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## Hawaii welcomes members with Spirit of Aloha

Located in the Central Pacific Ocean 2400 miles from the nearest mainland is an archipelago called Hawaii. These islands were first settled by people who represented the astronauts of their day; they explored the unknown. Those who first arrived traveled long distances across sometimes rough seas in an outrigger canoe with no navigational aids other than the stars, moon, sun and waves to guide them. What they found was a paradise: islands that straddle the equator giving them wonderfully warm weather, cooling trade winds and an ocean that provided food to sustain them. This abundance gave them the feeling of being one with nature. It created the Aloha Spirit in them.



The mystical, spiritual idea of the Aloha Spirit extends beyond nature to include the Hawaiians' interactions with people. The concept is so important to the Hawaiian people that it is written into the Hawaiian State Constitution as a working philosophy of native Hawaiians:

“Aloha” means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. “Aloha” is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence. “Aloha” means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.

Members who attended the Southwest Regional Conference in Hawaii received Aloha from the airport personnel, the hotel staff, the Hawaiian DKG members and everyone they encountered throughout their stay. The interactions went well beyond a simple hello and goodbye to wanting visitors to enjoy Hawaii; everyone was genuinely nice and friendly.

The Aloha Spirit was interwoven as the conference speakers spoke of interacting with people, keeping their heritage and taking care of the land. **Pono Shim**, President and CEO of Oahu Economic Development Board, uses the principle of friendly acceptance and resolves problems with kindness, pleasantness, modesty and patience while framing stories of persuasion with Aloha. **Dr. Shawn Malia Kana'iaupuni** was a crew member on one of the Polynesian Voyaging Society outrigger canoes that traveled without navigation around the world to understand how to care for, protect and sustain the planet and to involve youth in the future of their world. **Mervlyn Kitashima**, a National Mother of the Year, had a challenging childhood, yet she was able to adapt in face of adversity and develop social competence with the help of individuals who extended Aloha to her. She now extends the kindness and caring of Aloha to help young people find their promise in life.



Hokule'a, Hawaiian double-hulled canoe

The Royal Hawaiian Band members are considered ambassadors of Aloha because they share the musical culture of Hawaii around the world. After their performance at the conference, the men and women of Halau I Ka Wekiu performed traditional hula and chants. The hula is story telling, and the chants tell the story of Hawaiians' beliefs, values, history, legends, love of the land and love for one another. This is the Spirit of Aloha.

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## Bridges connect yesterday to tomorrow



Dr. Jo Murphy  
Texas State President  
2017-2019



These are the goals for the  
2017-2019 biennium:

- Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
- Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
- Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
- Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide.

The bridge was chosen to represent the goals of the Texas State Organization for 2017-2019 because bridges connect. They are strong structures with an important purpose wherever they are built. They make navigation easier across places where normal roads and paths cannot be constructed. Streams, rivers, lakes and swamps are all examples of where bridges are built so that navigating the globe is facilitated. When a person encounters a terrain that cannot be walked through or driven through, she looks for a bridge to take her over or across that place.

Modern day bridges must be strong, well planned, well built and well maintained if they are to function as intended. In TSO, chapters and members must be strong like a bridge. Members doing the work of the seven Purposes will plan, build connections and maintain chapter strength. Chapters must be able to withstand membership and leadership challenges. The goals outline four areas that members in chapters should focus on to build strong bridges from yesterday to tomorrow in DKG. Remembering how DKG Founders chose women for membership who taught every subject in every type of school, chapters should be seeking members in all types of schools and all disciplines of the curriculum.

ASTEF grants given at the 2017 TSO Convention were awarded to help classrooms, community agencies and individual populations meet common everyday needs of living. Chapters, striving to carry out and complete the specialized work for these grants, are growing stronger and building bridges that function to assist learning and living. More bridges like these need to be built.

Today is a time in the world where being sensitive to the needs of others worldwide is not always popular. Global awareness and empathy for others is built by supporting education worldwide, and the lives touched are strengthened. Let us, in TSO, be about this work of building bridges to strengthen members, chapters, schools and families. The challenge is for each chapter to address the biennium goals in an individual manner.

# Hints and Tips from Headquarters



Thank you to all the treasurers who attended the “Be a \$tar Trea\$urer” workshop in Houston. The training session handout is posted on the TSO website Resources page under 2017 Breakout Session Handouts.

Two wonderful resources for continuing and new treasurers include the information on the Treasurers’ Page on the TSO website and the email reminders sent directly to treasurers by the finance committee.

- Form 18 & Dues Collection:** Treasurers should have received their packets from DKG in August and dues collection should be well underway. This is the responsibility of all members, not just the treasurers, so ask others such as the chapter finance and membership committees to help with the collection. If the treasurer has not received the dues packet, she needs to contact DKG in Austin. Dues and fees for state and international are the same as last year — no changes. To be counted on time, dues must be postmarked no later than November 10. It is not necessary to pay for “certified” or “overnight delivery” if the postmark is on or before November 10. If the treasurer wants confirmation of receipt, include a SASE or postcard; we will date stamp it and return it. Dues and fees must be sent to TSO State Headquarters in Dallas.
- Form 18 and Form 18A:** There is no fee for reinstatement, but a Reinstatement Form must be sent in. A treasurer with any initiates that are not listed on Chapter Connect (see below) must write the initiate’s name on the form and include her initiation fee.
- 990N filing with the IRS – deadline Nov. 15:** Now is the time to file the 990-N for the chapter. The filing process is the same this year and instructions can be found on the TSO website for both Returning User and New Users. The treasurer or a designated person in each chapter must file yearly and keep a file of all receipts and documentation. File early in case of a problem. **New this year:** treasurers do not need to send a copy of the filing acceptance to TSO HQ as the chapter status is available online.



*Membership awards for convention recognition will be based on the May 1st snapshot of membership from Chapter Connect.*

*Chapter presidents and treasurers have access to Chapter Connect through **dkg.org**.*

Treasurers are encouraged to contact the headquarters with questions. This will be a great year.

Leesa, Cheryl, and Deborah

## At-A-Glance Deadlines

Sept 29- Oct 1	ASTE F Weekender Fredericksburg
Oct 20-21	GHCC meeting & luncheon for TSO president
Nov 1	LSN deadline Early Bird Yearbook Mini-Grant App STAR 2018 APP Int’l Cornetet Seminar App
Nov 10	Chapter dues to State
Nov 15	IRS 990-N filed
Dec 1	TSO Yearbook to St chair, HQ & AC

## Committee Meetings

Sept 16-17	PSP Advisory Council
Sept 22-24	ASTE F Board
Oct 6-7	Exec Board
Oct 7-8	LDCCP
Oct 28-29	EEC
Nov 11-12	Leadership Seminar

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# Members enjoy the 2017 Houston Convention

Houston, Texas, hosted the 88th Texas State Organization convention. Bonnie Moore, Ella Gauthier and Mary Ann Slaughter worked through many challenges to make it a pleasant experience for everyone.

This convention was different from most conventions because it was held in two different hotels connected by the shops of the Galleria Mall. Members briskly walked to their meetings and sometimes took an opportunity to do some shopping.



Cathy Daugherty, Virginia, & Marika Heimbach, Germany

A Global Awareness Symposium was new this year. The panelists presented breakout sessions going into detail about DKG@UN, homelessness, human trafficking, immersion of youth refugees in school and life, and friendship across borders in Europe. The symposium concluded with members tying material together to make blankets for people in need.



Members completing blanket project

The 2015-2017 TSO Executive Committee held its final official meeting before the convention was formally opened by Marilyn Gregory.



Alicia Tennison  
Jacquetta Graves  
Carol Donovan



2015-1017 Executive Committee Top: Shalan Inmon, Nancy Newton, Kathryn Wright, Carolyn Grantham Bottom: Sandi Causey, Marilyn Gregory, Patti Belknap, Cooke Johnson



Leadership class of 2017

At the first general meeting, awards were announced, the Leadership Seminar Class of 2017 was introduced and DKG International Second Vice-President Becky Sadowski spoke.



Becky Sadowski



Convicts Marilyn Gregory, Sandy Whitney, Carolyn Grantham

Then excitement erupted. A police officer burst into the room seeking to arrest Sandy Whitney on an outstanding warrant: she failed to pay the fine for her arrest in Beaumont years ago. Marilyn Gregory and Carolyn Grantham were arrested as accomplices. Members bailed them out in support of the 2018 DKG International Convention in Austin. JoAnn Brooks, Austin International Convention chair, accepted the money to be used for Texas Night in 2018.



JoAnn Brooks

Nancy Hale & Pam Ansley



Diva Doins', presented by ASTEF, was a fun filled event. Members encountered Divas of the past, sported fabulous flashing rings, vied

Fannie Watson and Minnie Mouse, aka Andi Kirby







Lauren BeCALL, aka Dr. Marian Clinton  
Bette Davis, aka Jean Robinson

for designer purses, posed for pictures and tried to out guess other members in a game of heads or tails to win bragging rights and a bracelet worth \$800.

Marilyn honored members as the Heart of the Society at the birthday luncheon. Everyone enthusiastically joined in the celebration. The Texas Chorus added an upbeat performance reminding everyone that they didn't like *Green Eggs and Ham*, there are 525,600 minutes in a year and a little robin was happily rockin' around the treetops. The Achievement Awards Committee presented 3 Golden Rose awards and 6 Achievement Awards to deserving members.

Over 90 breakout sessions were presented in Houston. Many involved information for members' professional lives or Society growth while others were just for interest and fun.

The business meeting had reports and recommendations by state committees. Since this was an Executive Board meeting, area coordinators had to make sure that all the presidents were in their seats before the voting began. The State Rules and Bylaws Committee received the most attention because of the 18 amendments to the TSO State Rules and TSO State Bylaws.

The ASTEF meeting that followed was full of excitement and anticipation as the ASTEF Stipends were awarded to chapters. First, the new officers and directors were announced. Dr. Barbara Derrick is ASTEF president.

On Saturday night members arrived at the banquet smiling, relaxed and ready to enjoy the end of a very successful convention.

The nominating committee installed Dr. Jo Murphy as the 2017-2019 TSO President. After wrestling the gavel from Marilyn, Jo triumphantly posed ready to build bridges.



Charlotte Nyman, Cedina Campbell, Kerry James, Renda Gross, Sue Jones



Carmen Miranda, aka Lou Hitt



Mary Alice Ramos



Kim Bishop



Denise Pineault & Carol TenBrook



Bible Journaling  
Michelle Pittman



Life is Simple - Just Dance  
Jeanette Rhyan



Mandy Story  
Constitutional and Bylaws chair



Janie Wigley & Josi DelaGarza,  
Area 12



Dr. Barbara Derrick



Judy Evans, Mickey Cole, Shalan Inmon, Josi DelaGarza, Paula Miller



Marilyn Gregory & Jo Murphy



Jo Murphy,  
the builder

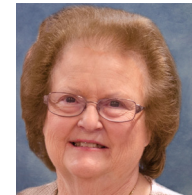
# Members honored for service to TSO

The women honored by the Achievement Award Committee are very successful and have lived their lives in service of and for others. They have given of their time, talents and resources to ensure that the Texas State Organization continues to impact education worldwide, beginning in their own chapters and beyond to the State and International levels of our Society.

The Golden Rose Award is designated for those members who have given years of service at the state level through workshop participation, committee work and attendance at conventions. To speak **Rosalie Jones**' name is to sing a melody according to her friends. She works tirelessly in her chapter, has been on the music committee several times and shares her beautiful voice and enthusiasm for DKG with others. **Betty Jo Watts** is part of a DKG dynasty with both her mother and daughter being members. She attended the State Leadership Seminar, was an area coordinator and has been a co-presenter of workshops at the state, regional and international levels. **Cheryl Crawford** was a chapter treasurer for 20 years. She has a compassion for people and works tirelessly behind the scenes helping and mentoring members while always keeping a pleasant attitude.



Rosalie Jones



Betty Jo Watts



Cheryl Crawford

The state Achievement Award is given to members who have not only worked on the chapter level but have also excelled in their work on the state and often international level. **Lou Hitt** has been an area coordinator, Texas Leadership Seminar attendee and the chair of two state committees. She was on the Las Colinas steering committee and is an ASTEF director. **Sandra Morales** is busy

servicing her chapter for the fourth time as president, yet she still has had time to chair state committees, serve as an area coordinator, and co-chair a state convention. The educational philosophy of **Mary Claire Welch** is to be a servant leader. She has carried that over to the work she has done for TSO on committees and with conventions as both a co-chair of a convention and a chapter presidents presentation. She has made time to attend the Texas Leadership Seminar, the Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar and serve as an area coordinator. **Debbie Ball** has been an area coordinator, a convention co-chair and served on several committees. Her chapter says that she is one of the most caring and organized presidents who leads by example with kindness, gentleness and a calm manner. Her passion for music and her knowledge of technology make her an asset to TSO. **Connie Hernandez** is known for saying that Delta Kappa Gamma is her passion. She became more passionate after attending the Texas Leadership Seminar and the Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar. She has served as a chapter president and area coordinator twice, and each time she exhibited enthusiasm for the roles. The Energizer Bunny is no match for **Carolyn Mashburn**. This zealous worker channels her energy into impressive productivity on the community, chapter and state level. She has served six years



Lou Hitt



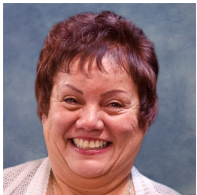
Sandra Morales



Mary Claire Welch



Debbie Ball



Connie Hernandez



Carolyn Mashburn

on the ASTEF Board, been area coordinator and active presenter at all levels of the Society. She was instrumental in creating STAR and chartering of a new chapter.

Congratulations to these women for their contributions to our Society, the lives of members and the students they have served over the years.



# Chapters distribute information with different tools



**NEWSLETTERS** The TSO Communications and Publicity committee has already started working hard to assist chapters with their newsletters and publicizing their activities. Committee members include a representative from each area, and the members have

been busy reaching out to their area chapters with important information.

Three things for editors to remember include:

First, the newsletter rubric will not change this year; chapters, please continue to refer to the rubric on the TSO website, located on the Communications and Publicity web page.

Second, while some people prefer electronic newsletters, others should get only hard copies because of the volume of mail they receive.

Hard copies only to:

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Carol McMillan  
PO Box 443  
San Augustine, TX 75972

Mandy Story  
908 E. Ikard  
Henrietta, TX 76365

Either a hard copy or electronic copy may be sent to the area coordinator and the area representative on the Communications and Publicity committee.

Third, chapters should make note that the 2017-2019 biennium has a new logo and theme. Please check resources on [www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org) for the new logo and use the theme ***Bridging yesterday and tomorrow.***



**WEBSITES** Web pages are great ways to get information to members quickly through their computer or mobile device. At the beginning of

each school year, the webmaster should make sure that all of the information is up-to-date. This includes new officer names and information and a schedule of programs with meeting times and locations. If pictures and newsletters are included, they should be current. The website should be compliant with DKG guidelines and the date that each page was updated should be visible at the bottom of the page so that the viewer can tell

how current the information is.

## YEARBOOKS

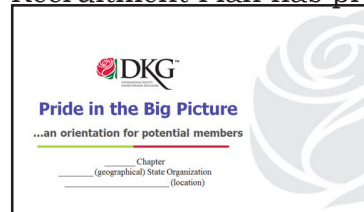
Yearbook chairs should check the state website at [www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org) for information to complete the chapter's yearbook for 2017-2018. Guidelines and examples are under Committees, then Yearbook. A completed 2017 Yearbook Guideline should be included with the yearbook when it is submitted. Early Bird yearbooks must be postmarked or have an electronic timestamp by November 1. On-Time yearbooks must be postmarked or have an electronic timestamp by December 1. Contact Charlotte Nyman with any questions.

## PRESENTATIONS

The Membership Recruitment Plan has proven to be a very successful tool for recruiting new members. The introductory piece to the Recruitment Plan is titled *Pride in the Big Picture*. There is a corresponding script that describes and explains each slide.

*Pride in the Big Picture* has been updated and is an impressive display of the depth and reach of the Society that never ceases to impress its viewers. The slide show teaches potential new members the historical and current activities of DKG while providing veteran members a deeper insight into their Society.

Members can view *Pride in the Big Picture* by going to the Membership Committee pages of [www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org).



# Research can rediscover the past

The TSO State Research Committee would like to encourage chapters to update their chapter histories and to share interesting stories or items members think would be of interest or amusement that reflect the Society's purposes and President Murphy's goals of bridging the past to the future. These items will be captured in a format that can be posted on the Research Committee's webpage for all to enjoy or even use as part of a chapter program. Research is key in bridging our Society's past to the future. Chapters need to share ideas, short stories and other historical information. In addition, the committee will be updating the State Authors List and List of Buildings/Schools named for chapter members. The items should be sent to the Research Chair, Dr. Barbara Baethe, [dr.baethe@earthlink.net](mailto:dr.baethe@earthlink.net), and include the chapter or individual contributor's contact information.



## President recognizes PACE Award winners

President Marilyn Gregory announced that 52 chapters met criteria for the Presidents Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) in 2016-2017. Nu Delta received special recognition for submitting a strong application after only a year as an organized chapter.

### 2016-2017 PACE Award



**Area 1:** Phi, Delta Gamma, Zeta Gamma, Mu Tau; **Area 2:** Iota Rho, Kappa Chi; **Area 3:** Beta Eta, Gamma Nu, Epsilon Psi, Eta Delta; **Area 4:** Alpha Iota, Epsilon Omega, Eta Pi, Eta Omega, Lambda Sigma; **Area 5:** Beta Pi, Lambda Eta; **Area 6:** Beta Zeta; **Area 7:** Nu, Xi, Alpha Chi, Beta Theta, Gamma Omega, Epsilon Kappa, Kappa Lambda; **Area 8:** Lambda, Iota Upsilon; **Area 9:** Alpha Alpha, Gamma Beta, Delta Omicron, Delta Pi, Eta Zeta, Eta Eta, Theta Alpha, Iota Omega; **Area 10:** Alpha Gamma, Epsilon Nu, Theta Chi, Iota Pi; **Area 11:** none submitted; **Area 12:** Gamma Eta, Theta Epsilon; **Area 13:** Omega, Lambda Xi; **Area 14:** Zeta Xi, Theta Mu; **Area 15:** Mu Kappa; **Area 16:** Gamma Epsilon, Kappa Theta; **Area 17:** Alpha Pi; **Area 18:** Zeta Tau, Lambda Alpha, Mu Pi



# ASTE F awards stipends for 2017-2018

“Tried and true” or “new and unique”? Both terms can be used to describe the chapter projects receiving ASTEF stipends for 2017-2018. Stipends were given to several repeat projects, but numerous new projects also received funding. In this sixth year of project funding, thirty-seven projects received a total of almost \$35,000 in ASTEF stipends.

Iota Pi	Snack Packs
Gamma Beta	Critterman Comes to the Inn
Theta Psi	Soft-Supporting Our First-Year Teachers
Theta Zeta	Buddy Bench
Epsilon Upsilon	Going C.A.M.P.ing
Tau	Creekside Transition Academy
Zeta Omicron	T2-E2 Tech Teach/Early Educators
Zeta Gamma	Building Strong Brains and Bodies
Beta Lambda	In-Class Support for Early Career Educators
Mu Upsilon	Teacher Appreciation Project
Iota Omega	Meals for Children in Grief
Nu	Books for Beginning Readers
Epsilon Phi	Alfresco Weslaco Literacy Project
Kappa Pi	Hygiene Helpers
Zeta Omega	Providing Tablet Insurance for Homeless Students
Kappa Theta	Aspiring Writers of Tomorrow
Lambda Upsilon	Reading Champions for Children
Zeta Epsilon	Keister’s Kid Space at Heal the City
Theta Nu	Full STEAM Ahead: Books and Activities
Zeta Tau	Making Texas History Come Alive
Beta Kappa	Books for CASA Kids
Alpha Gamma	CASA Reading Project
Kappa Upsilon	Books for All
Beta Theta	Art after School
Iota Nu	New Teacher Pick-Me-Up Bags
Beta	Madonna STEM Summer Camp
Zeta Beta	Reach Out to Teenage Moms to Read
Alpha Mu	Early Career Educator’s Care Package
Alpha Mu	Little Free Libraries
Theta Iota	School Adoption Third Grade
Alpha Mu	Garden Based Learning
Theta Chi	Helping the Police Who Help Students
Theta Epsilon	Let’s Stay Sharp in 2017-2018
Beta Epsilon	Foster Care Gifts and Supplies
Theta Kappa	Books for Babies
Zeta	Educational Supplies at Family Abuse Center
Omega	Encouraging First Year Teachers



# 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 Rene' Pittman between April 1, 2017 and August 15, 2017. They are reported by their chapter and place of residence at time of death using Form 6, Report of the Death of a Member, found at [www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org) under Committees, Necrology.*

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Virginia Phelps, Kappa Pi-1, Sherman  
Helen Lucile Sample, Eta Mu-2, Beaumont  
Barbara Jean Beck, Delta Upsilon-3, Houston  
Dr. Joy Harrison-Going, Epsilon Pi-3, Baytown  
Raquel Gonzales, Omicron-3, Alvin  
Frances Ogden Snelgrove, Eta Omega-4, Meridian  
Dr. Janice Freeman, Delta Psi-5, Corpus Christi  
Janet Elizabeth Payne, Lambda Eta-5, Rio Hondo  
Annie Florence Lindner, Beta Zeta-6, Boerne  
Jolene S. Hall, Alpha-7, Austin  
Dr. Margaret Catherine Berry, Alpha-7, Austin  
Regina Koeniger, Alpha-7, Leander  
Wilda Jean Scott, Eta Tau-7, Austin  
Louise Abbey Johnson, Xi-7, Taylor  
Joyce Childre, Gamma Delta-8, Mt. Calm  
Sharla Jean Adams, Gamma Beta-9, Allen  
Barbara Arnswold, Theta Alpha-9, Dallas  
Sue Wilson Stafford, Nu Delta-9, Frisco  
Helen L. Nelson, Alpha Gamma-10, Cleburne  
Carrie Elizabeth Bridges, Iota Chi-10, Weatherford  
Susan Butler, Zeta Zeta-11, Canyon  
Rose Mary Ramackers, Zeta Zeta-11, Canyon  
Marlene Wellman, Alpha Sigma-12, Lubbock  
Peggy Terrell Tooker, Alpha Beta-13, San Angelo  
Marjory Vickery, Kappa Theta-16, Flower Mound  
Darla Rae Heck, Beta Lambda-17, Conway, AR  
Stella Wooldridge, Kappa Mu-17, Longview  
Willa Dean Hinton, Kappa Mu-17, Longview  
Helen L. Fulton, Zeta Tau-18, Sulphur Springs  
Billie L. Golden, Lambda Alpha-18, Houston  
Mary Linnenberg, Lambda Alpha-18, Houston



**Elizabeth Polk**, Alpha (Austin-7), is the 2017 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Library Association.

**Mary Whittlesey**, Delta Gamma (San Augustine-1) was given the State Citizenship Teacher of the Year award.

**Dr. Mary Beth Sampson-Perry**, Beta Lambda (Campbell-17), was honored with a brick in Authors Park in Commerce for her significant contributions to the community and world as educator and author.

**Carla Ranger**, Honorary member Delta Pi (Dallas-9), was given the Frank J. Tejada Social Justice Patriot Award at the awards ceremony for the TSTA-NEA 138th House of Delegates. This was a joint presentation from the city of Dallas and Delta Pi.

**Dr. Luz Martinez**, Kappa Beta (San Antonio-6), was selected by Raise Your Hand Texas to participate in the Harvard University National Institute for Urban School Leaders.

**Colleen Doggett**, Delta Gamma (Center-1), was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce.

**Linda Spurgin**, Gamma Eta (Crosbyton-12), was named Crosbyton's Woman of the Year.

Published in the 2017, Volume 83-5 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: Journal*:

- **Dr. Susan Szabo**, Beta Lambda (Greenville-17), "Examining the Sustainability of Effective Professional Development Using a Workshop Design"

Published in the 2017, Volume 83-4 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Collegial Exchange*:

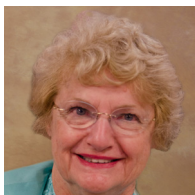
- **Allison Venuto**, Mu Beta (Dallas-9), "Access Rotary: Building Community Relationships for Student Success"
- **Dr. Denise D. Johnson**, Beta Omicron (Houston-3), "On the Farm STEM Experience"



# Fifty-year members recognized in Houston

Eighteen women with 50 or more years of membership in DKG attended a reception honoring them in Houston. They were also acknowledged at the birthday luncheon with a red rose and a certificate.

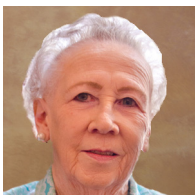
Celebrating 50+ years of membership



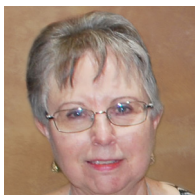
Sharon Daugherty 50



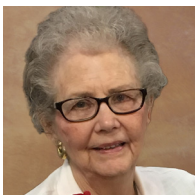
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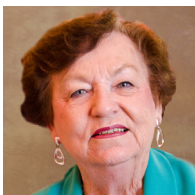
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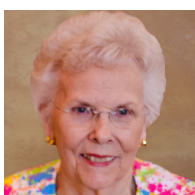
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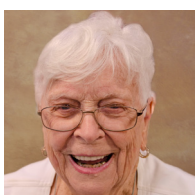
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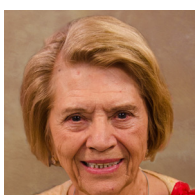
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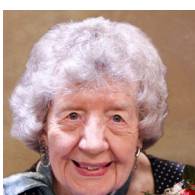
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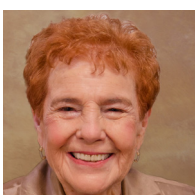
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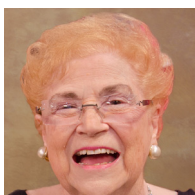
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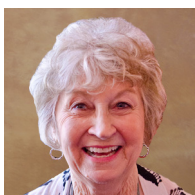
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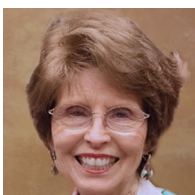
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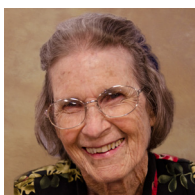
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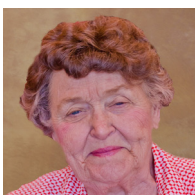
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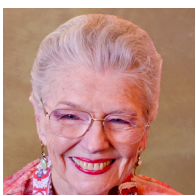
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## Members need a plan for disposition of jewelry

Often family members do not know what do to with DKG jewelry and much of it ends up on eBay. Plan now to leave instructions. A printable form is available on the TSO website under Resources.



Keypin



Presidents pins



Chapter Achievement Guard



Leadership Seminar



State Achievement



Golden Rose



5-70 year Membership



GG Leadership/Management

Other Delta Kappa Gamma jewelry as listed: \_\_\_\_\_

I have circled the illustration(s) of the DKG jewelry that I have worn with pride. When I can no longer wear it, please return it to:

\_\_\_\_\_ My chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (Contact TSO for chapter president)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ The Texas State Organization PO Box 75379 Dallas, TX 75379 or call 972.930.9945

I Do Do Not (circle one) request a ceremony of remembrance at my memorial service

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Advice to a grandchild

Nell Jackson, Kappa Psi

If you were asked to choose one tidbit of advice to give to one of your grandchildren that would be something meaningful throughout his or her life, what would you say? Think back through the years — grammar school, high school, college — think of all the great advice you've heard from learned people with whom you came into contact. What one thing would you choose?

When I think about it, I keep going back to something about my dad. He was a farmer with only a 9th grade education. We were poor. We lived in the country in a tiny house with no indoor plumbing. My dad eked out a meager living as a sharecropper, and we had a few cows, hogs and chickens. I do remember those years as happy. I loved going to the farm store with my dad so that I could pick out the colorful sacks of feed because I knew that my mother would sew on her old pedal sewing machine and make me a dress out of them. I helped gather the eggs from the chicken house because I knew we'd sell some of the eggs, and I'd get to buy a pair of shoes or a hair ribbon or something else I might need. I even loved buying school supplies.

But, I digress. What is that one meaningful tidbit of advice? It has to do with biscuits! Throughout the years, our family often joked about my mother's "burned biscuits." It was a joke she fully participated in, and she laughed and enjoyed the joke with us. As I think back as to how that all got started, I realize that it was not really a joke at all, but it had become an integral part of our family life. For years and years, my mother made homemade biscuits for breakfast every morning, and she made them again at dinner and supper — that is if she wasn't making cornbread for the next two meals of the day. During the spring and summer, our garden was always bountiful, and we ate lots of fruits and vegetables. In the spring, we had lots of fried chicken, and in the fall we killed hogs for ham, bacon and sausage through the winter.

However, sometimes our supper in the evening was simply a bowl of pinto beans and cornbread OR a big bowl of creamed gravy with some biscuits. One night my mother had burned the biscuits, and she was apologizing profusely about them being burned—but my dad shushed her and said, "Honey, don't worry about it; I love burned biscuits," and as he took a big bite, he shifted the conversation to something else.

That night as we were getting ready for bed, I asked my dad if he really liked burned biscuits. I'll never forget the gist of what he said, "Your mother works really hard all day doing all her chores around the house and that is a hard job and she sometimes gets really tired — and besides, a burnt biscuit never hurt anyone." He went on to say, "You know, life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people, We all make mistakes sometimes, and throughout life we need to be able to accept each other's mistakes and be able to forgive and forget. You'll get along better in life if you can do that with everybody, but especially in our family because we love each other and it is a necessity to keep a healthy and lasting relationship." I may not have realized it at the time, but right there, as a little kid, my dad was giving a wonderful life-long lesson that was worth more than anything I might ever learn in a sociology class in college.

Let's all remember that life is short. Life has an expiration date! So ... please pass me a biscuit. And yes, the burned one will do just fine.



# Outstanding Annie programs provide ideas

The Annie-winning programs chosen this year were full of great ideas for chapter programs. Here is a sampling of some of them. The complete list of winning programs and their chapters is found on the Programs and Service Project Committee page of the TSO website. Members are encouraged to contact the chapter for details.

Keep up with the latest in educational topics by giving your members information like **Zeta Gamma-1** did. “Why Sensory Learning?” featured a therapist who explained the importance of multi-sensory learning in brain development of young children and how to incorporate it into daily activities. Chapter members made sensory learning boxes with items they brought to meetings every month. A non-profit provided them to day care and early childhood centers in the area after training those teachers.



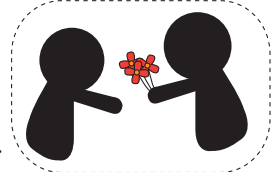
Health issues were featured by many chapters, such as **Alpha Theta-7** - “I Did More Than Laugh Out Loud – an Alternative to Depends.” Physical therapists presented a relatively new way to treat incontinence using pelvic floor therapy, plus the research supporting the therapy. Another was “Heart Health” by **Delta Omicron-9**, featuring a member who is a current heart patient and a member’s daughter who is a former exercise physiologist in heart rehab. They shared tips on awareness, risk factors and preventative measures to maintain healthy hearts. **Alpha Nu-5** had a series of three programs in a row that covered heart health, child obesity, diabetes, yoga to combat stress and antioxidants for good health. They begin each meeting now with some of the exercises they learned.



A program by a popular journalist about the civic impact of the DKG Founders (Our “Big Sisters”), at **Beta Tau-6**, inspired them to try to duplicate our Founders’ strong alliances by appointing “Big Sisters” from different zip codes in their chapter to offer rides and friendship to every member. The Big Sister Carpools and its offshoot, the Carpool Report, resulted in renewed pride in the chapter, increased attendance, and deeper bonds between members. New members have been attracted to the relaxed, friendly and inclusive meetings.



Involvement in our communities has always been a hallmark of our Society. **Xi-7** had a “Day of Giving” which began with the membership team explaining the expectations for the day of service and members telling how they or people they knew had been helped in time of need. Projects included providing food for Habitat for Humanity, working at a shelter, making & delivering treats for early career educators, selling crafts made by indigenous people, and making blankets for children in the hospital. **Lambda Sigma-4** celebrated its 35th anniversary year with an inspirational program on identifying the need for kindness and how they can make an impact on the world around them. They pledged to do at least 35 acts of kindness as a chapter during that year. Photos documented each deed, including helping members who were ill, donating supplies to local teachers, donating books in honor of their charter members and many more.



The Executive Committee has chosen to suspend the PACE application and award for the 2017-2018 year. An electronic survey will be distributed to chapter presidents no later than January 15, 2018. The results of the survey will be announced at the Waco Convention. Contributions to TSO and ASTEP funds will continue to be recognized at convention.

## ASTEFL gives Advocate for Education award

During the ASTEF Annual Meeting, Erin Steele was introduced as the first recipient of the prestigious ASTEF Advocate for Education Award. One of her most notable charitable acts in partnership with her husband Robert has been to award scholarships to children of their employees. Together they have awarded over \$300,000 in scholarships to the children of Texas Honing employees. Even though they sold the business in 2008, they continue to give scholarships and invest in future generations.



Erin Steele

Education majors at Sam Houston State University also benefit from the acts of Steele. In 2010, two endowments were formed with one benefiting students in the educator preparation program. The Steeles also established the "Steele Center for Professional Practice" to house vital components of preparing effective teachers and professional educators.

This award will be given annually to a deserving female non-educator who has positively impacted education through her work and acts. Members are encouraged to send names and information about possible future recipients to ASTEF Vice President of Projects and Programs ([projects@astef.org](mailto:projects@astef.org)), ASTEF President ([president@astef.org](mailto:president@astef.org)), or the webmaster ([webmaster@astef.org](mailto:webmaster@astef.org)).



## Applications due for Leadership Management Seminar



The Golden Gift Fund Leadership Management Seminar will be held July 1-13, 2018, at The University of Texas at Austin. The seminar is offered to all members to develop their leadership, communications and management skills. The award covers all but a \$600 registration fee for which applicants are responsible. Electronically submitted applications are due by December 1, 2017. All information pertaining to the application can be found at

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) on the Golden Gift Fund Committee page.

## Chunking makes learning information easier

The easiest way to learn new information is in stages, steps or small bits at a time. Some educators call this concept "chunking." DKG has seven society purposes or "chunks." Each purpose represents an element of DKG that provides the strong foundation for members. As members of DKG there is much to learn and enjoy about the Society. Membership provides opportunities to grow personally, professionally, emotionally and as a leader. Membership affords opportunity to travel, to learn and to meet friends around the globe. Most important of all membership in DKG gives honor and recognition to women educators all around the world. Invite someone to DKG membership by "chunking" the Society's purposes, work and vision and help others cross the Bridge to membership.





## Succession planning mutually beneficial

When using a succession planning process, chapters recruit quality members, develop their knowledge, skills and abilities, and prepare them for leadership roles. In this process, chapters ensure that they will never have a key role open for which a member is not prepared.

A chapter may choose to plan informally by identifying strong members who are likely to become officers. The advantage of having a more formalized system is that it demonstrates more of a commitment to mentor and develop the member so that she is ready to take over. Preparation for the next role might include shadowing an officer, committee chair responsibilities, or leadership training.



Members who know they are being groomed for a leadership role feel respected and valued. Actively pursuing succession planning ensures that members are constantly developed to fill each needed role in a chapter and beyond.

## Members generous in Unifying Project support



Nancy Heard and Ann Mahan

TSO members shared their generosity and kindness with Child Advocates of Harris County, the convention Unifying Project. The children of the greater Houston community received 10,000+ items donated specifically for them based on age and gender. Child Advocates also received over \$6400 in gift cards and cash to provide specific support which the general donations cannot cover. Thanks to each DKG member for making a difference for children.

**childadvocates**<sup>®</sup>

## ASTEFL adds new store to rewards program



Recently ASTEF joined the Kroger and Ralph grocery store chain's Community Rewards program. Members are encouraged to connect their current rewards card, join the program, and make ASTEF their charity of choice.

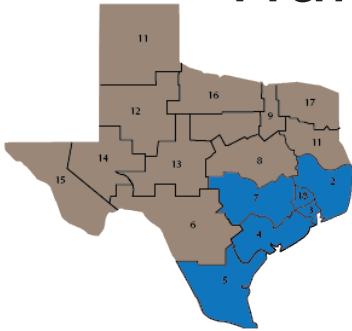
Step by step directions are located on the ASTEF website, [www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org). To make the process easier use ASTEF's identification number 99982.

ASTEFL realizes not all parts of the state have these grocery chains; therefore, ASTEF is proud to announce the addition of the Randall's and Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program. For information on how to join or connect a card, follow directions found on the ASTEF website. To make the process easier use ASTEF's identification number 13748.

Both programs are open to anyone. Spread the word to family and friends. Every time someone shops these stores they are supporting ASTEF's three major programs: Scholarships, Leadership and Projects.



# Hurricane Harvey Plan of Action



To assist Texas State Organization members who have been affected by the catastrophic events of the final week of August and into September of 2017 related to Hurricane Harvey, TSO is beginning a campaign where all members in the state and other state organizations of DKG can assist members and chapters affected by Hurricane Harvey. Members most impacted live in the TSO Areas 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 18. The plan will have two main components, **Member to Member** and **Campus Helping Hands**. Guidelines of each component are listed below. This program fulfills Purpose number 1 and Purpose number 6 of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

## Member(s) to Member

- Area Coordinators in affected areas will identify lists of members who have a financial impact in any way from the hurricane.
- Area Coordinators in unaffected areas will identify members and groups of members who wish to become an **encourager** or **encourager group**.
- Each affected member is paired with an **encourager** or an **encourager group** who agrees to pay DKG dues of \$80 for 2017-2018 year for the member it is “adopting.”
- The **encourager** or **encourager group** continues to send positive messages throughout the year to the adopted member via cards, emails, texts, phone calls and other methods of outreach.
- Michelle Grandinetti and the TSO Programs and Service Projects Committee will coordinate this component of the plan.

Grandinetti’s email is [mrgrose2014@gmail.com](mailto:mrgrose2014@gmail.com)

## Campus Helping Hands

- Area Coordinators in affected areas will identify school campuses impacted by the hurricane.
- Area Coordinators in unaffected areas will compile lists of TSO chapters, DKG chapters or state organizations, and non-DKG groups (civic organizations, church groups, neighborhood groups and others) who wish to adopt a campus or contribute in some way to assist a campus to recover from losses due to Harvey. These groups will be the **Campus Helping Hands**.
- Campuses will be matched with **Helping Hands** who will facilitate the process of getting supplies/donations to the campus.

Cookee Johnson will coordinate all components of **Campus Helping Hands**.

Johnson’s email is [acjohnson62@att.net](mailto:acjohnson62@att.net)

All members and chapters are encouraged to participate in this state-wide effort to coordinate help for members and schools.