



Theta Alpha Chatter

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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
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

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart”-- Helen Keller

During our January meeting we held a lovely Ceremony of Remembrance for Marsha Pool. Her friend Kay Oliviero shared many memories of her friendship with Marsha. Thank you Ruth Kaun for coordinating this wonderful ceremony. Also a heartfelt thank you to Hattie Hammer for arranging the last minute use of her church. Lots of information was shared, which you can read about in the enclosed minutes. Following the meeting our fellowship continued with a group of us having lunch at Don Pablo's. It was a day to remember our friend and make new memories.

Our membership project is well on its way. We are having a new member orientation session at Mary Myers' home, 302 Oakwood in Duncanville on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. Please plan to attend this orientation session and arrive early for last minute instructions. Also bring any supplies that you are providing for our new teacher project to give to Catie King.

Our February meeting will be held at Arcadia Park Branch Library, 1302 N. Justin Ave. Dallas, Texas 75211. The meeting will be held February 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. We will be holding our new teacher project at that meeting and several past T.H.A.T. awardees have been invited. Dianna Stouffer will provide our inspiration. Ruth Kaun will be contacting the hostesses for this month. I hope you can attend and help make our Annie Award project a big success.

Happy Valentine's Day,

Dianne McCorcle
Theta Alpha President

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of Key Women Educators

February Meeting Details

It is already February, and only a few weeks till spring break! I can hardly believe how quickly the school year is going; today I worked on papers to send home about summer camps for my students! This month is a busy one for our chapter. We have orientation for prospective members on Sunday, February 7th at Mary's house and our chapter meeting and project on Saturday, February 20th at Arcadia Park Library. If possible bring the materials you signed up to bring for the project on the 7th, so I can work on putting everything together before the meeting. Dianna will provide our inspiration, Beverly will present a brief book talk, and our hostesses will be Catie, Leslie, and Kathy. It will begin at 10:00 at Arcadia Park.

Thank you for your help with ensuring we have what we need for this year's project. Please follow the link to add your information (copy and paste into your browser).

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Catie King,
Co-First Vice President

Birthdays

February

6 - Betty Morgan

March

3 - Babs Arnswald
5 - Ann Wyatt
12 - Janet Roark



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From Your A.C.

February, is known as the month of love! Happy Valentines to all of you!

I can certainly say that Delta Kappa Gamma women have love and support for each other. As I have gone to the different chapter meetings and spent time with women who are interested in DKG, I like to share that DKG women are so supportive of each other. Many of us have great friends who we love as biological sisters. Many of you have a great time going on trips together.

Many of us love going to conventions together. It is so exciting to see the love that we have for each other. We also display the same kind of love for our families. I am so thankful that we have loving and supportive family members around us.

We also get involved in some great programs that become projects for our chapters. Through these projects we show a certain kind of love whether it be for soon to be moms, or programs encouraging children through education, or supporting others who go over seas to help the 3rd world countries in educational issues.

Of course, I would love to see all of you at the convention. I know that is not reality, but I hope that if you can not attend that you will help in the project connects to the convention or help your chapter with what they have been assigned to do. Area 9 and Area 17 are so lucky to be a part of this convention. I hope that you will feel the love that is flowing through our areas as we demonstrate a love that can only be felt in true DKG fashion.

Women teachers to the calling.....I love my calling!

Until next time,
Cathy

Cathy Criner
Area 9 Coordinator





Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Alpha Chapter Minutes January 16, 2016

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Theta Alpha Chapter was called to order by Dianne McCorcle, Chapter President, at 10:17 a.m. Saturday, January 16th, 2016 in Grand Prairie, Texas at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Patti Belknap, TSO 1st Vice President, led the inspiration called “20 Tips for a Positive New Year”. A quorum was reached with 19 members in attendance. Michelle Grandinetti, TSO Membership Chairperson, introduced our guest and member updates were held. Minutes were approved as in the newsletter. Correspondences were shared.

Ruth Kaun led the Ceremony of Remembrance for Marsha Pool, a key women educator and Master Teacher, who served 50 years at DBU. Dallas Baptist University has set up a college scholarship in her name. Kay Oliviero attended as Marsha's best friend to share about Marsha's life.

Hatti Hammer reminded us to contact legislation regarding pension plans. On the TRTA website there is a link to Governor Abbott.

Sandra King, Scholarships Chairperson, shared upcoming deadlines for scholarships, March 1st. All scholarships must be postmarked by the March 1st deadline.

Beverly Hagood introduced our nominations for next year's board:

Mary Myers, President
1st Vice President, Catie King and Leslie Valentincic
2nd Vice President, Kristi John and Kendall Hasse
Recording Secretary, Sandra King
Corresponding Secretary, Babs Arnswald

Patti Belknap motioned we accept the Board nominations as slated officers. All members present seconded the motion.

Dianne McCorcle made the announcement that if anyone has our music books, or over the year has borrowed any, to please bring them back because we will need them for our Birthday Celebration.

Patti Belknap talked about books sent to her by the Educators Book Awards Committee. This year's winner is *It's Complicated: The social lives of networked teens* by Danah Boyd. She showed other books from the committee that demonstrated excellence, as well. The books that were contenders for this award were then raffled at the meeting to raise money for Schools for Africa. Over \$200 was raised. Patti also discussed the recruitment plan. The prospect meeting starts at 2:00 pm

so please be there around 1:45 pm at Mary Myers' home on February 7th. The prospectives were given a prospect letter and the DKG International brochure mailed to their home address. The initiation will be done on a Sunday at Marilyn Bishop's home.

Michelle Grandinetti talked about Shields Elementary in Red Oak, Texas, which was hit in the December 26th tornado. She proposed that we get a t-shirt made for DKG members so that when we do service projects we wear them to show who we are and what we do.

Catie King and Leslie Valentincic, Co-1st Vice Presidents, announced where cards go for the St. Jude Recycle Card project. Catie King also discussed the new teacher notebook and project for new teachers for the ANNIE project. Please complete the survey that Catie sent via email. Thank you to those members who already completed the survey. We will also invite the new teachers who received scholarships / THAT grants from this year and last year. Please bring your materials for this project to the New Member Orientation February 7th and bring enough or enough copies for 10 notebooks.

Patti talked about the State Convention. Get your hotel reserved a.s.a.p. at the Embassy Suites in Frisco as it is already 85% full. Also, sign up for the Rough Riders game where it is all you can eat and gift cards will be awarded in drawings. The unified project is HOPE Supply Company and CASA. Pencils, crayons, pens, packaged paper, school supplies and small fleece blankets are requested.

The 50th Anniversary Birthday Celebration was discussed; it will be at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, April 16th. April 9th is the DKG Coordinating Council of Dallas County Luncheon.

Catie talked about the uses of Google, Docs to Go, Genius Scan, and UP app for health.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm after singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kendall Hasse,
Recording Secretary.

Election 2016

Please follow the link below to find out about the upcoming election information. It is important to be informed and stay up to date on what is happening. Remember that early voting is from February 16th - 26th, 2016 and election day is March 1st, 2016.

Please visit this website for more information:
<http://www.tepsa.org/>

Hattie Hammer,
 Legislative Committee



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)

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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.



Left: Michelle, Kendal, and Beverly enjoying the gift exchange at Theta Alpha's Holiday Tea.
 Right: Patti sharing a gift she received for hosting the tea.



Left: Cathy Criner enjoying Theta Alpha Chapter's holiday tea held at Patti Belknap's home.



Left: Good friends and food after the January meeting.

Below: Sandra, Ruth and Dianne visiting after the January meeting.



Above: Ms. Glenda Kay Oliviero attended the January meeting to share memories from Marsha Pool's life.

