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## Everyone invited to Lubbock June 19-21

Shalan Inmon, Convention Chair  
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Red  
and  
Gold

Lubbock 2014

The 85th Texas State Organization Convention of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is little more than two months away. The steering committee has planned a convention full of fun, fellowship and friendship. Women educators from all over Texas have reserved their hotel rooms, booked their flights, and checked out the road map for their adventure to Lubbock, June 19-21. They are coming to "Paint the Town Red and Gold."

Those members who have never attended convention should take the opportunity to make this their first convention. Lubbock offers wide open skies, friendly people and free parking everywhere. The Lubbock Memorial Civic Center is large and allows plenty of space in which to learn, shop and feast during the convention.

Opportunity awaits convention attendees. They may sign up for tours, bring a work of art for the visual arts fair and even arrange to create a craft item at the first ever STAR mini craft workshop.

Chapters should consider bringing a car filled with members. Each one will go home with an enthusiasm that will energize the chapter throughout the year.

Lubbock is ready. Come join the fun.

## Harriman voted newest honorary member

Genie Farley Harriman of Amarillo, Texas, will become an honorary member of the Texas State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at the 85th State Organization Convention in Lubbock. Harriman, currently in her 40th year as an honorary member of Zeta Epsilon, exhibits a lifetime of distinctive service to women and children as she helped develop and support the mission of Cal Farley's Boys Ranch in the areas of economic, social and educational issues.

The Genie Farley Harriman Center for Women and Children was named for this remarkable woman who believes that the Center can help eliminate many of the more serious family and social issues that might occur without intervention. The Center will be the recipient of the gifts from the 2014 TSO Unifying Project.



Genie Farley Harriman

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# Convention: a gift to yourself



Nancy Newton  
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Texas State President



“Convention is a gift I give myself!” wrote Dr. Beverly Helms in a recent article. I agree! I have long considered our yearly convention as my personal vacation. Although, I must admit, for the last few years it has definitely been a working vacation.

The first convention I attended as a brand new member of less than one year was in Kappa State. I went alone, as no one else from my chapter was going, and made some wonderful teacher friends from across the state. I wanted to know what this Society was all about. Convention presented opportunities to learn about the philosophy, goals, projects and international scope of Delta Kappa Gamma that I had not realized at my chapter level.

Twenty-six conventions later, I still get excited when June rolls around! Come to Lubbock and learn with me. No longer do I go alone; carpooling with friends has long become tradition. No longer am I the only one from my chapter; often there are ten or more Iota Pi members in attendance. BUT, I am still learning and growing in my knowledge of the organization.

Each convention is different. This year, most workshops will be offered twice for your convenience. They will begin on Thursday afternoon while all incoming chapter presidents have an exciting afternoon of training. You can look forward to box lunches from McAlister’s Deli, a free image make-over from Cathrine Hatcher at Friday’s general session and a new Texas 2013-2015 biennium pin to show your spirit.



We will present a new state honorary member, have inexpensive tours on two days — even a tour you can take whenever you wish! For everyone’s delight, there will be a Hospitality Room in the Lubbock Convention Center with goodies just for you supplied by our Area 12 and 14 sisters. Meeting the International Representative, Dr. Lyn Schmid, promises to be a highlight as well. With our history of “bringing the International Rep to our convention in style”, don’t you wonder what Lubbock has planned to convey her from Lubbock Airport to the MCM Elegante? I wonder if she is concerned?

Join me. Lubbock and Areas 12 and 14 are waiting for us to Paint the Town Red and Gold, June 19 - 21, 2014. I can hardly wait to see you there. Convention should be a gift YOU give yourself!

# Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines  
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



Upcoming opportunities abound for our members this summer. At the convention in Lubbock, there will be two separate workshops especially for treasurers: one for experienced treasurers and one for eager, beginning treasurers. Beginning treasurers will have the opportunity to review the five basic things every treasurer must do. Experienced treasurers will be challenged with thought-provoking situations faced by all treasurers. Plan to attend one of these workshops.

Another opportunity will be for all members who love to shop. Among the vendors will be "Back to Annie's Attic" where one can find antiques, DKG treasures, and gift items. If your chapter is missing some of its brass, you may be able to find a replacement reasonably priced in the "attic." If you want small gifts to take back to your chapter, this is the place to come. If you are going to Indianapolis in July and didn't save your Texas identifier from Branson, lime bandanas will be for sale too.



May and June provide the opportunity for treasurers to send in information about any initiates. For initiates, be reminded to send the initiate card, the initiate fee of \$5 per person, and a Form 18 to the Dallas office. The initiate card or form and the Form 18 can be found on the International website. In order for initiates, transfers, or reinstatements to appear on the chapter's preprinted roll, information must be submitted to this office by June 30. Mail early to ensure your chapter's roll is complete.

Thanks to the treasurers who took advantage of the opportunity to have their chapter recognized in the souvenir convention program by sending in contributions to the Scholarship Fund, Leadership Fund, Projects Fund, and Eula Lee Carter Fund by April 1. Contributions are welcome at any time, but recognitions will be based on the April 1, 2014, deadline.

Other opportunities to make your chapter shine will be to meet deadlines. July 15 is the deadline for Chapter Treasurer's Report. That information is compiled and sent to International. Help TSO "look good" by getting your report in on time. And, YES, it can be sent electronically, and we will acknowledge receipt of it.

The one opportunity that must not be missed by the chapter is filing your 990-N postcard with the IRS. You may begin filing after July 1, but it must be filed by November 15. Plan to file when you complete the Chapter Treasurer's Report.



## At-A-Glance Deadlines

June 1	State Personnel Expense Reports
15	Recommendations for appointments to <b>International</b> committees
19-21	85th Convention Lubbock
July 1	Filing opens: IRS 990N E-postcard
15	Chapter Treasurer's Annual Report
Aug 1	LSN deadline
Sept 1	International Cornet Award for Individual Professional Dev State Treasurer's Form 16
Oct 1	Mini-Grant Application
15	Leadership Seminar Application
31	Dues to chapter treasurer Recertification of chapter websites

## Committees

June 18	Exec Committee Meeting: Lubbock ASTEF Board Meeting: Lubbock
Sept 29-30	ASTEF Board Meeting
Oct 4-5	Exec Committee Meeting: HQ

## Highlights

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# Members organizing the Lubbock convention

Conventions don't just happen. Behind the scenes are members balancing jobs, families, and endless meetings to bring TSO members a remarkable experience. Leading the hundreds of workers are three energetic women from Areas 12 and 14.



Debbi Ball, convention co-chair, Shalan Inmon, convention chair, and Nancy Doss, convention co-chair.

Shalan Inmon and her husband Clint moved to Lubbock so she could attend Texas Tech University and never moved back to White City, Texas. She was initiated into Alpha Sigma in April, 1999. Slaton High School's Family and Consumer Sciences department was her second home for 30 years until retirement in 2009. She currently serves as Ministry Assistant at St. Luke's United

Methodist Church in Lubbock. Playing with four granddaughters and their parents are high on her list of activities. Shalan enjoys sewing, reading mysteries and painting —after convention, of course.

Born and bred in Dickens County, Debbi Ball is a true country girl in heart and soul. She left the flatlands of Dickens County long enough for her and her husband to graduate from Texas Tech University. She is the third of four generations of teachers and continues adding to her 33 years of experience as Business and Technology teacher at Spur High School. Debbi and Benny's greatest accomplishments are as parents to two children and Nonni and PaPaw to six grandchildren. Debbi serves as the local and regional advisor for Business Professionals of America, UIL coordinator and coach, church organist (for 31 years) and active member of Gamma Eta Chapter. In her spare time, she enjoys photography and pottery.

Nancy Doss, Houston native, mother of two and grandmother of two graduated from Baylor with a degree in Elementary Education. She married a West Texas Baylor boyfriend and has lived in Midland for forty years. Nancy taught first grade for twenty five years in the same school. Now retired, she volunteers at her church as Chairman of the Flower Committee and sings in a ladies ensemble and choir. She leads a Community Bible Study group each week and is active in her Pi Beta Phi alumnae group, Junior League and Midland Retired Teachers. Cruising with her husband and entertaining in her home are fun things she enjoys doing.

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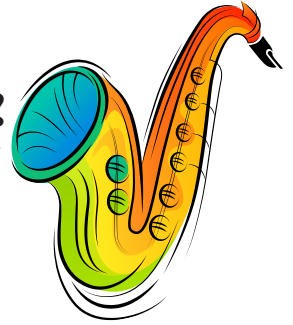
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Please join Area 12 & Area 14 for "lemonade & cookies" at the pre-convention welcome party on Wednesday evening, June 18th from 7:30-9:30 p.m. This will be in the Lubbock Civic Center. Janet Pipkin, a 25 yr DKG member from Sunray, Texas, and her son will deejay, providing an energetic West Texas Kick-off to "Paint the Town Red & Gold" for our 85th Convention!

*"We live it. You'll love it. Just show up!"*

# Why don't we paint the town, And all that Jazz!

Sharon Kraus, Music Chair  
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Sharon Kraus and the music committee are wanting members to join them in Lubbock when they paint the town red and gold with the music of "Chicago." Other selections, both traditional and new, will liven, beautify and dignify the birthday luncheon, the necrology ceremony and the banquet.


The first rehearsal will be on Thursday morning, June 19th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.. To join in the fun with the choir, please fill in the information on the registration form, add the \$15 for your packet of music which will be yours to keep, complete your convention registration and either send by email or regular mail. You will get your music at the first rehearsal. Please remember to bring a black three ring notebook to hold your music and a pencil to make notes during the rehearsal


Instrumentalists are still needed to play preludes and postludes for sessions and events. If you are interested in playing your instrument at the convention, please contact Sharon Kraus.

## Technology: Your own personal assistant

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How many of you could use your own personal assistant? Someone to keep you organized and stress free. There are several technology tools available to help you get yourself organized. Here are a couple that are not new but seem to be popular.

 **EVERNOTE** Evernote. In a nutshell, this is a tool where you store anything and everything in one place. Evernote can be used on a desktop or mobile device. You can also sync all your devices so you will have access to your information anywhere at any time. For example, use Evernote to plan a family summer vacation by saving everything from maps to restaurants. (**Blog link**) Evernote has many components. Don't shy away from it; just find the parts that work for you.

 **LiveBinders**. Livebinders. How many 3-ring binders do you have sitting on the shelves in your classroom or office? Livebinders is a technology tool that allows you to create a digital 3-ring binder. This is a great way to collaborate with your coworkers because you can share binders. Visit **www.livebinders.com** to view other binders. You may find some new ideas.

What are the biggest organizational challenges you face in your daily life? Maybe you need to organize your calendar, your favorite recipes, family photos or videos, business cards, websites for research, or kid's summer camp schedule. Try changing to a "digital" lifestyle and search for apps that will help you get organized.

# Lubbock: Educating, Inspiring, Encouraging

CPE — Continuing Professional Education

PDI — Personal Development Interests

SB — Society Business

(r) — repeated

## Thursday, June 19, 2014

Shirley A. Owens

**Composing a Legacy (SB) (r)**

Kitty Hutchcroft

**Prezi & Google Docs Join “the Cloud” (CPE) (r)**

Donajean Caffey &  
Nominations Committee

**Polishing the Potential (SB) (r)**

Dr. Lyn Schmid

**Leadership Development for Chapter Presidents**



Dr. Lyn Schmid, DKG Second Vice-President and Society representative, will join Sandra Smith Bull and the LDCP committee in training the 2014-2016 chapter presidents. Schmid will introduce the idea of possibility concepts.

Jo Linda J. Martinez

**The Power of Collaborations with Like-Minded Groups (SB) (r)**

Pat Osborne

**Breathe New Life into Achievement Awards (SB)**

Risa McCann

**Playing, Laughing, Learning (CPE) (r)**

Charles Lindsey, LPC, Diane  
Lewis, LPC & Mary Jo Lovingier

**Recognizing and Dealing With Grief in Children (PDI) (r)**

Patti Belknap

**The CTAUN/DKG Connection (CPE) (r)**

Mary Ann Dolezal

**Energizing Your Chapter, Classroom & Beyond (PDI) (r)**

Jenny Harrison, LPC

**Are You a Diamond in the Rough? (PDI) (r)**



By definition, a diamond in the rough is someone who has hidden exceptional characteristics of future potential but currently lacks the final touches that would make her truly stand out in a crowd. (Urban dictionary) This session is designed to provide the tools necessary to recognize, craft, & utilize your unclaimed gifts & talents.

Carolyn Mashburn & Carolyn  
Adkins

**Colonial Williamsburg: Travel with Friends and Explore Your History (PDI) (r)**

Nelda Landrum

**My Mexico Adventure (PDI) (r)**

Jeanette Rhyan & Connie  
Hernandez

**Communicating Through Publicity and Newsletters (SB) (r)**

Kelly Broadus, Cindy Drumm &  
Carolyn Waller

**You're a First Timer...What Now? (r)**

Cathy Criner

**emPOWER from Within...Membership (SB) (r)**

Lorine Kuhn

**A Salute to Veterans (CPE) (r)**

Marsha Edney

**Make Google Apps Work for You and Your Chapter (CPE) (r)**

Cathy Criner and panel

**Please Understand MY GENERATION (SB) (r)**

Betty Hill & Debra Mahlmann

**Pioneer Women: Recollections, Recipes, & Remedies (CPE) (r)**

Beverly Richard & Risa McCann

**Everything You Want to Know About Ceremonies & Necrology (SB) (r)**

Carolyn Mashburn & Pat  
Osborne

**Spectacular Arts Retreat: Refresh Your Spirit in the Piney Woods**

## Friday, June 20, 2014

Cathrine Hatcher



### Everything About You Speaks

Cathrine Hatcher is a professional speaker, author, image communications expert and founder of Persōnas Image Dynamics. She will explain how the 3 A's of Image™ (Appearance, Attitude and Ability to Communicate Effectively) help each person to control the impression she makes on people.

Dr. Lyn Schmid

### Leading from Any Chair

Diane Moose

**You Too Can Build a Website using Weebly.com (SB) (r)**

Gloria Gonzales

**Promoting Creative Leadership Among Key Women Educators (PDI)**

Cathy Morton

**Introduction to iPads in the Classroom (CPE)**

Sharon Daugherty

**DKG: Decision Time Again! Constitution & ISR Amendments (SB)**

Jeanette Rhyan & Connie Hernandez

**Communicating Through Publicity and Newsletters (SB)**

Betty Vines

**New Treasurers: Be a Star Treasurer in Five Easy Steps (SB)**

Dr. Karen Alexander

**Connecting Youth to College and Career Opportunities (CPE)**

Martha Surratt & Finance Committee

**Seasoned Treasurers (SB)**

Sharon Daugherty

**Educational Excellence Extravaganza (SB)**

Sandra Smith Bull & Janye Brainard

**Got Talent? The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts is Looking for YOU! (SB) (r)**

Scholarship Committee

**Open Your Door to Opportunity (SB)**

Risa McCann & Jeanetter Rhyan

**You STILL Don't Need Barbells to Strengthen Your Chapter (SB) (r)**

Dr. Ruth Amend

**So you are president: Parlimentary Help (SB)**

Teresa Tolliver

**Professional Development in Your Pajamas (CPE) (r)**

Dr. Karen Duke

**Strengthening Committee Leadership in Your Chapter (SB)**

Shirley Owens & Dr. Earin Martin

**Basics of Grant Writing and Grant Management (SB)**

## Saturday, June 21, 2014

Kimberly Johnson



**Here Today; Gone Tomorrow: Why Preservation Matters (PDI)**

**From Granny with Love: Everything You Wanted to Know about Preserving (PDI)**

Kimberly Johnson is the Coordinator of the Woman's Collection at Texas Woman's University.

Joanne Davis & JoAnn Brooks

**Expanding Our Society (SB)**

Teresa Tolliver

**Classroom 2.0 (CPE) (r)**

Dr. Karen Duke

**Resumes for Personal & Professional DKG Opportunities (PDI)**

Carolyn Mashburn and Brenda Pearson

**Mini STAR (Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat) (PDI)**



## The DKG Educational Foundation: another member funding resource

Evelyn Wilson, DKG Education Foundation Liaison

Need money for professional development or a grant for a project in the classroom, school or community? The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation might be the answer. Its vision is to give money to educate the world.

Individual members and non-members may apply for a Cornet Awards for Professional Development.

Individual members and non-members may apply for project grants as long as the projects

- benefit children and education
- support and encourage intercultural understanding
- encourage standards of excellence in education

A non-member from Texas, Dr. Lori Czop Assaf, received one of the Fiftieth Anniversary Awards for her project "Using Digital Images to Explore What School Means to South African Students"

In addition, individual members and non-members may attend the Seminar for Purposeful Living each biennium prior to a Society convention. The seminar is designed to provide opportunities for friendships, encouragement of intercultural understanding, professional and personal growth and the support of education at all levels.

Not only can members take advantage of the funding of the Educational Foundation, but also they can help to make sure that the funding continues for others by making a donation. The Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation is registered as a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) organization. Charitable contributions are deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes in the U.S.A. For more information: <http://www.dkgef.org/index.html>

## Building connections for chapter success

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Involving members in multiple ways at every meeting is an effective way to develop leadership and build attendance. All members can participate by singing a familiar song, playing an ice-breaker game, and sharing during a discussion. The members who lead the singing, give directions for the game, and facilitate the discussion are gaining leadership skills, while all members are building personal connections. In a program called "Genealogy", everyone starts the program by singing The More We Get Together. Next, members

stand together in groups based on their favorite color, answering a simple question that corresponds to the chosen color. The questions could relate to genealogy, such as tell your ancestor's country of origin. The program content, presented by a member or a guest speaker, would feature getting started in genealogical research, including the best websites or apps for effective results. Finally, during the discussion, members could share a family tradition. Involve members at every meeting to prepare future leaders and improve attendance.



# Area workshops scheduled

Area workshops are held at the beginning of each new chapter biennium as a means of training new presidents and sharing important information about committees with all members. Members are encouraged to attend and renew their focus and commitment for 2014-2016.

Date	Area	Area Coordinator	Location	State Rep
8/9	1	Belinda Lowrance	Frankston	Andi Kirby
	4	Betty Hill	Port Lavaca	Nancy Newton
	5	Lori Shontz	Corpus Christi	Dr. Jo Murphy
	14	Cathy McCollum	Midland	Shirl Hawes
	15	Carla Newman	El Paso	Sandra Smith Bull
8/16	2	Mary Luetkemeyer	Jasper	Nancy Newton
	8	Dr. Jewel Lockridge	Waco	Sharon Daugherty
	17	Charlotte Nyman	Texarkana	Dr. Jo Murphy
9/6	11	Donna Morehead	Amarillo	Sharon Daugherty
	12	Deborah Payne	Levelland	Shirl Hawes
	16	Mandy Story	Henrietta	Andi Kirby
9/13	7	Laura Packard	Elgin	Andi Kirby
	13	Ann Howard	Abilene	Nancy Newton
	18	Brenda Pearson	TBA	Natalie Eustace
9/20	3	Betty Jo Watts	Hitchcock	Natalie Eustace
	6	Jerrie Dooley	Fredericksburg	Sharon Daugherty
	9	Michelle Grandinetti	Plano	Nancy Newton
	10	Connie Rensick	Colleyville	Dr. Jo Murphy



June is the time to show the generous DKG spirit that has made past TSO

Unifying Projects very successful.

Appropriate gifts to the Genie Farley Harrison Center for Women and Children could be as basic as underwear or as enjoyable as a disposable camera. Gift cards are always appreciated and will allow residents to use the money for necessities or entertainment.

Gifts may be dropped off in either a box or gift bag on June 18-20.



Have you gotten your epal yet? The Texas Global

Awareness Committee has been working to connect our members with members from other DKG member countries. If you are interested, click on the following link to register:

<http://goo.gl/7dxYVP>

# Texans attend National Leadership Seminar

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The US Forum seeks to serve the interests and concerns of members of DKG by informing them on pending legislation that furthers the Purposes of the Society. The Forum is dedicated to being an advocate for women, children and education. In even numbered years NLS is hosted by the US Forum in Washington, D.C. Members who attend receive information from presenters concerning those issues currently

affecting women, children, and education. The NLS also provides an opportunity to visit congressional representatives to thank them for supporting matters of concern and to urge their support for critical issues. This year two DKG members from Texas presented at the seminar: Dr. Kathleen Ramsey and Dr. Barbara Baethe presented a session on “STEMs: The Keys to Future STEM Careers: Basic Skills, Critical Thinking, and Ethics.”



Dr. Kathleen Ramsey, Ruthie Estes, Pat Osborne and Dr. Barbara Baethe attended the US Forum's National Legislative Seminar in Washington, D.C.



# GOLD PIECE A Garden of Hope

Beverly Kelly, Theta Nu, Area 1

When my mom was a little girl, her dad grew a zinnia garden every year. Her childhood had moments of enchantment and at times could be horrific. As my mom grew older, she struggled to remember the times of tenderness in her early life and dwell on those good memories. Her childhood memories of the zinnia garden soothed some old hurts and prompted her to have a zinnia garden of her own as an adult. The zinnias seemed to give her strength, a hope for the future and a positive connection with her father. Like a good daughter I have tried to continue the loving tradition my mom experienced with her father by having my own zinnia garden.

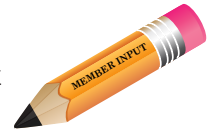
As a young wife and mother, I grew that zinnia garden looking for the same strength and hope my mom had found. I found quiet contentment gazing over the zinnia garden early in the day. After the beauty of the each bloom faded and dried up with the hazards of sun and stress of time, I would carefully pluck them off the stem to encourage new growth and more beautiful blooms. The faded, useless blooms dried even more in the darkness and quiet of my closet. They stayed there in readiness for a chance to produce their beauty in a new garden. One year I gave the zinnia seeds as Christmas gifts to friends because we did not have the extra money for gifts for friends. There were quite a few years when I was too busy to cultivate that zinnia garden, or so I thought. But the seeds were still waiting in the closet for me to bring them out when I found the time again.

My DKG chapter is somewhat like my zinnia garden. I draw strength and hope from being in my 'garden' but only when I've taken the time to plant. The beauty of the blooms only comes after I have spent time getting the ground ready, planting and watering. The years I missed planting my zinnia garden, I missed great beauty and the chance to regain strength and hope. This year I will recommit to my zinnia garden and to DKG — to unite with women educators and hope for each day and the future.

# Each member's voice needs to be heard

At The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention in Indianapolis, Texas State President Newton, as a member of the Society Executive Board, will cast the Texas delegation votes for all elected officers (president, 1st and 2nd vice presidents,) the member at large, Southwest Regional Director, members of elected committees (Nominations and Finance) and Educational Foundation Board directors. State presidents are entitled to cast one vote for each five active and reserve members in their state organization. The vote can be divided or cast in entirety, at the determination of the president. A president is not obligated to make public how she votes.

President Nancy Newton has asked for your thoughts and suggestions at the Lubbock Convention. Look for the table in the Pedestrian Mall of the Lubbock Memorial Convention Center and give your input.



"I do want to know the feeling of our members concerning how I should vote to best represent our state. Please come by the table and leave your unsigned suggestion in the box for me to read and consider," says Newton.

## Mini S.T.A.R. offers sampling of arts retreat

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Care to try your hand at making a swirly scarf? Curious about Zentangles? Need to create some "me" time for yourself? Ever wanted to make your own greeting cards? In preparation for the first ever Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (S.T.A.R.) on January 16-18, 2015, a Mini STAR is coming to Lubbock. For only \$5.00 you

get to create, enjoy, relax, and make new friends on Saturday afternoon at the TSO state convention. Enrollment is limited and cash is required but all materials and instructions are supplied. Participants will be able to choose from a variety of projects that can be completed in an hour or a half hour. We guarantee lots of fun! Check the convention program schedule when you arrive and circle the time and place. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Bring your Chapter Rules to Lubbock!

Chris Morrison, Bylaws & Rules Chair  
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Stop by the Chapter Rules Help Desk on Friday afternoon, and let the Bylaws & Rules Committee:

- Answer your questions
- Get you started
- Point out what needs updating
- Encourage you
- Suggest wording
- Tell you what a great job you did!

Every chapter must update and submit their chapter rules each biennium.

# 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 Risa McCann between February 2, 2014, and April 1, 2014. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of the member's death.*

Nannette Kennedy Atkins, Beta Omega (1), McKinney, TX  
Mary Agnes Lane, Beta Alpha (1), Jacksonville, TX  
Margaret Elizabeth Grogan, Eta (2), Bloomberg, TX  
Mary Claire Wadenpfehl, Eta Mu (2), Beaumont, TX  
Ladell Payne Hillard, Epsilon Psi (3), Baytown, TX  
Joyce S. Loden, Zeta Upsilon (3), Cypress, TX  
Mary Alyce Smith, Beta Omicron (3), Houston, TX  
Nancy Ruth Taylor, Beta Omicron (3), Houston, TX  
Althea Drake, Alpha Iota (4), Wharton, TX  
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Sara Bernice Moseley, Zeta Theta (9), Sherman, TX  
Margaret Katherine Norris, Epsilon (9), Dallas, TX  
Virginia Dare Walker, Delta Tau (9), Mesquite, TX  
Janie Wilson, Epsilon (9), Dallas, TX  
Sharon K. Hasenkamp, Epsilon Xi (10), Fort Worth, TX  
Marsha Dea Davis, Alpha Sigma (12), Slaton, TX  
Ona Wright, Gamma Sigma (16), Gainesville, TX

**Betty Jo Graber**, Iota Chi (Weatherford-10), was sworn in as a trustee on the Weatherford College Board of Trustees.

**Wana Hickey**, Iota Epsilon (Spring-18), and her late husband Ed had the Ed and Wana Hickey Show Barn in Klein named for them.

**Leesa Cole**, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), has received a \$1,000 Dallas County Coordinating Council Scholarship to work on an Academic Graduate Certificate at the University of North Texas.

**Linzy Adams**, Delta Psi (Corpus Christi-5) was awarded 1st Place District Champion for Portrait Excellence from Lifetouch.

**Elyse Griffin**, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), has received a \$3,000 Dallas County Coordinating Council Scholarship to work on a Doctor of Education in K-12 Leadership at Dallas Baptist University.

**Carole Seabrooke**, Mu Epsilon (Silsbee-2), was chosen Citizen of the Year by the Silsbee Chamber of Commerce.

**Dr. Susan Szabo**, Beta Lambda (Commerce-17), and Dr. Laura J. Isbell had an article "Understanding Secondary Teachers' concerns about RTI: Purposeful Professional Communication" published in the Spring 2014 edition of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

**Chris Brunner**, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), represents Highland Park ISD in the third Principals Visioning Institute.

**Carol McKeever**, Eta Chapter (Beaumont-2), was awarded the Reaud Excellence in Education award by the Beaumont Foundation. She received \$10,000. continued

**Member  
News**



**Dr. Sylvia R. Reyna**, Kappa Beta (San Antonio-6), was elected Director-at-Large of Texas PTA at the Texas PTA's Family Engagement Conference held at the Hill Country Hyatt in San Antonio.

**Billie Martin**, Kappa Delta (Bedford-10), was inducted into the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District Hall of Fame.

**Kay Lutes**, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), will travel to Europe in June with the Dallas Symphony Chorus to perform Mozart's Requiem in concert three times in Barcelona and the south of France.

**Member News** continued

**Dr. Geraldine L. Haggard**, Mu Beta (Plano-9), had her article "Setting the Stage for Purposeful Communication: Fostering Emergent Literacy" published in the Spring 2014 edition of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

**Marilyn Nease**, Delta Omicron (Dallas-9), her doctor and her cardiac rehab therapist from the Heart Hospital Baylor Plano, were honored on center court as part of a Legend of the Night event at a Texas Legends basketball game in Frisco, Texas.

**Sandra Smith Bull**, Lambda Iota (Austin-7), was appointed interim executive director of The Delta Kappa Society International.



**50+ Year Members**

Cathy Criner,  
Membership Chair  
cathycriner@yahoo.com

Calling all 50+ year members who are planning to attend the State Convention in Lubbock in June. We need for you to check on the registration form that you are coming so that we can CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES with you. We want to honor you on Friday, June 20th, at the Birthday Luncheon. Please help us by sending in your registration form!

Chapter presidents, would you please encourage anyone in your chapter who celebrates 50 years in DKG this year to register and come be a part of this exciting time in their lives.

We want to meet you and CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES!

There will be a reception right before the luncheon to greet you and learn a little bit more about you. We want to invite all First Timers to this reception as well, so we can get to know you and let you have a chance to meet these great ladies who have helped to shape our society!

# Reserve a room in Lubbock



Overton Hotel, Lubbock

The MCM Elegante Hotel is totally booked for Thursday and Friday nights, June 19 and 20. Please release any rooms you do not need.

The Overton Hotel still has rooms available. It is less than one mile from the convention center. Use the **online registration** or call 1.888.776.7001 and ask for DKG rates. A free shuttle is available from the airport.

# Texas artists need representation

Sandra Smith Bull, Chair Arts and Humanities Jury  
sandrasmithbull1972@gmail.com

New artworks for The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts ([www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)) have been chosen and will be posted in May. The question is, why are none of these new works from Texas artists and writers? We have as many talented DKG members in Texas as anywhere in the Society! Categories for submissions include literary works, performance arts, two and three dimensional art, photography and craft art.



The next submission period is September 1 – October 1, 2014. Procedures for submission and the Application Form will be available on the Society web site after July 1, 2014. Respond Texas artists! Share your talents with all of us!

## 2014 Bluebonnet Breakfast



International Convention  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Tuesday, July 29 at 6:30 a.m.

Cost is \$35.00 for a plated breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, orange juice and fresh fruit, morning pastries and breads, coffee and tea.

Send checks to: Betty Vines  
P.O. Box 797787  
Dallas, Texas 75379

**Send checks no later than July 10, 2014**

# ASTE F fundraisers receive accolades



My husband and I loved traveling with our DKG friends. We had the freedom to do what we wished to do during the day, and in the evening at dinner we shared the fun we had with our friends. We look forward to doing more traveling with ASTEF (TSO-DKG). - Joanne Davis, Fredericksburg

My husband and I had a wonderful time traveling with ASTEF to the eastern Caribbean. Although we chose our own activities in which to participate, it was great fun to encounter our ASTEF friends throughout the day. And, dinner with these same friends was a delight. - Diane Moose, Deer Park

*I am flabbergasted! That's the one I wanted. - Brenda Pearson, Mu Pi member winning a beautiful hand-painted tray*

*I can't believe it. - Ann Butcher, Kappa Psi member winning nights at a Bed & Breakfast in Fredericksburg*

*Dr. Sara Barnett, Alpha Pi member wrote: At the 2012 Convention, I was BEYOND THRILLED when my name was plucked as winner of the basket containing a large variety of Gift Cards. The basket was large, wrapped in red, and so pretty! I was able to share a couple of gift cards at the Back to School Brunch for our Alpha Pi Chapter; I also gave a couple to my own kids. But I had so much fun shopping all around Texarkana with my nearly \$500 worth of gift cards. Needless to say, that was one of the best investments I ever made. (Being a member of DKG is a bonus!) ASTEF is a great investment for our future!*

The ASTEF Alaskan Cruise was truly the trip of a lifetime. First, no research, cost comparison, Trip Advisor reviews, etc., were required since a travel agent did all the planning. All I had to do was check "cabin with balcony" and "extended land portion." The experts chose the perfect cruise line, the perfect ports, and amazingly the perfect weather. Also, our ASTEF advisor, Carolyn Mashburn, did a great job of helping us plan for the trip with weekly updates detailing ports, excursions and packing tips. It was truly an added bonus to have close to 30 friends on board that could always be found in the dining rooms, activities and excursions. The only thing that could have been improved upon is that we should have invited friends along with us since they truly missed out on a spectacular vacation. Thank you, ASTEF, for becoming my vacation planner. You won't be sorry when you book a trip with ASTEF (TSO-Delta Kappa Gamma)! - Susan Harmon, Midland

*Jerry and I enjoyed Key West and the Bahamas as we toured Truman's Little White House and Hemingway's home for his six-toed cats. Alaska and Canada had great scenery with Mt. McKinley in Denali National Park, the sunrises and sunsets in Glacier Bay and the train ride through the Alaskan wilderness. We enjoyed being able to visit and celebrate our adventures with friends! - Vicki Davis, Campbell*



# ASTEF announces annual meeting

The Fourth Annual Meeting of ASTEF Members will be held during the TSO Convention in Lubbock. All TSO members are also members of ASTEF and are invited to attend this meeting.

Date: Saturday, June 21  
 Place: Theater, Lubbock Memorial Civic Center  
 Time: 11:00 a.m. (immediately following TSO Business Meeting)

Board members will spotlight ASTEF accomplishments, plans, and opportunities; recipients of ASTEF project stipends will be announced; and drawings will be conducted for winners of ASTEF raffle baskets. Mark your convention schedule and support your state foundation by attending the ASTEF Annual Meeting.



Helen Usener, Beta Zeta, was a 2013 raffle winner.



## May is teacher appreciation month

Write a personal note of thanks to one of your favorite teachers who made a difference in your life. Consider making a donation or memorial to ASTEF as a way to accentuate your appreciation. A written notification of your donation will be sent to the teacher you are honoring or a person you designate. Contribution forms: [www.alphastatetexas.org/astef.html](http://www.alphastatetexas.org/astef.html)

## Williamsburg trip rescheduled for October



Blacksmith shop in historic Jamestown, Virginia. Picture courtesy of Road Scholar.

Join ASTEF/DKG on a wonderful trip with Road Scholar, the leader in Educational Travel since 1975. On October 5-10, 2014, your friends and family are invited to join us as we experience Colonial and Revolutionary Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown! Spend 5 nights in historic Williamsburg. Enjoy 6 expert-led lectures, 4 field trips, 4 performances and 15 meals.

With Road Scholar you will travel alongside local and renowned experts, experience in-depth and behind-the-scenes learning opportunities, and have a delightful, fun experience with your learning, too.

Call 800-322-5315 to enroll in program # 2011THX. Space is limited and August 1 is the deadline for reservations. A deposit of \$100 will reserve your spot. Total cost of the trip (not including travel) is \$899 if you share with a roommate and \$1049 if you'd like a room by yourself. If you have questions or want additional information, Carolyn Mashburn would love to talk with you further; contact her at 281-460-8255 or [carolynmashburn@kingwoodcable.net](mailto:carolynmashburn@kingwoodcable.net).



# International amendments proposed

Every four years members have an opportunity to amend the *Constitution* and every two years the *International Standing Rules*. This year 22 proposals for amending the *Constitution* and 15 proposals for amending the *International Standing Rules* will be considered at the International Convention in Indianapolis,

Indiana. A complete listing of the amendments with final wording of the amendment, rationale for the amendment and fiscal impact to the Society is given in the March/April edition of the *DKG NEWS*.

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Three proposals focus on DKG's place in a world society. They include changing purpose 7 to include a concern for global resource depletion and environmental pollution, having an annual World Fellowship Fee paid by members and assessing a \$1.00 World Fellowship Fee.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin is a scholarly journal published four times a year in English. Proposals for the Bulletin include publishing in the member's native language and one for going

to an online only publication three times a year. Money saved from printing costs could be used to create and print two editions of a magazine aimed at teachers with articles to meet the interests of all members.



A method of electing officers is a big focus of the proposed amendments. Presently the Society uses Delegate Elections with the state president casting all of the votes in an election for the president, first vice-president, second vice-president, regional director and member-at-large. Each state has a number of votes based on its membership. One proposal has the officers elected by members present at an international convention. Another option is to give members the choice between a Delegate Election and a General Election. A General Election would give all members an individual vote prior to the convention. This option would require \$15,000 to \$20,000 each biennium to administer and would also include an option at any international convention to change the method of voting to a Delegate or General Election for the next election.



The qualifications of officer nominees are different depending on whether it is a Delegate Election or a General Election. The Delegate Election is the present method of voting and the proposal states that **it is recommended** that a nominee for the international office of president, first and second vice-president, regional director and area representative **have served** as a state organization president. In the General Elections a nominee for the international office of president, first and second vice-president, regional director and area representative **shall have served** as a state organizational president.



Additional considerations include reducing honorary membership fee, increasing funding of the Latin American Conference, making regional conferences each biennium optional and requiring three years of Society membership for applying for a DKG doctoral scholarship, but not for other DKG graduate studies.

The summaries are just some of the proposed amendments. For more in depth information, Sharon Daugherty will be presenting a workshop in Lubbock entitled *DKG: Decision Time Again! Constitution and ISR Amendments*.