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

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Notes from Your President:

Dear Lambda Delta Sisters, THANK YOU for another fantastic year! We have had a wonderful year filled with fun and informative programs, good fellowship, and we have accomplished good works along the way! It is an honor to be associated with such a dynamic group of women educators. You are all leaders in your own way and we appreciate each and every one of you. This newsletter contains information on some of the recognitions we have received so far and donations we have made to DKG causes and to aspiring teachers from our area.

As we end the year we send you wishes for a safe, restful, and fun summer. Your newly elected officers will be meeting before the end of May to begin the planning process for next year. Meanwhile, I want to send you my personal thanks for all you do for Lambda Delta, DKG, and the teaching profession. You are awesome!
Thanks again, Mary

Be an Early Bird – Pay Dues this Summer

It's not too early to pay your dues for next year. Our fiscal year begins on July 1 so any dues collected over the summer will be applied to next year's membership records. Total dues (includes local, state and international dues) is \$85 and are due by Oct. 30. Be an "Early Bird" and pay by August 31. Make your check payable to Lambda Delta and mail it to Loweta Jorgensen, 5 Links Court, Kingwood, TX 77339. If you have any questions about payment of dues please contact Loweta at ljorgy2@aol.com or at 281-358-8962

Mark Your Calendars!

**Alpha State Convention
Area 18 Fall Workshop**

Lubbock, TX
Lone Star College, Kingwood

June 19, 20, & 21, 2014
Saturday Sept. 13, 2014

Member Notes

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to long-time member Tina Smith. Tina's husband, John, passed away on Saturday, April 26 after a lengthy illness. Cards to the family can be addressed to Tina Smith, 2902 Sycamore Springs Court, Kingwood, TX 77339.

Many of you may know that another long-time member, Dorothy Weigel, moved this past summer to be near her children and grandchildren. We miss Dorothy and recently learned that she would welcome some cards and notes from her old friends since she is still trying to make some new friends in her new home. You can write to her at Dorothy Weigel, 2702 Cembalo Blvd, #125 San Antonio, TX 78230. Or give her a call at her cell phone number 713-504-9331.

Lambda Delta's Book Collection a Huge Success! Thanks for Your Donations!



A year-long project collected 358 books which have been donated to local schools designated for first year teachers for their classroom collections and to the libraries of those schools. Pictured here are donations made to Bens Branch Elementary (Diane Sconzo, principal); Park Lakes Elementary (Sarah Ballard, principal); and Bear Branch Elementary (Derry Summer, librarian). Kudos to Lambda Delta members for their generosity!



Lambda Delta Officers for 2014-2016

Newly elected officers have been installed and will begin their term of office on July 1. Congratulations to our new officers! A planning meeting of the new officer board will be held in May. Watch for further news this summer on next year's meeting dates!

Carol Smith	President
Gaylan Chadwick	1 st VP, Programs
Eileen Debo	2 nd VP, Yearbook
Derry Summer	Recording Secretary
Mary Widmier	Corresponding Secretary
Loweta Jorgensen	Treasurer
Cheryl Moore	Parliamentarian

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA; A ROUND-UP OF INFORMATION - FEBRUARY 11, 2014 MEETING

The Safari meeting began with a time for Fellowship. Our Safari meeting room, complete with refreshments, tables decorated with cowboy hats and necklaces, and a large rodeo wreath decorated with pictures of children in Africa holding their precious books provided the correct atmosphere. Our “safari” (Swahili for journey) continued when the members gathered information from the **Program Committee’s discussion** and facts from a **few short videos** about **Schools in Africa** which were taken from the **UNICEF website**. A short video of **Nelson Mandela** talking to a child depicted his gentle nature and a delightful sense of humor. This turned out to be a timely tribute to him so soon after his death. Our members smiled as they watched and then their expressions changed as the presenter and the videos showed the sparse conditions and the need for schools, supplies, and teachers. As the presentation progressed it was evident that the members began to understand the dire need for schools in Africa. **Mandela’s Vision: Education can change the world.**

Our safari continued as **all members** answered a short written questionnaire during and after the presentation about Schools for Africa. This also included learning a few words in Swahili, which were recited back to our presenter and then to each other! “Asante,” Good afternoon. “Hodi,” Thank you. **The “round-up” of information on our “safari” was a complete success!**



Schools for Africa Wreath



Marian Mannix, Dottie Willner, Gayle Cunningham, Cheryl Moore, & Mary Lewis came dressed for the Round-Up

Thanks for Helping with STAR!

By now you have probably hear of the first-ever art retreat for DKG members, scheduled for January of 2015 at Camp Allen near Navasota. It’s called STAR: Spectacular Texas Art Retreat. Thank you to all of you who took a list of supplies needed for STAR and a plastic bag for collecting! If you were not at the banquet in April and would like to participate, we would really appreciate your saving for us the following items:

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| Sea shells | Beads and any broken jewelry pieces |
| Ribbon, all colors and widths | Corks from wine bottles |
| Bottle caps | Embellishments for scrap booking |
| Duct tape | |

Carolyn Mashburn is collecting these and can be reached at 281-460-8255 if your donation will be ready for the June Mini-STAR in Lubbock. Otherwise, please bring your donation to the September meeting and Carolyn will pick them up. STAR also needs the loan of hot glue guns and extension cords for both June and January. Please call Carolyn if you have those. She will gladly pick them up from you.

Williamsburg in October

Register now for ASTEF's Road Scholar trip to **Colonial and Revolutionary Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown**, scheduled for **October 5-10, 2014**. TSO members, along with their friends and family, are invited to travel with Road Scholar, the leader in Educational Travel since 1975. Spend 5 nights in historic Williamsburg. Enjoy 6 expert-led lectures, 4 field trips, 4 performances, and 15 meals. 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.



International Theme: 2012-2014:

Sharing Our Vision ~ Strengthening Our Society

Alpha State Theme: 2013-2015:

Expand the Vision: Educate, Inspire, Encourage

Lambda Delta Theme: 2012-2014:

Exploring Possibilities for Our Future

Founders' Day Banquet

Our chapter hosted this year's banquet which was attended by Lambda Delta and Mu Pi members and our featured guest, Nancy Newton, Alpha State President. It was a light-hearted and fun evening that everyone enjoyed. Highlights included a salute to our Founders with items modeled by Pat Carona, Cheryl Moore, Dottie Willner, Jan Brady, Marian Mannix, and others. We also sang "Happy Birthday" in celebration of Mu Pi's 20th birthday. At the close of the evening Nancy Newton, Alpha State President, and Brenda Pearson, Area 18 Coordinator, presided over the installation of new officers for both chapters for the 2014-2016 biennium. Recognitions were:

Chapter Achievement Award: The Chapter Achievement Award was announced by committee members Chris Pearce and Nell Muehlbrad and went to our out-going president, Mary Widmier. Congratulations to Mary for her leadership over the past two years and her continued commitment to our group!

Years of Membership: Recognized at the banquet for their years of membership were Jan Brady (35 years); Margaret Henken (35 years); Judy Dunnegan (25 years); Loweta Jorgensen (20 years); & Diane Sconzo (20 years).

Grants-in-Aid: Grants-in-aid were announced by committee chair, Marguerite Baxter. This year's recipients are Jade Myers from Kingwood Park High School and Amanda Rosser from Kingwood High School.

Banquet Pictures – Thanks to All Who Joined Us for a Great Evening!



Carol Kollehner and Carol Smith enjoy the table's conversation.



New member CaLandra Pervis at her first DKG banquet.



Dottie Willner and Gayle Cunningham are all dressed up and having a great time.



Brenda Pearson & Nancy Newton visit with Jan Brady and Marian Mannix prior to the program.



New officers are smiling during the Installation Ceremony. They all received candy bars representing their offices and duties.



Achievement Award Committee Members Nell Muehlbrad and Chris Pearce congratulate Mary Widmier on receiving this year's Achievement Award

Happy Birthday Greetings to the following Lambda Delta Members!!!

April Birthdays

19 Debbie Huxohl
23 Emma Albers
28 Loweta Jorgensen

May Birthdays

3 Jennifer Leadbetter
5 Tina Smith
13 Susan Barrow
15 Rhian Webb
29 Diane Sconzo
30 Sarah Ballard

June Birthdays

7 Gayle Stahl
16 Eileen Debo
20 Carole Robison

July Birthdays

15 Mauderite Baxter

August Birthdays

4 Judy Dunnegan
10 Chris Pearce
12 Mary Widmier
13 Bonnie Longnion
19 Debbie Prucha
21 Janet Dickinson

