



# 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

Happy November, Lambda Delta Sisters! How nice to recapture the hour that we lost last Spring!

Great meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>!! We started our program by learning about yellow prospect cards from Carolyn Mashburn, then learned all about Humble ISD's MOSAIC program from Roni Jo Frazier. We started our business meeting by voting in seven new members (thanks to Karri Bergeron, Gayle Stahl, and Bonnie Longnion)! Before we left for the day, we found that Roni Jo had put her information on one of those yellow prospect cards before she had left so we took another vote and voted her in, too! (I did call her later to make sure that we had interpreted that completed yellow card correctly and that she was indeed interested in being a part of Lambda Delta!) Since then Bonnie Longnion heard back from yet another candidate saying that she would like to join also!

Connie Johnson and her committee are planning an Orientation for our New Members at Mary Widmier's home November 10<sup>th</sup> and you're invited to attend. Thanks to Mary for opening her home for that meeting. Including our voting by email it's quite possible that we'll be initiating nine new members at the Christmas party this year! You ladies continue to amaze me!! Thanks!

Speaking of the Christmas party, many thanks to Loweta Jorgensen for hosting us at her home again this year! We'll all bring a dish to share, celebrate the holiday season, and have a lovely and very special initiation ceremony to induct our newest members. Watch for an invitation with all of the details and an e-mail sign-up later this month. We'll also include more information about FamilyTime and "The Door", which is the charity for which we'll be collecting items at the party. They will always welcome receiving baby items, linens, cleaning and household supplies, school supplies, paper products, hygiene products, and medicine cabinet supplies.

Hope you have a wonderful time wherever and however you are celebrating Thanksgiving. I'm very thankful to be a part of a loving, giving, hard-working, intelligent, industrious, honorable, superb group of women named Lambda Delta! Happy Thanksgiving! Carol

**Check out all of our websites:** Lambda Delta is [www.dkqlambdadelta.weebly.com](http://www.dkqlambdadelta.weebly.com)  
Alpha State is [www.dkqtexas.org](http://www.dkqtexas.org)  
International is [www.dkq.org](http://www.dkq.org)

## Calendar for 2015 – 2016:

**Updates:** Please note the highlighted changes in our meeting schedule. Unless otherwise noted social time with refreshments begins at 4:15 PM and the meetings begin at 4:30 PM.

TUESDAY, November 10	4:30 pm – Mary Widmier’s home - New Member Orientation
THURSDAY, December 10	6:00 pm – Loweta Jorgensen’s home - Christmas Dinner and New Member Initiation
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

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## Sneak Peek at Plans for December

**Our Program and Business:** Holiday Celebration and Initiation ceremony of 9 new members  
Join us at Loweta Jorgensen’s home; 5 Links Court, Kingwood in Kingwood Greens; 6:00-8:00 pm

Meditation: Cheryl Moore                      Hostess Committee: Officers – Covered dish for all

Door Prizes: CaLandra Pervis; Karen Seay; Jennifer Leadbetter; Susan Barrow; Marian Mannix;  
Sarah Ballard; Caryn Uttenweiler, and Chris Pearce

### 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

Join us for the December 10 Meeting and Holiday Celebration. Hope to see you there!

## Books, Books, Books!



**By Marian Mannix**

Thank you! Thank you! As of our October meeting we now have 59 books. Why are we collecting? Early Career teachers need books to create classroom libraries for students. How sweet it is when you see children totally absorbed reading a great story! Keep that in mind when you ask friends and family to donate books from their own shelves. Also, I'll gladly come to pick-up books from you personally if you cannot get to a meeting. We are collecting until the month of February. See you on December 10th!

## Notes From Our Treasurer

**By Loweta Jorgensen**

**Reinstatement:** If you know of someone who has dropped their membership, please encourage them to return to Lambda Delta. They only have to pay dues and will immediately be reinstated...no application, etc.....just attend the next meeting if possible. Please contact Loweta at 281-358-8962 or at [LJorgy2@aol.com](mailto:LJorgy2@aol.com) or if there are any questions about reinstatement.

**Fundraising for Grants in Aid:** Some members have donated items to be sold on Kingwood Yard Sales to help raise money for our scholarship fund. We have raised over \$235 thus far. Do you have something you would like to contribute???? Perhaps you have come across something you would consider donating to sell. Loweta will pick it up.

## October Meeting Highlights

Our latest meeting was held on Oct. 28 and included two very interesting speakers and topics. Carolyn Mashburn spoke to our group on membership and ways to “Recruit, Retain, and Regain” members. It was a timely topic since our members then voted to add new members. Our thanks to Kerri Bergeron, Gayle Stahl, and Bonnie Longnion who recommended our latest recruits.



We then heard from Roni Jo Frasier, a staff member from the Humble ISD Cambridge School who gave us a great explanation of the MOSAIC program, a transitional program for Special Education students, ages 18-22. She also brought a good number of products which the students craft and then sell to benefit their program. We had a great time shopping their creative products.



## Member Spotlight:



Dottie and Gayle - “Shining Stars”



Derry and Sarah



Cheryl, Carol, Mary, Rhian, and Bonnie



Trish and Karen



Mary Widmier recently attended an event sponsored by the Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council (a coalition of all chapters in the greater Houston area). The event, a meeting and luncheon, was held on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Houston Racquet Club and hosted our new Alpha State President, Marilyn Gregory. Pictured here is Mary with Marilyn, who has been invited to return to our area and attend our Founders’ Day Banquet on April 21. Thank you, Marilyn, for serving DKG and being our inspiration!

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## 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 was sent from our President, Carol Smith:

*“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift: that's why they call it the present.”*  
*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## 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 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*

### *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*

*Parliamentarian: Cheryl Moore*

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

### November Birthdays

6 Brenda Ray  
8 Gayle Cunningham  
11 Patricia Patterson Wood  
12 Corinna Ferrier  
22 Susan Butler & Cheryl Moore

### December Birthdays

5 Nancy Bryan  
6 Kakie Palmer  
12 Marian Mannix  
30 Gaylan Chadwick

### January Birthdays

9 Frankie Wilson  
20 Karri Bergeron

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please send news submissions, additions or corrections for *The Ledger* to:

Mary Widmier via email: [mary.widmier@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.widmier@yahoo.com)

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Next Newsletter deadline is December 12.

