



Theta Alpha Chatter

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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
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promotes professional and
personal growth of women
educators and excellence in
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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

The school year is off to a great start and our first holiday is just around the corner. Our August meeting was held at the Highland Park Cafeteria and it was well attended. Marilyn Bishop presented the budget and Catie King and Leslie Valentincic presented what they have planned for us this school year. Please mark your calendar for a meeting change. Instead of the third Saturday of October, we will meet on Saturday, October 11, 2014, due to a schedule conflict with Nancy Newton, our speaker that day. The meeting is still scheduled for 10:00 a.m. and more details will be forthcoming.

September brings our Area 9 workshop which will be held on September 20, 2014 at Plano Senior High School from 8:00 am-12:45 p.m. Michelle Grandinetti has many learning opportunities planned for us, as she keeps with our international president's theme: 85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Women Educators for Life. I anticipate you have plans to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

Hope you all had a very relaxing, peaceful Labor Day weekend.

Dianne McCorcle,
President

From Your A.C.

**FOLLOW THE BALLOONS TO FUN, FOOD, AND FRIENDS!
THE 2014 AREA 9 WORKSHOP IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!
NOT JUST for chapter presidents and committee chairs!**



Are you a member of Area 9?
Then this workshop is for YOU!
When? September 20, 2014
Where? Plano Senior High School
Time? 8:00am-12:45pm



THIS is where YOU NEED to be!(Follow the balloons to the entrance!)

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An Honorary Professional Society
of Key Women Educators

September Meeting Details

When we think of September, bulletin boards, fresh sharpened pencils, and paper may dance through our heads. A new school year brings the excitement of a fresh start. For teachers, it could be the addition of new teammates, and for students, the excitement of seeing their friends again. In Delta Kappa Gamma, we too get excited about what a new year can bring, and I hope you bring your excitement to the Area Workshop on September 20th! Michelle Grandinetti and team have been working tirelessly to plan a wonderful workshop filled with learning and enrichment, and I am looking forward to seeing what is in store!

I hope to see you there!

Leslie Valentincic
Co-First Vice President

Date: September 20, 2014

Location: Plano Senior High School
2200 Independence Parkway
Plano, TX

Time: Registration is at 8:00 AM

What to Bring: Yourselfes!!! And, anything that you have committed to bring Michelle for the Area Workshop!

**LOOK FOR BALLOONS FOR WHICH
PARKING LOT TO USE!!!!**

Dues!

Don't forget your dues! This month they are \$100 and October they will be \$110.

Send them to:

**Mary Myers
302 Oakwood
Duncanville, TX 75137**



Area IX Workshop- Something for Everyone!

Mark your calendars for the Area IX Workshop!

**The workshop will be held September 20, 2014
at Plano Senior High School in Plano, TX.**

The workshop will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;
registration is \$12.00.

There will be important sessions for the new biennium officers as well as sessions to inspire and engage supporting members. You will be surrounded with enthusiasm and that good ol' DKG spirit that will gear you up for an exciting fresh biennium.

Don't miss out on this nourishing workshop that will feed the DKG soul!

PRIZES! FUN! FOOD! FRIENDS!

Upcoming Events:

Area 9 Workshop
Plano Senior High School
2200 Independence Parkway
Plano, Texas
September 20th, 2014 at 8:00am

86th Texas State Convention
Grand Hyatt San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas
June 24 - 27, 2015

Southwest Regional Conference
Wichita, Kansas
July, 2015

Membership

As I was leaving my classroom a few days ago, I realized that I needed to share a few things with my DKG sisters! I thought about our website and wondered if you have all visited it. I did recently and found so many awesome pieces to share with you.

First, I wanted to share with you the meetings for the next year. You can go to <http://dkgthetaalpha.weebly.com/chapter-meetings.html> to find more information about Theta Alpha's meetings and to share with prospective members. I am very excited that we have many interesting things planned for the year.

Second, I found the page on our chapter projects. Many prospective members might be excited to know that our chapter is out there, helping people in need and giving to causes that are very worth while. Please share this part of our website with anyone you think may be a prospective member:

<http://dkgthetaalpha.weebly.com/chapter-projects.html>.

Finally, I am very proud to share this part of our website! Prospective teachers, new teachers and college students pursuing a teaching degree or more will want to see this part of our site! Encourage anyone you know that is one of the above to check out our scholarships and grants:

<http://dkgthetaalpha.weebly.com/scholarships.html>.

As I begin my journey as your membership chairman, I will encourage you to share many aspects of DKG with women who are in this field we all adore!

I encourage you all to bring guests to meetings and tell them about the valuable, world changing projects we accomplish in our chapter. I know I cannot wait to share all we do with the teachers I know! See you all in September at the Area 9 Workshop!

Respectfully,

Kristi John
Membership Chairman

SAVE THE DATE



CTAUN CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 11, 2015

North American University

3203 N Sam Houston Pkwy W

Houston, Texas 77038

Birthdays

August

16 - Carolyn Johnson

September

12 - Virginia Long

22 - Ruth Kaun

27 - Catie King

30 - Sandra King



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**Delta Kappa Gamma
Theta Alpha Chapter Minutes
August 16, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Theta Alpha chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order at 10:05am by Dianne McCorcle, President. The recording secretary, Kendall Hasse, was present and recorded the minutes with Patti Belknap's kind assistance. Inspiration was given by Sandra King.

Dianne McCorcle welcomed 22 members and two guests. Members reported on others who were unable to attend. Kristi John, Corresponding Secretary, established we had a quorum and no changes to the review of minutes from the newsletter. Michelle Grandinetti, Susie Branch, and Patti Belknap gave updates on both conventions: TSO in Lubbock, TX and international in Indianapolis, Indiana. The next international convention is in Nashville, Tennessee in 2016.

Co-Treasurer, Marilyn Bishop, gave an update of our membership and balance. We have 40 active members and two reserve members to finalize 2013 - 2014. Total number on the roll was 43 with one member dropped. The chapter's end balance for the year as of June 30, 2014 was \$1705.89. Marilyn Bishop, Co-Treasurer, presented the chapter budget for the year. Patti Belknap made a motion to approve the budget for the year and was seconded by Beverly Hagood. Marilyn also reported on the dues for the year.

Our program was presented by First Vice Presidents: Catie King and Leslie Valentincic who discussed the programs and projects for the year and gave dates for the meetings. Area workshop is on September 20th, 2014 at Plano Senior High School. January 17th is the chapter's project at John's Elementary, with speaker Tilly Burgin, who started Mission Arlington. We will be making tie-fleece blankets to donate to Mission Arlington for National Poverty month. Nelda Landrum will also speak to us this year about Texas Women.

Michelle Grandinetti, Area 9 Coordinator, encouraged all members to attend the Area 9 workshop September 20th at Plano Senior High. Michelle

Grandinetti also announced that Patti Belknap has been selected for the DKG International Educators' Award Committee. Committee reports were given by Kristi John (membership and newsletter). Kristi requested for newsletter submissions by the 1st of the month and encouraged member-written articles; Ruth Kaun (Greek families), Ann Wyatt (yearbook), and Sandra King (scholarships) also gave reports for their committees. Catie King presented a book talk on: Exclamation Mark by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld from Scholastic and a technology moment on Facebook and Linked In.

Kristi John then announced winners for door prizes and the meeting adjourned with the singing of the DKG song at 12:30 pm.

Kendall Hasse,
Recording Secretary

Legislative News

If you live in Texas Senate District #128, there is a special election on September 9.

As we look forward to 2015 and the Texas Legislature being in session, we need to keep informed on what is going on with the Teacher Retirement Systems or Texas pension fund as well as TRS-Health Care insurance program. Check in regularly TRTA and the active teacher groups for updates.

Schedule for November Election - 10/6 last day to register; 10/24 last day to apply for ballot by mail (this is the date it has to be received not postmarked).

Medical Information -- At the August meeting, concern was raised about the availability of your medical records on line. I have inquired about this and learned that your information is available only to the medical personnel in the network your doctor is part of. Example: you go to a doctor who is part of the Methodist Hospital network and are referred to another doctor in that network, he/she would have access to your information.

Hattie M. Hammer
Legislative Committee