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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:

What a delightful evening at Marian Mannix's home on December 3, 2014! Thank you, Marian, for opening your lovely home, for letting us enjoy the festive decorations and inviting ambience. We had over thirty-five key women educators in attendance, with an abundance of delicious food, door prizes, candles, music, fun, and fellowship. We filled up the space under the baby grand piano with toys and food for HAAM, which Marian and Gerry delivered the very next day. We brought six new members into the fold and look forward to getting to know them better!

On January 15th we'll have our next meeting at the ISC, room 1005, 4:15 – 5:45. We'll celebrate Lambda Delta's 35th birthday, which is actually January 19th. We can compare pictures from the twentieth century to those from the twenty-first century... Sounds intriguing, doesn't it? I'll be sending an email to let you know what the focus of the HAAM collection will be, and we'll have a Doggie Bag to collect (voluntary) donations for the soldiers' canine partners (more on that project from Gaylan Chadwick). Rosie the Pig will be there to relieve you of any change that's weighing down your purse, which she will ultimately pass on to ASTEF.

I'm writing this on the last day of school for the 2014 calendar year. This time last year I was taking down decorations in my room, watering the plants & putting them close to the window so they'd survive the wonderfully long break, getting ready to go home & relax after getting the final exams graded. Since I am now a retired educator this year is very different! I'm thinking about you ladies "still in the trenches", still making a difference in children's lives on a daily basis. Our calling is noble and oh so rewarding, isn't it? Have a well-deserved break!

Carol Smith, President

Calendar of Future Meeting Dates:

THURSDAY, January 15, 2015, ISC, room 1005	4:15-5:45 pm
THURSDAY, February 19, 2015, ISC, room 1005	4:15-5:45 pm
TUESDAY, April 14, 2015, Founders' Day Banquet, Mu Pi hosting at The Overlook	

Welcome New Members!

Connie Johnson, Membership Chair

At our December meeting at Marian's home, we welcomed our six newest members. Thanks to the Celebrations Committee for performing an inspiring initiation ceremony where all six nominees were officially welcomed to membership. Here are our newest members:

Carla Craig – Math teacher at Kingwood High School - recommended by Rhian Webb.

Corinna Ferrier – Instructional Coach at Garrett Elementary, Sheldon ISD

Sara Broussard – Assistant Principal at Garrett Elementary, Sheldon ISD

Rachel Walker – Principal at Garrett Elementary, Sheldon ISD

Karri Bergeron – Math / Science Instructional Coach at Garrett Elementary, Sheldon ISD

Tara Badeaux – Science Lab, Interventionist at Garrett Elementary, Sheldon ISD

These last five ladies were all recommended by Gayle Stahl who has worked with them recently as she provided consultant training at their school.

Please note the following article, submitted by our President, Carol Smith, spotlighting one of the new members. Watch for additional news in the coming months to highlight other new members and help us get to know them better.

Getting to Know You – Carla Craig

By Carol Smith

Carla Craig grew up in Houston, graduating from Eisenhower High School. After graduation from Texas A&M she returned to Eisenhower as a math teacher. In 1997 she joined the Math Department at Kingwood High and has been making a big difference there ever since. During her career she has taught courses ranging from Algebra 1 to Calculus and has worked with all levels of ability from reluctant learners to GT/Honors students. She was integral (a math pun there!) in the start-up of GRAD, a credit recovery program at KHS.



The year that we taught in adjoining rooms, I could hear (through the shared door) what she did in PreCal 1st period. Having taught PreCal for over 10 years, I thought I knew it all. More than once I was inspired to toss my “warm up” or explanation and copy hers! I learned so very much from her that year!

Carla is married to Chip, and they have two daughters named Katy and Laura and a vivacious, loving puppy named Maggie. Katy has finished her first degree at A&M and is now in grad school at UT (a.k.a. tu) and is engaged to be married next year. Laura is currently a student-athlete (cross country) at A&M. Katy played golf at KHS. Chip is actually a golf pro. Carla chases after Maggie when she decides to explore the Greenbelt! A very athletic family! Carla is also an accomplished cook who is not afraid to tackle any recipe. She impressed us all at one party by “cooking” shrimp by just letting it soak in lime juice! It was great!

Welcome to Lambda Delta, Carla!!

December Meeting Highlights:

Our traditional December meeting, always a favorite with our members, was held on December 3 at Marian Mannix's home. Members shared a pot luck dinner, learned of each other's holiday plans, and also welcomed six new members to our chapter. After a welcome from our president the program turned to our Initiation Ceremony. A beautiful ceremony was organized by our Celebrations Committee chair, Susan Barrow - DKG memorabilia, candles, roses, music and the officers who would perform the ceremony. Following the initiation members sang the DKG song, and Carol Smith led us in singing her clever version of "The 12 Days of Lambda Delta Christmas". Everyone congratulated our newest members and received festive ornaments. It was a perfect evening – good food, fellowship and lots of holiday spirit.



Congratulations to the new Lambda Delta members. Pictured here are (l-r): Karrie Bergeron, Corrina Ferrier, Tara Badeaux, Sara Broussard, Rachel Walker, and Carla Craig.



Board Members performing the Initiation Ceremony for our new members are (l-r): Eileen Debo, Mary Widmier, Marian Mannix, and Carol Smith.

From the Treasurer

After the installation of 6 new members in December, we now have 44 active members, 5 reserve members and 2 honorary members. Don't forget that we always welcome reinstatements so if you know of someone who was previously a member, but had to resign for personal reasons, please invite them back. Reinstatements only have to come to our meeting and pay the current year's dues and we welcome them back with open arms.

Loweta Jorgensen, Treasurer

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

January Birthdays

9 Frances "Frankie" Wilson
12 Mary Sanders
20 Karri Bergeron

February Birthdays

7 Carol Smith
8 Karen Seay

Happy Birthday to Lambda Delta – Join Us on January 15

Join us at the Humble ISD Instructional Support Center, Room 1005, 4:15 - 5:45 pm to celebrate the birthday of Lambda Delta. Our chapter was founded 35 years ago, on January 19, 1980 by 17 key women educators, 2 of which are still very active in our chapter activities. At this meeting we will conduct chapter business, learn about the history of our chapter, view pictures from the past and the present, and renew and celebrate our membership. Join us for birthday cake, a review of Spring events, door prize drawings and more. A reminder of those who signed up for:

Meditation: Rhian Webb

Refreshments: Carol Kollehner, Dottie Willner, Debbie Huxhol, and Mary Widmier

Door Prizes: Carol Kollehner, Marian Mannix, Dottie Willner, Martha Schaffert, and Debbie Huxhol

Chapter Projects

This year our membership will participate in a number of projects that will benefit early-career teachers at various area schools, needy families in our community, and some world-wide efforts. Here's a short review of what our members will do this year:

- **Ronald McDonald House Collection:** In September members donated personal products for cancer patients and their families.
- **Book Collections:** From August through February, bring new or gently used children's books which will be donated to the classroom collections of area Early-Career teachers.
- **On-going HAAM Collections:** In our commitment of on-going support of HAAM activities we collected school supplies in August and September. In October through December we collected canned goods for the local food pantry and Holiday care packages and also toys and gift cards to assist families with holiday presents for their children.
- **Global Efforts:** Our chapter membership will contribute to the DKG World Fellowship Fund to provide college scholarships for women in other countries and Schools in Africa. We will also donate items for the Alpha State Unifying Project supporting Boys and Girls Clubs of San Antonio, and we'll be collecting spare change for ASTEF (Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation) which provides grants for teacher and chapter projects.

For the January Meeting: How can you support our projects? Bring any or all of these:

- New or used children's books for classroom collections
- Spare change for our "Rosie the Pig" bank for ASTEF
- HAAM project – Watch for an email from Carol telling us of HAAM's needs this month
- For those who wish to contribute – we'll pass around a "Doggie Bag" for donations for the K-9 Military Dogs project.

International Theme: 2014-2016

85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

Alpha State Theme: 2013-2015

Expand the Vision: Educate, Inspire, Encourage

Lambda Delta Theme: 2014-2016

Advancing Our Vision as Key Women Educators

Opportunities for Members!

Now is a great time to consider the opportunities available through your membership in Lambda Delta and the Texas State Organization. Here are some of them. You can find more information and application forms at the state website: www.alphastatetexas.org

Personal Growth and Involvement:

- Attend the 86th TSO state convention, scheduled this summer in San Antonio at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, located on the Riverwalk. Dates are **June 25-27, 2015**
For hotel reservations: <http://86thtsoconvention.weebly.com>
For convention info: <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/lonestarnews/2014.winter.pdf>
- Attend the Regional DKG Conference, scheduled for **July 22-25, 2015** in Wichita, Kansas
More info: <https://www.dkg.org/events>

Leadership:

- Serve on a state committee - Applications are due **Feb. 1**. Currently, Susan Barrow and Mary Widmier are on state committees and they can tell you more about the work of committees and how easy it is to apply. <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/deadlines.html>
- Publish an article in the *Lone Star News* - Articles are due **Feb. 1**.
<http://www.alphastatetexas.org/lonestarnews/2014.winter.pdf>
- Be a presenter at the state convention in San Antonio in June – Applications to present due **March 15**. <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/lonestarnews/2014.winter.pdf>

Grants and Scholarships: Funding for undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral study plus opportunities for mini-grants for adult education, educational travel, and professional development – Applications are due **March 1** <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/scholarships.html>

Red Roses to:

- ✓ **Marian Mannix** who is featured in the Winter issue of the *Lone Star News*, in a photo on page 14. Our thanks to Marian who presented a session at the Area 18 Fall Workshop in September. Find it at <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/lonestarnews/2014.winter.pdf>
- ✓ **Mary Widmier** will present a session on Digital Scrapbooking on January 17 at STAR, the Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat, at Camp Allen in Navasota. This retreat will benefit ASTEF.

Questions? Contact one of your Lambda Delta Officers:

President: Carol Smith; 1st Vice President: Gaylan Chadwick; 2nd Vice President: Eileen Debo; Recording Secretary: Derry Summer; Corresponding Secretary: Mary Widmier; Treasurer: Loweta Jorgensen and Parliamentarian: Cheryl Moore

Newsletter Submissions

Please send news submissions, additions or corrections for The Ledger via email to: Mary Widmier to mary.widmier@yahoo.com and copy your submission to Carol Smith at cks2752@gmail.com Next deadline for the newsletter is January 21.

