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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 Ladies!

Our Birthday party was the greatest! Over thirty members were there, including our two Charter Members that are still active, Gayle Cunningham (Lambda Delta's fourth Chapter President) and Wanda Johnson (longest-tenured member in our chapter with 44 years). Also in attendance were Brenda Storey (Charter Member and Lambda Delta's first Chapter President) and her husband Don, Nancy Crabb (Charter Member), and Sally Johnson (Lambda Delta's eleventh Chapter President). Marian Mannix produced a slide show that played on the screen throughout the meeting, and we passed around two scrap books and the red book that most of us signed when we were initiated. It was really fun to visit with friends we've known a long time, and it was exciting to initiate three more of our new members, whom we look forward to getting to know!

We collected 51 purses and bags along with 39.8 pounds of toiletries and other items on The Door's wish list. (Marian even threw in some false eyelashes!) The ladies in the front office of Family Time were amazed at our generosity and were very appreciative!

In a recent email, one of our new members called us a "wonderful group of ladies"! I think so, too!! Hope to see you at our next meeting on Feb. 25 at the ISC!
Carol

Calendar of 2015-2016 Meeting Dates:

THURSDAY, February 25

Meeting at ISC Room 1005 Social time with refreshments begins at 4:15 PM and the meeting begins at 4:30 PM.

THURSDAY, April 21

5:30 pm - Homewood Suites - Founders' Day Banquet
Lambda Delta is hosting this year's banquet. Mu Pi members and our State President, Marilyn Gregory will attend. This festive end-of-year meeting includes installation of new officers for 2016-2018.

Special Project: The Great Texas Read-Out

You received an email from Carol regarding The Great Texas Read-Out, the children's literary festival on February 20th, presented by the Humble ISD Librarians. You can read all about the festival at www.humbleisd.net/LitFest. We will once again manage the Raffle, with all proceeds going to the Librarians to help fund the 2018 Literary Festival. We need volunteers to set up (about 9:30), sell tickets (from 10:00-2:00 or 2:30), and (possibly) run the drawing, all done by 3:00. Derry Summer passed a volunteer list around at the last meeting, but if you didn't get to sign it there, just call or email Carol if you can work for an hour or two. If you have something you want to donate, gift cards or items to go in the basket that Lambda Delta will put in the raffle, please let Carol know no later than Feb. 11 so she can come get it, or let her know how much you want to chip in, and she will get some gift cards to put in the basket. (You can pay her back at the Feb. 25 meeting.)

Our Book Project for Early Career Educators

We are up to 211 children's books in our collection for Early Career Educators, and we still have one more meeting to collect even more. FOLK (Friends of the Library of Kingwood) sells used books at the Kingwood Library, just inside the door, on your left. The books are organized by grade level, and you get a lot of bang for your buck there! Most books are \$1 or less. Ask friends, neighbors, and family to give you their children's books that are no longer being used. Please be thinking of new elementary teachers whose classroom library could use a boost and also send us recommendations for schools and teachers to be recipients. Last year Carol and Marian delivered books to seven different schools in three different school districts (Humble, New Caney, and Sheldon). Let Carol know if you want to join in the fun of delivering books this year!

Sneak Peek at Plans for February

February 25 meeting is: 4:15 pm social; 4:30 pm meeting at the ISC. Hope to see you there!

Meditation: Mary Widmier Refreshments: Emma Albers, Tara Badeaux, Connie Johnson, Tina Smith, Eileen Debo, Gayle Stahl Door Prizes: Jennifer Leadbetter, CaLandra Purvis, Emma Albers, Tara Badeaux, Connie Johnson, Tina Smith, Gayle Stahl

Our Program:

- 1) During our February 25th meeting we'll have an emphasis on Global Awareness. This is your chance to wear your animal print apparel, whether it's an accent (jewelry, scarf, shoes, purse) or a head-to-toe animal print outfit. Marian Mannix has invited Gloria Bain, our guest speaker last February, to return and give us an update. Gloria will return to Africa this summer and will be taking the school supplies we've collected. Shipping space is limited for her, so we'll focus on items from the list sent by Marian (see email dated 1/27/16). Whatever supplies that Gloria can't take with her will be given to HAAM. Also, we'll be passing around Marian's safari hat to collect money to donate to DKG for World Fellowship and Schools for Africa.
- 2) Mary Widmier is on the Alpha State's Global Awareness Committee. She will update us on all of Alpha State plans and projects related to "Global Awareness".
- 3) We plan to initiate one more member!!!

Our Projects:

1. Book Drive (Sept. – Feb.) We'll conclude our project to collect new and gently used children's books to give to Early Career Educators for their classrooms.
2. Schools for Africa (Sept. – Feb.) - donations of school supplies to benefit Schools for Africa.

January Meeting Highlights

Our January 14 meeting was at Kingwood High School and was a festive meeting featuring Lambda Delta's 36th Birthday celebration. We were honored by having many past presidents and four charter members in attendance. We also held an initiation ceremony for 3 additional new members. Pictured here are (l-r): Newly initiated members Devon Alexander, Rosalba Sundaram, and Katelyn Donovan along with Carol Smith and Martha Schaffert.



More pictures from the January Meeting:



Quotable Quotes:

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

"You're Always With Yourself so You May as Well Enjoy the Company"
Diane von Furstenberg

Upcoming Events – Plan Ahead to Attend:

- **Local:** February 20, 2016 Great Texas Read Out (Humble ISD Book Festival)
 - **Texas State:** Feb.19-21, 2016 Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) in Navasota
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
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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

Lambda Delta Officers

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

February Birthdays

7 Carol Smith
8 Karen Seay

March Birthdays

3 Connie Johnson
4 Carla Craig and Martha Schaffert
17 Mary Linda Lewis
21 Deborah Thomas
31 Dottie Willner

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