



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
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

Fall has arrived and cooler weather is upon us! That means we have many activities on the horizon. Our October 15th meeting will be at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Dallas. We hope all our members who are busy in their classrooms had a great beginning to this school year and have classroom routines well underway. At this meeting we will learn who our THAT GRANT recipients are and maybe meet some of them. Either way, we know the money they receive will be used to help educate students and help deserving new teachers.

October is a busy time for us: Dues are being collected; the yearbook is underway; Julia Crawford Grant In Aid forms have been sent to area colleges; and lastly, we are getting ready for our annual auction. I hope everyone is thinking about items to bring that we All want to bid on, as in Ann's bread! The November meeting is a lot of fun, and friends are always welcome!

At the August meeting, we received a form to give permission to use our information on the internet. In this newsletter, there is a form for membership, and recently Ann asked for any changes to the yearbook be sent to her. Please remember to fill out these forms. If you have not sent your dues to Baudelia, please help her and send them as soon as possible.

The Greek family for October is Epsilon, and Sandra King is the chairman. She will be contacting those of you who are on her committee. Remember to come early at 9:30. Visit with one another while you share some breakfast goodies that they will bring for us to enjoy. The meeting will begin promptly at 10am.

I hope to see all of you at this meeting especially those of you who missed the August meeting. We missed you! If you need a ride or know of someone who does please contact one of us. We will gladly provide a ride to the October meeting! You are an integral part of our chapter and important to us.

See you in October.

Mary Myers,
President

Important Request

If you were a committee chairman during the last biennium and you have any files or materials that need to be passed on to the new committee chairman please bring them to the October 15th meeting.

An Honorary Professional Society
of Key Women Educators

October Meeting Details

October starts the time of year that is one of my favorites! The weather starts to cool down (hopefully!), long-sleeved clothes and jackets are needed, and we get closer and closer to Christmas! Fun Fact: As of October 1st, there are 30 days until Halloween, 55 days until Thanksgiving, and 84 days until Christmas! We have some fun meetings coming up so make sure to attend the November auction and our annual Christmas tea!

October is Disabilities Awareness Month so Catie is going to lead off our program discussing disabilities. Elizabeth is going to give the Inspiration, and I am going to give a book talk focused around disabilities and how it changed the sport of baseball. The T.H.A.T awards will also be awarded to new educators! How exciting to be able to mentor early educators at the beginning of their careers!

Hostesses: Sandra King, Michelle Grandinetti, Kathy Nichols, and Allison Nichols

I hope to see you there!

Leslie Valentincic,
Co-First Vice President

Meeting Date: October 15, 2016

Meeting Location:
First Presbyterian Church of Dallas
1835 Young St.
Dallas, TX 75201

Meeting Time: 10:00 AM

What to Bring: Your recipe card with suggestions for differentiating instruction ideas and ensuring every student has a voice.

If you weren't able to bring a recipe last time, you can bring it to this meeting. The topic was recipes for the first week of school and organization ideas.

New Member Spotlight

Melissa Hamilton

A graduate of the University of Texas-Arlington, Melissa majored in Interdisciplinary Studies. Currently a Kindergarten teacher at Johns Elementary in Arlington she enjoys wreath making, reading, and attempting to be more crafty and diy.

What appeals to her about DKG? "I like the different experiences that can be shared and the wealth of knowledge available to us. Plus, the ladies are awesome!"

Elizabeth Paletz

Elizabeth is a graduate of UTA with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies EC-4 and a Masters in Math Curriculum and Instruction. She currently teaches math and science at Johns Elementary in Arlington. She enjoys reading, cooking and spending time with family. Her daughters Brooklyn and Bailee are both competitive skaters.

About appeals to her about DKG? "I love that so many women can come together to share in the journey of educating others. I am so happy to add a new group of friends to my life!"

Allison Nichols

Allison has a Bachelor's from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in Human Development and Family Studies with a minor in Drug and Alcohol Abuse Studies and a teaching certificate from Texas A&M, Commerce. She currently teaches 4th grade at Williams Primary Preparatory with Uplift Education in Dallas. She has a son, Tyler who is 11 years old. She is addicted to weather and weather documentaries and has traveled to 29 states and 4 countries.

What appeals to her about DKG? " 1. Opportunities to go to professional development that I might not be able to go to otherwise. 2. Sisterhood 3. Support in my career in education"

Volunteer of the Month



Congratulations to Hattie Hammer as the September Volunteer of the Month!

“Most of my volunteer hours in the past were at Methodist Charlton Hospital where I worked in the social work part of Family Practice and I helped patients apply for and receive medications free or at reduced prices. Currently most of my volunteer hours center around activities of my congregation and wider church. The people who I served during these activities are given help in carrying out their ministries and support for persons in need of comfort. I am blessed with free time during retirement and want to give back to the community and the church for all I have received.”

Dues

Just a friendly Reminder from your Theta Alpha dues collector. If you have not paid your DKG/Theta Alpha dues, now is the time.

Please bring your check to our October 15, 2016 meeting or mail it to me.

If you are not sure if you have already paid your dues, call me at 972-298-5073 text 972-977-7300 or e-mail at grandma@lunacasa.com and I will check my records.

Thank you for making Theta Alpha such a great chapter.

See you Saturday, October 15, 2016

Baudelia Luna,
Co-Treasurer with Marilyn Bishop

Birthday Boxes

Hope Supply Co.

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Dallas, Texas 75220

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Hope in a Box is a great opportunity for you to make a difference and give a gift of hope to a homeless child. These boxes will bring joy to many local children.

1. All items must either be placed in a shoebox or plastic container.
2. Items for the box should total at least \$15.
3. Each box must be decorated/wrapped in a way that allows the box to be opened while wrapped.
4. Boxes should be geared to a gender and age range for the recipient.

Please indicate clearly on the outside whether box is appropriate for a girl or boy, and the age range.

For example: (2-4 yr, 4-6 yr, 6-10 yr, 10-15 yr, teens)

Birthday Box

A gift-wrapped shoebox filled with small gifts, and special surprises for a child who is celebrating their birthday

Deck of Cards, Jump Rope, Art Supplies, Small Book

Fun Kids Soaps, bubble bath

Barbie Dolls, Hot Wheel Cars

Hair Accessories (ribbons, scrunchies, etc)

Play Dough, Bouncy Balls,

Handmade Card/Picture

From Your A.C.

Dear Area 9 Sisters!

Here comes October! Fall is in the air and we can now experience cooler temperatures!

Thank you to all of you who worked so hard for the Area 9 Workshop! I appreciate all of the presenters and facilitators and everyone else who gave of your Saturday to be with us. We created a beautiful symphony! Thanks so very much!

As we look towards this first year of this biennium, we can picture ourselves as butterflies flitting around gathering up the caterpillars who need to turn into butterflies and need to be a part of our chapters. I know that everyone reading these words has someone they know that should be a part of your chapter. I hope you will use the Recruitment plan that has worked for so many chapters. Maybe your chapter has a different recruitment plan that works best for your chapter. Whatever works for you please make sure you are finding new butterflies to help make your chapters "symphony" a fantastic "piece of music."

Treasurers (and I am speaking to myself) make sure you have filled out the 990N. I may need a treasurer to help me!

Also, remember that October 15th is the deadline to get your application in if you want to be selected for the Leadership Seminar. It is a great way to meet and make new friends in DKG!

I am looking forward to another great year in visiting your chapter!

Until next time,
Cathy

See you then,



SEEKING FUTURE
TSO LEADERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Recording Secretary

Corresponding Secretary

- All of the above must have completed two or more of the following leadership assignments at the state level prior to taking office: Committee chairman/co-chairman, Area Coordinator, or Chairman/co-chairman of a state convention

ELECTED COMMITTEES

Nominations Committee

- Been a Chapter President
- Participated in or served as any one of the following: Alpha State Leadership Seminar, Golden Gift Leadership Seminar, State committee chairman or co-chairman, TSO officer or Area Coordinator
- Attended and been actively involved in Society meetings at state, area, regional and/or international levels.

Finance Committee

- Served as a chapter treasurer or have other experience in accounting procedures
- Committed to serving a term of 4 years

**Nomination forms are found on the DKG website.
Due by January 1, 2017**

Emma Joven, Nomination Chair

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Every quarter Kroger will send ASTEF a check based on our collective spending.

Proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for members seeking advanced degrees or certification and for lifelong learning experiences. It will also support leadership events, such as, the upcoming Leadership Seminar to be held in February. Projects that support Texas educators and students will also benefit. And don't forget Aspiring Educator stipends.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS
ASTEF WEBSITE:
<http://www.astef.org/advancement.html>

Directions on how to register:
http://www.astef.org/uploads/1/4/1/7/14175948/kroger_community_rewards.pdf

Legislative Update

Are you registered? Please encourage any one eligible to vote to register -- October 11 is the last day to register.

Are you listening to the candidates? Are you asking them about the issues? The national election, of course, is taking up a lot of air and print time but we need to be sure we are following the local candidates. We do not want to see our pension or health benefits in trouble by electing persons who have no regard for the wishes of educators.

The Dallas Morning News has a voter guide available on their website -- it can help you compare candidates as you read about their views.

The main thing is that you VOTE --

Hattie Hammer

Birthdays

September

- 12 - Virginia Long
- 22 - Ruth Kaun
- 27 - Catie King
- 30 - Sandra King

October

- 17 - Allison Nichols
- 20 - Michelle Grandinetti
- 23 - Patti Belknap



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TSO Mini-Grant

Do you have a Prof Dev dream?



Need money?

Do you have a non-traditional type of professional development that you have always wanted to attend? Then consider applying for a TSO mini-grant. The TSO mini-grant was established to provide funds for non-traditional types of professional development activities for TSO members. The recipient must have been a member of DKG for five years as of June 1, 2016. The amount of the grant is \$750. If you are interested in applying please go to our state website (www.dkgtxas.org). Using the drop down menu in the top left corner (three parallel lines), select committees, select Scholarships. Scroll down to the middle of the list and open mini-grant application for October. The required documents must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2016. It is important that all required documents are submitted in order to qualify for consideration. Make a dream come true!

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

Please plan to spend your April Fool's Day with us!

April 1, 2017

10 o'clock in the morning

Leakwood Country Club

Dallas, Texas

Details to follow

Member Fun Facts

Name: _____

City/State where you born: _____

Favorite Restaurant: _____

Favorite genre of book: _____

Something no one would know about you (childhood-now): _____

Favorite color: _____

Kind of first car: _____

First job: _____

Name of **first** college: _____

Number of siblings: _____

Please complete and bring to October meeting.