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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 New Year, Lambda Delta Sisters! Hope your holidays were wonderful and that you're all refreshed and ready to take on 2016!

We had a delightful time at our December meeting, didn't we? Many thanks to Loweta Jorgensen for opening up her beautiful home and to all of you who brought delicious contributions to our Pot Luck! We collected 110.8 pounds of food for HAAM (wow!) and officially initiated four new members. We thoroughly enjoyed catching up with good friends and getting to know other members better. Cheryl Moore spoke about the symbolism in the "Twelve Days of Christmas" before we ate. After dinner we sang the "Twelve Days of Lambda Delta" to give the new members an introduction to some of our chapter's traditions.

Our next meeting is Thursday, January 14, 2016, at the Kingwood High School Library (top floor). There is an elevator, but it needs a key, so look for someone to facilitate that. We will celebrate Lambda Delta's 36th Birthday, officially initiate some more new members, and hear from some members who have received scholarships and grants from Delta Kappa Gamma. (They can explain how you can get one, too.) Please invite any inactive or former members to join us for this Birthday celebration! Prospective members are always welcome as well. We'll even have birthday cake!

At the January meeting we'll collect gently-used (or new) purses for The Door as well as any of the other needed items mentioned in the article later in this newsletter. We'll continue the on-going book drive for new elementary teachers and the on-going school supplies collection for Africa.

Looking forward to seeing you then, even if you have to come a little late or leave a little early, Carol

Calendar of 2015-2016 Meeting Dates:

Updates: Please note the changes in our meeting schedule – please correct your yellow calendar magnets to reflect the highlighted changes. Meetings are held at the ISC Building unless noted otherwise. Social time with refreshments begins at 4:15 PM and the meetings begin at 4:30 PM.

THURSDAY, January 14 Meeting at Kingwood High School - Library

THURSDAY, February 25 Meeting at ISC Room 1005

THURSDAY, April 21 5:30 pm - Homewood Suites - Founders' Day Banquet

Sneak Peek at Plans for January

Our Program and Business: Birthday Celebration and Initiation ceremony for new members; Also, learn about the many opportunities for scholarships offered through DKG membership. Join us in the Kingwood High School Library 4:15 pm social; 4:30 pm meeting. Hope to see you there!

Meditation: Sarah Ballard Refreshments: Carol Kollehner, Derry Summer, Gayle Stahl, Carla Craig, Caryn Uttenweiler, Karri Bergeron

Door Prizes: Carol Kollehner, Derry Summer, Gayle Stahl, Karri Bergeron

Our Projects:

1. Book Drive (Sept. – Feb.) - We'll collect new and gently-used children's books to give to Early Career Educators for their classroom, as we did last year. (This is a great way to use up your Kohl's cash! Also the Kingwood Library's FOLK bookstore offers a great selection of used children's books for \$1 or less.) Last year we donated over 250 books to educators at six area schools.
2. Schools for Africa (Sept. – Feb.) - donations of school supplies to benefit Schools for Africa.
3. Donations of items for The Door – new or gently used purses for the women served by The Door and other items of need (see article below for items that are needed).



“The Door” and FamilyTime Crisis & Counseling Center A Treasured Part of the Humble Community

by Carol Smith

At the FamilyTime Crisis & Counseling Center's Purple Ribbon Luncheon October 9th, their remarkable 2014 service statistics were printed in the program: 733 – Shelter Occupancy; 49 – Sexual assault victims accompanied to local hospitals for treatment; 4,355 – Sessions of free counseling provided to victims of abuse and other violent crimes; 2,055 – Sessions of low-cost counseling provided to non-victims; 16,377 – Calls answered on the 24-hour helpline; 1,484 – Total number of unduplicated calls assisted with victim services; 1,117 – Volunteers who donated their time to FamilyTime; 21,808 – Hours of volunteer assistance donated to FamilyTime; 240 – Educational presentations and training sessions provided to the community. “The Door” is FamilyTime's shelter and houses up to 38 victims of abuse and their children in a safe and nurturing environment. The women and children receive meals, counseling, and other needed services in preparation for transition to a more permanent and stable environment. Opened in 1996, “The Door” continues to be the only all-inclusive shelter and crisis center in Northeast Harris County serving victims of domestic violence and their children. (from <http://familytimeecc.org/the-door>)

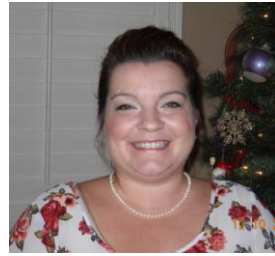
We can help “The Door” by collecting items of need and bringing your donations to our January meeting. What items are needed? Please consider donating diapers, baby shampoo, baby wipes, diaper rash ointment, baby lotion, baby formula, paper towels, toilet tissue, twin-size bed linens, pillows, blankets, towels (bath, kitchen, & hand), brooms & dustpans, mops & mop heads, household cleaning products, liquid laundry detergent & bleach, garbage bags, ladies underwear, ladies bras, girls underwear, boys underwear, adult & children pain relievers, adult & children cough & cold medicine, Neosporin, band-aids, adult & children's benadryl, rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, orajel, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, make-up, hair brushes & accessories, body lotion, toothpaste & toothbrushes, mouthwash & dental floss, maxi pads & tampons, or school supplies. Your January donation of a ladies purse along with any of these items will be much appreciated!

December Meeting Highlights

Our latest meeting was held on December 10 and included our Holiday celebration with lots of good food, drink and fellowship and our first Initiation Ceremony of the year for new members (more initiations to follow this spring at our coming meetings). Everyone enjoyed the festivities and meeting four new members who are pictured here. →

We look forward to seeing them again along with others who could not attend but will be initiated in either Jan. or Feb. We'll enjoy getting to know them better in the coming months. Welcome to Lambda Delta!

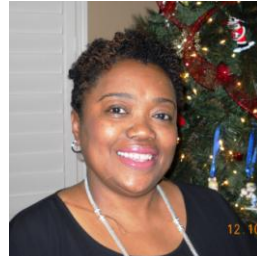
Below are some other pictures of the December meeting and other festivities from the evening.



Roni Jo Frazier



Belinda Zoet-King



Sheila Posada



Eileen Booher



Check out all of our websites: Lambda Delta is www.dkqlambdadelta.weebly.com
Alpha State is www.dkgtxas.org
International is www.dkg.org

Quotable Quotes:

In our first issue we introduced a new feature entitled "Quotable Quotes." Do you have an inspirational quote, one that will inspire and uplift our chapter members? We will proudly list your quotes in upcoming issues. This month's contribution:

"Be Yourself; An Original is Always Worth More Than a Copy" Unknown

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

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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Recording Secretary: Derry Summer

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Widmier

Treasurer: Loweta Jorgensen

Parliamentarian: Cheryl Moore

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

January Birthdays

9 Frankie Wilson
20 Karri Bergeron

February Birthdays

7 Carol Smith
8 Karen Seay

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