



# Lambda Delta Chapter The Ledger



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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

Dear Lambda Delta Sisters,

What a wonderful evening we had in April with our banquet!! Thanks to those who met at Homewood Suites last September to see if we could make it work for only \$30/ticket, and to those who found stuff on line (mirrors and favors). Thanks to those who took abstract plans for the program and ideas for decorations and refined and improved them at the Executive Board meeting in March. Thanks to the bag lady (who assembled the little red bags), to the sister who volunteered to pick up four dozen fat red roses, and to the sister who volunteered to take over the "Tribute to the Founders" part of the program. Thanks to those who lovingly created and edited and re-edited the lovely program and to those who came early to make the room & tables look elegant. Then when the NHS help didn't arrive as planned, thanks so much to those who jumped up and started serving water!!! (I almost cried with panic, then relief!) Thanks to all for being patient and gracious when we needed more water, more salad, more chicken. You laughed at my jokes and were supportive when I stumbled over some of the words on my carefully planned script. You remarked how attractive the roses were lying on the table after I knocked over the vase. You were wonderful! On top of everything else, you gave me the pretty little rose guard for my pin, a symbol for the Chapter Achievement Award! Wow! Thank you! Just can't say it enough.

All throughout the biennium the members of this chapter have been such an encouragement! At the September 2014 meeting it felt like the wheels were falling off. I left some pretty important props (the door prize slips, bowls, and pens) and the roses for our speaker (Karen Kilby) at home, and was feeling downright incompetent! For thirteen years I never really realized what all was done before a meeting!! My fellow officers realized the problems and came up with solutions!

All through the biennium the chapter has been amazingly generous in supporting all the projects! I always knew with my mind that I was part of the sisterhood of Lambda Delta, but over the past two years and especially after that banquet, I knew with my heart that I was totally supported by my sisters!!! I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know my sisters better and hope to get to know even more of you even better as the years march on! Can't wait to see what the next biennium brings!

Love you!

Carol

## Chapter Project for Early Career Educators



Lambda Delta's main project this year was a book project aimed at Early Career Educators. Thanks to everyone who donated books for this worthwhile project! A record number of 613 books were collected and will be donated to libraries at new schools and to schools with early career educators for their classrooms. Members volunteered their time to meet in April at BBE to sort out and bag all of the donated books for distribution. (l-r): Mary Widmier, Derry Summer, Marian Mannix, Susan Barrow, Loweta Jorgensen, Carol Smith, Cheryl Moore, and Connie Johnson.

## Annie Award – We're a Winner!

Lambda Delta received the Annie Award again this year for our February program, entitled “*Schools for Africa – Building Connections*”. The Annie Award is our Texas State Organization's recognition of outstanding programs. Recipients of this prestigious award are selected by the state's Programs and Special Projects Committee and are publicly recognized by being listed on the state website. In addition, there will be a display area for Annie winners at state convention. We will highlight our winning program and allow everyone to see what great things are going on in our chapter.

Congratulations to Marian Mannix who not only planned and facilitated the program, but also submitted the (somewhat complicated) paperwork so we could be considered for the award! Thanks to Carol Smith for her input on the application and to Mary Widmier who graciously helped Marian edit the “final copy” and to project our thoughts so eloquently on paper. Thanks to members for supporting the program by participating during the meeting that day and by donating to the project of school supplies all year long! Marian recently delivered our collection of school supplies to our contact person and speaker, Gloria Bain, who is excited to deliver the supplies to African village schools on her trip this summer.



Pictured here (l-r): Program planner Marian Mannix and Speaker Gloria Bain.

## Be Thinking about Membership for Next Year:

“Yeah” for our seven new members this year! This month or over the summer we need you to think of someone you could recommend for membership next year & start recruiting her by sharing what DKG offers and does to support excellence in education. We recommend that you to think not only of prospective new members but also of former members whom you can recruit for reinstatement.

It is true that regular attendance and participation in projects help a member feel more a part of the group and reap intangible benefits. However, everyone who pays their dues and identifies themselves with the group automatically helps with many worthwhile projects. In addition, they also signify approval of and belief in the goals of the organization. The form to recommend new members can be found on our Lambda Delta website. To access the form go to: [www.dkglambdadelta.weebly.com/forms](http://www.dkglambdadelta.weebly.com/forms)

## Pictures from our Founders' Day Banquet in April:



Carol Smith moderates the program and welcomes everyone to the banquet.



Cheryl, Connie, Marian, Loweta, and Susan present a tribute to The Founders.



Marilyn Gregory, Alpha State President, delivers her message to members attending the dinner.



Marian, Mary Linda, and Susan announce this year's winner of the Achievement Award – our own Carol Smith!!!



Belinda Zoet announces this year's student grant-in-aid winners.



State officers Sandi Causey and Marilyn Gregory with Carol Smith.

## Chapter Officers:

**Lambda Delta Officers for 2014-2016** thank you for your commitment and dedication to excellence in education. It was truly an honor to represent such a wonderful group of educators! Pictured here are (l-r): Cheryl Moore, Carol Smith, Loweta Jorgensen, Eileen Debo, Mary Widmier and Gaylan Chadwick at the 2015 Founders' Day Banquet. Thanks to you we had a fabulous two years. We appreciate all members who participated in our wonderful programs and who so generously donated to our chapter projects.

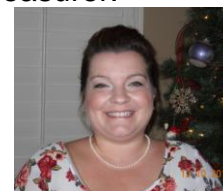


## Lambda Delta Officers for 2016-2018:

New officers were installed at the April banquet and are excited to start their new offices on July 1. Pictured here are (l-r): Carol Smith, continuing as President; Susan Barrow – Parliamentarian; Connie Johnson – Recording Secretary; Belinda Zoet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; Bonnie Longnion – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President; and Loweta Jorgensen, Treasurer.



Not included in the group photo (she had to leave early for "mom duties") but shown at right is Roni Jo Frazier, Corresponding Secretary



## Quotable Quotes:

In our first issue this year we introduced a new feature entitled “Quotable Quotes.” Here are a collection of quotes on life that we hope will not only get you through the end of the school year but also nurture you through the summer:

- *“What’s the difference between school and life? In school, you are taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you’re given a test that teaches you a lesson.”*
- *“Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder.”*
- *“Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.”*
- *“You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.” Mae West*

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

### May Birthdays

3 Jennifer Leadbetter  
5 Tina Smith  
13 Susan Barrow  
15 Rhian Webb  
29 Diane Sconzo  
30 Sarah Ballard

### June Birthdays

7 Gayle Stahl  
16 Eileen Debo  
20 Carole Robison

### July Birthdays

12 Sara Broussard  
15 Marguerite Baxter  
17 Belinda Zoet-King  
23 Tara Badeaux

### August Birthdays

4 Judy Dunnegan  
9 Devon Alexander  
10 Chris Pearce  
12 Mary Widmier  
13 Bonnie Longnion  
19 Debbie Prucha  
21 Janet Dickinson  
21 Rachel Walker

## Upcoming Events – Plan Ahead to Attend:

- **Texas State:** June 23-25, 2016 87<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention, Frisco, TX  
June 22-24, 2017 88<sup>th</sup> 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
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**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*