

Theta Gamma Thoughts

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

Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide
2016-2018 International Theme "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide"

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

Next Meeting Information

We host a holiday meal for the 25 women and 45 children at the South Texas Women's Shelter. Be sure you are there at least a few minutes ahead of the time for the activity for which you committed to helping for this project.

Just to jog your memory:

Decorate Tables 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Crafts/Songs 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Serve/Cleanup 6:00-7:00 p.m.

President's Message

Season's Greetings Sisters!

As I write this column on the last day of November waiting for the hands on the clock to bring us into December, the change from Thanksgiving activities to Christmas traditions seems to happen overnight. It's also a day of weather change from South Texas warm to cool just over night. Chan, it's not always what we want and it's not always easy, but it is inevitable.

"Embrace change. True success can be defined by your ability to adapt to changing circumstances." - [Connie Sky](#)

Theta Gamma is changing meeting by meeting. We come together as Sisters to accomplish things we haven't done before. We just welcomed a new member last month and hope she embraces the goals we have set for each month. The best part of change in Theta Gamma? We don't have to do it alone! We

have each other to talk to, to hug, and to hold each other's hands. Sisters, we are here for each other as we go "hand in hand, our loyal band, forward moving ever!"

As we take steps to do new things and bring new faces to our Theta Gamma band, may we take time to remember why we come together monthly:

1. To **unite** women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
2. To **honor** women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
3. To **advance** the professional interest and position of women in education
4. To **initiate, endorse and support** desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
5. To **endow** scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to **grant** fellowships to non-member women educators
6. To **stimulate** the personal and professional growth of members and to **encourage** their participation in appropriate programs of action
7. To **inform** the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

What are you bringing to the meeting this month? You are a precious part of the puzzle. The dinner at the Women's Shelter cannot be a "sccess" without "u"!

DKG is built upon traditions that we continue to honor year to year. But even DKG International embraces change as we enter a technological world with young members ready to spread their wings.

So wrap up in warm clothes and bring your wings to our next meeting so that the women and children of the Women's Shelter can be blessed by the sisters of Theta Gamma.

Love Ya Like a Sister,

Kimberly Craig

Minutes of the October Meeting

The regular meeting of the Theta Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was held on October 20, 2016 at the home of Kimberly Brumley and Donna Rodenberg. The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Craig at 5:45 p.m. after a delicious dinner provided by Kim and Donna. This was to be our progressive dinner, but due to the weather, plans changed.

Those in attendance were Kimberly Brumley, Shannon Clubb, Kimberly Craig, Laura Day, Sylvia Gonzalez, Samantha Greses, Norma Janice, Barbara MacDonald, Sharon Phillips, Donna Rodenberg, Sylvia Swift-Perez, Debbie VanZandt, Carol Walker, Judith Whitlock, and Vilma Zuniga. We had quorum.

It was decided to send a note to all those who were absent. The minutes from the meeting in September were filed as corrected.

The 2016 – 2017 yearbook received an Early Bird Award and the Exemplary Award.

Treasurer Kimberly Brumley gave her report. The budget is the same as last month with a current balance of \$84.57. Our projected balance at the end of the year should be \$26.57. The budget for this year was approved. Since it came out of committee, no motion was needed.

The \$10 snack fee, tabled from last month, was discussed, voted on, and approved. This money will provide a substantial snack for meetings held at the Lozano Center. It came out of committee.

Our "Goose Chase" adventure will be moved to a later date due to the weather and our non-progressive dinner.

We watched a power-point presentation on Orientation from the DKG website.

Holly Ortiz was approved for membership unanimously.

We collected \$17.50 in the Pace account.

Our meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara MacDonald, Recording Secretary

Future Meetings

January 19th, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Chili Supper at Lozano ISC

February 16th, 5:30 p.m.

Love Date for Lotería Mexicana
Lozano Instructional Support Center
1761 Hudson Street (78416)

March 11, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Joint Chapters Luncheon
Trinity Towers
101 N. Upper Broadway
Hosted by Delta Psi

Thursday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.

Legislative Update for All Sisters
Lozano Instructional Support Center
1761 Hudson Street (78416)

Thursday, May 18, Time 5:15 p.m.

Founders' Day and Chapter Birthday
Donna and Kimberly's Home
3309 Casa Bonita (78411)

Red Roses of Congratulations to:

Margaret DeVille who once again was asked to be a judge for the 2016 Caller-Times/Citgo Distinguished Scholars Awards which provide a \$1,000.00 scholarship for each winner. This time she judged in the science category.

And, she was recently honored by the Del Mar Foundation as an "outstanding alumni". She is a member of the the Awards Committee for the

Del Mar Foundation and also serves on the Del Mar Foundation Scholarship Committee. Margaret recently attended the two events honoring the winners for both of these areas.

Debbie VanZandt who's planning for Teen Bookfest by the Bay 2017 is almost complete. She said they will have 29 authors and 1 illustrator attending this year's event at the American Bank Center on Saturday, February 18. Volunteer information should be available in early January for anyone who is interested.



www.teenbookfestbythebay.org

Seen at the October Meeting



Kimberly and Laura share a happy moment



Sylvia S., Shannon, Barbara, Kim, and Samantha having ice cream sundaes for dessert.



Norma and Kim – financial business



Velma and Silvia G.



Kim presenting her "Reorientation" program she put together from two found on the Alpha State website

Red Roses of Team Loyalty to



Donna Rodenberg, Augusta, **Kimberly**, and **Emily Brumley** are avid fans of a particular NFL team. Can you guess which one? .

Quick Links to society sites:

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

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

Theta Gamma Chapter:

www.thetagamma.weebly.com

Think Scholarships NOW! Presenting 5 Sources of Same

DKG International Scholarships

As many as 30 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advance degrees.

Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. The Society awarded \$96,000 in scholarships for 2015-2016 and \$86,000 for 2016-2017. As of 2015-2016 the Society has awarded \$4,888,500 to 1,100 members since the

international scholarship program began in 1940.

To qualify for a scholarship at the international level, the applicant must

- Be an active member of the Society for a minimum of three years if pursuing doctoral studies, and be an active member at the time of application if pursuing other graduate studies.
- Have completed a bachelor's degree or equivalent.
- Be accepted and enrolled in a graduate program of a nationally accredited institution of higher education, preferably pursuing a doctoral degree.
- Provide evidence of excellence in scholarship and service to the community.
- Be a first-time recipient of an international scholarship

DKG State Scholarships

The Texas Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has several generous scholarships available to its members. There are scholarships available for graduate studies, continuing adult education, and educational travel. Information on all the Scholarships offered as well as instructions and application forms may be printed from the links on this page <http://www.dkgtexas.org/state-scholarships.html>

Local Scholarships

Our Esther Jane Roark Hahn Memorial Recruitment Grant is awarded 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 are in your yearbook. 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

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

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation Creates New Scholarship Program for "Beginning" Teachers

This scholarship rewards students who have completed their college education and are about to enter the classroom as professional educators for the first time.

The Beginning Teacher Scholarship will reimburse applicants for certification tests and test results, and provide funds to help the applicant purchase materials for his or her classroom during his or her first year of teaching. TRTF will award ten \$750 scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year to candidates who are relatives of an active member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA), who have earned or are earning an undergraduate or master's degree in education at a Texas university or college,

and have pursued or are pursuing their teaching certification exam.

Students must have taken or be scheduled to take the Texas teacher certification exam in 2017, in anticipation of beginning their teaching career during the fall of 2017 or spring of 2018.

The names of the ten 2017-2018 TRTF scholarship recipients will be announced at the 2017 Convention of the Texas Retired Teachers Association during the Foundation luncheon. The convention will be held in Austin, Texas on March 27-29.

An applicant must:

1. have taken or be scheduled to take the Texas teacher certification exam in 2017 in preparation to begin teaching in the fall of 2017 or spring of 2018.
2. be a relative of an active member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA).
3. have earned an undergraduate or master's degree in education and a teacher's certification by August 31, 2017.
4. submit his or her application and college transcripts by 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2017.

**APPLICATIONS MAY BE DOWNLOADED BY
CLICKING HERE!**

Also available from TRTA:

**Classroom Assistance Grant
Application** Click on it.

News from International



The 2018 DKG International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas.

If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Convention Chair JoAnn Brooks at joannbrooks@verizon.net.



I hope you have perused your copy that came in the mail. This is paid for with a small portion of your dues along with the DKG News, and other periodicals.

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Alpha State Convention

88th Texas State Convention
Hyatt Regency Houston, Houston, Texas
June 22 - 24, 2017

This could be a great teaching tool.

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture..
- 5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- 6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert..
- 7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

- 8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- 9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- 10) I did not object to the object.
- 11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 13) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 18) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear..
- 19) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 20) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

True teachers are those who use themselves as bridges over which they invite their students to cross; then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create their own."

— [Nikos Kazantzakis](#)