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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

Happy Fall, y'all!

By now we're well into the academic year-- a quarter of the way through, even! The September meeting was a wonderful way to begin the Lambda Delta year!

At our October 27th meeting we'll have a chance to meet with our State Representative (and former Humble ISD School Board member) Dan Huberty. Mary Widmier has written an excellent article for this issue of The Ledger, giving you some provocative points to ponder and perhaps generating some important questions for you to ask Mr. Huberty. Also at our October meeting Roni Jo Frazier will show us what useful items and delightful gift items her MOSAIC kids produce, just in time for some early Christmas shopping!

We will be electing new members at this meeting, too, so be sure to download the "recommendation for membership" form from our website <http://dkglambdadelta.weebly.com> and send it to Rhian Webb at rhian515@gmail.com. An invitation to membership in DKG is a wonderful way to commend a worthy teacher and foster a friendship! DKG offers opportunities for scholarships, personal and professional growth, community service, and comradery.

Another important happening this month is our Garage Sale, a variation on a previously successful scholarship fundraiser. Please see the details (and plea for inventory to sell!) in Loweta Jorgensen's article, also in this issue.

The 2017 State Convention will be held in Houston (downtown Hyatt Regency) June 22-24. Marian Mannix was Chapter President last time it was in Houston, and she's already been a part of the plans for this time. Hope several of you can attend, especially since it's close to home! There will be very helpful sessions for officers, specific committees, and members in general, along with inspiring speakers and fun entertainment! The vendors' offerings make for fun shopping, and it's a special time to make new friends and catch up with old ones! One more reason to go: After attending a convention you'll just FEEL more a part of this organization of Key Women Educators! The enthusiasm is contagious!

Carol


Books for Classrooms

Have you collected books for new teachers' Classrooms?
Please check at home and with your friends and relatives for books to donate.

Looking for new and gently used books.

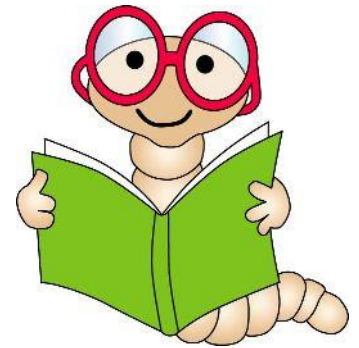
Let's add books to the classrooms so that your gift brings to children the LOVE of LEARNING and enjoyment of great stories.

Don't have time to shop?

I'll have a \$ box at our meeting for pocket change to put toward the purchase of new and gently used books. 

See you at the meeting!

Marian the Book Magnet!



Check out all of the websites!

Lambda Delta's website is www.dkglambdadelta.weebly.com

Texas State Organization is www.dkgtexas.org

International is www.dkg.org

The DKG Texas State Newsletter can be accessed by clicking [HERE!](#)

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.

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 mail to: Loweta Jorgensen, 5 Links Ct, Kingwood, TX 77339. You can also charge with a credit card for an additional \$3 processing fee.

Dues must be paid by October 31.

If you know of someone who has dropped their membership, please encourage them to consider returning to Lambda Delta.. 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 dues or reinstatement.

Fundraiser Fun!!!

Susan Barrow has graciously agreed to let us use her driveway during the Trailwood Community Garage Sale the morning of **October 29**. No clothing please. You can bring items to the October 27th meeting, bring items to Loweta anytime, or let Loweta know and she will come pick them up. Each member needs to find at least 3 or 4 treasures to donate for the sale.... It's not very far away so please start searching!!

Fundraiser Idea??

Would you be willing to shop at Kendra Scott jewelry store in The Woodlands or possibly at a jewelry store in Kingwood at a designated date and two hour window??? They would donate 20% of the sales to Lambda Delta. More information to come.....



Of course, you no doubt are hearing much about the Presidential election and that certainly is a compelling reason to exercise your right to vote. However, elections of our state Senators and Representatives can directly impact us as educators. What should you look for in a candidate? There are two very important issues that affect all educators:

- 1) The Senators and Representatives who are elected during this cycle will have the enormous responsibility of deciding the future of TRS Active-Care (for active educators) and TRS-Care (for retired educators). If nothing is done during the next Legislative session to fund these health care programs, participants could see massive premium increases or changes in benefits, or both!
- 2) Also important is the continuation of a TRS defined benefit plan. Since most Texas educators contribute only to TRS and not to Social Security, your TRS defined benefit plan represents the security and promise of a monthly benefit income in retirement. Why is a Defined Benefit plan better than a Defined Contribution plan? Under a defined contribution plan, advocated by some critics of pension plans, employee contributions are more like a 401-k plan. Retirement income is not guaranteed but fluctuates on the basis of the individual contributions and investment earnings.

What can you do?

- ✓ **Prepare now** – Research the candidates that have an opponent and learn their beliefs on issues important to us: education, pensions, health care, etc. Here are some good sources of information to help you make your choices before you go to the polls:
 1. www.texaseducatorsvote.com Legislative updates, resources on candidates, and a voter's guide on what educators can/can't legally do
 2. www.teachthevote.org Information on candidate's beliefs, answers to education-related survey questions, voting records, etc.
 3. www.trta.org Updates on issues affecting retired teachers, committee hearings, guides on how to reach your senator or representative, talking points, etc.
- ✓ **Plan to vote** - This can be done in many ways including
 - Mail-In Ballot: Request a mail-in ballot from your county clerk through Oct. 28.
 - Early voting: Early voting in Texas is October 24 – November 4.
 - Vote on Election Day: Election Day is November 8. Polls are open 7am – 7pm
- ✓ **Encourage others to vote** – Urge your friends, family, and neighbors to vote.

Vote early to avoid those long lines that come with the territory during a presidential election cycle! But, however you do it, be sure to vote and make your voice heard.

Looking for the Perfect Christmas Present?

Check out the MOSAIC Storefront and web page.
All products made by hand from the students in the MOSAIC program.
MOSAIC is Humble ISD special education transition program!

www.designsbymosaic.com

You can also phone in your order to 281-641-7495

The new school storefront is open M-F 7am – 330pm
18901 Timber Forest, Humble Tx 77346

Order Forms will be available at the October Meeting



Calendar of 2016-2017 Meeting Dates:

Thursday , October 27	Meeting at ISC Room 1005
TBD, November	New Member Orientation
Thursday, December 1	Holiday Dinner & Initiation
Thursday , January 26	Meeting at ISC Room 1007
Thursday, February 16	Meeting at ISC Room 1005
Thursday , April 6	Founders' Day Banquet

Upcoming Events – Plan Ahead to Attend:

December 1, 2016, 6:30 social, 7:00 dinner
Pot Luck Holiday Dinner & New Member Initiation
20664 Southwood Oaks Drive, Porter
Home of Marian Mannix



June 22-24, 2017
TSO State Convention
Hyatt Regency, Houston



October Birthdays

13	Jan Brady
15	Pam Black
17	CaLandra Pervis
23	Joyce Lacy
25	Margaret Henken

November Birthdays

6	Brenda Ray
8	Gayle Cunningham
11	Patricia Patterson Wood
14	Nell Muehlbrad
21	Betty Graham
22	Susan Butler & Cheryl Moore



SAVE THE DATE

**TRI-CHAPTER FOUNDERS'
DAY BANQUET: LAMBDA
DELTA, MU PI, NU BETA.**

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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

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send news submissions, additions or corrections for *The Ledger* to:

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