



Theta Alpha Chatter

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The Delta Kappa
Gamma
Society International

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
2016 - 2017

August 20, 2016
September 17, 2016
October 15, 2016
November 19, 2016
December 10, 2016
January 21, 2017
February 18, 2017
March 18, 2017
April 22, 2017
May 20, 2017

Message from the President

Happy New Year! We are all well into 2017 and with this new year we have many new opportunities awaiting and Theta Alpha has some you will want to be a part of.

Our first one is our next meeting January 21st at Arcadia Park Library where we will be bringing our computers (if you have a laptop or tablet). Read more about it in this newsletter.

Our second very important opportunity is orientation Feb. 5th at 2pm. Please plan to attend this meeting at Linda Robards' home in Duncanville. We have some exciting new prospective members whose talents are impressive and will be a benefit to our chapter. My hope is they will all say YES!

January also brings deadlines for some reports and scholarship applications. February 1st is the Necrology report deadline and scholarship applications for Cora McFarland and International. If you are interested in these contact Kendall Hasse for Cora McFarland and Susie Branch for the International scholarship application.

June 22nd through June 24th is the DKG convention in Houston. The Westin Galleria hotel will be the convention hotel and is open for reservations. If you are planning to attend the convention I urge you to make your reservation now and not wait as I'm sure it will fill up quickly.

I received an email from Delta Phi inviting our members to their annual service project on February 11th in Richardson. We will read the email at the meeting.

The Theta family will be bringing breakfast goodies for the January meeting. Leslie is the coordinator and will be contacting Patti, Sara and Minthia as they are on her committee. (If she hasn't already.)

We have many more opportunities on the horizon and these were just a few.

See you January 21st.

Mary Myers,
President

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of Key Women Educators

January Meeting Details

I can't believe 2017 is already here, and half of our year is complete! This meeting will focus on all types of Technology, and our Website Guru Catie will lead the meeting about this topic! Michelle will open our meeting with an inspiration. If you would like to bring your technology to follow along with Catie's program, please do; however, you do not have to if you would prefer to leave it at home!

With this being the last meeting before our Annie project, please come so we can discuss last minute things we need to accomplish before then and now. Also, it's really important we have your "Recipes for Success" in order to be presented next month as part of our Annie project! All of them have been listed at the bottom of the article!

I hope to see you there!

Leslie Valentincic
Co-First Vice President

Meeting Date: January 21, 2017

Meeting Location: Arcadia Park Library
1302 N Justin Ave
Dallas, TX 75211

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

What to Bring: Your past and current recipe cards! These are important since our Annie project is next month! EEK!

Ideas:

- encouraging viewing others' perspectives; teaching problem solving skills
 - recipe for first week, recipe for organization
- differentiating instruction; ensuring every student has a voice
 - keep learning fun; student/class craft
- handling stress; favorite food recipe (for school or home)

Who Is It?

Bring you answer to the next meeting.

1. Worked at Subway at Subway as a "sandwich artist" and first car was a Chevy S-10 pickup.

Ann Wyatt Susie Branch

Elizabeth Paletz Sarah McMurrough

2. Favorite restaurant Herrera's and likes Nascar racing

Mary Myers Leslie Valentincic

Ann Wyatt Michelle Grandinetti

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Texas Legislature and the U.S. Congress are back in session. We need to be diligent in following their activities to assure that our pensions, health care, and policies effecting public schools are dealt with fairly.

Be sure to communicate with your legislators at the state and national level about your concerns. We need to be involved and speaking out about your needs.

Hattie Hammer,
Legislative Committee

Birthdays

January

- 1 - Cathen Jones
- 2 - Melanie Lewis
- 11 - Joan Huntley
- 28 - Jasmine Slay

February

- 6 - Betty Morgan
- 12 - Sarah McMurrough
- 28 - Elizabeth Paletz



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Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Alpha Chapter Minutes November 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Theta Alpha Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order at 10:15am. Mary Myers, President welcomed guests and asked members to introduce guests. Inspiration was given by Catie King, Co-First Vice President.

Janet Roark introduced our Grant in Aid recipient, Shay Sifford, a senior at Texas Women's University. Miss Sifford would like to teach second or third grade because she enjoys being a part of the learning process.

Linda Robards, Membership chairman, shared names of prospective new members with sisters. She shared that orientation will be in January, 2017.

Theta Alpha's Christmas Tea will be held at Patti Belknap's home in Arlington, Texas on December 10, at 10am. Members will conduct an ornament exchange and those attending are being asked to bring an item from the sign-up sheet.

Mary Myers asked for recommendations for the Friend in Education Award. Catie King then gave our Tech Moment and shared with the sisters about taking "Selfie's."

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am with the singing of the DKG song, and followed by the Annual Theta Alpha Live and Silent Auction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristi John,
Recording Secretary



Janet Roark and Shay Sifford, Grant in Aid recipient for the Theta Alpha Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

SAVE THE DATE

for the

Annual Coordinating Council of Dallas County Luncheon

The cost of the Luncheon ticket will be \$30.00.

The Menu choice:

Tomato and Mozzarella Salad, Fresh Baby Spinach, Pesto Dressing

Chicken Parmesan, Angel Hair Pasta, Buttered Broccoli

Chocolate Mousse Cake

I'm A Fool

For

DKG!

Please plan to spend your April Fool's Day with us!

April 1, 2017

10 o'clock in the morning

Lakewood Country Club

Dallas, Texas

Details to follow

From Your A.C.

Happy New Year dear sisters!

2017 is here and we are looking forward to a lot of fun and exciting events coming up. If you signed up for the Spectacular Arts Festival, you are one of the lucky ones. The weekend of Jan. 13-15 in Navasota is when the festival will be taking place. I hope all of you who are going have a wonderful experience while you are there!

Our 88th State Convention is set for June 22-24 in Houston. You may have heard that the venue has changed. We will be at the Westin Galleria at 5060 W. Alabama, Houston 77056. Reservations are not open yet, but we will send an all points bulletin when they are ready for you to register. Bonnie Moore and her committee are working hard for a great convention.

July 4-7 is the Southwest Regional Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii. I hope you are saving up for this great adventure as well. I know those ladies in Hawaii are excited about all of us from the mainland coming and having a great time in their state!

Then we want to saddle up our horses, put on our boots and grab our gear to pull out all the stops for the International Convention in Austin in 2018. The actual dates are July 16-20th. I am so excited about this fantastic opportunity to show off our great state and our capital city! Not only must we look like cowgirls, but WE MUST KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD!

We need to make sure that we congratulate 4 of our Area 9 members for being selected to the Leadership Seminar in February! I will say something in my article for the newsletters in February! They are Beverly Funk from Eta Eta, Carrie Lowe from Alpha Alpha, Pam Hennigan from Nu Gamma, and Jennifer Bernabo from Mu Mu! I AM SO EXCITED for these wonderful ladies! We have the most going from Area 9.

Jo Murphy has asked me to send out a request to any of our members that would like to help transport some of the participants from the airport to

the hotel. They have to be at the hotel by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17th and will need transportation back to the airport on Sunday, Feb. 19th. I will probably help out on that Sunday because I want to represent our Area at the graduation ceremony! Let me know if we have any volunteers!

I hope each of you have a great start to 2017!!!!

Until next time,
Cathy



Sister Lunch Information

Each year Delta Pi host a "Sister Lunch". We invite boarding/close chapters to have lunch with us in an effort to socialize and discuss challenges and successes of our chapters. This year we are doing something a little different. We are adding a service project into the mix. Children's hospital is in need of activity bags for their young patients and their siblings. Our chapter will supply all the materials need to create the bags. You and your members are invited to come join us to assemble the bags and then go out to lunch.

We will meet at the Richardson ISD Professional Library on February 11th at 10:30. We will assemble the activity bags and head out to lunch around 11:30. Please RSVP to me with number of members that will be joining us by January 20th. The place of lunch will not be determined until I have a count. Once I get the count I will email out the name of the restaurant. This way if you are not able to join us for the service project, you might still be able to join us for lunch.

Event information:

February 11th
Service Project begins at 10:30
Richardson ISD Professional Library
701 W. Belt Line Road, Richardson 75080
Lunch to follow at a location TBA
RSVP by email by January 20th

Good News to Start 2017

2017 brings good tidings for the Texas State Organization Convention. Our first choice in hotels, the Westin Galleria, has agreed to be the host hotel for our 2017 Texas State Organization. The Westin Galleria is located in the beautiful Galleria Mall in the heart of Houston. The Steering Committee is overjoyed to have the Westin Galleria join our team.

All of the convention meeting areas and guest rooms will be in one location. Each room comes complete with a Keurig Coffee Maker and Starbucks Coffee. Free WiFi is available in the guest and conference rooms. There are numerous restaurants and a large food court available in the Galleria. Self-parking is free. If attendees choose, they may stay in one location the entire convention.

Registration is available online beginning January 2, 2017. To register, please copy and paste the following link in your browser:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/2F17AA>
Please make single room reservations. This allows the hotel to keep a correct count and have rooms for everyone.
(Heartline, 2017)

2017 Texas State Organization Unifying Project

The Unifying Project for the 2017 Texas State Organization is Child Advocates. For over 30 years Child Advocates has helped over 22,800 children who are victims of severe child abuse, neglect, and abandonment.

They have grown from a staff of three volunteers to over 5,000. While the impact of these dedicated volunteers has been life-saving to each child they have reached, there are still more children who live with the trauma of severe abuse, neglect, and abandonment.

The news media, social media, and broadcast news cast a light on the horrors of child abuse and neglect. For every story seen or read, Child

Advocates is there to comfort and support the innocent victims. A court appointed Child Advocate gives the child a voice in courtrooms and schools and work with the foster families.

In addition to volunteers, Child Advocates is in need of supplies. These supplies help the children begin a life without fear and experience the love of others. As Delta Kappa Gamma members, we can embrace these children by donating items from the list at the end of this newsletter. Please help bring roses and sunshine into the lives of the most vulnerable.
(Heartline, 2017)

2017 Unifying Project Child Advocates Needs for DKG – TSO June Convention

Gift cards to:

- * Target
- * Amazon
- * Wal-Mart
- * Visa/MasterCard
- * Amazon
- * Office Depot
- * Costco/Sam's

Younger Children:

- * Children's Books
- * Coloring Books and Crayons
- * Stuffed Animals
- * Action Figures
- * Educational Toys
- * Educational Games
- * Art Sets

Preteen and Teen Girl:

- * Manicure set, Nail file, nail polish
- * Hand cream or lotion, Lip gloss or bath wash
- * Decorative t-shirts or Cute socks
- * Books, journals, colorful pens
- * Small Purse, wallet

Preteen and Teen Boy:

- * Manicure set
- * AXE shaving cream or deodorant
- * Comb/Brush
- * Decorative t-shirts or Socks
- * Books, journals
- * Keychain or Wallet