



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
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

We had a wonderful meeting last month with a program that enlightened everyone in attendance. Our guest speaker explained reflexology and it's benefits. It seems massaging one's feet or hands can help relieve stress and help bodily functions. ASK someone who attended the meeting what we learned!

The March 18th meeting will be at Johns Elementary in Arlington. Connie Resnick will be our guest speaker. We will also have the Recommitment Ceremony.

The Coordinating Council of Dallas County luncheon is April 1st and begins at 10:00 am. Our chapter will be helping check in members attending. If you would like to volunteer for this please let me know as we need 4 members to do this. It is also suggested that we arrive before 9:30 if planning to do this. Our nominee, Michelle Goldsack, was selected by the council to receive this year's Friend of Education award. She was initially nominated by Leslie Valentincic and we are proud to honor this volunteer for her service to children.

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to access the DKG website and update their contact information. If not all you have to do is, login and click on My DKG. Next, go to "My Account" and use the pencil icon to edit your data. There are so many ways to stay informed and the Society wants us to take time to find out the latest and up to date information. They also would like us to complete the "My Profile" section. This section will ask whether you are willing to receive communications by email or text. It will also ask if contact information may be included in a member only directory. Please take time to do this. To login, the username is your membership number without the last digit and password is dkg2014society.

See you on the 18th around 9:30.

Mary Myers,
President

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of Key Women Educators

March Meeting Details

I can't believe March is already here! It feels like it was just yesterday that a new school year was upon us! For those that are still teaching, May will be here before we know it! Our March meeting will be held in the Johns Elementary library with Connie Resnick discussing Global Awareness and her work with CTAUN. She will also touch on membership for a few minutes as well. Sarah will inspire us with an inspiration, and we will have a recommitment ceremony as well. Catie has created two different survey's that she is going to send out the week before the meeting to give you time to fill them out. If you have trouble or have questions, we will give time to answer them at Johns. One survey is for planning next year's programs, and one that is collecting information about possible social events that could be planned in the future!

I hope to see you there!

Leslie Valentincic
Co-First Vice President

Meeting Date: March 18, 2017

Meeting Location: Johns Elementary
1900 Sherry St,
Arlington, TX 76010

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

What to Bring: You.....and money to donate towards Schools of Africa



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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ASTE F

ASTE F has joined with Kroger and Ralphs grocery stores to earn funds every time someone shops for ASTEF. This is an easy way to earn funds that support member scholarships, Aspiring Educator awards, leadership events and training, and projects that impact Texas students, children, and educators across the state.

It only takes a minute to apply for a Community Rewards card or to connect your current card to ASTEF. ASTEF's donation number is 99982. Step by step directions are on the ASTEF website (www.astef.org). Members still receive fuel points, discounts, senior citizen discounts, weekly specials, and all benefits from Kroger.

We realize not all areas have these stores. Please consult the attached map to learn if one is in your area. If so, please encourage your chapter presidents to let their members know. Suggest they take 5 minutes during a meeting and have everyone sign up on the spot!

In June, a second rewards program with Randall's and Tom Thumb stores will be announced.

We are seeking ideas on how to raise funds from other groups other than our members. We want to take advantage of all programs. If you know of one, please contact Barbara Derrick at advancement@astef.org

Make a difference for scholarships, leadership, and projects simply by shopping!

If you already are a member of Kroger Rewards go here for more information:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/communityreward/s/enroll> then enter the 99982 to search for the organization. It will bring up ASTEF, click and hit enroll.

It was EASY!



**Delta Kappa Gamma
Theta Alpha Chapter Minutes
February 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Theta Alpha Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International began with Mary Myers, President, introducing our guests. Inspiration was given by Leslie Valentincic, Co-First Vice president. The members played a game as an icebreaker. Mary Myers gave updates on members that were not present. Fifteen members were present making a quorum. The January minutes were approved as written and will be filed.

Marilyn Bishop gave a treasury report. We have \$3448.12 in our account. She reported that the Spring Luncheon tickets will be \$30 and will be on April 1st, 2017. If you have any special needs for the luncheon, please let Marilyn know so that she can send it in.

Leslie Valentincic and Catie King, Co-First Vice Presidents, introduced Johnny Sue, the guest for our program. Our program for the month discussed reflexology, stress relief, health, and wellness. She discussed the importance of our feet. Mary Myers read a part of a letter received from a prospective member that came to the orientation on February 4th, 2017. Hattie Hammer gave members an update on Legislation issues. She encouraged everyone to call or email your representative and share concerns. Teachers that are in the classroom are encouraged to join TRTA as well because the issues affect them as well.

The following members have accepted invitation to membership: Trisha Lofton, Patty Baker, Mia Luna and Lois Hounsel. Patti Belknap gave an update on ASTEF. She explained the role of ASTEF to the newer members. Members were encouraged to help

fill the little red purse for ASTEF Giving Month. Patti also shared that she was nominated for another state position as Vice President.

Mary Myers asked how many members planned to go to convention in June. Mary thanked the Beta family for the food for the meeting. We adjourned at 11:55am with the singing of the DKG song.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristi John,
Recording Secretary

**Right: Discussing
Reflexology with
Johnny Sue and
Leslie Valentincic.**



Birthdays

March

- 3 - Babs Arnswald
- 5 - Ann Wyatt
- 12 - Janet Roark
- 17 - Kendall Hasse

April

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



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From Your A.C.

Goodbye February and Hello March! March is known as March Madness (if you are a college basketball fan), the Ides of March, and of course (don't pinch me!) St. Patrick's Day. Thank goodness March 17th, is during our Spring Break!

Those of us that are still teaching are getting ready for STAAR testing, so we could say we are coming into some madness! For those of us who will be retiring, our eyes are set on slowly cleaning out years of all the items we have collected to make our teaching career a success.

Those of you, who have already crossed over into the land of the "leprechaun", some of us are going to join you lucky folks!

I hope all of you have thought about joining the forces down in Houston for our yearly State Convention. You still have time to get your reservation in! You do not want to miss a wonderful time of seeing and meeting up with all of our TSO DKG sisters. If you have never been to a convention, now is the time to join us in Houston. You do not want to miss out on the fun, fellowship and learning experiences you can have while there.

Some of you, I know are planning to go to Hawaii, so make sure you are gearing up for that great trip. I know our sisters in Hawaii are so excited to host this year's Southwest Regional Conference. If you are the treasurer for your chapter, you need to start getting your pen and checkbook ready to send in your monies for all the different funds we support at State and International level.

I look forward to seeing some of you on Saturday, April 1st for CCDC luncheon and others of you on May 6th at the Collin County Coordinating Council luncheon. I will send a representative to the Grayson County luncheon, as I have a previous engagement already planned for April 8th. I so enjoyed last year's time with you! I hate when I can't get to be with the "heart of the society".....YOU!

Until next time,
Cathy



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)

Child Advocates Needs for DKG – TSO June Convention

Gift cards to:

- * Target
- * Amazon
- * Wal-Mart

Younger Children:

- * Childrens' Books
- * Educational Toys
- * Art Sets

Preteen and Teen Girl:

- * Hand cream or lotion, Lip gloss or bath wash
- * Books, journals, colorful pens
- * Small Purse, wallet

Preteen and Teen Boy:

- * Manicure set/deodorant
- * Comb/Brush
- * Decorative t-shirts or Socks
- * Books, journals

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