

President's Message

By Carol Smith, President

Happy November, ladies!

Since we last met, we've raised about \$450 for scholarships at the Garage Sale on October 29th and told five potential new members all about DKG on November 10th. Looking forward to "orienting" as many as five more, then initiating those key women educators into Lambda Delta on December 1st or January 26th! Thank you to the members who made nominations. It's not too late if you discover another potential member! We aren't limited to one initiation per year.

Speaking of December 1st, we'll gather at Marian Mannix's home (20665 Southwood Oaks Drive, Porter) at **6:30** for some good **fellowship and appetizers**, then have the **meditation** (by Gayle Cunningham) **and initiation** at **7:00**, followed by the **pot luck dinner**. Look for an RSVP email with a list of who's bringing what dish to the pot luck. As always, join us late or leave early if you need to, but please come!

This year under Marian's baby grand piano we'll have four collections: (1) canned goods for HAAM's Season of Sharing*, (2) cookies and tea/coffee supplies for LSC-Kingwood's Women's Center*, (3) new and gently-used books for Early Career Educators, and (4) school supplies for FamilyTime. (Feel free to pick and choose the one(s) you'd like to support this month.) We'll have some Door Prizes, so you'll want to bring some money (goes to scholarships) for tickets, and we'll have one new (abridged) Christmas Carol to go along with an updated version of "Twelve Days of Lambda Delta" to sing for our New Members. It will be a great way to start off December with some wonderful women who understand your passion for education and all that entails!

I'm so appreciative of my Lambda Delta sisters, their friendships, their generosity, and their support!!! Thank you! Happy Thanksgiving!

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Carol

2016-2017 Dues!

By Loweta Jorgensen, Treasurer

There was a drawing on October 1st from the names of members who paid their dues by September 30. Jan Brady's name was drawn and she was awarded a \$25 gift card. Congratulations Jan!!! And, THANK YOU to everyone who paid.

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. They will immediately be reinstated...no application, etc....just attend the next meeting if possible. Please contact Loweta at Ljorgy2@aol.com or at 281-358-8962 if there are any questions about dues or reinstatement.

FUNDRAISER FUN!!!

Susan Barrow graciously agreed to let us use her driveway during the Trailwood Community Garage Sale on **October 29**. Thank you to those who contributed and those who helped out at the sale. A grand total of \$457 was made in a matter of hours. Way to go Lambda Delta!!!



Tlappy Birthday

November Birthdays

- 6 Brenda Ray
- 8 Gayle Cunningham
- 11 Patricia Patterson Wood
- 12 Corinna Ferrier

December Birthdays

- 5 Nancy Bryan
- 6 Kakie Palmer
- 12 Marian Mannix
- 30 Gaylan Chadwick

January Birthdays

9 Frankie Wilson
20 Karri Bergeron

Women Helping Women through HAAM and the Women's Center by Carol Smith

You'll recall hearing Millie Garrison, Executive Director of Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) and Diane Blanco, Director of the Lone Star College (Kingwood) Women's Center, speak at our September meeting. At our December meeting we shall collect food for the 2016 Season of Sharing (through HAAM) as well as packaged cookies and tea/coffee supplies for the Women's Center. These were two specific suggestions from these ladies as to how we can support their efforts to help women in our community.

According to the HAAM Website at <u>http://haamministries.org</u> it "is a faith-based organization that helps community residents in crisis by providing essential resources to move towards self-sufficiency." At <u>http://haamministries.org/seasons-of-sharing/</u> the ways you can help a local family this holiday season are listed:

 *Gift card - \$10 Gift Card from Kroger
*Toys – purchase and donate a toy for a child
*Food donation – Stuffing Mix, Canned Vegetables, Jiffy Cornbread – box, Turkey Gravy – can or mix, brownie mix, Dried Beans – pinto and red beans – 1 pound

According to its brochure, the Women's Center at Kingwood College "strives to empower women, increase communication, and create a network of support for all." It "is a place where women can find assistance to overcome life's obstacles to achieve their personal, academic, and career goals." The January 2013 newsletter welcomes women to come to "a place where women can find connections, resources, a smiling face, and two new computers for your use!" The August 2016 newsletter invites women to "Meet new friends and enjoy a cup of coffee, tea and a cookie". Download their brochure at http://www.lonestar.edu/departments/collegerelations/F12_WomensCenter_Brochure.pdg. The home page for the Women's Center is at http://www.lonestar.edu/departments/collegerelations/F12_WomensCenter_Brochure.pdg. The





Calendar of 2016-2017 Meeting Dates:

Thursday, December 1
Thursday , January 26
Thursday, February 16
Thursday , April 6

Holiday Dinner & Initiation Meeting at ISC Room 1007 Meeting at ISC Room 1005 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



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>!

Fun Facts about Delta Kappa Gamma

- ✓ We are in 17 different countries
- ✓ Our state is in the Southwest Region
- ✓ You can Tweet with DKG @ DKG_SI
- ✓ You can like DKG on Facebook @ Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Acceptance and Tolerance

by Roni Jo Frazier

Many things do not happen by chance in this world and I feel this example is one that proves this belief. Our country seems to be in turmoil and the education world feeling this strain so it is so timely that we have programs like this one. This month many school districts around the country and specifically in the Houston area are celebrating The No Place for Hate® initiative started in 2001. The No Place for Hate® initiative provides educators and students with the resources to ensure that anti-bias and diversity education are an integral part of the school curriculum. No Place for Hate® also helps to create and sustain inclusive school environments where all students feel valued and have the opportunity to succeed by promoting respect for individual difference while challenging bigotry and prejudice. (www.houstonadl.org/noplaceforhate)

The education of students is far from being centered on just teaching the academics, and with a greater emphasis on educating our students to be better citizens, this type of program provides for a framework to teach our young children how to be tolerant and accepting people. Classrooms and schools can be battle grounds for many students and initiatives like this help provide a safe, more accepting educational environment for all.

With the news media and recent electoral coverage flooding the internet and televisions, it is important that we remember that our educational system is responsible for providing characterbuilding support such as this initiative. It is hard for students to learn who they are and develop their beliefs in a world that portrays such hatred for so many people. As educators we have the opportunity to provide an education to our students that centers around equality and acceptance.

For more information about supporting The No Place for Hate® initiative within Humble ISD please visit Humble ISD <u>www.humbleisd.net</u>.



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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

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