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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

My heart overflows as I think back over the past year and all that Lambda Delta has accomplished! Belinda Zoet spearheaded collecting 40 backpacks full of school supplies and socks and underwear for children of FamilyTime's clients. Bonnie Longnion gathered representatives of three organizations that support women and children in the community for a panel discussion, and we used what we learned as impetus for some of our collections/service projects this year. We collected food and school supplies for FamilyTime and HAAM and coffee supplies and cookies for the Women's Center at Kingwood College. At Susan Barrow's garage sale we raised over \$400 for the Lambda Delta Educational Grant selling our collectibles (junk) that Loweta Jorgensen collected in her garage over many months, and what wasn't sold was taken to HAAM. We collected over 400 books and delivered them to Title 1 elementary schools in Humble and Splendora. We heard from our State Representative and the new Humble ISD Superintendent. We celebrated the Season at Marian Mannix's home, and we hosted Mu Pi for our Schools for Africa program. We initiated five new members and reinstated two. We awarded \$600 to a deserving KPHS graduate as she begins her training to become an educator. We got an Annie Award and an Exemplary Yearbook Award! We enjoyed the Founders' Day Dinner/Spring Banquet at the Overlook. We lent our support to a sister whose son had a devastating injury and to another sister whose husband passed away. Many of our sisters courageously met medical challenges – Gayle Cunningham, Kathy Hogan, Tina Smith, and Belinda Zoet to name a few. We do want to be support for each other, so please do let us know when you could use a little TLC, OK?

Next up: The TSO Convention June 22-24, 2017. I'm really pleased that many of you will be not only attending but also volunteering! Last I heard they could still use some help with "Lost and Found" and manning the Guest Book that everyone signs. Both are sit-down jobs. Volunteers are also needed to walk around to check to see if speakers have the AV equipment they need. (Note: You don't have to know how to fix anything, just how to contact someone for help if it's needed.) Next week I'll compose a list of those who are going from Lambda Delta, Mu Pi and Nu Beta, complete with contact info to facilitate car pools. (Thanks for the suggestion, Dottie Willner!) Please let me know if you are going. It will be a lot of fun!! Roni Jo Frazier and Courtney McGrew will present a session, and Mu Pi is hosting a booth where MOSAIC items will be sold. (Why didn't we think of that?!) Volunteers are

also needed to man that booth, by the way. Even though Mu Pi is sponsoring that booth, I'm sure they'd welcome our offer of assistance, and it would be a show of support for Roni Jo.

Next year: Bonnie and I very much want to survey members about WHEN and WHERE to have our meetings; suggestions for programs that would be beneficial, interesting, and fun; whether you'd like arts/crafts more often; when we should nominate and initiate members; whether or not to have a May meeting, etc. Is there something that we could do differently so that more members could participate more frequently? If you are a member who knows how to use Survey Monkey or something like that to poll the members, I need your help! We want to make it easy to respond so that we'll get as many responses as possible.

Hang in there, those of you still in the trenches! It's almost over!

Love, Carol

Congratulations are in order for Melanie Rinaudo, the 2017 recipient of the Lambda Delta Educational Grant. Melanie will graduate from Kingwood Park High School Saturday night. Her future plans include a degree in education and a teacher's certificate. Pictured with are her counselor Kelly Kilpatrick, KPHS Principal Lisa Drabing, Lambda Delta Chapter President Carol Smith, and KPHS Associate Principal Brian Johnson. Lambda Delta is a local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional honor society of key women educators. dkglambdadelta.weebly.com



State Convention News...

June 22 – 24, 2017



2017 Unifying Project

Child Advocate Needs for DKG – TSO June Convention

For health reasons, the items must be new

Gift cards to:

- ❖ Target
- ❖ Amazon
- ❖ Wal-Mart
- ❖ Visa/MasterCard
- ❖ Amazon
- ❖ Office Depot
- ❖ Costco/Sam's

Younger Children:

- ❖ Children's' Books
- ❖ Coloring Books and Crayons
- ❖ Stuffed Animals
- ❖ Action Figures
- ❖ Educational Toys
- ❖ Educational Games
- ❖ Art Sets

Preteen and Teen Girl:

- ❖ Manicure set, Nail file, nail polish
- ❖ Hand cream or lotion, Lip gloss or bath wash
- ❖ Decorative t-shirts or Cute socks
- ❖ Books, journals, colorful pens
- ❖ Small Purse, wallet

Preteen and Teen Boy:

- ❖ Manicure set
- ❖ AXE shaving cream or deodorant
- ❖ Comb/Brush
- ❖ Decorative t-shirts or Socks
- ❖ Books, journals
- ❖ Keychain or Wallet

Smith

As proud owners of the Smith Tree Farm in Dotson, Texas, Jamey and I are members of the Rusk County Electric Cooperative, so we get a monthly copy of Texas Co-op Power magazine. The April 2017 edition included a delightful article about Moorhead's Blueberry Farm between Porter and Conroe, a pick-your-own place where I took my boys twenty-five or thirty years ago. Right there in paragraph six I read "On one row, I meet **Karen Seay**, a retired seventh-grade science teacher who drives about 30 minutes from Kingwood every blueberry season." What a pleasant surprise to see my Lambda Delta sister's name in a publication that I don't normally associate with Karen!

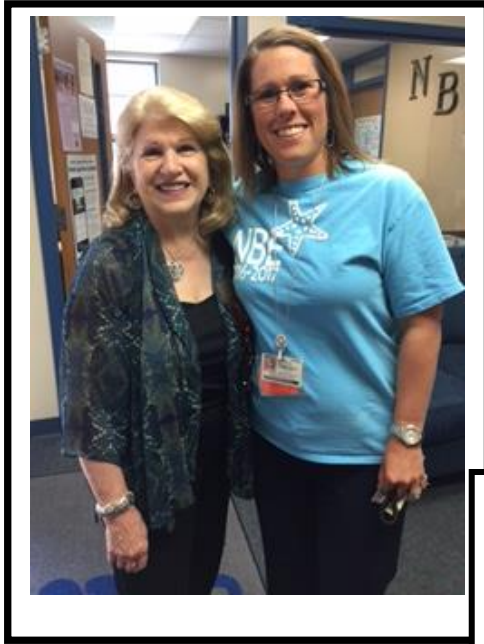
As a retired elementary school principal, Albert Moorhead, father of Mu Pi member Brenda Pearson, started the farm in the mid-70s after attending a field trip to A&M's experimental blueberry farm in Overton. Mr. Moorhead was a descendant of farmers and an A&M graduate (OK, Carla and Jennifer, I heard you "whoop"), so he bought blueberry plants from North Carolina and started one of the first blueberry farms in Texas. He invited his friends help him with the first harvest, sending the berries home with them at no charge. When they were reluctant to return because they felt guilty about the free fruit, he started charging \$1 per pound and they took him up on the offer. In the 80's Brenda began putting fliers in the teachers' mailboxes at KHS (where we both taught) inviting us to come pick the berries that were beginning to ripen just as school was about end for another year. The charge was still just \$1, and we were encouraged to taste (eat!) all the berries we wanted as we selected from several different varieties the bushes we wanted to harvest. Matt and Mike certainly did plenty of taste testing as they picked!!

According to the magazine, the farm now has 9000 bushes, the charge is \$2.50 per pound, and picking season runs from late May through July. They also sell honey (that you don't collect yourself!) from the bees that pollinate the berry bushes for \$5 per 12-ounce bottle. For more information visit moorheadsblueberryfarm.com.

Reference: "Aisles of Blue" by Ruth Fields, in the "Hit the Road" section of Texas Co-op Power Magazine, April 2017. <http://222.texascoopower.com/travel/gulf-coast/aisles-of-blue>

Books!!

Everyone did an amazing job collecting and the books were delivered!



Upcoming Events – Plan Ahead to Attend:

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



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

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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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