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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:

I sincerely hope this newsletter finds you in a festive mood, gearing up for the Holidays-- planning, shopping, decorating, wrapping (or bagging!), cooking, mailing, and grading. (It is the end of the semester for some of us, but that means NO grading over the holidays!).

A red rose goes to Eileen Debo for a gorgeous new Yearbook! I'm sure it will earn Exemplary Yearbook recognition! She got it off to the State Office and to our Area Coordinator in time for the Early Bird Award, too. So we're expecting Lambda Delta to earn at least three awards this year -- Two awards for the yearbook along with our TSO Certified Chapter Website!

On Thursday, November 20 I got to meet our new member candidates at Mary Widmier's home. Connie Johnson, our new Membership Chairman, did a great job with the orientation! I'm excited about our new members, a diverse group of educators coming from the classroom and administration, both elementary and secondary. We look forward to initiating them and getting to know them even better at our December meeting. That meeting will be held at the home of Marian Mannix, 20664 Southwood Oaks Drive, in Oakhurst, on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Even though it's a potluck dinner, we won't actually leave it all up to "luck". You should have already received an email listing the different categories for food for the potluck dinner. You can reply indicating the category that describes your dish, and then I'll send out a revised listing after Thanksgiving. An article by Gaylan Chadwick on page 2 of the newsletter gives specific information on our project donations for December.

Finally, it's not too early to make plans to attend the state convention in San Antonio, June 25-27, 2015. I'll be going and would definitely love to take some of my Lambda Delta sisters with me! Please let me know if you're considering attending.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Carol Smith, President**

## Calendar of Future Meeting Dates:

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 2014, 6:30 pm Christmas Banquet & New Member Initiation  
Join us at Marian Mannix's home

THURSDAY, January 15, 2015, ISC, room 1005

THURSDAY, February 19, 2015, ISC, room 1005

TUESDAY, April 14, 2015, Founders' Day Banquet, Mu Pi hosting at The Overlook

## Lambda Delta Celebrates!

Marian Mannix

On Wednesday, December 3 Lambda Delta will have our annual Christmas party scheduled this year at Marian Mannix's home at 6:30 PM. Members will bring a dish to share for the pot luck dinner. Many events are scheduled: a brief call to order by Carol K. Smith, our current president, a social time enjoying festive foods, singing holiday songs, and most importantly, an Initiation of new members. This special gathering is one of the favorite meetings of Lambda Delta. Also, our members will generously donate the much needed food items for the local H.A.A.M. food pantry and toys for HAAM's Empty Stocking Drive and Angel Tree to be delivered the next morning.

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## Serving our Community

By Gaylan Chadwick, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Program Chairman

Join us on December 3 in collecting food, toys and monetary donations for HAAM to serve the community's needs during the upcoming **Season of Sharing**. Why should you donate to this project? Those who benefit are the working poor in our own community, who are living in crisis or poverty and are trying to make ends meet. Although collecting and distributing food for needy families is something HAAM does year round, this time of year the need is especially great. Most needed are items such as stuffing mix, canned green beans, canned sweet corn, instant potatoes, Jiffy cornbread mix, turkey gravy (can or mix), canned fruit, dry beans and brownie mix. In lieu of goods, HAAM is also accepting monetary donations. A donation of \$30 will feed one family.

Along with the food items we are also holding a toy collection drive for HAAM. Toys for children of all ages and interests are hoped for, including gift cards for teenagers in need. The toys and gifts are distributed through a HAAM toy store, where parents are able to come and select gifts for their children. The families who benefit from the Empty Stocking Toy Drive are very appreciative. Toys will be distributed Dec. 12, 13, 15 and 16. In addition to physical toys, monetary donations are accepted. For those who may wish to donate specific items for children, the HAAM Angel Tree will open in Deerbrook Mall on the Friday after Thanksgiving and will run until Dec. 15. The Angel Tree is decorated with angel tags, each one including the name, age, gender, wish list items and a specific code number for a HAAM recipient. Donors can select a tag, purchase a gift and return it unwrapped with the coded tag to Deerbrook Mall.

HAAM is a faith-based organization that helps community residents in crisis by providing essential resources to move towards self-sufficiency. In 2013, HAAM holiday care packages went out to 8,424 individuals and over 6,000 gifts were distributed. The Seasons of Sharing food and toy drives make it possible for HAAM to keep doing the good work that they do. So, please be generous and celebrate the season and help us make the holiday season a brighter one for those in our community! Take Care, Happy Thanksgiving and May God Bless!

## Membership – Welcome New Members!

Connie Johnson, Membership Chair

On Thursday, Nov. 20th, we had an orientation gathering at Mary Widmier's lovely new home. We had six young women who came to hear information about DKG. They are:

**Carla Craig** – Carla is currently teaching Mathematics at Kingwood High School and was 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. Thank You to Rhian and Gayle for their recommendations of these outstanding educators. We truly look forward to getting to know them better and welcome them to our chapter. Be sure to join us for the initiation ceremony and Christmas party at the very festive home of Marian Mannix on Wednesday, December 3.

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## Treasurer Notes

Loweta Jorgensen, Treasurer

**Membership Dues.....** Thank you to everyone who helped Lambda Delta to make the "dues deadline" for 2014-2015. The check is in Austin. 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. Reinstatement is a simple process – the member attends one of our meetings and pays the current year's dues and we welcome them with open arms.

**Present Membership.....** At this time we have 38 active members, 5 reserve members and 2 honorary members. At the December 3rd holiday party, we will initiate 6 new members bringing our total membership to 51. Be sure to come to the celebration and welcome our new deserving ladies.

## October Meeting Highlights:

### Our Program:

Our interesting and enjoyable meeting featured a presentation by Carolyn Mashburn about STAR (Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat) which is a weekend arts retreat scheduled for January 16-18, 2015 at Camp Allen near Navasota. Carolyn led our members in a STAR mini-activity: making crosses decorated with ribbons and beads. She also informed our members of the many benefits offered through ASTEF, the Alpha State Texas Education Foundation. This year, rather than having a raffle fundraiser at the state convention, we will donate change in our purses to a "Pig". Watch for Lambda Delta's piggy bank transformed from a watering can. ASTEF supports educators and students through scholarships, leadership, and projects.



## **Our Business:**

- Members voted to approve the recommendations for six new members who will receive invitations, will attend an Orientation meeting during November and will be initiated at our December meeting. Our thanks to long-time members Rhian Webb and Gayle Stahl for recommending new members for us.
- Cheryl Moore presented proposed changes to our Chapter Rules, including a synopsis of the revisions to our previous rules and some recommendations from the state committee. After a short discussion a vote was taken and the new Chapter Rules were approved.

**Projects:** Thank you to those who brought book donations for our on-going project to collect books for classroom libraries for Early-Career teachers. We will continue to collect books through our February meeting. Thanks also for those who contributed non-perishable food items for the HAAM Holiday care packages. The collection of food items will continue through our December 3 meeting. Gaylan Chadwick also informed us of a fundraising effort to support K-9 military dogs. Members are asked to please contact Gaylan for more details or to submit your donations to her if you wish to be involved in this effort.

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

### **December Birthdays**

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

### **January Birthdays**

9 Frances "Frankie" Wilson  
12 Mary Sanders

### **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*

*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](mailto:mary.widmier@yahoo.com) and copy your submission to Carol Smith at [cks2752@gmail.com](mailto:cks2752@gmail.com) Next deadline for the newsletter is December 18.

