



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
education.

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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

April showers bring May flowers the end of yet another school year and my first year as your president! It also brings us the ANNIE Award which we were proud to receive. Thank you to all our members for the support! A big congratulations to Leslie and Catie for a job well done.

Those of you in the classroom are getting ready to say goodbye to your students and are looking forward to a well deserved summer vacation. The testing is over so it's all downhill now. Summer vacation is well deserved!

We enjoyed the April meeting at Spring Creek BBQ where we celebrated our birthday with Jeanette Rhyan and her birthday presentation! It was fun and Catie was a big help "stirring the cake mix."

Our May meeting will begin at State Headquarters with a tour of the facilities. There won't be breakfast items at this meeting. We will present the Achievement Award and Crystal Apple to two well deserving members. This will also be our Founders Day meeting where we will be honoring the founders of our organization. Look further in the newsletter for the restaurant we will be to going for the rest of our meeting.

June is just a few weeks away. June 22 thru June 24 is the State Convention and many of us will be attending. As a reminder, please remember to bring your items for the Unifying Project.

Mary Myers,
President

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May Meeting Details

In celebration of Founder's Day, we will start our meeting off by taking a tour of State Headquarters in Dallas. Come and join us as we take a tour and learn the history of how Delta Kappa Gamma was started! After our tour, we will meet at Cafe de France for food and fellowship. Attendance and the Achievement Award will be given out as well as finalizing convention details. I hope you can make it!

I hope to see you there!

Leslie Valentincic
Co-First Vice President

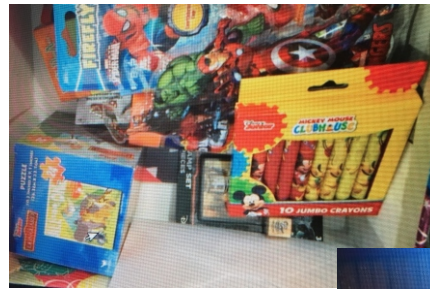
Meeting Date: May 20, 2017

Meeting Locations: 10:00 - 11:00am
State Headquarters
6220 Campbell Road
Suite 204
Dallas, TX 75248

11:30am - ?
Cafe de France
17370 Preston Rd
Suite #505,
Dallas, TX 75252

Meeting Times: 10:00 AM
11:30 AM

What to Bring: Yourself!



Birthday Boxes to donate to Hope Supply Company from the Theta Alpha Chapter!



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 Valentincic



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Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Alpha Chapter Minutes April 22, 2017

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Theta Alpha Chapter was called to order by Mary Myers, Chapter President, at 12:08 a.m. Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 in Dallas, Texas at Spring Creek Barbeque.

Mary gave a member update and a quorum was reached with 19 members in attendance. Minutes were approved as in the newsletter with corrections. Marilyn Bishop, Co-Treasurer, stated Theta Alpha's balance is \$3083.12 and the UNICEF check was \$115.

In Committee Reports, Hattie Hammer gave a Legislation report encouraging members to reach out and call, email, and/or write government leaders. Members brought boxes for the Annie Project for Captain Hope's Kids filled with necessities and goodies for children to have on their birthdays. Catie King, Co-1st Vice President, announced the surveys for programs interested in outside activities will close today (so she encouraged everyone to submit their feedback) and the other survey planning for next year's programs will close in a week. Baudelia Luna, Co-Treasurer, had everyone nominate members for the Achievement Award so we can vote for a member that has gone above the regular duties. Patti Belknap, TSO 1st Vice President discussed the Crystal Apple Award which is a chapter award that goes to someone that has already earned the Achievement Award and has put in years of dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma. Linda Robards, Membership Chair, made a motion to wait a year to give the award. Joan Huntley seconded the motion. Discussion was held and a vote was taken which put the motion to rest. Dianne McCorkle, Previous Past President, made a motion for us to nominate and select one of our members for the Crystal Apple Award as we have members who deserve recognition for their years of dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma. Ann Wyatt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary discussed the Annie Calling. Annie Calling is a way to recruit back members – go through membership files and reach out to get them reunited with DKG.

Patti talked about the information and script being on the TSO website and how some chapters are connecting it to football as in a “Homecoming” celebration. Chapters can have a gathering and/or collaborate to connect to their yearly tea, holiday, or chapter celebrations. This way past members can reunite with members in a party atmosphere.

Mary also discussed DKG Next that will meet to plan for membership and the future of DKG. Mary gave the form to several members and stated if anyone else would like one, she will give the application to apply. The meeting will be held at Headquarters.

Pam Conner, President of Delta Chi, has the bus information if members want to take a bus to the State Convention in Houston this summer. Deadline to register for the State Convention is May 31st. DKG is also advertising a tour from Massachusetts to Vermont in October for a bus tour to see Fall colors. It is \$2199 for DKG members.

May's meeting is at Headquarters in Richardson then lunch after at Café du France.

On the DKG International Website, please update your profile and see Patti's picture on her profile!

Mary introduced the program speaker, our DKG Sister, Jeanette Rhyan, who led the DKG Theta Alpha Birthday Presentation for Theta Alpha's 51st Birthday. Everyone had cake and the meeting concluded at 1:25 after singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Respectfully submitted,
Kendall Hasse,
Second Vice President



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!

From Your A.C.

May is here!

May means so many things to all of us. For me, it is four birthdays in our family within a week of each other, anniversaries and end of the school year.

This year is totally different for me as I begin to start on a new journey....RETIREMENT. It also brings me to the close of my biennium as Area Coordinator of Area 9. I have enjoyed getting to be a part of the "members of the society!" You are amazing and what a wealth of talent we have here in Area 9. I know I say that all the time BUT it is true! I am so proud of the president's I have gotten to work with the last two years. They have simply been amazing. So many of them helped our Area 9 workshop to be a success. Thank you so much! So many of our members helped as well with the workshop. To you, I say "Thanks so much for your hard work!"

We had four wonderful ladies represent us at the Leadership Seminar in February. They are Jennifer Bernabo, Pam Herrigan, Beverly Funk and Carrie Lowe. I know that each one walked away with new ideas to use as they continue to lead in their chapters and around the state.

Remember to get your registration in for the convention in Houston! We hope to see you there as I know that Marilyn, Bonnie and the ladies around Houston are planning a wonderful convention.

Again, thank you much for allowing me to be your Area 9 Coordinator!

Let's keep in touch!

Love you sweet ladies,
Cathy



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