa's children. Chapters can support Schools for Africa through individual donations or as a chapter project. Information about Schools for Africa is available on the DKG website under Programs and Projects.

HEADQUARTERS

Any chapter that has lost or damaged any or all of the items used for ceremonies might find replacement ideas through Headquarters and Annie's Attic. Whenever a chapter dissolves, the chapter must return all its paraphernalia to TSO Headquarters to be used for new chapters or sold at very reduced prices in Annie's Attic. The Headquarters Committee is in charge of Annie's Attic in the vendors section at state conventions. Sometimes the convention is too far from Dallas for the committee to bring all the items stored at Headquarters, but chapter members may come by and see what is available. If members do not see an item they



need in Annie's Attic, they may contact Headquarters and check on its availability. The cost of shipping items from Headquarters will be paid by the chapter.

Hint from Headquarters: Chapter brass should be cleaned with ketchup because brass cleaner will ruin the finish.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

The 91st Annual Texas State Convention in McAllen will be a busy and exciting time for chapter presidents. The Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents (LDCP) workshop will be held Wednesday, June 17, 2020, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 18th, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. LDCP will include who, what, when and how to guide chapters during the next two years. Workshops throughout the convention will support the work of leading a chapter. On Friday morning, presidents will represent chapters, voting on

the business of Texas State Organization at the general session. The LDCP committee urges chapter presidents to make travel plans soon. Convention registration is paid for each president, or her representative, to show TSO's appreciation for their dedicated service to DKG.



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MEMBERSHIP

When members stop, look and listen, they will find potential members of Delta Kappa Gamma are all around. Traditionally, members have only inducted from public and private schools. Now members know that education and learning don't happen just inside a school building. they can happen anywhere. Find these examples of member types in the word search:

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| BANKTRAINER | CAMPINSTRUCTOR |
| CHILDSTEACHER | COUNSELOR |
| DOCTOR | FACILITATOR |
| FIREWOMAN | FLIGHTATTENDANT |
| ITTRAINER | LIBRARIAN |
| PERSONALTRAINER | SCHOOLNURSE |
| TRADESTEACHER | UNIVERSITYSTAFF |
| YOGAINSTRUCTOR | |

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 R E N I A R T L A N O S R E P
 B L S C E U A K T R A P H R H
 I O N V B A N K T R A I N E R
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MUSIC

The TSO Chorus is an opportunity for members to build friendships through music with other DKG members from around the state. Any member interested in joining the chorus for the McAllen Convention must select the chorus section on the registration form, and links to hear the music will be sent following registration. Pianists who would like to treat members to a Prelude and/or Postlude during the convention are encouraged to join the group. Any interested members should mark their preferences on the registration form, and the Music Chair will contact those members indicating interest. That's how "keys" compose a symphony.



PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

The Programs and Service Projects Committee's goal is to provide chapters with as many ideas for chapter programs and service projects as possible. To do this, the committee needs chapter input and participation. Every chapter is encouraged to submit a program and a service project to be shared with all chapters in TSO.



The forms for sharing ideas are available on the TSO website under deadlines and forms for April 1st. Chapters may download the form, complete it, attach it to an email and send it to Lisa Yates at Lyates0509@aol.com by April 1, 2020. Lisa Yates will also answer any questions about the process.

Key Makers  McAllen 2020

McAllen
June 17 – 19, 2020

TSO unifying project for 2020 is CASA

The TSO Unifying Project for 2020 will be supporting local CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer advocacy programs throughout 14 counties in the Rio Grande Valley. CASA is supported by grants and donations, and a gift to CASA is an investment in helping children in crisis.



Appropriate donations to CASA include gift cards to Walmart, Amazon, Target, HEB, Academy Sports and kid friendly fast-food restaurants such as McDonald's, Whataburger and Dairy Queen. For those wishing to donate an actual gift, books for grades 4-12, hygiene items for girls and boys, journals, small purses, wallets, key chains or other small items are options.

Bonnie Moore, TSO 2nd Vice President, shares her direct involvement with CASA:

My decision to become a Child Advocate or CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) was not a difficult one. As a teacher and principal, I observed first-hand what CASA did for children. I saw that they cared, supported and advocated for children who had no one else. These children ages 0-18 have been removed from their parents or caregivers and are in the custody of Child Protective Services and are being adjudicated and monitored by the State of Texas court system.

My job is to do what is in the best interest of the child. I get to visit the child or children monthly, visit or speak with their school, day care, doctors, dentists, therapists and others who interact with the child. I am the eyes, ears, hands, feet and heart of the court for these kids. Yes, this does take time in making actual visits and documenting the data. When I see the look of love in the eyes of these children and teens and their continuing thank you that I am there and I care, it makes every moment worth it.

Houston site of 5th ASTEF Weekender

Plans are now being made for the 5th annual ASTEF Weekender. Based on the results of the last member survey, Houston will be the focus of our next ASTEF Weekender. The target date is October 2020. This tour will shed light on Houston's historic past and her position as the 4th largest city in the country. Participants will explore highlights and often unseen treasures the city of Houston has to offer. One of the potential highlights will be a backstage tour of the Alley Theater. Also, a tour of the Julia Ideson Public Library, in the heart of downtown, will be featured. The next ASTEF Weekender will begin Friday night with a welcome dinner and conclude Sunday after lunch. Members will not be disappointed as they explore the rich experiences provided by the dynamic city of Houston. More information about the trip will be posted on the ASTEF website as it becomes available in the spring. The trip is limited to 50 participants. Non-DKG member guests are welcome.



ASTEF Online Auction returns in McAllen

The ASTEF Online Auction is returning to McAllen. The auction will begin one week prior to the start of the TSO Convention in McAllen and end on the final day, Friday, June 19, 2020. Bidders will have the opportunity to view the auction items at the convention, but all bids must be online. Anyone interested in donating items to this auction may contact Advancement Vice-President, Cindy Drumm, at advancement@astef.org. The ASTEF Advancement Committee is expecting to have original art, collectibles, jewelry, handbags, vacation packages and more.



Convention schedule at a glance

Tuesday, June 16th

- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. WIA Children's Art Exhibit and reception
- 7:00 p.m. TSO Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 17th

- 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. ASTEF Board Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Vendors Set Up; Accept ASTEF Displays
- 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Unifying Project items accepted – Visual Arts accepted
- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vendors open; ASTEF Displays; Children's Art Gallery
Visual Arts
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Breakout Session I
- 11:00 a.m. AC Training
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Breakout Session II
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sack Lunches Available
- 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Breakout Session III
Membership I
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Programs & Projects I
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Breakout Session IV
- 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. LDCP Session I
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Breakout Session V
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. First Timers Session
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Breakout Session VI
- 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Breakout Session VII
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner on Your Own
- 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Flag Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Session

Thursday, June 18th

- 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration; Unifying Project items accepted
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. ASTEF Annual Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vendors; ASTEF Displays; Children's Art Gallery
Visual Arts
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ASTEF Extravaganza
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Breakout Session VIII
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Breakout Session IX
- 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Sack Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Membership II
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. LDCP Session II
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Breakout Session X
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Breakout Session XI
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Chapter Treasurers meet with State Treasurer
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Breakout Session XII
- 6:30 p.m. Reception
- 6:45 p.m. Line up for Procession
- 7:00 p.m. Presidents and Founders Banquet

Convention schedule at a glance

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Friday, June 19th

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Celebration of Life
9:15 a.m.	TSO Business Meeting
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Reception for members with 50(+) years of DKG membership
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Fiesta Birthday Luncheon
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Vendors/ASTEF Displays
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Tim Lee
2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Membership III
2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Programs & Projects II
2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Breakout Session XIII
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Breakout Session XIV
3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Leadership Seminar Social Event
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own
6:30 p.m.	State Personnel Dinner

TSO encourages search for lost pins

Through the years, the Texas State Organization has recognized members who served the state above and beyond required level of membership by presenting them with either the State Achievement Award or the Golden Rose. These prestigious awards are presented annually at the state conventions each June. The thrill of receiving an award pin that was worn by a former recipient is priceless and a treasured addition to the ribbon of new state awardees.

Texas State Headquarters is searching for return of these special state awards which were presented to now deceased recipients. Perhaps in the chapter's memorabilia or in a member's jewelry box, one of these award pins is "collecting dust." As Texas State Organization continues to honor women who serve with distinction in TSO, it is important that it has pins to present to them.

In addition, TSO is seeking to recover former state president bar pins and state leadership seminar pins. Approximately ten former state president pins have not been returned.

As chapters can begin their search for members who received these awards, they may find help by going to the state website and clicking on the Resources link. From there, a link to TSO Historical Date/Information has lists of award recipients in several categories. That can be the starting point in identifying chapter members who received award pins.



State President's Bar



State Achievement Award



Golden Rose Award



Leadership Seminar

Those who are second or third generation family members might look through family jewelry to see if any of these items are possibly located there. Members are asked to return the jewelry to the state's headquarters at P.O. Box 797787, Dallas, TX 75379. Having a legacy piece of DKG jewelry is a special treasure.

Texas State Organization Remembers

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, Rhonda Hall, between November 1, 2019 and February 1, 2020. 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.dkgtexas.org under Committees - Necrology. SH = State Honorary

Louise Schenkewitz, Alpha Omega- 2, Carrollton
Lorraine Platt-Najera, Gamma- 3, Houston
Jane Krancher, Epsilon Omega- 4, Rosenberg
Peggy Horton Wood, Lambda Sigma- 4, Stafford
Betty McKinney, Beta Eta- 6, Houston
Barbara Koy, Gamma Omega- 7, Kenney
Shirley Owens, Kappa Lambda- 7, Round Rock
Naomi Pasemann, Xi- 7, Taylor
Barbara Jean Selking, Gamma Delta- 8, Hillsboro
Mary Shelton Florence, Eta Zeta- 9, Dallas
Barbara Stoddard, Eta Zeta- 9, Dallas
Pat May, Theta Chi- 10, Keller
Mary Lynn O'Day, Theta Theta- 10, Fort Worth (SH)
Linda Jean Wigner, Alpha Sigma- 12, Lubbock
Sandra Louise Whitney, Mu Kappa- 15, El Paso
Rita Cason, Iota Omicron- 16, Wichita Falls
Maryanna Rhemann, Iota Epsilon- 18, Houston
Carolyn Belk, Iota Gamma- 18, Houston

Honoring deceased members

The Necrology Committee recognizes and honors deceased members. Recognition is based on **Form 6, Death of a Member**, which is sent in at the time of the death of the member. The Necrology Committee must receive this form for a member to be honored at the state convention and her name listed in the *Lone Star News*. DKG Membership Services and the TSO Treasurer use the form to keep membership updated in DKG and TSO.

Form 6 is sent to:

- DKG Membership Services Administrator, mem@dkg.org
- Leesa Cole, TSO Treasurer, tsotreas@sbcglobal.net
- Rhonda Hall, TSO Necrology Chair rkhall53@gmail.com

Celebration of Life
Friday, June 19, 2020
McAllen, Texas



Member
News



Katie Barrera, Beta Pi (Alice-5), was named "Teacher of the Year" for Alice ISD 2018-2019.

Fannie Watson, Delta Gamma (Tenaha-1), was presented the Distinguished Service Award by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Sarah Lawrence, Alpha Phi (Texarkana-17), has been named A&M-Texarkana's Distinguished Faculty Member for 2019.

Mollye Long, Beta Zeta (Fredericksburg-6), was appointed as the District 13 Legislative chair for the TRTA.

Judy Callahan, Iota Lambda (Arlington-10), was honored with the Arlington PTA Honorary Life Membership in 2019.

Dr. Mary Ellen Young, Alpha Pi (Texarkana-17), received her PhD in Higher Education Leadership from the American College of Education in Indianapolis.

Margaret Davis, Alpha Pi (Texarkana-17), attended the ground breaking for the Margaret Fischer Davis Elementary, named in her honor.

Elaine Witherspoon, Lambda Xi (Abilene-13), received a DKG Scholarship to use toward a counseling degree.

Ann Brown, Beta (San Antonio-6), will attend the National Human Genome Research Institute's 2019 Short Course in Genomics as a guest of the National Institutes of Health.

Lois Bogusch, Epsilon Lambda (Ft Worth-10), was named 2019 "Woman of Distinction" by Altrusa International Fort Worth Chapter.

Elizabeth Brown, Theta Beta (San Antonio-6), received the Published Teacher Award for publishing a master lesson on TEA Gateway.

Texas members have works included in the 2019, Volume 86-2 issue of *The Delta Kapa Gamma Bulletin*.

- **Tia Agan**, Alpha Beta (San Angelo-13), has an article "Investing in Future Administrators: An Interview with Dr. Raelye Self."
- **Jayne Brainard**, Kappa (El Paso-15), has a composition "Two Poems: Technology Today; Technology: Past, Present, Our Future."

Susan Lampson, Eta Mu (Beaumont-2), was recognized by KFDM television station as a "Hometown Hero" for dressing up as Mother Goose and reading to preschool children each week.

Elba Rodriguez and **Veronica Blanco**, Delta Upsilon (Houston-3), were sponsored by the Harvard Alumni of Houston to participate in the Harvard Graduate School of Education Professional Development during the fall semester.

Annabelle Hall, Alpha Nu (Laredo-5), received praise and respect during the Webb County Heritage Foundation's 180th Anniversary of the declaration of the Republic of the Rio Grande for her service.

Serving on the Fine Arts Committee of the 2020 DKG International Convention in Philadelphia are

- **Deb Acevedo-Tamminga**, Epsilon Kappa (Austin-7), chair
- **Jayne Brainard**, Kappa (El Paso-15)

Chapter secret reveals a surprise

Rita Drabek, an active member of Lambda Sigma, was given the honor by the Fort Bend ISD of having the Rita Drabek Elementary School named for her in 2001. Students and educators enjoy the continued energy and support Rita gives to this campus. This year Lambda Sigma secretly enlisted the help of the school and chapter members to find old school t-shirts from Rita Drabek Elementary.



Debbie McReynolds and Rita Drabek

Members cut and prepared the shirts, and a former student created a beautiful quilt as a surprise tribute to Rita.



Registration Open for 2021



Terry Cardwell and Julie Eisenhauer

Now that STAR 2020 is complete, the STAR Team is turning its focus to 2021. Each TSO member has the opportunity to be one of the 120 women who will paint, etch, glue, draw, emboss, stamp, create, renew friendships, make new friends and expand her



Dee Westmoreland

brain with art. The registration form for STAR 2021 is available on www.dkgtexas.org.

The Mystery of the Gumdrop Dragon.
Directed by Karen Duke





GOLD PIECE

Mom's Farmhouse Recipes

Jeanette Rhyan, Theta Chi

Opening the cabinet which housed my cookbooks, I began running my finger along the spines, recalling dishes prepared and served to family and friends. I pulled out a couple of cookbooks when I noticed an old metal box hiding in the back. I took it down from the cabinet and set it on the counter. Opening it, I realized this was my mother's recipe box, once a bright, shiny green box holding lots of white index cards. The metal was now dull and most of the paint peeled off due to use. Inside were hundreds of faded recipe cards written in pencil.

I thought of the idea of formatting these recipes into a cookbook to share with my brothers. It took almost five months to type the recipes on the computer. Each recipe brought back memories of Mom teaching me how to read a recipe, measure ingredients, and use the electric mixer. I remember sitting on the kitchen counter and watching her make divinity, waiting impatiently to lick the spoon. I often read a recipe to her as she mixed a batch of cookies.

On the back of one recipe I found some green crayon scribbles. Apparently, I had been practicing my art skills at an early age. On the back of another recipe card, the names of family members and a neighbor's name had been written in cursive. My handwriting was not very pretty. Other recipe cards had various grocery lists and lists of errands to run written on the back. I also discovered a brief note she had written to my dad on the back of a cake recipe.

As I typed recipes, I realized that Mom had several recipes of the same dish, but with slight variations. There were at least 9 coffee cake recipes, 4 apple crisp recipes and 4 chocolate cake recipes. At the top of a few cards she had written "very good." Those were the recipes she used often. For some recipes, she had written the name of the person who had given her the recipe. I recognized many of the names including both of my grandmothers' names.

The last section of the cookbook is entitled Odds and Ends. The Ends section makes me laugh. There are recipes on how to clean wall-paper, make bar soap, make toilet soap and make mildew remover. My personal favorite recipe is how to feed a sick farm animal for 24 hours.

My mother passed away seven years ago. I found myself wishing she were here, so I could ask her questions about certain recipes. "Mom, why didn't you write down the measurements for the potato salad?" or "What are the directions for the molasses cookies?" Then there were the recipes that didn't give the oven temperature or how long to bake a casserole.

Thanks, Mom, for giving me your delicious recipes and a green crayon.

Deadline for ASTEF Project Stipends April 1

Recipients of ASTEF Project Stipends have varied greatly in their creativity and need. Many projects have reinforced literacy and language arts skills, and others have provided math materials for needy students and their families. Chapters have developed projects in support of early career educators and teacher retention. ASTEF has gladly supported health and nutrition programs for disadvantaged students, anti-bullying campaigns and after-school outreach programs for disadvantaged students. All projects have reinforced ASTEF's mission to provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and promote educational excellence for Texas students. If a chapter has a project that supports the ASTEF mission, the ASTEF Board of Directors encourages the chapter to apply.



The 2020-2021 Project Stipend Application and Guidelines are available on the ASTEF website, www.astef.org. Individuals, chapters, coordinating councils or areas are eligible to apply. At the 2019 TSO Arlington Convention, \$39,560 was awarded. In June 2020, at the McAllen Convention, the next winning project stipends will be announced. Applications must arrive by April 1, 2020.



A Kendra Scott Pop Up Store will be held on Thursday, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in McAllen. Kendra Scott has been a great friend to ASTEF by generously giving back 20% of all sales to ASTEF to provide project stipends. By purchasing her products, a member can own a beautiful piece of jewelry and help a good cause at the same time.



KENDRA SCOTT Members and guests may request an item for preview by emailing Rhonda Posey, ASTEF President, at president@astef.org. The items will be held for review, and there is no obligation to purchase these items. The Kendra Scott website is www.kendrascott.com.



All members eligible to be a Decade Donor

On September 17, 2020, the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) will be 10 years old. In honor of this special 10th birthday, ASTEF will be providing a special McAllen convention ribbon to all TSO/ASTEF members who donate to ASTEF via the McAllen Convention Registration Form. The goal is \$10,000 by the end of the McAllen convention.



To qualify for this special ribbon, members may:

- make a donation on the convention registration form until the convention registration deadline of May 15.
- donate to this specific campaign during the McAllen convention, June 17-20, 2020. A special form will be available at the ASTEF Information Table in the McAllen Convention Center.
- mail in a donation to TSO Headquarters using the Decade Donor Form. This form will be posted on the ASTEF website, www.astef.org, in May 2020. A Constant Contact email will go out explaining the process.

Members join together saying, “Happy Birthday, ASTEF — Here’s to many more wonderful years.”



2020-2022 DKG officer elections in Philadelphia

DKG International Convention in Philadelphia will have two important pieces of business: voting on amendments to the DKG Constitution and voting on new international officers.

According to the Constitution, the president, the first vice president, the second vice president and members-at-large shall be elected at the international convention by the state organization presidents or official designees (IV,D,1,a & c.)

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TSO president Patti Belknap will cast one vote for each five active and reserve members in TSO; she may split the vote between candidates. Since members don't vote directly, she is asking input on the candidates the members think will best serve DKG. The position of second vice president and member-at-large have two candidates each. Members are encouraged to read the qualifications for June M. Bowers, Jane D. Tanner, Cynthia (Cyndy) Moore and Elaine

Warwick by logging into www.dkg.org, choosing the Publications tab and opening the Jan/Feb 2020 edition of the **DKG NEWS**. An electronic form will be available on the state website for members to tell the state president their choice of candidates.

Texans come together for food and fellowship

Located at 1150 Filbert St, inside of the Philadelphia Convention Center and across from the world-renowned Reading Terminal Market, is the Field House. TSO members are welcome to venture across the skybridge from the Marriott and celebrate together in the City of Brotherly Love.

Bluebonnet Bash 2020



When: Wednesday, July 8, 2020
 Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Where: Field House
 Cost: \$35.00 (cash bar available)
 Deadline: June 30, 2020 with no refunds after June 15.

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