



Theta Alpha Chatter

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The Delta Kappa
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Society International

Texas State Organization

Theta Alpha Chapter
Chapter 193
Area 9
Dallas County

The Delta Kappa Gamma
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promotes professional and
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Theta Alpha Chapter
Meeting Dates
2014 - 2015

August 16, 2014
September 20, 2014
October 11, 2014
November 15, 2014
December 13, 2014
January 17, 2015
February 21, 2015
March 21, 2015
April 18, 2015
May 16, 2015

Message from the President

Ho! Ho! Ho! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with their loved ones and also survived the shopping crowds on "Black Friday". (I was out there Thursday at JCPenney & Beall's getting great buys.) Now the sights, sounds and smells are all leading us to our next holiday, which will be upon us very soon. Please take time out from this hectic time, to truly savor the "reason for the season".

One of these time outs is our Christmas Tea, which will be held December 13, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at Baudelia Luna's home, 1614 Sparta Drive, Duncanville, Texas. Please remember to bring an ornament for our ornaments exchange that afternoon. Marilyn Bishop will bring us our inspiration. We will also be initiating two new members at this time. So sisters, please mark your calendars and plan to join us in welcoming our new initiates into our DKG family.

On another note, if you weren't able to attend our November meeting, you missed our wonderful auction. We and our guests had great fun outbidding each other. It was wonderful to see some of our sisters back with us once again. The auction was followed by a wonderful lunch provided by Babs Arnswald, Becky Folmar, Anita & Debra Rangel, Kendall Hasse, Donna Lucas, Michelle Grandinetti, Dianna Stouffer, and Kristi John. Thank you Ladies for a yummy breakfast and lunch!! Also thank you to all who contributed your time and treasure to make our only fund raiser a big success, thus insuring our grant-in-aids can continue.

Looking toward the New Year, we will have our project in January. Tillie Burgen of Mission Arlington will speak about poverty in the local area. We will also be working on blankets for Mission Arlington. As you do your shopping this month and you come across some bargains, please remember we are also collecting scarfs, gloves, coats, sweaters, etc. for Mission Arlington.

Dianne McCorcle,
President

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December Meeting Details

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with laughter, family, and friends, and yummy food! Christmas is just a few weeks away and will be here before you know it! Of course, if you are currently teaching or working with children, you are counting down the school days before Christmas break...fifteen the last time I checked! What better way to get through this crazy, stressful Christmas season than with your Theta Alpha sisters at our annual Christmas Tea! We hope you can come sit and relax, catch up with one another, eat spectacular food, and participate in the ornament exchange! Stay the whole time or just stop by...you won't want to miss out on the event of the season!

I hope to see you there!

**Leslie Valentincic
Co-First Vice President**

Meeting Date: December 13, 2014
**Meeting Location: Boudelia Lane's house
1614 Sparta Drive
Duncanville, TX 75137**

Meeting Time: 1:30 p.m.
What to Bring: A Christmas ornament

Birthdays

November

2 - Mary Ann Shupe
17 - Dianne McCordle
30 - Susie Branch

December

10 - Marilyn Bishop
15 - Debra Rangel



(Gift from Carol Durr)

From Your A.C.

The gift-giving season is upon us, and TSO is requesting a gift from you—your talents. Believe it or not, it is time to submit applications for state officers, committee chairmen, and committee members for the 2015-2017 biennium. I have personally witnessed the depth of talent that exists in Area 9, and I know that there are many of you who are interested in and capable of a position in TSO. I encourage you to consider this opportunity for a great experience. Due dates for these applications are January 1 and February 1, 2015, so I want to use this space to inform you of these opportunities.

I also want to wish each and every one of you a very wonderful holiday season however you celebrate this time of year. Be safe, be happy, and may many blessings come to you, your families, and all the special people in your lives.

Michelle Grandinetti 
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HOW TO APPLY FOR TSO POSITIONS

For state officers:

- Find applications on the TSO website under “Deadlines and Forms-January 1, 2015.” To find requirements for state officers, go to the TSO website. Click on “Resources.” Click on “Guidelines for TSO State Personnel.” Scroll to “Nominations Committee.”

For committee chairmen, committee members, and area coordinators:

- Find applications on the TSO website under “Deadlines and Forms-February 1, 2015.”
- The “Guidelines for the TSO State Personnel” under “Resources” on the TSO website will provide descriptions and responsibilities for each position.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of state personnel at:
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Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Alpha Chapter Minutes November 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the Theta Alpha Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order at 10:25 am by Dianne McCorcle, President. 25 members with guests totaling 34 were in attendance at Royal Lane Baptist Church.

Anita Rangel and Debra Rangel led the Inspiration and brought us Thanksgiving blessings. Dianne asked others to share news about DKG members not present, welcomed guests, and had members introduce their guests. Kristi John, Corresponding Secretary, stated we reached a quorum.

May Shen presented Julia Crawford scholarships to a John's Elementary Teacher, Cheney Allen, for after school choir and Jennifer Burson from Quintanilla Elementary who will be buying books for her classroom. New teacher grants were awarded as well to new teachers, one for a student in her classroom with Asperger's syndrome to assist with materials for his/her special needs. Dallas Baptist University student, Stephanie Asselin was awarded a scholarship for school in the study of Music Education. Other awardees were: Nancy Hueske (Johns Elementary), Isabel Zarate, and Candace Baker.

The October minutes were corrected and updated minutes will be sent to the president to file.

Cecelia Gomez sent a correspondence with her resignation; Erica Campos sent a text resigning from Delta Kappa Gamma, as well. A motion to accept their resignations came from Donna Lucas; Susie Branch seconded. All reluctantly accepted the motion, but discussed ways we could still make contact with them to reunite.

Area Coordinator, Michelle Grandinetti, talked about the role that area coordinators play in DKG. She also explained how donations are being taken this year for ASTEF. Michelle also discussed our service project for this year (making blankets, tying the fleece together with the fringe for Mission Arlington) and how best to accomplish our goal. She passed around sign-ups for the ASTEF email and a petition to add a candidate for Texas board election.

Kristi John discussed membership and introduced prospective new member information on: Latrice Todd from Arcadia Park, Dallas ISD and Michelle Goltzman from Berry Middle School,

Mesquite ISD. Marilyn Bishop made the motion to accept new members. The motion was seconded by Kendall Hasse, Recording Secretary.

Sandra King, scholarships, discussed applying for scholarship money. Catie King shared a "Tech Moment" about spreadsheets and tables. Dianne McCorcle requested members bring a children's book to the December Tea. Beverly Hagood talked about the tea, to be held at 1:30 pm on December 13 at Baudelia Luna's home and will also be used for the initiation of our two new members. Remember the ornament exchange is always a fun event.

The meeting was adjourned by singing the DKG song at 11:35 am and the auction followed!

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendall Hasse,
Recording Secretary

Legislative News

Federal Legislation to Repeal Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) Introduced Representative Kevin Brady of Texas and Representative Richard Neal of Massachusetts introduced H.R. 5697 the Equal Treatment of Public Servants Act. The bill, if passed, would repeal the Social Security Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), and replace it with a more fair formula helping those who have been impacted by the WEP and those who will be in the future.

What does it mean for educators in Texas? If H.R. 5697 passes, your Social Security amount will no longer be figured by the arbitrary WEP formula established in 1963. It will be based on your real-life Social Security contributions and work history. Watch for more on this issue in the near future.

Hope you and yours have a blessed Thanksgiving -- see you at the Christmas party.

Hattie M. Hammer,
Legislative Contact