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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:

Wow! What great meeting we had on September 29! My Lambda Delta sisters really "got my back", gracefully and graciously improvising and filling in where needed. Heartfelt thanks to the ladies who spread out the refreshments and found cups, delivered the goodie bags to still-in-the-classroom teachers, brought door prizes even though they weren't even signed up, found a way for women to sign up for door prizes, and even led us in singing (an abridged version of) the Delta Kappa Gamma Song with NO word cards!!!! Thank you!!!

If you have not already done so, please add 12/3/14 at Marian Mannix's home and 4/14/15 at the Overlook to your refrigerator magnet and calendar. Also, Mary Widmier has invited us to her home for the November orientation for prospective new members. She and Connie Johnson will hammer out the date and details.

Don't forget to get your new member nominations to Connie. We will be voting on new members at the October meeting as well. The nomination form can be found on our chapter website. One of the ways to get there is: www.alphastatetexas.org, click on Chapter Websites, then on Lambda Delta. You can also still use the weebly address if that's in your bookmarks.

The October meeting would be the perfect time to bring your donations of craft items for STAR since Carolyn Mashburn will be coming. The Retreat is now 100% booked for this year, but she can tell us how to get on the waiting list as well as plans for a future STAR. The list of requested items includes: Paint card chips from the paint store, greeting card covers, cleaned tin or aluminum vegetable or soup cans, ribbons of all sizes, smooth rocks, bottle caps, wine corks, sea shells, beads, costume jewelry (broken is OK), anything with a STAR motif.

Be sure to look at the website for the Military K-9 fund at www.usmilitaryk-9fund.org Gaylan Chadwick would like for us to consider supporting this cause, so we'll discuss it and vote on it at the October meeting. That October meeting I keep mentioning is on Thursday, October 30, 2014, at the ISC, room 1005. Look forward to seeing you there!

Carol Smith, President

Calendar of Future Meeting Dates:

THURSDAY, October 30, 2014, ISC, room 1005

TBD, November – prospective member orientation

WEDNESDAY, December 3, 2014, 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

Membership Dues Needed!!

By Loweta Jorgensen, Treasurer

Annual chapter dues can be paid anytime from today through the October 30th meeting. Please help make it 100% in these next few weeks. We still need to hear from 14 people. **This year we will be collecting \$100** which includes Lambda Delta dues of \$85 and a donation of \$15 for a fundraiser.

New Idea!! If you have questions or need to pay in installments, please contact Treasurer Loweta Jorgensen at Ljorgy2@aol.com. You can send a down payment just so we know to keep you on the rolls. Please make your checks payable to "Lambda Delta" and mail to: Loweta Jorgensen, 5 Links Ct, Kingwood, TX 77339

Congratulations to Carol Kollehner for being the recipient of a free gift card. Her name was drawn from the group of members who were "early birds" and paid their dues by Sept. 1st.

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Coming in October **By Gaylan Chadwick, 1st VP, Program Chairman**

Program: Carolyn Mashburn (Mu Pi) will lead us in a Mini-STAR project and talk about the STAR workshop planned for January 16. (STAR is Spectacular Texas Art Retreat). She will also give us insights on the works and activities of ASTEF (Alpha State Texas Education Foundation).

On-going Book Collections: Book donations at every meeting will supply classroom libraries for Early-Career teachers. Collect and bring books now through the February meeting.

On-going HAAM Collections (from Aug – Feb): In August and September, school supplies were collected for students going back to school. In October through December, meals for the holidays will be collected so bring canned goods and other non-perishables. In January and February we will collect what the Humble Area Assistance Ministries (HAAM) states is the biggest need for the community.

Up for a vote at the October Meeting: New project- K-9 Military Dogs – Members will vote to decide if they would like to donate funds in support of the military working dogs in the U.S. Armed Forces. This project provides extra supplies and equipment, as well as travel expenses involved in returning military dogs to the United States from bases overseas. Members may visit their website at usmilitaryk-9fund.org to learn more about this project. See you at the October 30 meeting!

Area 18 Workshop News

Ten Lambda Delta Ladies attended the Area 18 Fall workshop Saturday, September 13, 2014, at Northeast Christian Academy. Thanks for representing us so well! Attendees were: Susan Barrow (presented and made ribbons (with erasers!) for the hostess chapter), Marguerite Baxter, Gaylan Chadwick, Eileen Debo (made coffee!), Connie Johnson, Loweta Jorgensen (sold notebooks), Marian Mannix (presented), Cheryl Moore, Dottie Willner (presented), and Carol Smith.



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

October Birthdays

13 Jan Brady
15 Pam Black
17 CaLandra Pervis
23 Joyce Lacy
25 Margaret Henken

November Birthdays

6 Brenda Ray
8 Gayle Cunningham
11 Patricia Patterson Wood
14 Nell Muehlbrad
21 Betty Graham
22 Susan Butler & Cheryl Moore

September Meeting Highlights:

By Carol Smith and Gaylan Chadwick

Our Program: We had the honor of being uplifted with words of wisdom from one of the Chicken Soup for the Soul authors who offers hope and encouragement to readers. We enjoyed hearing how Karen Kilby went from having one of her stories selected for *Chicken Soup for the Girlfriend's Soul*, to being on the selection committee for subsequent Chicken Soup books, to ultimately publishing her very own book! We had the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of her most recent book *Becoming a Woman of Purpose*. Many of us will be giving signed copies of her book for Christmas gifts! Thank you, Dottie Willner, for pulling some strings to get her to come speak to us!

Our Business:

- Members were asked to Recommend/Nominate New Members for the October meeting. The membership form can be found on the Lambda Delta website and a copy will also be coming to you via email.
- Cheryl Moore presented proposed Chapter Rules changes, which Carol will be emailing to all members. Please read over these so we can discuss them and vote on them in the October meeting. Thanks, Cheryl and Mary Widmier, for all the time and brain energy expended working on them. Cheryl met with Chris Morrison (from the State Committee) at the Area 18 Fall Workshop to get official perusal and approval, making certain we are in compliance with recent changes in the State and International Rules.
- The Hold Harmless Agreement was explained to the chapter, exhorting all to get prior written approval from the author and/or publisher for anything included in newsletters, websites, or other publications. This would include poems, cartoons, articles, pictures.... anything that is not original. Diane Moose has put an article on the Alpha State Website's front page entitled "What Every Discerning DKG Editor and Webmaster Needs to Know." Neither the State nor the International organization can be held liable if a chapter gets sued for infringement on intellectual property. Carol Smith will sign this for Lambda Delta with Derry Summer, Chapter Recording Secretary, attesting. Sounds important, huh?!
- Members were asked to indicate their support, or lack thereof, for inviting the International Convention to Texas in 2018 or later. Carol completed the State's online survey at least twelve hours before the deadline of midnight September 30, 2014. We also collected funds for brags and door prizes. The Lambda Delta Rose Spiral notebooks were on sale.

Projects: Thank you to those who brought items for the HAAM School Supplies collection, the Randall's Community Bucks collection, the Children's book collection, and the Human Trafficking Symposium toiletries collection. Caryn Uttenweiler volunteered to get the Community Bucks to a friend who works with Society of St. Stephens, Marian Mannix will continue to collect books all year long, and Carol will take the school supplies to HAAM and the toiletries (and a check) to Brenda Pearson before the week is out.

Congratulations!

Happy retirement wishes to Carol Smith and Caryn Uttenweiler on their official retirements. We are so happy for you! Congratulations also to long time member Kathy Hogan for completing her doctoral degree this summer. That's quite an accomplishment. Way to go, Kathy!

Did you know? ... **The Ledger** is simply one of many publications available to you as a member of Lambda Delta. The state and international offices offer many other publications.

The Texas State Organization publishes **The Lone Star News** four times a year. There are issues for the Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter of each year. The latest issue, Fall of 2014, can be found on the TSO website. Go to www.alphastatetexas.org and click on "Publications". In this same location you can also download copies of **Techno-Tips**, a monthly online newsletter from the state Technology Committee that focuses on tips for the use of technology in the classroom and for personal use. The state Communications Committee publishes the **Communiqué**, a newsletter for editors and webmasters.

At the international level, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International publishes **The Bulletin**, a journal which promotes professional and personal growth of members through publication of their writings. The international office also publishes a bi-monthly newsletter named the **DKG News**; a bi-monthly newsletter for chapter presidents called **Presidents' Page**; and a communication from the International President, called **President to President**. There are so many ways to stay informed!

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**

*Subject to change

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Next deadline for the newsletter is October 31.

