



Theta Alpha Chatter

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The Delta Kappa
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Texas State Organization

Theta Alpha Chapter
Chapter 193
Area 9
Dallas County

The Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International
promotes professional and
personal growth of women
educators and excellence in
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Theta Alpha Chapter
Meeting Dates
2015 - 2016

August 15, 2015
September 19, 2015
October 17, 2015
November 21, 2015
December 12, 2015
January 16, 2016
February 20, 2016
March 19, 2016
April 18, 2016
May 21, 2016

Message from the President

“Every spring, this country will be reminded of the Lady from Texas. As trees bloom and flowers carpet our nation's capital, Lady Bird Johnson will be remembered. Only Lady Bird Johnson could, with her vision of a beautiful America, lay claim to spring as her memorial. David Mixner”

We see the proof of Lady Bird's vision here in Texas, as the bluebonnets are in full bloom and the rest of the wildflowers are not far behind. Spring is very definitely in the air. I hope you have enjoyed some of that wonderful sunshine during the Easter weekend with your friends and family.

Michelle and I had a wonderful spring break in Mexico City with my brother and his wife. I'm totally speechless on the amazing and awesome sights we experienced. (We may share our experience at a future program.) The only regret I have is that I was not able to be with you during the March meeting. I'm sure Catie and Leslie had everything well in hand.

April brings several important events for our chapter. On April 3, 2016 we will have initiation at Marilyn Bishop's home at 2:00 p.m. Please plan to attend to welcome some sisters to our chapter. The Coordinating Council of Dallas County's Luncheon will be April 9, 2016 at the Lakewood Country Club, 1912 Abrams Rd, Dallas. Registration opens at 10:30. We will have our April meeting at the Adolphus Hotel, 1321 Commerce St. Dallas, Texas 75202 at 2:00p.m. We will be celebrating Theta Alpha's 50th anniversary with a birthday tea. The cost of the tea is \$35.00 and your reservation can be sent to Mary Myers at 302 Oakwood, Duncanville, Texas, 75237. Marilyn Bishop and her committee has planned a wonderful event for us starting with Patti Belknap's inspiration. Please plan to join us for this joyous occasion.

Summer is just around the corner and surely you are making plans to attend our state convention, since it will be held in the metroplex. The TSO convention will be June 23-25, 2016 in Frisco, Texas at the Embassy Suites. If you can't attend every day, please come and experience at least one of the days and some of the workshops and functions. Convention is an experience on to itself.

Dianne McCorcle,

An Honorary Professional Society
of Key Women Educators

April Meeting Details

When Catie and I first took over the position of First Vice President, the April 2016 meeting immediately stuck out to me! What are we going to do to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Theta Alpha?!?! Holding our April meeting at the Adolphus Hotel, where our chapter was chartered, is a wonderful way to honor the founding chapter members and those members that have dedicated their lives to help Theta Alpha thrive over the last 50 years! There will be moments of recognition throughout the Tea that allows us to reflect about our time in Theta Alpha. We will hear recollections of past, present, and from our newest members of what Theta Alpha and Delta Kappa Gamma mean to them as well as general fellowship throughout the celebration. I am most excited that it's our new member's first meeting since we initiated them on April 3rd at Marilyn Bishop's house. They are the legacy of the chapter going forward into our next 50 years, and it is amazing that they get to share this important milestone for the chapter. So please come and celebrate Theta Alpha's 50th birthday at the Adolphus and welcome Sarah, Melissa, Elizabeth, Katherine, Allison, Jasmine and Michelle to Theta Alpha!

Date: April 16, 2016

Where: Adolphus Hotel
1321 Commerce St
Dallas, TX 75202

When: 2:00-4:00; However, we can arrive earlier than 2:00.

Suggestions: Valet parking is \$10.00 per car. I would suggest trying to car pool if possible to help with the cost of valet!

Come help us celebrate!

Leslie Valentincic,
Co-First Vice President

Election 2016

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

April is a good month to read, listen and talk with the candidates running for office especially those from your local area who are up for election in May. Of course, you also need to be following the national election for President which gets more challenging each day.

We are also seeing some movement in Congress about the bills dealing with Social Security payments to those receiving state pensions. TRTA is very much involved in this process so be sure to check their website as well as your teacher association websites for information. Be sure your congress person has signed off on the bill.

Remember each of us has the responsibility to be well educated in order to cast our vote.

Hattie M. Hammer,
Legislative Representative

Achievement Award

It's April so that means it is time to nominate a fellow member of Theta Alpha for the chapter Achievement Award. Ballots were passed out at Initiation but I know that some of you were unable to come. If you could send me an quick email stating whom you would like to nominate and why you feel that person deserves the award, I can add it to the others. If you wish to have your choice be a secret, you can write down your choice and give it to me at our 50th Anniversary Tea on April 16. Previous award recipients are listed in our yearbook. The award will be announced at our May meeting.

Thank you,

Patti Belknap,



Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Alpha Chapter Minutes March 19, 2016

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Theta Alpha Chapter was called to order by Leslie Valentincic, Chapter Co-1st Vice President, at 10:08 am Saturday, March 19th, 2016 in Arlington at John's Elementary School. A quorum was reached with 18 members in attendance. Minutes were approved.

Lisa Rolfe, from Bikram Yoga of North Texas, led a Yoga program discussing the history and benefits of Yoga. Members had the opportunity to practice together and learn several poses.

Marilyn Bishop, Co-Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report stating we have \$3886.58. Mary Myers, Co-Treasurer, said send checks for the tea with the cut-off date as April 3rd to pay \$35 for the Birthday Tea at the Adolphus Hotel, April 16th at 2:00 p.m.

In committee reports with membership, Patti Belknap, TSO 1st Vice-President, made a motion to accept Mary Ann Shupe to become a reserve member; Susie Branch seconded the motion and all members were in agreement. Kristi John, Corresponding Secretary, read a thank you note from UNICEF from Schools for Africa thanking our chapter for its donation.

Patti Belknap, TSO 1st Vice President, reviewed our chapter rules that are in our yearbook. Several updates need to be made, such as Coordinating Council of Dallas County and updating how much we donate to the Julia Crawford Memorial Fund from \$500 to \$700. Catie King, Co-1st Vice President, made a motion to accept the chapter rules with the changes made. Susie Branch seconded the motion and all members agreed.

For the tech moment, Catie King, Co-1st Vice President spoke about DKG ecals and the Global Awareness Committee. Kristi and Patti helped everyone go online to www.DKG.org to create profiles online for the DKG International.

Upcoming dates to remember: Make reservations at the Embassy Suites hotel for the DKG State Conference in Frisco this year or at the overflow hotels: the Hyatt House and Hilton Garden Inn and sign up for the DKG State Convention – June 23-25th. The convention website is: <http://dkgtexas2016convention.weebly.com>.

The Coordinating Council of Dallas County Luncheon is April 9th at Lakewood Country Club and will have a silent auction. Please think about a donation our chapter can provide for that event. Beverly Hagood asked for volunteers to help on Thursday afternoon of the State Convention June 23rd in Frisco 12-4 p.m. Also, remember tickets are still on sale for the DKG Family

Fun Night at the Ballpark Friday, June 24th for the Rough Riders baseball game in Frisco during the State Convention. It's "all you can eat and drink"; the window is still open to buy tickets for \$39.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. with singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendall Hasse,
Recording Secretary.

March Meeting: Members learning some yoga poses.



Left: Lisa (instructor) and Leslie showing members how to stand.



Right: Members learning poses together.



Birthdays

April

- 15 - Kristi John
- 16 - Jan Gentry
- 17 - Dianna Stouffer

May

- 2 - Mary Myers
- 7 - Michelle Goltzman
- 13 - Beverly Hagood
- 24 - Baudelia Luna



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From Your A.C.

Hello everyone in Area 9! Registration for the Frisco Convention is ONLINE!!!! Get your form filled out and get it in. It is finally here and I can't wait to see all of you at either the Coordinating Council of Dallas County Luncheon, the Collin County brunch or the Grayson County brunch. All of you are aware of the convention and you need to keep reading all the information that is coming your way about the convention.

I would now like to start talking about our Area 9 workshop. By June 1st, all of our chapters need to have sent a check to Billinelle Currie, the treasurer for the workshop. Treasurers will receive the form as well as the presidents and please remember to send one check for all your members attending.

The workshop is Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Ennis High School in Ennis. We are so excited to invite you to our city. PLEASE put this date on your calendar because we will have wonderful sessions, wonderful goodies to eat, wonderful fellowship and wonderful items to buy.

At the workshop, we want to see THE HEART OF OUR SOCIETY! Oh yes, that is us, ladies. You are the heartbeat of the society and we need each and everyone of you to help make our beautiful "symphony" resound all across our Area, our State and Internationally.

In our May newsletters, I will provide driving directions for you to get to Ennis. Many of you have GPS systems and can just input the address into your system and you will get there. I will be sending that for the May newsletter.

I want to remind you of the two chapters that will be chartered in our Area. Please be there if at all possible. Nu Gamma will be chartered on Sunday, May 1st at 2:00 p.m. in Wylie. The chartering will take place at First Baptist Church, Wylie in the Draper Chapel. The address is 100 N 1st Street in Wylie. Nu Delta will be chartered at the convention on Friday morning, June 24th around 9:30 a.m. Let's welcome these two new chapters in with open arms and open hearts!!!!

See all of you soon!

Until next time,
Cathy



87th TSO Convention June 23-25, 2016

For more information please go to:
<http://dkgtxas2016convention.weebly.com/>

Hotel Information

Embassy Suites by Hilton

7600 John Q. Hammons Drive
Frisco, TX 75034
972-712-7200
1-800-Embassy (toll free)

87th TSO Convention
June 23-25, 2016

Register now at:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DALFSES-DKG-20160621/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Points to remember in making reservations:

- When using the online link, enter the group code DKG.
- May 31, 2016, is the deadline for the special rates of \$135 plus taxes (king suite) and \$145 plus taxes (double suite), as well as the deadline for TSO to meet our guaranteed block. Rates are good for up to four people per room.
- Reserve only the number of rooms that you need. You must give the names of all the persons who will be staying in the rooms you reserve. Guests will be allowed to make only one reservation per guest name.
- Complimentary made-to-order breakfast, manager's reception in the evenings, full-range fitness center, spa, indoor pool, free shuttle service within three miles, and attached conference center are among the amenities.

If the Embassy Suites by Hilton becomes filled, an additional hotel will be added. Watch the TSO website for new hotel information.

Additional Convention Information

Hotels and Amenities

The 2016 Frisco Convention has three hotels. First is the convention hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton, and the Frisco Conference Center is attached to it. Next are the two overflow hotels directly north across the street from the Frisco Conference Center: Hilton Garden Inn and HYATT house.

Wow! By mid-January TSO members had reserved all of the Embassy Suites by Hilton's DKG block of rooms! If you still need to reserve a room, rest assured that amenities at the three hotels are similar, such as complimentary hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, and shuttle service within a designated area. And, prices are the same at \$135 for a king suite and \$145 for a double queen suite.

A heads-up for the overflow hotels: If you need to reserve a room for Wednesday night and/or if you prefer a tub to a shower, you will probably want to make your reservation at HYATT house. Just indicate your preference for a tub under "Special Request."

Whichever hotel you choose, you'll enjoy your stay, and you'll enjoy the 2016 TSO Convention in Frisco!

For More Information:

- ✓ Check the TSO website regularly at <http://www.dkgtxas.org/>
- ✓ Check Facebook's DKG-TSO page often at <https://www.facebook.com/tso.deltakappagam/>
- ✓ Contact Janet Burgess, Frisco Convention registrar, at jborgesstx@sbcglobal.net

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Even More Opportunities!

Visual Arts Display: Share your special creations—from drawings to paintings, photos to pottery, jewelry to textile arts. Here's your moment to shine! For info and application form, use this link. Deadline: April 15.

<http://dkgtxas2016convention.weebly.com/resources.html>



Choir: Lift your voice with the convention choir. Be inspired; inspire others. For more info, use this link; see page 5.

http://www.dkgtxas.org/uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/spring_2016_lsn.pdf



Friday Family Fun Night at the Ballpark:

For info about our Friday night event, use this link.

<http://dkgtxas2016convention.weebly.com/uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/roughrider.info.2.pdf>



Order your Frisco RoughRiders baseball tickets **by May 1:**

Print Name _____
 Email _____
 Cell Phone _____
 Chapter _____

Cost: adult or child/\$39 each; 2 & under/free

Number of tickets at \$39 each _____ = Total _____

Make checks payable to **TSO Convention Fund.**

Mail reservation form and check to

Tish Mulkey, 2312 Northcrest Dr., Plano, TX 75075.