



# Lambda Delta Chapter

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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 Notes

Happy New Year! Here's hoping that each of you had a wonderful and restful holiday season and that you are greeting 2014 with much anticipation of good things to come. We have so much to be thankful for, with Lambda Delta and its close friendships being one of them!

Our December meeting and holiday party was really nice. Thanks to everyone who shared good dishes for our meal, those who brought books and canned goods to donate, those who brought door prizes, and to everyone who shared their holiday spirit and contributed to the wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. We also were fortunate to have the initiation of two new members. Welcome to our newest members, CaLandra Pervis and Frankie Wilson!

Your officers and committee chairs are at work behind the scenes to prepare for our January 16 meeting which will feature the celebration of Lambda Delta's 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the initiation of one more new member, and nominations for a new slate of officers who will serve our chapter for the 2014-2016 biennium. Also in January, on Saturday, Jan. 25, Lambda Delta will once again assist the Humble ISD Librarians at the district's Children's Book Festival by hosting a raffle fundraiser. Read on to learn more about this event and how you can help with this worthy project.



### PROJECT BOOKS! STILL COUNTING!

Thanks to all **Lambda Delta** members for the great response to our ongoing project of collecting new and gently used books for new teachers. We now have **176 books!** We were hoping to reach a goal of 150 books, but we have surpassed that and still counting! Generous members have donated books and cash for shopping for more books. After the February meeting the Executive Board will designate the drop-off schools to receive these wonderful book contributions. Imagine the delighted faces of the teachers and students! **At this rate, with the January and February meetings still ahead of us, do you think we can reach 200 books?**

## Making an Impact on Our Future

Looking for a way to make our DKG chapter even better than it already is? Step forward and say "YES! I can help. Where do you need me?" The chapter has many areas of participation, but one of the most fulfilling and rewarding is to hold an office and be part of the leadership team. Officers work side by side with the chapter's membership on all activities and events and have a great time! By virtue of your membership in DKG you have already been recognized as a leader in education so you definitely have the necessary skills to be a part of the leadership team.

Now is the time to let us know of your interest! Whether you have assisted one of our committees this year or you are new to membership, there is most likely a place for you to be involved! If you have any questions regarding a particular office, please don't hesitate to contact one of this year's officers or call Susan Barrow, chair of the Nominations Committee. We would love to hear from you. Officers to be elected are:

President  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary

We will also be electing a new Nominating Committee for the 2016-18 biennium. If you would like to serve Lambda Delta as an officer or as a member of the next Nominating Committee please contact Susan Barrow or Mary Widmier by email or phone no later than Friday, January 10 to indicate your interest. You can reach Susan at [barrowsusan13@yahoo.com](mailto:barrowsusan13@yahoo.com) or by calling 281-358-3223. Email Mary at [mary.widmier@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.widmier@yahoo.com) or call her at 281-361-6125.

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## Access One of the Many Benefits of Your DKG Membership: Apply for a Scholarship or Mini-Grant

Now is the time to consider applying for an Alpha State Scholarship or Mini-Grant. Deadline for all applications is March 1. There are various types of awards available – anything from scholarships for college credit of either 3, 6, or 9 hours to mini-grants for travel, adult education experiences, or professional development. All forms of applications require letters of recommendation. Therefore, if you are interested please contact your chapter president, Mary Widmier, as soon as possible. More information will be available at the January meeting or you can find guidelines and application forms for all scholarships and grants on the Alpha State website at the following URL: <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/scholarships.html>



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LAMBDA DELTA IN JANUARY!**  
**Lambda Delta will be thirty-four years old in the month of January of 2014. We will celebrate with activities and honored guests. We're looking forward to seeing you on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the ISC building. See you there! Happy Birthday to us!**

## Children's Book Festival – Coming Soon!

Looking for a great event to attend in January that is not only interesting for adults but also is of great benefit to children and their love of reading? Then the Humble ISD Children's Book Festival is perfect for you! This event will be held at Atascocita Middle School on Saturday, January 25, 9 am to 1 pm, and is always interesting and fun to attend. Please consider volunteering and help us sell raffle tickets for 30 minutes or an hour that day. All of our proceeds will benefit the Librarians and their efforts in hosting authors and promoting children's literacy. Contact Mary Widmier at [mary.widmier@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.widmier@yahoo.com) to indicate when you can volunteer at the event.

Can't attend but want to help in some other way? Our chapter will be donating a raffle basket with the theme of "A Spa Get-Away". We are currently taking donations of spa or luxury-related items such as candles, lotions, and personal care items. We are also in need of monetary donations so that we might add gift certificates for a massage, facial, manicure or pedicure to the package. Our own Derry Summer, Librarian at Bear Branch Elementary, is coordinating the raffle baskets and other events that day and would greatly appreciate your support. You can drop off your donated items or donation of cash no later than January 15 to either Derry or Mary or bring donations to the January 16 meeting. Thanks for helping with this wonderful community project!

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## Check Your Calendars!

Meetings & Events scheduled for the Spring of 2014 are as follows:

Thurs, Jan 16	ISC Building, Room 1007	4:15 – 5:45 pm
Sat, Jan 25	Children's Book Festival, Atascocita MS	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tues, Feb 11	ISC Building, Room 1038	4:15 – 5:45 pm
Thurs, April 10	Kingwood CC, Founders' Day Banquet	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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

### January Birthdays:

12 Mary Sanders  
25 Pat Carona

### February Birthdays:

7 Carol Smith  
8 Karen Seay  
26 Kaye Reifschneider

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## Lambda Delta Thought for the Day:

**It's not the amount of time you devote,  
But what you devote to the time that counts.**



## *Lambda Delta Officers*

*President: Mary Widmier*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Marian Mannix*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Eileen Debo*

*Recording Secretary: Carol Smith*

*Corresponding Secretary: Dottie Willner*

*Treasurer: Loweta Jorgensen*

*Parliamentarian: Cheryl Moore*

**International Theme: 2012-2014**

*Sharing Our Vision ~ Strengthening Our Society*

**Alpha State Theme: 2013-2015**

*Expand the Vision: Educate, Inspire, Encourage*

**Lambda Delta Theme: 2012-2014**

*Exploring Possibilities for Our Future*

### **Programs:**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lambda Delta!  
Lambda Delta History**

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Project: Children's Book Festival  
Believe in Peter Pan, Believe in Books  
Fundraiser: Humble ISD Libraries**

**February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Denim & Diamonds Round-up  
Rounding up support for World Fellowship & Schools in Africa**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Founders' Day Dinner  
Women United & Standing Strong**

