



# Lambda Delta Chapter

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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

Welcome back for the 2015-2016 Academic Year! Hope your year has started out well!

Lucky thirteen of us had a great time catching up at Luby's Saturday morning – Jan Brady, Susan Barrow, Debbie Huxohl, Jennifer Leadbetter, Mary Linda Lewis, Carol Kollehner, Connie Johnson, Wanda Johnson, Marian Mannix, Karen Seay, Rhian Webb, Dottie Wilner, and myself. We got a sneak preview of some brags that will be mentioned at our next meeting (weddings, graduations, grandchildren)! We gathered quite a few school supplies and cash donations that really went far at the Dollar Tree! Mission Northeast was delighted! We **did** miss the rest of you, but understand that even if you're in town, it's not easy to break away for a breakfast, particularly that Saturday in August!

Here's the "scoop" on some of those who couldn't be with us: Pam Black was in Indiana for her 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion, and Cheryl Moore is traveling east along the Gulf Coast (with Al) for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary trip. Loweta Jorgensen was at Stan's family's corn farm in Iowa, and Derry Summer moved into her new house. Bonnie Longnion is back in Kingwood, all healthy again (phone 713 443 9931, email [bonlongnion@yahoo.com](mailto:bonlongnion@yahoo.com)), and Eileen Debo was checking on her mother-in-law in assisted living. Gayle Stahl presided as superintendent at a Sunday school teachers' meeting, and Gayle Cunningham was enjoying her daughter's visit (Dottie took a fabulous refrigerator magnet\* for her!). Kathy Hogan was getting settled in at a new job, and Mary Widmier is at her Colorado home.

**Time to think about new members!** Please be thinking of prospective members as you get into the groove of the school year. Consider inviting them to visit our meeting in September. Show them our websites – chapter, state, and international (addresses are given later in this newsletter). Complete a membership recommendation form on our website at <http://dkglambdadelta.weebly.com/forms.html>, save the recommendation form to a new name and send it as an attachment to our email address at [lambda.delta.dkg@gmail.com](mailto:lambda.delta.dkg@gmail.com). It's that easy! Also, please encourage former members to reinstate their membership, assuring them that we very much appreciate their identification with DKG and our chapter, even if they cannot be as involved as they were in previous years.

**\*Magnets:** If you didn't pick up one on Saturday, you should soon be receiving (via USPS) your very own fabulous refrigerator magnet with a listing of this year's meetings. We look forward to seeing everyone again at our first meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at ISC room 1038.

## Awards presented at Texas State Convention:



### Do you remember Rosie, our chapter's Piggy Bank?

Rosie was part of the Piggy Posse that raised a total of \$19,461.68 this past year for ASTEF! Most of the Chapter Piggy Banks were given as door prizes at the convention's first general meeting. However, our Rosie was selected to join the ASTEF Board's Piggy Banks to be in the Silent Auction!!! (She was the ONLY Chapter Piggy in the auction, and she brought in about \$100!) Many thanks to Marian Mannix for giving us Rosie right after she won her as a door prize at one of our meetings, to Derry Summer for making her stylish Derby Wreath to wear to Convention, and to Lambda Delta members for stuffing her! Carol's comments: "I was just so proud to present her to the ASTEF table at the Convention registration!!! She looked tons classier than any of those that were being auctioned I was delighted that the ASTEF ladies were impressed as well."

**Convention Awards:** President Carol Smith attended the annual convention of the Texas State Organization held in San Antonio on June 25-27. She is proud to report the following awards and recognitions received by Lambda Delta for our chapter excellence and activities for 2014-2015. Congratulations to our wonderful chapter!

**P.A.C.E. (President's Award for Chapter Excellence)** – Honorary Mention

**Annie Award** – World Fellowship – Supporting Schools for Africa

**Five-Star Newsletter Award**

**Exemplary Yearbook with Early Bird Award**

**JoAnn Brooks-Dr. Jane Nelson Scholarship** - Dr. Mary Widmier, Mini-Grant

**Anna Hiss-Helen Koch Scholarship** - Carol Smith, Road Scholar Grant

In addition, Lambda Delta received recognition for donations to the following funds:

Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund

Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF)

Scholarship – Double Honors

Leadership – Trailblazers Recognition

Projects – Builders Recognition

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## Check out the Website

Lambda Delta chapter has a newly-revised and refurbished website. This website has also earned the formal approval of DKG as a certified Society website. A link can be found on the Texas State Organization website at [www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org) Just click on Chapter Websites and our chapter name to open our website. OR go to [www.dkglambdadelta.weebly.com](http://www.dkglambdadelta.weebly.com) to open our website directly. We encourage you to bookmark this site and access it regularly for newsletters, photos, our yearbook and announcements. Use the password code "rose" to open the protected pages.

### Check out all of the websites!

Lambda Delta's website is [www.dkglambdadelta.weebly.com](http://www.dkglambdadelta.weebly.com)

Texas State Organization is [www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)

International is [www.dkq.org](http://www.dkq.org)

## Sneak Peek at Plans for September

By Gaylan Chadwick, Program Chair

**Our Program:** Dr. Guy Sconzo, Humble ISD superintendent and husband of Lambda Delta member Diane, will be speaking on state and local education topics that we need to know about. Be thinking of questions to write on an index card (provided at meeting) for the Q & A session.

**Our Business:** Members will be asked to recommend/nominate new members. We'll discuss Early Career Educators (ECE) Buddies, a type of support for new teachers in the form of little notes & goodies throughout the year, as a possible chapter and/or individual effort.

### Our Projects:

1. Book Drive (September-February) – 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. Toiletries (September) Bring toiletries for The Door, a respite for women and children in Humble. (Either those samples from the hotel or regular size from the store will work great.) Visit <http://familytimeccc.org/the-door> for their complete wish list of needed supplies.

Join us for the September 17 Meeting. Hope to see you there!

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## 2015-2016 Dues!

By Loweta Jorgensen, Treasurer

Annual chapter dues can be paid anytime from today through the October meeting. Please pay as soon as possible! This year we will be collecting \$100 for Active Members which includes Lambda Delta dues of \$85 and a donation of \$15 for a fundraiser. So, where does the \$85 go? Of that amount \$60 covers your State and International membership dues. The other \$25 is local dues and \$7 of that amount is allocated toward our Grants in Aid for college students. Your membership covers many benefits at the local, state and international level and allows our chapter to do a lot of good works for the community. Reserve Members pay a total of \$50 (\$35 for dues and \$15 donation).

If you have questions or need to pay in installments, please contact Treasurer Loweta Jorgensen at [Ljorgy2@aol.com](mailto:Ljorgy2@aol.com) Please make your checks payable to "Lambda Delta" and bring your check for \$100 to the September meeting or mail to: Loweta Jorgensen, 5 Links Ct, Kingwood, TX 77339. It is really appreciated if you can mail the dues before the next meeting. Incentive for early payment: The names of members who pay their dues by September 30 will be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

If you know of someone who has dropped their membership, please encourage them to consider joining Lambda Delta again. All they have to do is pay their \$100 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 been doing this during the summer and have raised over \$150 thus far. Items sold so far....comforter set, computer desk, stereo, shoe rack, doll bassinet, 3 drawer chest, curtain rods....**Do you have something you would like to contribute????** As you finish cleaning out closets, etc., perhaps you have come across something you need to get rid of and would consider donating it to sell. I will pick it up if you will contact me. Thanks, Loweta

## Calendar of 2015-2016 Meeting Dates:

THURSDAY, September 17	Meeting at ISC Room 1038
WEDNESDAY, October 28	Meeting at ISC Room 1005
TBD, November	New Member Orientation
TBD, December	Christmas Dinner, Initiate New Members
THURSDAY, January 7	Meeting at ISC Room 1007
THURSDAY, February 25	Meeting at ISC Room 1005
TBD, April	Founders' Day Banquet

## 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 87<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention, Frisco Convention Center, Frisco
- June 22-24, 2017 88<sup>th</sup> 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

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## Society News

By Mary Widmier, Corresponding Secretary

As part of the Alpha State Convention in San Antonio in June, members elected new officers. The new president of Alpha State is Marilyn Gregory, Epsilon Kappa, from Area 7 (Austin). Marilyn has served Texas State Organization (TSO) as parliamentarian, first vice-president and recording secretary. During 2013-2014 she was chair of the Special Committee for Guidelines for State Personnel and was a consultant to the San Antonio State Convention.

As our new State President, Marilyn has chosen her theme: “**The Heart of the Society is its Members.**” A priority for her is to “nurture our members and encourage them to take leadership roles.” Her biennium goals are further outlined and presented in the form of the acronym:

**Health:** to encourage members to practice healthy lifestyles which promote healthier chapters

**Education:** to educate members about the importance of membership and encourage them to make an impact on their communities and the world

**Achievement:** to achieve our goals as leaders in our chapter and recognize our accomplishments as key women educators

**Reflection:** to reflect on our heritage as we advance the Society

**Teamwork:** to work as members of a team to strengthen involvement in all levels of the Society

## Member News

- ✓ Congratulations to **Chris Pearce** on her retirement in June.
- ✓ Member **Kathy Hogan** is officially “Dr. Hogan” now. She completed her doctorate this spring and also has a new job! Kathy is now the Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Curriculum Coordinator for the River Oaks Baptist School.
- ✓ **Susan Barrow** and **Mary Widmier** have both been selected to serve on state committees over the 2015-2017 biennium as representatives from Area 18. Susan is serving on the Necrology Committee and Mary is on the Global Awareness Committee.
- ✓ Get Well Wishes go out to past member and long-time friend **Dorothy Weigel** who is recovering from an accidental fall. Cards may be sent to her at 2702 Cembalo Blvd. #145 San Antonio TX 78230
- ✓ Another long-time friend and past president **Carol Porter** is home from the hospital following a hip injury. Carol is receiving 24-hour home care and get well wishes can be sent to her at 2011 Seven Oaks Kingwood, TX 77339

### *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*

**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*

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

#### September Birthdays

17	Carol Kollehner
20	Kathy Hogan
23	Derry Summer
24	Caryn Uttenweiler
25	Wanda Johnson

#### October Birthdays

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

#### **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)

Please copy your submission to Carol Smith via email: [cks2752@gmail.com](mailto:cks2752@gmail.com)

Next Newsletter deadline is September 30.

