



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
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



“Keep all special thoughts and memories for lifetimes to come. Share these keepsakes with others to inspire hope and build from the past, which can bridge to the future. Mattie Stepanek”

April was full of wonderful memory making events. Marilyn Bishop hosted our initiation in her lovely home on April 3, 2016. We initiated Michelle Gotzman, Melissa Hamilton, Sarah McMurrough, Allison Nichols, Elizabeth Paletz, Jasmine Slay and Katherine Reves. Welcome Ladies to one of the most vibrant chapters in DKG. On April 9, 2016 several of us attended the Coordinating Council of Dallas County's Luncheon at the Lakewood Country Club. On April 16, 2016 we held our 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Adolphus Hotel. Once again Marilyn Bishop and her committee outdid themselves in arranging an outstanding event. We had a wonderful tea and program as we celebrated our birthday.

This month please join us for our final meeting this school year. We will meet May 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Dallas, 1835 Young Street, Dallas, Texas. We will have the installation of officers and Theta Alpha will be celebrating Founder's Day and each other, with different member awards. The winner of Theta Alpha's achievement award will be revealed! The inspiration will be brought to us by Baudelia Luna.

June brings the 87th TSO convention in Frisco, Texas. The convention will be held from June 23-25, 2016. Please make plans to attend at least one of those days. “The Unifying project will be divided between Area 9's Hope Supply Co. and Area 17's Court Appointed Special Advocates. HSC and CASA are nonprofits that help children in critical need. HSC focuses on homeless children 0-18 years, finding shelter and other necessities to improve their lives. CASA concentrates on abused and neglected children in the foster care system, securing safe, permanent homes and providing needed supplies”. They are collecting crayons, pencils, pens, wide-ruled notebook paper, new fleece blankets and new teddy bears. These supplies can be dropped off at the Frisco Conference Center registration area. If you are not attending the convention and still wish to donate some of these items, please bring them to our May meeting. Thank you for assisting HSC and CASA as they help area children!

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President's Message (Cont'd)

Ladies, I will not be able to attend May's meeting, since I will be in New York City attending my nephew's graduation from Columbia University. It has been my pleasure to serve as your president these last two years. I want to thank all of you and especially my executive board for all of your assistance and support as I traveled this bumpy road of leadership.

"It's sad to know I'm done. But looking back, I've got a lot of great memories." Bonnie Blair

Read more at:

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/b/bonnieblair443085.html>

Dianne McCorcle,
President

May Meeting Details

The academic year is drawing to a close. It's a time to look back at where we started, assess whether goals were achieved or missed, celebrate our successes, acknowledge those who have assisted us, and contemplate how to make next year even better. That is exactly what we intend to do at our meeting in May. We will have a program about our society founders, install officers for the next biennium, present attendance and achievement awards, and conduct a few items of business. I will be sending out a link to a Google form this week to survey members about planning for next year. It will be titled "Theta Alpha program survey." There will also be sign up sheets for inspirations at the meeting.

Meeting information:

Date: May 21, 2016 10:00
Location: First Presbyterian Church
1835 Young Street
Dallas, Tx
Inspiration: Baudelia Luna

Catie King,
Co-First Vice President

Election 2016

Hopefully you voted in the latest local elections held on Saturday, May 7th. The next election will be later in May which will be the Primary Runoffs - check to see if your district state representative or senator is involved in this run off and make sure you vote.

Of course, now we turn to the Presidential Election in November - be sure to listen to the speeches and ask questions to be sure that the candidates are listening to the concerns of the educators.

Hattie M. Hammer,
Legislative Representative



Theta Alpha Sisters at the 50th Birthday Party at the Adolphus in Dallas, TX.

Birthdays May

- 2 - Mary Myers
- 7 - Michelle Goltzman
- 13 - Beverly Hagood
- 19 - Mary Wright
- 24 - Baudelia Luna

June

- 4 - Kathy Nichols
- 9 - Minthia Nelson
- 16 - Anita Longshore
- 16 - Leslie Valentic



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From Your A.C.

To all my sisters of Area 9,

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of another school year! There are musicals, programs, try outs for athletics, cheerleading, one act plays and of course the STAAR test around the corner! Those of us still teaching are anticipating and counting down the days! Those of you who are retired are busy as well but in different ways. Some of you may be taking care of your families, or you are getting to go on wonderful trips. We all are looking forward to summer and all that it brings!

I am so excited that so many of you will be with us at convention!

- The convention is going to be so helpful to us as we plan for incoming presidents and other incoming officers.

- The convention will be insightful into how to keep up with the society and how we can think "outside the box" to invite younger teachers into our great society.

- The convention will also be a time to reunite with many of our sisters across the state and to make new friends.

- The convention will also give many of us an insight into how a chapter is chartered and accepted into our own Area 9.

- The convention will also bring fun and excitement as we all enjoy a game of baseball!

There is so much to look forward to! Don't miss out! Please don't forget to set aside 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1st as we gather in the Draper Chapel of FBC, Wylie to participate in the chartering of Nu Gamma. I hope to see you there!

Also, we will be looking forward to Saturday, September 17th, as we come together for our Area 9 workshop. I hope we can have a great group in Ennis at this time. Congratulations to Kappa Zeta for sending their registration in already. Way to go!

For many of you, this will be the last newsletter till August, so have a great summer and I will be looking forward to seeing you at Convention!

Until next time,
Cathy



87th TSO Convention June 23-25, 2016

For more information please go to:
<http://dkgtexas2016convention.weebly.com/>

Hotel Information

Embassy Suites by Hilton

7600 John Q. Hammons Drive
Frisco, TX 75034

972-712-7200

1-800-Embassy (toll free)

87th TSO Convention

June 23-25, 2016

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.

Minutes from Frisco: TSO Headquarters in Dallas, TSO Archives in Denton!

Q. Who helped pay for TSO Headquarters?

A. *You* and other members of DKG’s Texas State Organization !

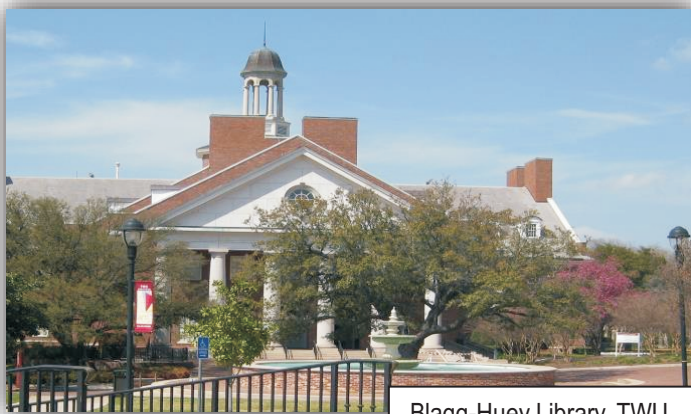
Q. When is the perfect opportunity to visit *your* TSO HQ—and TSO Archives?

A. June 23-25, 2016, while you’re in Frisco for the state convention! Dallas and Denton are just minutes away!



What can you see and do at *your* TSO HQ? You can meet *your* TSO HQ personnel. You can view and hear the history of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton’s gavel, *your* Alpha State Charter, and other memorabilia. Headquarters tours are planned for 9-11 a.m., Thursday, in groups of 15. The first tour will leave the Frisco Conference Center at 8:30 a.m.

Please indicate if you are attending LDCP so that you can be scheduled for the first tour. The only cost will be a small charge for transportation. Email Jeanette Rhyan, Headquarters chair, for more info. jrhyan78@gmail.com



Blagg-Huey Library, TWU

What does *your* chapter have stored in the TSO Archives at Texas Woman’s University in Denton? What state archival treasures are also housed there?

In the Blagg-Huey

Library’s Woman’s Collection, you’ll find archives for TSO — plus, the Texas Association of Women’s Clubs (TAWC), the Texas Federation of Women’s Clubs (TFWC), the Women’s Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), and others. Tentative tour times are Wednesday midday to afternoon and/or Thursday/Friday. The 35-minute drive west from Frisco will be on your own.



Woman’s Collection vault: climate-controlled, hazard-protected. Archived chapter materials!

What to do: By May 1 email Deborah Thomas, Tours chair, to let her know you’re interested. djtix72@live.com

Photos: Jeanette Rhyan, Marilyn Nease

2016 State Convention's Unifying Project: Heartline to Our Communities

Back Story...

Q. What's the mission of TSO's Unifying Project?

A. Each year TSO's Unifying Project serves the needs of the state convention community and unifies chapters across Texas in service.

Q. Which areas are hosts for this year's convention and, thus, are the communities the 2016 Unifying Project will serve?

A. Area 9 and Area 17 in Northeast Texas!



What to Do...

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Photo: Lillian Hughes, Unifying Project chair