

Theta Gamma Thoughts

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Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide

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2015-2017 TSO Theme –
*The Heart of the Society
is Its Members*

President's Message

Hello Sisters,

Greetings to my favorite group of friends! Yesterday was our initiation and I was so proud to present five new ladies to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. What an honor to be present in the company of so many great educators. I look forward, as you all do, to getting to know them and unfolding all of the wonderful opportunities that DKG has to offer them. I also ask you to make sure to make them feel warm and welcome as our group continues our year with all we have planned.

I was also told yesterday that everyone has paid their dues and we retained 100% membership this year. I am so excited about this! This says a lot for us and the commitment we have made to this organization. I hope each and every one of you tries to attend as many of our activities and meetings as you can this year. It is always so nice to see each other and spend time in fellowship, learning, and service.

Our next meeting is at my new house and I couldn't be more thrilled to have you! I look forward to sharing what Catalina and I have put together and how we are starting a new chapter in our lives. I was counting plugs in the kitchen the other day! I am ready... bring on the chili!

Our meeting that night will focus on Christmas around the World, by exploring the holiday

traditions of each country where DKG has chapters and also learn about Schools for Africa. I can't wait.

It is also that time of the year we focus on family and the traditions of Thanksgiving and Christmas. I also ask of you to continue to be thankful for all the blessings that God has given to each and every one of us.

Always here for you,
Shannon

Next Meeting Information:

Thursday, December 10, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Chili Supper
Christmas around the DKG World
Home of Shannon Clubb
11813 Rustling Cove (78410)

[Map to Shannon's Home](#)

Members will learn about DKG's footprint around the world by exploring the holiday traditions of each country where DKG has chapters and learning about Schools for Africa.

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Minutes of the October Meeting

10/15/2015

The meeting started with appetizers at the home of Kimberly Brumley and Donna Rodenberg. Members present were Brandey Addison, Kimberly Brumley, Valarie Buhidar, Shannon Clubb, Kimberly Craig, Margaret DeVille, Ann Falkner, Sylvia Gonzalez, Roxanna Guerrero, Norma Janice, Luanna Ortiz, Donna Rodenberg, Kay Schroeder, Angela Steagall, Sylvia Swift-Perez, Beverly Tackett, Debbie VanZandt, Carol Walker, and

Vilma Zuniga. Candidates for membership who were present were introduced. They are: Mairaed Gillooly, Debrena Lightfoot, and Barbara MacDonald.

The group moved on to Norma Janice's house for the main meal. Brandey Addison presented a program on the new HEART acronym as proposed by Alpha State President Marilyn Gregory.

H – Health – to encourage members to practice healthy lifestyles to promote healthier chapters – We need to become healthier in body and mind. Keeping a positive attitude and working together makes our chapters healthier.

E – Education – to educate members about the importance of membership and encourage them to make an impact on their communities and the world – Involving members in outstanding programs and projects helps them become informed of the many benefits of membership and current issues to make a difference locally and worldwide.

A – Achievement – to achieve our goals as leaders in our chapters and recognize our accomplishments as key women educators – Chapters need specific goals so members work toward achieving these goals, which improves their chapter.

R – Reflection – to reflect on our heritage as we advance the Society –Members should increase their knowledge about our heritage, yet encourage participation in programs of action where members will work in the present to advance the Society for the future.

T – Teamwork – to work as members of a team to strengthen involvement in all levels of the Society – We work at all levels to encourage the professional interest and knowledge for women educators. Chapters work as a team, state works as a team and international works as a team, yet we are all part of the Delta Kappa Gamma team and the stronger the membership, the stronger the DKG team.

After dinner and the presentation, the group moved to Angela Steagall's house for dessert

and coffee. The meeting adjourned about 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Debbie VanZandt, Recording Secretary

Future Meetings

December 10: Chili Supper

January 21: Healthy Plate

February 18: Love Yourself, Love Your Look

March 5: Joint Chapters Luncheon at P.O.E.T.S. (4825 Saratoga Blvd)

April 21: Purse Project/ Bucket List

May 14: Founders/Chapter Birthday at the home of Brandey Addison (3833 Julia Ln.)

Mentoring Project News

Thank you Brenda Machen and Libby McGee for the inspiration, refreshments and information we shared with the First Year Teacher Academy on Saturday, November 14. Our project is well underway.

Sisters, be ready to mentor if you can.
Donna

Take Pride - Win a Prize

Pride and the Prize Pop Quiz!
Good luck!

Simply read your newsletter and write down the names of our fabulous initiates!

Bring your answer to the meeting December 10th and win a prize!



"To be a teacher you must be a prophet-- because you are trying to prepare people for a world thirty to fifty years into the future." Gordon Brown, former Dean, MIT.

Orientation and Initiation

Orientation (at the May meeting) for our prospective members began in the parking lot at Cullen School across the street from Angela's home. Car pools were arranged and given a guidance sheet of questions/discussion topics posed so candidates would learn more about DKG while in transit to Kim and Donna's for appetizers, Norma's for the dinner, and then back to Angela's for dessert.



Brandey and Roxanne on kitchen duty



while members and candidates in line for food visited.



Norma greeted nominees and members as they arrived at her home.

In November we were in charge of the Joint Chapters **Initiation**.

There more about DKG was learned from the HEART presentation done by



Debbie, Donna, Kim B., Brandey, and Kimberly C.



The beautiful ceremony was in the capable hands of Kim and Shannon.

A rapt bevy of beauties at the bar – Roxanne, Kay, and Beverly.



Our newest sisters...

Formally



And informally...



L to R Mairaed Gillooly, Kelli Powell, Barbara MacDonald, Samantha Greses, and Debrena Lightfoot

News from International

Did you know?

Up to 30 International Scholarships are available annually from Delta Kappa Gamma.

\$6,000 for graduate studies - \$10,000 for a Doctorate

Go to the Society Website <http://www.dkg.org>
Click on Committees and go to Scholarship for Scholarship qualifications, scholarship packet, and the scholarship application process.

From the

"Before the Bell Newsletter"

provided by Texas Retired Teachers

[Inside Out Writing Activity](#)

["Cracked Out" Tater Tot Casserole](#)

[The World of 7 Billion: A Student Video Contest](#)

[Five Important Habits for Teachers](#)

[Apps to Support Diverse Learners in the Classroom](#)

[Free Teaching Resource: World Digital Library](#)

Don't Pass These Up

Our Esther Jane Roark Hahn Scholarship is open to a resident of the Coastal Bend pursuing a career in the field of education. The grant is for \$300.00 and may be used for tuition, registration fees, books or supplies. The applicant may be enrolled in any level of education with the transcript reflecting an overall average of at least 2.0. Preference is given to relatives of Theta Gamma members.

Do you have a student or a family member that meets these qualifications? If so, please remember the application is due to the Scholarship Committee **before April 1**.

As a member of Theta Gamma you are eligible to apply for the May Blythe Theta Gamma

Scholarship. You must have been a member of Theta Gamma for at least one year. The scholarship is for \$300.00 and may be used for tuition, fees, books or supplies at a non-society continuing professional education event, seminar, workshop, or graduate class.

Remember the scholarship does not have to be used for a formal classroom setting course. Some of you may be passing up free money.

The application is due to the Scholarship Committee before April 1.

Applications can be found on our **Theta Gamma Chapter Website**. Please open and print out the application you need. Fill it out and bring it to the next meeting, email, or mail it to our scholarship chairman:

Mrs. Bettie Ruth Mitchell,
4729 Sea Island Drive 78413
betmitchell@yahoo.com

Quick Links to society sites:

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

State: <http://www.dkgtexas.org/>

Theta Gamma Chapter:

www.thetagamma.weebly.com

Alpha State Convention

It is time to begin making plans to attend the next Texas State Convention.

87th Texas State Convention
Frisco Convention Center
Frisco, Texas
June 23 - 25, 2016

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Keep This in Mind

The **2nd Annual Teen Bookfest by the Bay** will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Tuloso-Midway High School. Twenty authors of young adult books will talk about their books and the writing process, and there will be writing and illustrating workshops.

Keep the date open as **Debbie Van Zant** will be looking for volunteers to help with that again.

From Alpha State

If you have not yet read it, be sure to do that as there are many interesting things in this issue.

The Fall 2015 edition of the Lone Star News is an online-only edition. It may be read and downloaded as a pdf document or viewed as an interactive document for those with Flash. Click on the swf document to determine if it will open in your browser. If it opens, click on any corner of the document to advance the pages.

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Alicia Guerrero, daughter of Roxanna Guerrero, provided musical entertainment at the Joint Chapters Initiation earlier this month.