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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

Greetings, fellow Key Women Educators! What fun it was to see everyone at the September meeting! The Door was very appreciative of all the articles we collected for them, and we've got a great start on the school supplies for Gloria Bain to send to schools in Africa!

We'll be voting on new members at the Wednesday, October 28th meeting. That means that we need your nominations for new members now!!! Please talk to prospective members about joining us in our Honorary, Professional, and Service organization. Show them our websites – chapter, state, and international (addresses are given later in this newsletter). To recommend someone for membership just complete the Recommendation for Membership form found on our website and email it to our group's email account: lambda.delta@gmail.com To download the form go to the following link: <http://dkglambdadelta.weebly.com/forms.html> Also, please encourage former members to reinstate, assuring them that we very much appreciate the implied approval that their identifying with DKG gives us, even if they cannot be as involved as they were in previous years.

Also at the meeting, Area Coordinator Risa McCann will present "Playing, Laughing, Learning in the Classroom", the workshop she gave at the State Convention in Lubbock. While she speaks we'll (quietly and with Risa's approval!) make seasonal or inspirational magnets for nursing home residents and/or Early Career Educators. As women and teachers, we can definitely multi-task successfully! For the magnets, we'll have colored foam board, felt, construction paper, ribbon, beads, glue, and (some) scissors. Feel free to bring your scissors and any of these materials or anything else you'd like to donate to the cause. Please continue to bring new and gently-used children's books for our Early Career Educators. We'll also continue to collect school supplies for Schools in Africa. Look forward to seeing you! Carol

Check out all of the DKG websites!

Lambda Delta's website is www.dkglambdadelta.weebly.com
Texas State Organization is www.dkgtexas.org
International is www.dkg.org

From the Treasurer....

By Loweta Jorgensen

One last call for chapter dues!!! Your membership covers many benefits at the local, state and international level and allows our chapter to do a lot of good work for the community. Active Members pay a total of \$100 and Reserve Members pay a total of \$50. If you have questions or need to pay in installments, please contact Treasurer Loweta Jorgensen at Ljorgy2@aol.com Please make your checks payable to "Lambda Delta" and mail to: Loweta Jorgensen, 5 Links Ct, Kingwood, TX 77339.

Thirty-five out of 49 members took advantage of the incentive for early payment and paid by September 30. Kathy Hogan's name was drawn from the group of early payments and awarded a gift card to The Cracker Barrel. Congratulations and thank you to all who have paid.

If you know of someone who has dropped their membership, please encourage them to return to Lambda Delta. They only have to pay dues as described above. They will immediately be reinstated...no application, etc.....just attend the next meeting if possible. Please contact Loweta at the above email or at 281-358-8962 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. I will pick it up.

2015 Yearbook Update

By Eileen Debo

Dear Lambda Delta sisters,
Through the amazing efforts of Mary Widmier and Carol Smith, we are very near to getting all correct information for the directory portion of the yearbook. However, 30% of our members have not responded as yet. Our chapter has been able to glean the Early Bird Award (which impacts other recognitions awarded by the Alpha State) by submitting the yearbook by the deadline at the end of October. Carol will be calling those members who have not yet responded to ask for confirmation of the current information we have or any necessary changes that need to be made. Thank you for your help in completing this project.

Calendar of 2015-2016 Meeting Dates:

Updates: Please note the changes in our meeting schedule – please correct your yellow calendar magnets to reflect the highlighted changes.

Meetings are held at the ISC Building unless noted otherwise. Social time with refreshments begins at 4:15 PM and the meetings begin at 4:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY, October 28	Meeting at ISC Room 1005
TUESDAY, November 10	4:30 pm – Mary Widmier's home - New Member Orientation
THURSDAY, December 10	6:00 pm – TBD - Christmas Dinner / 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

Sneak Peek at Plans for October

By Gaylan Chadwick, Program Chair

Our Program: Risa McCann will present "Playing, Laughing, Learning in the Classroom"

Carolyn Mashburn will convey a message to encourage recruitment of new members

Our Business: Voting for new members

Meditation: Rhian Webb

Hostess Committee: Dottie Willner, Trish Wood, Carla Craig, Carol Smith

Door Prizes: Martha Schaffert, Gayle Cunningham, Trish Wood, Carla Craig

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. During the meeting members will craft magnets for Early Career Educators and nursing home residents.

Join us for the October 28 Meeting. Hope to see you there!

September Meeting Highlights

Our first meeting of the year was a great one. Dr. Guy Sconzo, our guest speaker, is pictured here with Carol Smith. Guy discussed Humble ISD's tremendous growth rate, future plans, new schools, and the necessity to pass bonds to fund our growth rate. Humble received the "Best Large District in Texas" Excellence in Education Award from HEB.



Upcoming Events – Plan Ahead to Attend:

Local Events:

- October 24, 2015 GHACC Luncheon honoring Marilyn Gregory, newly elected Alpha State President, speaker, Houston Racquet Club
- February 20, 2016 Great Texas Read Out (Humble ISD Book Festival)

Texas State Events:

- October 11-16, 2015 ASTEF/Road Scholar Trip to Savannah
- February 19-21, 2016 Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) in Navasota
- June 23-25, 2016 87th Texas State Convention, Frisco Convention Center, Frisco
- June 22-24, 2017 88th Texas State Convention, Hyatt Regency Houston, Houston

Regional & International Events

- July 5-9, 2016 2016 International Convention, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville,
- TBA, 2017 Southwest Regional TN Conference
- July 16-20, 2018 2018 International Convention, JW Marriott Austin, Austin, TX

Member Spotlight:



Carol congratulates Trish Wood on her retirement!



Martha and Marian



Carol and Carla



Chris, Caryn, and Connie



Gayle and Dottie



Risa McCann, Area 18 Coordinator and Jan



Susan and Marian



Rhian and Loweta

Did You Know?

By Mary Widmier, Corresponding Secretary

Like many of you, I feel that I often wear many hats. For example, I'm writing this article not as it is related to being the Lambda Delta Corresponding Secretary or editor of *The Ledger*. I am also currently serving as a member of the state committee on Global Awareness and must admit that I have learned a lot in the past month or so. I learned that Global Awareness is a newly approved state committee that encompasses many aspects of education. It not only incorporates the responsibilities of the former World Fellowship Committee, but also includes Schools for Africa, promoting the DKG/UN relationship, and exploring and learning about the 17 member countries.

Our Lambda Delta chapter is fortunate in that we are already very active in supporting Schools for Africa with our project of donations of school supplies. This year we also hope to encourage participation in efforts that can promote and develop leadership, multi-cultural connections, Women's Leadership Conferences, teacher exchange partnerships, mini-teaching assignments in other countries, e-pals, global education, or connecting with international students attending universities in Texas. Do you have a special interest or involvement in any of these endeavors? If so, let me know. Together we can make an impact and increase the Global Awareness of all of our members.

Quotable Quotes:

In this issue we introduce 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 is:

"The Future Belongs to those who Believe in their Dreams"

Eleanor Roosevelt

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

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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

This picture can appropriately be labeled as "Purple Mountain's Majesty"

No matter where you are be sure to take time to enjoy this time of your life and the joys of the season.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

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

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Next Newsletter deadline is October 31.

