



# 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 28, 2018  
May 19, 2018

## Message from the President

I can't believe it's already May and I will be presiding over my last chapter meeting! I can truly say I have enjoyed these last two years. Thank you all for the help and understanding you have given me! Everyone in this chapter holds a special place in my heart!

Sat. May 19th we will meet at my home for our last chapter meeting. I sent an email earlier asking those of you planning to attend to bring a favorite salad to share for an end of year salad luncheon. Let this serve as your reminder. I will provide everything else. We will also have the installation of new officers and honor the member receiving the achievement award. This day is our Founders' Day so we will be honoring our original 12 Delta Kappa Founders.

Theta Alpha has had a great year in all of our endeavors because of the continuous dedicated participation of our members. We do try to honor our seven purposes of DKG.

In closing, please keep our members who are still teaching in your thoughts as they close yet another school year.

As always if you need transportation to the meeting we will be glad to come for you, just let us know.

*Mary Myers,*  
President

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# May Meeting Details

May comes with mixed emotions for so many. Working teachers count down the days until we send our kiddos on for the summer and can turn off the alarm. Retired teachers are sad when the stores they have been shopping in all year long are suddenly full! Our Founding Day program will be lead by Kendall and our Inspiration will be given by Dianne. We will also install new officer's for the 2018-2020 Biennium! Wooahoo! The Achievement Award will be awarded for this year and we will also discuss possible ways that we can stay in touch this summer using technology! It should be a fun meeting!

As our last meeting as Co-First Vice Presidents, Catie and I wanted to say that we have had such a great time planning and coming up with meaningful programs at each and every meeting for the last four years. We are thrilled to pass the reins to Kendall as the new First Vice President!

I hope to see you there!

Leslie Valentincic,  
Co-First Vice President

**Meeting Date:** May 19, 2018

**Meeting Locations:** Mary Myer's House  
302 Oakwood  
Duncanville, TX 75137

**Meeting Times:** 10:00 AM

**What to Bring:** A salad to share!

## Wanted: Newsletter Editor and Yearbook Editor

If you are interested in creating the Theta Alpha Chatter newsletter please email Kristi John. If you are interested in creating and editing the Theta Alpha Yearbook, please contact Ann Wyatt.

# Convention News

Are You Registered? If you haven't yet registered for the 2018 International Convention in Austin, July 16-20, here's your friendly reminder to get moving! You still have time, but do hurry!

June 16, early registration ends.

June 17, the registration price increases.

June 30, registration ends.

Follow this link:

[http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2018\\_International\\_convention/Registration.aspx](http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2018_International_convention/Registration.aspx)

On Saturday, June 16 at Convention the calendar of events says that we will have Necrology, Brunch, and Adjournment. We will be leaving at 12:00 noon to go home. Necrology we usually dress as if for church, so here again we are breaking from tradition. We are proposing that we wear DKG shirts from Leadership, if you have attended the Leadership Seminar, or from just having purchased one of the polo shirts or others that have been so popular during the last few years. If you do not have a DKG shirt, then a black shirt of any type will have you "fitting right in" with everyone.

## 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 - Leslie Valentincic



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**Delta Kappa Gamma  
Theta Alpha Chapter Minutes  
April 28, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Theta Alpha Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order by Mary Myers, President, at 10:15am in Arlington, at the home of Patti Belknap, TSO Second Vice President. Kendal Hasse read the inspiration and a recommitment to DKG from the Colligate Exchange. Mary gave updates on members who were unable to attend and then asked for other updates on members who were not able to attend the meeting. The March minutes were approved and will be filed. Marilyn Bishop, Co-Treasurer, gave an update on the balance of our Theta Alpha account which is \$2810.71 as of March 30<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Sarah McMurrough, Corresponding Secretary, asked members to update their email addresses with her, as she is sending out Birthday cards and such to members.

Theta Alpha initiated and welcomed three new members: Carol Hughes, Jennifer Neher, and Korina Cordona. Members then enjoyed refreshments for our Chapter's Birthday celebration as we continued business. Theta Alpha received an Annie Certificate and a certificate for our exemplary yearbook. Baudelia Luna, Co-Treasurer, then read the rules for the Achievement award nominations. Members then submitted written nominations to Baudelia for this year's Achievement award.

Mary then shared that Tim Lee, TRTA, will be speaking in Arlington soon. Michelle Grandinetti, TSO Membership, encouraged all teachers (especially active teachers) to continue to voice opinions and keep fighting for our retirement benefits.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 with the singing of the DKG song.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kristi John,  
Recording Secretary

**TSO Convention,  
Waco, TX**



**Daily Highlights for the TSO Convention:**

**Thursday, June 14th**

9:00 Registrations/Unifying project/Visual Arts/ ASTEF Project Boards  
12:00 Vendors area opens  
12:00 - 5:00 LDCP training for incoming chapter Presidents  
1:00 Breakout sessions  
7:00 Opening Session

**Friday, June 15th**

8:00 Registration  
9:00 Unifying Project  
9:00 Business session and ASTEF annual meeting  
12:00 Vendors open  
1:00 ASTEF Event - Building ASTEF Strong  
1:00 Breakout sessions  
2:15 Beginning of 15 Minute Info Blasts sessions  
7:00 Denim and Diamonds Banquet

**Saturday, June 15**

9:00 Celebration of Life and Remembrance  
10:30 Celebration Brunch and Awards

# 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.