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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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President's Message

By Carol Smith, President

Hi Lambda Delta Sisters!

The Ledger, the newsletter you are reading, has just been named a 5-Star Newsletter by the State Committee! Congratulations, Editor Mary Widmier on your second year to receive this award! Thanks for making us look good with both the newsletter and the website!

The Founders' Day Banquet is just a few days away on Thursday, April 21st, and it's not too late to let Loweta know you're coming. Deadline for reservations is April 15th. She is now set up to accept electronic payment by phone as an alternative to mailing her a check. (See her article in this newsletter.) Our guest speaker will be Marilyn Gregory, Alpha State President, who will also install officers for the 2016-2018 Biennium. Just-chartered Nu Beta Chapter will be joining Lambda Delta and Mu Pi Chapters for this affair at Homewood Suites. We'll announce the recipients of the Lambda Delta Educational Grant. Risa McCann, Area XVIII Coordinator and Mu Pi member, will be there and will take our school supplies and monetary donations to purchase WalMart gift cards to help replenish school supplies for the recently flooded Deweyville Elementary School.

The Executive Board met March 29th at Bear Branch Elementary Library to divide up the 613 (!!) books among the twelve different recipients that members recommended at the February meeting. Marian Mannix, Connie Johnson, Cheryl Moore, Rosalba Sundaram, Mary Widmier, and I will be delivering them soon after the Banquet. The next newsletter will no doubt contain pictures of the many smiling faces of teachers, principals, librarians, and children whose lives you have touched with your generous response to our Book Drive. Thank you!

The State Convention is in Frisco June 23-25. Bonnie Longnion and I will be going, and we'd love to have you join us. For more information, visit the state website <http://www.dkgtexas.org/> and look for the link to the Convention website.

Thank you so much for all you ladies do to make being in Lambda Delta such a rewarding experience! The friendships, the projects, the participation, and the commitment to your students and fellow teachers are amazing! Look forward to seeing you at the Banquet!
Love, Carol

Calendar of 2015-2016 Meeting Dates:

THURSDAY, April 21 5:30 pm - Homewood Suites - Founders' Day Banquet
Lambda Delta is hosting this year's banquet. Mu Pi and Nu Beta chapter members and our State President, Marilyn Gregory will attend. This festive end-of-year meeting includes announcement of grant winners and this year's Achievement Award winner, and installation of new officers for 2016-2018.

Special Project: Outreach to Deweyville Elementary School

Deweyville (Orange County) experienced devastating flooding not long ago. Elena Ivanova (Area Coordinator in Orange) reports that while DKG members in the Orange County area were not personally affected, Deweyville Elementary was severely damaged and all of their school's classroom supplies were lost. The teachers told her that Wal Mart gift cards would be most appreciated. We will have a basket at the Founders' Day Banquet to collect supplies and donations of money to purchase Wal Mart gift cards. Risa McCann (our Area Coordinator) will mail these items to Georgiana Bean (Theta Psi member and teacher at Deweyville Elementary). Thank you for helping in this time of need!

From the Treasurer....

By Loweta Jorgensen, Treasurer

Founders' Day Dinner Tickets...Deadline April 15: The dinner will be held April 21 in conjunction with Mu Pi at the Homewood Suites in Kingwood. Social is at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$30. Please send your check to Loweta Jorgensen, 5 Links Ct, KW 77339 as soon as possible. Thanks to Roni Jo, Loweta can now also accept credit cards. If you wish, you can call Loweta at 281-358-8962 and give her your information. There will be an extra \$0.90 charge for credit cards.

February 25th Meeting: What a great job!!! A total of \$210 was collected for the World Fellowship/Schools in Africa contributions. That amount was a combination of the collection in the "passed hat", the sales of the drawing tickets, and the brags. \$105 was donated to DKG World Fellowship and \$105 to the Schools for Africa.

Fundraising for Grants in Aid: Some members have donated items to be sold on Kingwood Yard Sales to help raise money for our scholarship fund. Do you have something you would like to contribute???? Call Loweta, 281-358-8962, for pick up.

Update on "The Great Texas Read Out"



"Red Roses" to the Lambda Delta members who volunteered in January at the Humble ISD Literacy Festival. They sold raffle tickets, giving away over 35 magnificent baskets. At our February meeting we presented earnings of \$1,270 to the Humble ISD librarians to help fund their next literacy festival. Pictured here are members: (l-r) Kathy Hogan, Carol Smith, Eileen Debo, Loweta Jorgensen, Derry Summer (member representing Humble ISD Librarians), Dottie Willner, Rosalba Sundaram, and Rhian Webb. This was a great project which not only benefited literacy but also promoted DKG throughout the community!

February Meeting Highlights

Our February 25 meeting featured an emphasis on Global Awareness. Members wore animal print apparel, heard an update from Gloria Bain, our speaker and missionary to South Africa. Members gave her donations of school supplies that she will take to Africa this summer to benefit village schools. Members gave generous donations to World Fellowship and Schools for Africa. Our members make an impact around the globe !!!

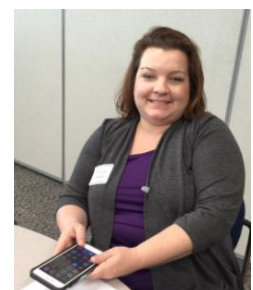


Gloria



Members provide fun facts about some typical African food items.

More pictures from the February Meeting:



Quotable Quotes:

In our first issue we introduced a new feature entitled "Quotable Quotes." This month's contribution:

"I don't have gray hair - I have Platinum Highlights !!!" Anonymous

Upcoming Events – Plan Ahead to Attend:

- **Texas State:** June 23-25, 2016 87th Texas State Convention, Frisco, TX
June 22-24, 2017 88th Texas State Convention, Hyatt Regency Houston
- **Regional & International:**
 - July 5-9, 2016 2016 International Convention, Opryland Resort, Nashville
 - TBA, 2017 Southwest Regional Conference
 - July 16-20, 2018 2018 International Convention, JW Marriott Austin, Austin, TX

International Theme: 2014-2016

85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

Alpha State Theme: 2015-2017

The Heart of the Society is its Members

Lambda Delta Theme: 2014-2016

Advancing Our Vision as Key Women Educators

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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

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Next Newsletter deadline is April 25.

