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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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Dear Theta Gamma Sisters,

We only have a few more meetings until summertime. Try to make all of the meetings that you can. Our February meeting will be at the Super Crazy Buffet in Flour Bluff. Also don't forget to bring your check for the Joint Chapters Luncheon in March.

The Texas DKG website has upcoming events posted such as the Convention in Las Colinas, The International Convention in NYC and a TSO Cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. Have a great month and hope to see you at the February meeting.

Sincerely,

Kay Schroeder

February 16th Meeting Information:

5:15 PM, at the Crazy Super Buffet, 10241 South Padre Island Drive (Exit SPID at Waldron Road and turn into the shopping center where our old HEB and Wal-Mart used to be.) Babysitting will not be provided for this meeting.

Theta Gamma explores possibilities to shed light on helping children with disabilities.

Melody Perez from Therapy Connections will join us at the February meeting to give us information about music therapy and working with students with disabilities.

PACE monies will go to the Golden Gift Fund.

Annual Joint Chapters Luncheon March 3rd

Salt Water Grill
2401 Cimarron [Map](#)

\$14.00 per person -- Make your check payable to Theta Gamma

Menu choices are: Shrimp Salad or Chicken Salad

Minutes of the Meeting

Theta Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma
Donna and Kim's house
January 10, 2012

President Kay Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She thanked the retirees for the chili supper.

Attendance-members present: Cynthia Besosa, Kim Brumley, Shannon Clubb, Elnora Corbin, Margaret DeVille, Leslie Jo Elmore, Shayla Floyd, Neva Gentry, Sylvia Gonzalez, Norma Janice, Brenda Machen, Libby McGee, Bettie Ruth Mitchell, Sarah Moore, Donna Rodenberg, Eileen Rogers, Kay Schroeder, Angela Steagall, Sylvia Swift, Beverly Tackett, Theo Wagner, Carol Walker, Judith Whitlock, Debbie Van Zant, Vilma Zuniga, Heather Howse, and Michelle Richer.

Members absent - family: Nancy Shaheen, Ann Falkner, Brandey Addison, Rosary-Gwynetta Hoelscher.

December minutes were approved.

Correspondence-We received a note from Rose Gunji with a picture. We will send a thank you note for the picture.

New initiates need to fill out membership cards and pay their dues. If you nominated a new member, you owe \$15.50 for each pin.

The treasure's report was given by Beverly Tackett. In November, the balance on hand was \$1472.32. Deposits made totaled \$278.86 including 6 cents for interest. Available funds are \$1751.18. There have been no disbursements so our balance on hand is \$1751.18.

It is time to send in Money to the State Scholarship Fund. We decided to send in triple honors (\$3.00 per person), since we did not send anything last year.

Norma Janice gave a report on available scholarship funds. Carol Walker will send out all the information about scholarships. (Information was sent 1-11-12. Thanks Carol.)

Theo Wagner made an announcement about the upcoming retirement seminar to be held at TMHS Commons. TRS is in good shape financially. The money earns 18% interest.

Eileen Rogers and others brought the group update on Janet Lange and Melissa Zimmerman. Both work for TM and have cancer. Prayer Rosary will be for Janet on Wednesday. She is now at MD Anderson.

Donna Rodenberg presented the program, Our Past Enlightens Our Future. Donna showed pictures from scrapbooks on our history. We discussed the where and when of each picture. She wants to make a permanent document. There are 4 scrapbooks and 1 that is missing. Beverly Tackett shared with us about her daughter's family books and the cost was \$60.00 for 60-65 pages. Other possibilities are Snapfish, Shutterfly, and Walgreens. Donna asked for help with this big project and several members spoke to her about helping.

The raffle basket was a gift card for a shopping spree to the mall. The raffle earned \$90.00. The lucky winner was Cynthia Besosa.

The Pace Bag collected \$10.60.

The next meeting will be February 16, at the Crazy Super Buffet in Flour Bluff on Waldron Road. It will be about \$7.00 and is supposed to be very good.

Kay thanked the retirees again for the delicious chili supper and desserts.

We ended with the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Eileen Rogers
Recording Secretary

Red Roses of Congratulations to:



Our newest sister, Heather Howse-Rohmfeld

Valerie Buhidar who passed the principal's exam



Future Meetings

March 3, 11:00 AM, Joint Chapters Luncheon, at the Salt Water Grill, 2401 Cimarron

April 12, 5:15 PM, Nolan's Original Poorboys Restaurant, 14101 Northwest Blvd., 78410

May 5, 11:00 AM, At Kay Schroeder's Home

Quick Links to our society sites:

International: <http://www.dkg.org>

State: <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/> Be sure to take a look at the information in the committee reports especially the ones in which you have a chapter position.

Theta Gamma Chapter: <http://www.orgsites.com/tx/thetagamma/>

Have You Changed Your Address/Phone/Email?

If you have changed *anything* about your address, phone or email -

please notify Carol Walker at 937-3604 or walkerbc64@msn.com

and

Treasurer, Linda Uballe at 537-5762 / 882-6628 or ljuballe@sbcglobal.net

Take the time to find and wear your pin to the next meeting—you've earned it.



Members still employed are also encouraged to wear theirs to work on the first Monday of every month. Show our organization off to others – we may pick up a new member that way.

Interested in a Name Badge?

They are available at the State Convention where Iota Omicron sells them. You can also order directly from Annetta Reusch of that chapter.

The badges are \$13 unless 10 or more are ordered together. That way they save postage. The check and a note telling her you are a member of Theta Gamma and how you want your name spelled on the badge can be sent to her at 42 Surrey, Iowa Park, TX. 76367. Her email is irislovr@clearwire.net .

Make checks payable to Iota Omicron. If you send her an email, she will get it ordered and when your check arrives, she will mail it. It usually takes about a week to week and a half.

From The Buzz

Support for Early Career Educators is an Official DKG International Project

What kind of support can a chapter offer to early career educators?

Some of the suggestions are as follows:

- To provide recognition for new teachers/teachers-to-be
- To help new teachers maintain enthusiasm/joy for teaching
- To inspire networking among new teachers in different districts and also with long-term teachers in their own districts
- To offer mentoring
- To lessen the feeling of isolation
- To provide tactics for overcoming frustration, to share ideas
- To give a token of esteem and appreciation for the work done by teachers
- To introduce them to our wonderful Society

The following is an example of how the International Project can work in a classroom.



The First Day of Class

Thirty-five students and 29 desks—35 students and 29 books.

Did the office make a mistake? Oh, no! There really are 35 students and 29 desks. I was thinking, “No way could this get any worse.” Then Bobby got sick on my new teacher shoes. “Call the custodian; escort Bobby to the nurse, and please will someone bring me six more desks.”

That afternoon she sat beside me, the teacher with 35 students, and there on the floor were her new teacher shoes.

With a sigh, she tucked her feet beneath her and said, “How do you do it day in and day out?”

I joined her in a momentary sigh and smiled. “I, too, have had those days of too many students and too few desks and not enough time. Let me share with you that it can be done.”

So began my new school year taking the new teacher with hand and heart, and encouraging with word and deed. It’s not hard when two can agree and help one another to teach and reach 35 students one day at a time.

We became friends, and my mentoring days flew by. Her new teacher shoes were not comfortably worn. Experience replaced panic and the lack of desks. Now 35 students are nothing to dread.

Reach out to that teacher that needs a role model. Be the friend, colleague and mentor and say, “Yes, you can.” You, too, have had 35 students and 29 desks.

Someone said, “Yes, you can.” And so you did.

Janye Brainard, Educational Excellence Committee