



Theta Alpha Chatter

Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow!

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

**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
education.**

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**Theta Alpha Chapter
Meeting Dates
2017 - 2018**

August 19, 2017
September 16, 2017
October 21, 2017
November 18, 2017
December 9, 2017
January 20, 2018
February 17, 2018
March 17, 2018
April 21, 2018
May 19, 2018

 **Message from the President** 

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2018 and all the greatness it will shower upon you this year. Many of the possibilities will include DKG activities. We have our State Convention in June at the Waco Convention Center June 14-16. The convention hotel is the Waco Hilton and the Courtyard by Marriott is the secondary hotel. In July 16-20th we have the International Convention in Austin. The convention hotel is J.W. Marriott and reservations will begin Jan.2. We also have our own chapter meetings. This month the meeting will be held at Arcadia Park. By Dallas Public Library policy we are not allowed to let anyone in the building before opening time. So, for the meeting Saturday, the doors will open at 10:00 a.m.

We will continue with our light morning refreshments at this meeting. This month the Delta family will be bringing them to us. Sarah McMurrough is chairman and her committee is Jasmine Slay, Jan Gentry, Joan Huntley and Mary Myers.

If you are planning to apply for an international scholarship I'd like to remind you of the deadline which is February 1st, 2018. Please let me know if you are interested in applying.

It will be good to see everyone January 20th. Please contact one of us if you need a ride or want to car pool.

Mary Myers,
President

*An Honorary Professional Society
of Key Women Educators*

January Meeting Details

I can't believe 2018 is already here, and half of our year is complete! This meeting will focus on scholarships and the doors they open! Kendall is an excellent example of using the scholarships to advance her education and will share her experiences with the scholarship process. Jazmine will open our meeting with an inspiration.

Although there is technically no "Annie" project this year, we are moving forward with our human trafficking program in February. We will do something in regards to collecting materials to help support victims of human trafficking at our March meeting. I'm just waiting on details from the organization that is coming to our February meeting.

I hope to see you there!

Leslie Valentincic,
Co-First Vice President

Meeting Date: January 20, 2018

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

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

What to Bring: Children's Books to be donated if you like.



Julia Crawford Scholarship winner Ashlyn Young with Janet Roark, Julia Crawford Scholarship Chairman at the November 2017 meeting.

Legislative News

Texas Educators Care Enough to Vote

Remember these important dates; register by February 5, 2018 to vote in the Primary Election on March 6, 2018. Early voting February 20 - March 2, 2018.

How do I know which candidate supports public education? For starters, check out <http://www.txparentpac.com/> and www.savetxschools.org.

Hattie M. Hammer,
Legislative Chairman

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 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Theta Alpha Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International began at 10:20am. Members were welcomed by Mary Myers, President. Mary gave updates about members who were not able to attend and allowed others to give updates.

Janet Roark, Julia Crawford Scholarship Chairman, introduced Ashlyn Young, the recipient of the Theta Alpha Chapter's Julia Crawford Scholarship. Ashlyn currently attends Dallas Baptist University and holds a grade point average of 3.984. She aspires to become an educator. Ashlyn was awarded a \$500 check from the Theta Alpha chapter to help her with expenses from school or to purchase classroom materials.

The members then gave updates on upcoming events. The Holiday Tea will be held at Hattie Hammer's church in Duncanville, Texas beginning at 10am. The meeting adjourned at 10:55am followed by the Theta Alpha Chapter's silent and live auction.

Kristi John,
Recording Secretary



Theta Alpha's Past Presidents:

Top: Linda Robards, Susie Branch, Marilyn Bishop, and Diane McCorcle

Bottom: Cathy Nichols, Carolyn Johnson, Mary Myers, and Patti Belknap

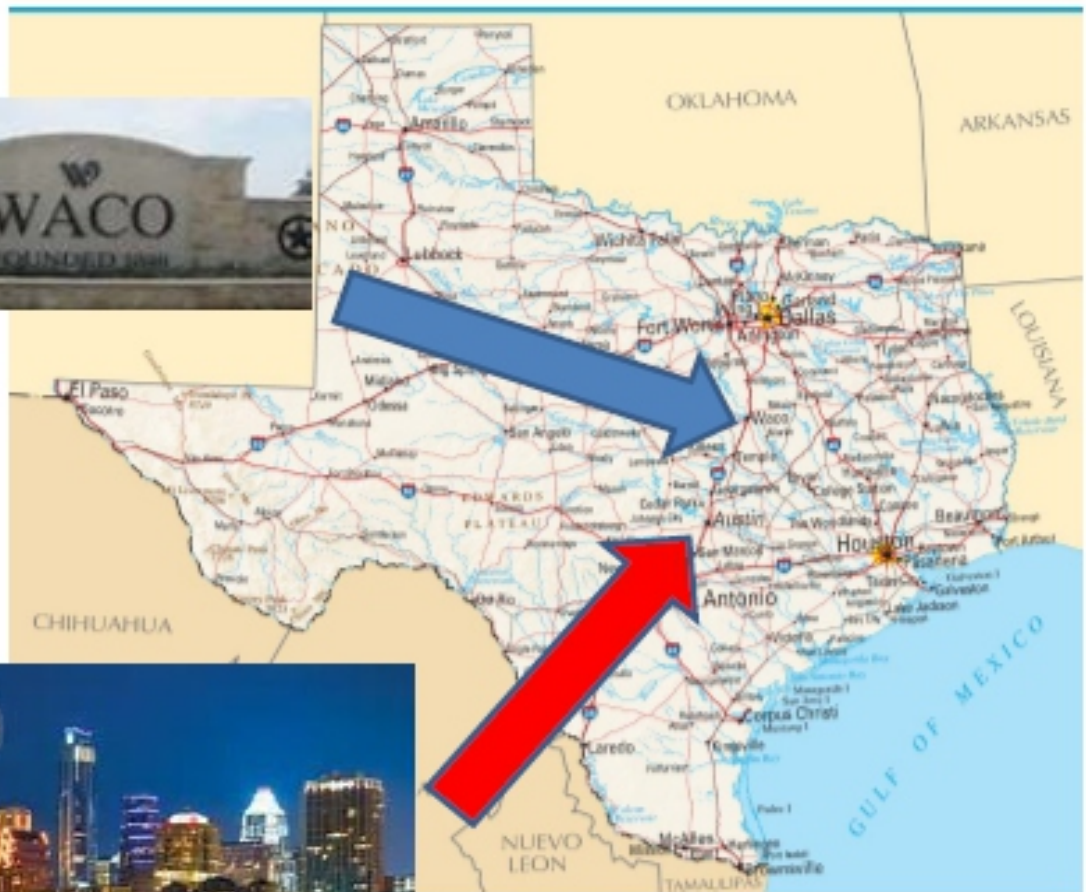
DKG Acronyms!

(taken from the TSO website)

Do you or your members need a cheat sheet for all the acronyms in DKG? Here's a handy list!

AC	Area Coordinator
ASTEF	Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation
CPE	Continuing Professional Education
CTAUN	Committee on Teaching about the United Nations
DKG	The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
EEC	Educational Excellence Committee
GG	International Golden Gift Leadership/Management Seminar
ISF	International Speakers Fund
ISR	International Standing Rules
LDCP	Leadership Development of Chapter Presidents
LOSP	Leadership Orientation for State Personnel
LSN	Lone Star News
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PACE	President's Award for Chapter Excellence
PSP	Past State President
RONR	Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (10th Edition, 2000)
TSO	Texas State Organization

CONVENTIONS.....HERE WE COME!



WACO **Texas State Organization** Dr. Jo Murphy, President

June 14 – 16, 2018

Hilton Hotel and Waco Convention Center

Miles from Pat May Center to Convention
Center: 102 miles; 1 hr & 29 min.
(don't forget to stop in West for kolaches)

Number of nights: 2

Countdown: 8 months

Let's have a party in Waco!!!!

AUSTIN **International** Dr. Carolyn Pittman, President

July 16 – 20, 2018

J.W. Marriott Hotel and Convention Center

Miles from Pat May Center to the J.W.
Marriott: 203 miles; 2 hrs & 55 min.
(does not include pit-stops)

Number of nights: 4 or 5

Countdown: 9 months

Don't wait until the last minute, start saving \$5.00 a
week, now, to help with expenses to attend
convention.