



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
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Theta Alpha Chapter
Meeting Dates
2014 - 2015

August 16, 2014
September 20, 2014
October 11, 2014
November 15, 2014
December 13, 2014
January 17, 2015
February 21, 2015
March 21, 2015
April 18, 2015
May 16, 2015

Message from the President

We all have so much to be thankful for that we all need to pause frequently during this coming holiday season and count our blessings. The news has been full of dire happenings that instill fear in all of us, but we can draw strength from our "higher power" and our love ones, including our DKG sisters. So let ME stop and say THANK YOU to my Theta Alpha sisters, you have enriched my life!

We had a wonderful October meeting with our TSO president Nancy Newton giving us a wonderful presentation on our Delta Kappa Gamma song. It won't be the same old song anymore now that she was given us background tidbits about it. We also welcomed our sisters from Kappa Upsilon, Lambda Theta, and Mu Omicron.

Now it is time for our annual auction and I want to encourage you to attend and to bring a guest. The auction will be at our meeting on November 15, 2014 at Royal Lane Baptist Church, 6707 Royal Lane, Dallas, Texas. We will gather together at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting we will also present the Julia Crawford grant-in-aid and the 5 T.H.A.T awards. These ladies are reaping the fruits of last year's auction. This auction is our only fund raiser and to continue to award these grants, we need everyone's participation not only donating auction items, but attending this fun event.

See you all on the 15th!

Dianne McCorcle,
President

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of Key Women Educators

November Meeting Details

Ladies,

It is once again that delightful time of year when the weather gets cooler, there are gatherings of friends and family full of food and fun, and Theta Alpha has the annual November auction. Every year I look forward to the November meeting. It is such an excellent opportunity to invite guests and prospective members. This year we will be gathering together on November 15th at the Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas to raise money for our Teachers Helping Another Teacher grants and Julia Crawford Grant-In-Aid. Debra and Anita Rangel provide us with our inspiration. Our hostesses will be Babs Arnswald, Becky Folmar, Anita Rangel, Debra Rangel, Kendall Hasse, Michelle Fernandez, Donna Lucas, Michelle Grandinetti, Dianna Stouffer, and Kristi John. All members are asked to bring items for the silent and live auctions which will be held after addressing chapter business for this month. I can't wait to see you there!

Royal Lane Baptist Church
6707 Royal Lane
Dallas, Tx 75230

Catie King,
Co-Second Vice President



Membership

As we are getting deeper into the school year, I always look forward to our November meeting! There is nothing more fun than watching members battle for that cute Santa or those custom made items! I always look forward to the laughter and fellowship of our members and encourage some friends to come along. Don't forget to invite your friends to our Chapter's Annual Silent and Live Auction! This year is bound to be the best! This is a great way to introduce prospective members to our Chapter. If you have a friend interested in joining our Chapter, or just picking up a few gifts for the holidays, this is the perfect meeting to bring them to! See you there!

Kristi John,
Membership Chairman

Tech Moment

In August we discussed LinkedIn and Facebook. LinkedIn is used more for networking with other professionals, and Facebook is social media more commonly used for family, friends, and acquaintances. Both require you to set up an account before you can see what others post, allow you to share comments, pictures, or videos with others, and can be accessed using a computer, smart phone, or tablet. To set up an account you can go to www.facebook.com (for Facebook) and www.linkedin.com (for LinkedIn). There is some required information for each registration, however, you have some control over what information you choose to provide and with whom that information is shared.

October's Tech moment very briefly discussed cloud storage services. There are many options for cloud storage that vary in amount of storage, file size restrictions, and cost (several offer some free storage). Using cloud storage services allows access to your files anywhere you have internet access, even if you do not have your personal computer/phone/tablet, and most allow you options to share documents and files with other people that you invite; depending on how you share, they can see a "read only" copy or be able to edit it.

In November we will look at spreadsheets and tables, and why people sometimes choose one over the other when they look similar after they are printed. Feel free to check out our chapter website at www.thetaalpha.org and submit any questions for our tech moment using the form on our contact information page.

Legislative News

Now that the elections are over, it is time to talk to your state senator and representative about your concerns for action by the 2015 Legislature. Remember that there has to be action on funding TRS-Care and there is still the threat that the pension plan could be changed. Visit, call or write them now as this is the time laws are being prepared.

Hattie M. Hammer,
Legislative Contact

From Your A.C.

Living in Texas, we are surrounded and enticed by the delectable flavors and aromas of barbecue, chili, and the variety of herbs and spices that have traveled across our borders. Even though we enjoy a regular dose of these savory delights, fall still excites us with a luscious montage of seasonal scents and tastes. As an AC I enjoy the privilege of attending chapter meetings. Not only do I get to partake of delectable dishes, but I also get to participate in meetings and programs that have been seasoned with spicy activities that satisfy the palate (interests) of members. These flavorful (relevant) meetings and programs entice members to participate with zest and gusto and to return monthly for more helpings.

The aroma and zing of full-flavored meetings and programs satiate the palate and whet the appetite for courses to come. The culinary challenge is finding the right mixture of seasonings that can convert bland to tasty, dull to delicious. Chapters that have mastered this balance invigorate members' involvement and entice potential members to join the feast. It is amazing what a pinch of this or that can do to create a savory blend of interesting and relevant, thus creating a meal for all to savor. What's in your program pantry that can create a delectable experience? Extract it and watch to for smiling faces.

Zestfully yours and a Happy Thanksgiving,

Michelle Grandinetti
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What is Constant Contact?

Constant Contact is a monthly online update about ASTEF activities. The update includes a report from the ASTEF Board President, links to resources, and information about the state convention as well as the other information about ASTEF.

The upcoming Constant Contact will include a link to a survey for the next Road Scholar trip and suggestions for the ASTEF February focus.

If you would like to be on the mailing list please contact Shirley Owens –
shirley@owensstuff.com or go to www.astef.org

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The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation

The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation better known as ASTEF is raising funds for leadership, scholarship, and projects through its "Pig Posse".

All members of the TSO state personnel have been asked to bring a piggy bank to each DKG meeting or function and collect funds for ASTEF. These collections take the place of the gift baskets that have been done in the past several years at our state conventions.

Princess Patti Pig and Dorothy Pig (Michelle's) are terribly hungry and in need of lots of nourishment! No need to spend all of your money at the auction. Plan to show how thankful you are that we have a tax deductible educational foundation and feed the pigs!

Happy Thanksgiving! (Think...giving!)
Many thanks!

Patti Belknap and
Michelle Grandinetti



Birthdays

October

- 20 - Michelle Grandinetti
- 23 - Patti Belknap

November

- 2 - Mary Ann Shupe
- 17 - Dianne McCorcle
- 30 - Susie Branch



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Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Alpha Chapter Minutes October 11, 2014

The regular meeting of the Theta Alpha chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order at 10:10 am by Dianne McCorcle, President. TSO President Nancy Newton and Chapter Presidents: Marilyn Post from Kappa Upsilon, Karla Chandler from Lambda Theta, and Lynn Terrill from Mu Omicron were in attendance. Members from all these chapters were invited to attend for a joint meeting. Kendall Hasse, recording secretary, was present and recorded the minutes. There was a great turn-out with 37 members in attendance at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Cassie Nichols led the Inspiration and challenged members to think about what we can do to improve our membership and find ways to blend the four generations that are in our chapters. "85 years and Beyond" – what we can do to keep DKG flourishing. Leslie Valentincic played the harp beautifully as the chapter members of Theta Alpha, Kappa Upsilon, Lambda Theta, and Mu Omicron brainstormed.

Patti Belknap made a plea to please donate to the "Pig Posse" for the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEFL) and showed us the cute "Dorothy" pig.

Leslie Valentincic introduced our TSO President Nancy Newton who presented the program "Texas Women" and shared interesting facts about our DKG founders. To thank Nancy for presenting to us a donation was made to ASTEF in her name.

The August minutes were approved as printed and will be filed. September 20th was the Area Workshop in Plano, Texas at Plano Senior High from 8 am - 1 pm.

Kristi John shared correspondence; a letter from Tillie Burgin at Mission Arlington – thank you for giving at North Texas Giving Day. Beverly Hagood had made a donation in DKG's name to Mission Arlington. Leslie and Patti discussed our project for January meeting making blankets for Mission Arlington.

Mary Myers shared that Claudia McBride, retired in 1996, ninety years old, would like to be put on reserve status. Susie Branch made the motion due to age and health to put her on reserve status. Becky Folmar seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Membership was brought up and we decided that we will do a ballot at the November meeting and initiation at the December tea. Orientation of two new members was

discussed.

During the meeting, Hattie Hammer gave a book talk on David Baldacci's One Summer, Catie King gave a tech moment on the Cloud, and Michelle Grandinetti, area coordinator, spoke to the group.

TSO president, Nancy Newton, invited us to attend the DKG State Convention in San Antonio this year in June 24th- June 27th. She told us that it's BYOB – "Bring your own bag" – no totes this year and they are collecting totes for first timers. The San Antonio Convention is at the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

The meeting adjourned by singing the DKG song at 11:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kendall Hasse,
Recording Secretary



Texas State Organization President, Nancy Newton, sharing with several Area 9 chapters about the history of the DKG song.

Leslie Valentincic, Theta Alpha's very own harpist, plays while the chapters visit and enjoy lunch.



SAVE THE DATE

CTAUN CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 11, 2015

North American University

3203 N Sam Houston Pkwy W

Houston, Texas 77038