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President's Message

By Carol Smith, President

Hi Lambda Delta sisters!

Hope your summer was relaxing, exciting, and/or fulfilling! Sixteen of us met at Luby's for our informal breakfast meeting August 20th, including Charter Member Wanda Johnson. We thoroughly enjoyed catching up with and getting to know each other better. For example, I learned where Jennifer Leadbetter went to college when I noticed her Aggie ring with enhancements (a must-see!) I also learned that Bonnie Longnion and Belinda Zoet met at their very first teaching job in the early 70's. The first Purpose of DKG is "to unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship", so why not get started by getting to know our fellow chapter members better?!

Did you know that Annie Webb Blanton lived on the UT campus and smoked a cigar when she and eleven others founded Delta Kappa Gamma in 1929? That's one thing I learned at the State Convention in Frisco June 23-25! Lambda Delta Chapter was listed in the Official Program several times for honors and awards, and our Annie Award tri-fold was on display. I was proud to be representing you! The 2017 State Convention will be held in Houston (downtown Hyatt Regency) June 22-24. Hope several of you can go with me this time-- It will be fun and enlightening!

Saturday, September 10th, nine of us will go to the Area XVIII Fall Workshop to learn how to do our jobs in the chapter and to learn more about what DKG is doing locally and worldwide. Marian Mannix will be the Official Photographer, and Susan Barrow and Belinda Zoet will be presenting. Belinda will be filling in for Mary Widmier (still in Colorado), so she's jumping into the deep end as a relatively new member! Thanks to Marian, Susan, and BZ for making Lambda Delta look good!

First VP Bonnie Longnion has lined up some wonderful programs for this year, centered around the theme "Women Helping Women – the Heart of the Matter". At the September 15th meeting we'll have three guest speakers representing entities that help women in our area: Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM), Family Time, and the Women's Center at Lone Star College. Be thinking of questions you'd like to ask this panel of essential women in our community. We'll meet at the ISC

(room 1038) for fellowship and food at 4:15, start the meeting at 4:30, and be done by 6:00. Come late or leave early if you need to, but please come!

It's always time to be thinking of Key Women Educators around you who might be interested in joining DKG. Prospective members and former members are always welcome at our meetings, so invite someone to come with you! The "recommendation for membership" form is on our website http://dkglambdadelta.weebly.com under "About Us" and "forms", and you can send it to Membership Chair Rhian Webb before our October 27th meeting. While you're looking around you for new member possibilities, also look for former members who can reinstate by merely paying the current year's dues.

Looking forward to this upcoming year! See you soon!

Carol

Books for new educators! Marian Mannix – Program Chair 2015-2016

Last May we distributed **613** new and gently-used books to teachers and schools in Humble, New Caney, Splendora! We helped these Early Career Educator build their classroom libraries: Ashley Abner, Ebony Hughes, and Anaise Guzman at Garrett Elementary (Sheldon ISD), Suzanne Barker at Deerwood Elementary (Humble ISD), Melanie Diaz at Cambridge School (Humble ISD), and Latrice Raven and Bianca Villarreal at Monahan Elementary (Sheldon ISD). We also gave books to the following Principals to help meet their school's needs: Lucy Anderson at Lakeland Elementary* (Humble ISD), Patricia Gnatzig at Whispering Pines (Humble ISD), Sharon Lee at River Pines Elementary* (Humble ISD), and Diane Sconzo at Bens Branch Elementary* (New Caney ISD). Also, Calandra Pervis delivered books to various Splendora ISD elementary schools where she knew of a need. (* pictured below)









Check out the Website

Our chapter website is a Society Certified Website. A link can be found on the Texas State Organization website at <u>www.dkgtexas.org</u> Just click on Chapter Websites and our chapter name to open our website. OR go to <u>www.dkglambdadelta.weebly.com</u> to open our website directly. We encourage you to bookmark this site and access it regularly for newsletters, photos, our yearbook and announcements. Use the password code "rose" to open the protected pages.

Check out all of the websites!

Lambda Delta's website is <u>www.dkglambdadelta.weebly.com</u> Texas State Organization is <u>www.dkgtexas.org</u> International is <u>www.dkg.org</u>

The DKG Texas State Newsletter can be accessed by clicking <u>HERE</u>!



2016-2017 Dues!

By Loweta Jorgensen, Treasurer

Annual chapter dues can be paid anytime from today through the October meeting. Please pay as soon as possible! This year we will be collecting \$100 (\$50 for reserve members) which includes Lambda Delta dues of \$85 and a donation of \$15 for a fundraiser. Your membership covers many benefits at the local, state and international level.

If you have questions or need to pay in installments, please contact Treasurer Loweta Jorgensen at Ljorgy2@aol.com Please make your checks payable to "Lambda Delta" and bring your check for \$100 to the September meeting or mail to: Loweta Jorgensen, 5 Links Ct, Kingwood, TX 77339. You can also charge with a credit card for an addition \$3 processing charge. It is really appreciated if you can mail the dues before the next meeting. The names of members who pay their dues by September 30th will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

If you know of someone who has dropped their membership, please encourage them to consider joining Lambda Delta again. All they have to do is pay their \$100 dues as described above. They will immediately be reinstated...no application, etc....just attend the next meeting if possible. Please contact Loweta at the above email or at 281-358-8962 if there are any questions about reinstatement.

Some members have donated items to be sold on Kingwood Yard Sales to help raise money for our scholarship fund. Items sold so far....comforter set, computer desk, stereo, shoe rack, doll bassinet, 3 drawer chest, curtain rods....Do you have something you would like to contribute???? Smaller items are also being collected to go to a garage sale in October or perhaps April. As you finish cleaning out closets, etc., perhaps you have come across something you need to get rid of and would consider donating it to sell. I will pick it up if you will contact me.

Please let me know if you would allow me to use your driveway if your neighborhood is having a garage sale as some of them do in the Fall. You wouldn't need to do anything except give me a place to set up.

AREA 18 Workshop....



















Calendar of 2015-2016 Meeting Dates:

THURSDAY, September 15 THURSDAY, October 27 TBD, November THURSDAY, January 26 THURSDAY, February 16 TBD, April Meeting at ISC Room 1038 Meeting at ISC Room 1005 New Member Orientation Meeting at ISC Room 1007 Meeting at ISC Room 1005 Founders' Day Banquet

September Meeting – ISC Room 1038 – 4:15 social, 4:30 meeting

Our program: Representatives from Family Time, HAAM, and Women's Resource Center – LSC will tell us how their organization helps women in our community.

Our projects: (1) school supplies for HAAM and Family Time, (2) (now through February) new and gently-used books for elementary Early Career Educators' classroom libraries

Lambda Delta Officers President: Carol Smith 1st Vice President: Bonnie Longnion 2nd Vice President: Belinda Zoet King Recording Secretary: Connie Johnson Corresponding Secretary: Roni Jo Frazier Treasurer: Loweta Jorgensen Parliamentarian: Susan Barrow

International Theme: 2016-2018 Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide Alpha State Theme: 2015-2017 The Heart of the Society is its Members Lambda Delta Theme: 2014-2016 Women Helping Women- the Heart of the Matter



to the following Lambda Delta Members!

Carol Kollehner – September 17 Kathy Hogan – September 20 Derry Summer – September 23 Caryn Uttenweiler – September 24 Wanda Johnson – September 25

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send news submissions, additions or corrections for *The Ledger* to: Roni Jo Frazier @ ronijofrazier@yahoo.com Please copy your submission to Carol Smith via email: <u>cks2752@gmail.com</u>

