



Theta Alpha Chatter

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The Delta Kappa
Gamma
Society International



Message from the President



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

Our August meeting at Arcadia Park was a great success. I was excited to see all those who attended and missed those who were unable to attend. We shared plans for the upcoming year and plan for each newsletter to contain updates about previous and future meetings. Please remember to fill out the Theta Alpha Internet publishing permission form for our website that you received at the meeting. If you were not there, it will be in the newsletters. THAT GRANT applications are currently being given to new teachers. If you know of anyone who qualifies please include them. We will award these grants at our October meeting. We are also filling out the prospect cards for new members. These cards were in our last newsletter.

On September 17th, twenty-one of us will travel to Ennis High School for the Area 9 workshop. This workshop is designed to help members who are committee chairman and or committee members understand committee responsibilities. The schedule for the day is printed in the newsletter. Our chapter will have a table to sell items during the workshop. Baudelia is taking on this responsibility so please check with her to see if she needs help. Everyone travel safe and I'll see you in Ennis.

★ SAVE THE DATE ★
APRIL FIRST SPRING LUNCHEON
LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
★ 10 A.M. COST \$30 ★

President,
Mary Myers

An Honorary Professional Society
of Key Women Educators

Area Workshop Details

Workshop plans

- 8:00 - 9:15 Registration
- 9:20 - 10:10 Opening session
Presiding - Cathy Criner
- Presentation of Flags -
Girl Scout troop The Flag of the
United States
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-
The Lone Star Flag of Texas
- The PLEDGE
- Introduction of guests - CC
- Inspiration - Delna Bryan
- Roll Call - Billinelle Currie
- Welcome - Lori Redning
- Greetings from State - Patti Belknap
- ASTEFL promotion - Jean Robinson
- Music - Diane McCorcle/Theta Alpha
Cynthia Devies/ Eta Eta
- Announcements - CC
- 10:15-11:00 Session 1 workshops
- 11:00 - 11:15 Marketplace
- 11:15-12:00 Session 2 workshops
- 12:00 - 12:15 Marketplace
- 12:15-1:00 Closing Session
- Recommitment
- Convention invite - JoAnn Brooks
- Song - Lauren Trojacek

ENNIS HIGH SCHOOL is located at 2301 Ensign
Road, Ennis 75119.

Dues

I would like to introduce myself as your new co-treasurer with Marilyn Bishop for the 2016-2017 biennium. One of my responsibilities as your co-treasurer is to collect your membership dues. The dues for this year will be the same as last year and we still have choices!

First Choice: Pay your dues in August the amount is \$90. If need, payment can be divided into two months, August and September for \$45 each month

Second Choice: If you wait until September, dues will be \$100.

Third Choice: If you wait until October dues will be \$110 and must be submitted before October 15th, 2016. Also, if you forget to write your \$45 check in September, you will now need to write it for \$65 (\$45 + \$65 = \$110).

So, it is best to pay your dues at our first meeting for 2016-2017, August 20, 2016 at Arcadia Park Library. You will save \$20!

I am looking forward to serving as your co-treasurer for 2016-2017. Thank you for the confidence and trust you have placed in my hands.

Baudelia Luna,
Co-Treasurer with Marilyn Bishop

Birthdays

August

16 - Carolyn Johnson
29 - Melissa Hamilton

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 20, 2016

The regular meeting of the Theta Alpha chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order at 10:00 am by Mary Myers, President in Dallas at Arcadia Park Branch of the Dallas Public Library. Sandra King, Recording Secretary, led the inspiration with a selection of humorous student comments submitted by teachers to Reader's Digest magazine. A Members Update was given on those who were unable to attend. A quorum was reached with 20 members in attendance. The May minutes were approved with corrections.

Marilyn Bishop, Co-Treasurer, presented the chapter's budget for the year. The chapter's ending balance as of June 30, 2016 was \$2062.12. Baudalia Luna, Co-Treasurer, reported on dues for the year and that full payment was needed by October. Diane McCorcle made a motion to approve the budget for the year. The motion for the budget passed unanimously.

Sandra King read correspondence. This included a Thank You from Pam Herrigar, Nu Gamma President, and Elizabeth Knott, Nu Gamma Secretary, for the monetary donation made to their chapter. Terri Hahn, Catering Manager for The Adolphus, sent a Thank You to the chapter for holding its 50th Anniversary Tea at the hotel.

Mary Myers reported that at the July 28th, 2016 Executive Board Meeting that it was decided to have refreshments at the beginning of the chapter meetings rather than afterwards. Members were in agreement with the decision.

Mary reminded everyone about the upcoming Area Nine Workshop in Ennis on September 17th, 2016 and that Cathy Criner, Area Nine Coordinator, needed the chapter to provide a \$25 gift card and a fruit tray. There was discussion about members carpooling and it was left up to individual members to make arrangements on their own. Baudalia Luna announced that the chapter would have a vendor's table at the workshop and volunteers were needed to work at the table. The chapter will be offering acrylic angel and snowman

ornaments and jar openers for sale.

This year the Coordinating Council of Dallas County's Luncheon will be held on April 1, 2017 at 10 am. Mary Myers announced that the chapter would be in charge of checking in attendees.

Jan Gentry pointed out that her name was listed under two different Greek Families. Ruth Kahn explained what happened and Jan was removed from one of the families.

Committee chairs reported on their committees. Catie King and Leslie Valentincic, Co-First Vice Presidents, presented the programs and projects for the year. Linda Robards, Membership Committee Chair explained different ways to encourage current members to attend meetings. She announced the goal for this year is for each current member to nominate one person for membership in the chapter and that the prospect cards would be used again this year. Patti Belknap, Parliamentarian, expressed concern since of the nine new members initiated in April 2016 only two were in attendance. A discussion followed, addressing ways to keep in contact with current members and eligibility to join. Sarah McMurrrough, T.H.A.T. Scholarship Committee Chair, reported that the chapter has already received a scholarship application. After discussion the deadline to receive applications was changed to September 17, 2016. Members may bring completed applications to give to Sarah at the Area Nine Workshop. Hattie Hammer, Legislature News Committee Chair provided an update on the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) Pension Fund. Eligible chapter members were encouraged to join TRTA.

Awards the chapter received at the State Convention were on display for members to view. Mary Myers thanked the Gamma Family for providing refreshments. Three door prizes were given out by Catie King and Leslie Valentincic.

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 am with the singing of the DKG song.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra King,
Recording Secretary

From Your A.C.

Hello my dear sisters in Area 9,

We are ready to get going with a new biennium for our chapters!

I am so excited to see the last half of my biennium get started. We have 26 chapters

In our Area! My desire and hope is to come see everyone this year.

Our first big adventure and platform is our Area Workshop! I look forward to seeing you at the workshop. We have many of our ladies presenting and sharing with you.

We will be getting the program together online so you can check it out before you get to Ennis. Stay tuned for directions!

Our Texas State Convention was so great and our area did an outstanding job of working at all different levels. Thanks to Judy Mezick and Mary Claire Welch from our area for an outstanding job in working tons and tons of hours to make the convention so successful!

In July, I traveled to Nashville along with 121 other Texans to attend the International Convention. It was an awesome experience and all through the year I will share with you what I learned and experienced from the convention.

In the meantime, let's get ready for a wonderful time in Ennis on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17,

See you then,
Cathy



Legislative Update

Please be sure to LISTEN, READ AND DISCUSS the issues so important in this upcoming election. I urge you to read information that is being distributed by League of Women Voters, AARP, TRTA, and other groups who try to give you both sides of the issue.

Remember that we need to encourage local and state candidates to be aware of the needs for funding for education, TRS-Care and retirees' pension fund. These are critical issues right now in Texas.

Update on the Social Security bill from TRTA indicates that it is being worked on and hopefully will go back to the committee shortly. Check Tim Lee's recent release for more information.

Hattie Hammer

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Member Name _____

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Address _____

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Receipt for Magnetic Name Tag

Amount paid _____

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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

The Theta Alpha Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honor organization of women educators, would like to help provide needed resources for your classroom if you have taught between zero to three years. We invite you to apply for a \$100.00 grant for educational supplies.

Please fill out the enclosed application and let us know how you would use the grant funds. We will award this grant at our Theta Alpha meeting on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

Please email inquiries and your completed application to:

Sarah McMurrough
smcmurro@aisd.net



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Application For The New Teacher Grant-in Aid

I. Personal Information

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

Email address:

School name and address:

School District:

Grade (s) taught:

Number of years you have taught:

II. Attach a one-page explanation of what you would do with the \$100.00 grant.