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DKG Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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++ President's Pen

By Lou McMillan,
Chapter President, 2016-2018

Well, "spring has definitely sprung," at least by my benchmark.

The beautiful bluebonnets have come and gone. I was fortunate to travel to Ennis with two of my wonderful DKG sisters,

Mary Riddle and **Marilyn Lamb**. Marilyn's sweet husband [redacted] drove us to Ennis, "The Bluebonnet Capital of the World." We had a wonderful time eating lunch at The Emporium Hotel (almost as old as the state), walking around Ennis and peeking into many of the quaint stores, and driving through the countryside enjoying the beautiful scenery. Although we did get to see some bluebonnets, the natives told us it wasn't a bumper year because the winter hadn't been cold enough. I had no idea that made a difference. I learn something new every day.



The next weekend I spent with my family in Alpine in the Big Bend area of our great state. I took my granddaughter [redacted] with me. We went to celebrate [redacted] cousin's

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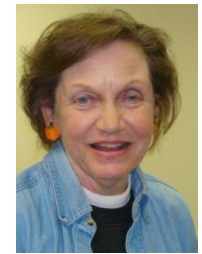
Chapter Meeting News

Monday, May 15, 2017

Time and Agenda:

4:30 p.m. – Fellowship and Food

5:00 p.m. – Program



Program, with All Members Sharing:

Barbara Clinton, Program Chair

Topic: Educators Who Made a Difference in My Life

Founders Day and Chapter Birthday Celebrations:

Jean Wallace, Ceremonies Chair

Necrology: Celebrating Bonnie Ethridge's Life

Penni Lewis, Necrology Chair



Sherrie Negrete, Social Arrangements Committee Chair

May Hostesses – **Melanie**

Rudebeck, Wanda Spoonmore,

Margaret Thompson, [redacted],

Sarah Beth Uhles, Patsy Vaughn,

Jean Wallace, Dawna Walsh, Mary

White

Location:

Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Room H020

3821 University Blvd., Dallas 75205

What to bring: (1) Box Tops for Education coupons for our Hillier School project; (2) items for the 2017 TSO Convention's Unifying Project—see pp. 2-3 for info and list; (3) a guest you think will be a good candidate for DKG membership. ■

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Delta Omicron's The 4:15*

Five-Star-Award Newsletter

To submit news, contact
Marylin Nease, editor

* Delta = the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet, and Omicron = the fifteenth letter; also, on a good day 4:15 = the time we leave school; best of all, on a really good day, 4:15 = the time we head to Delta Omicron; hence, *The 4:15* title for our chapter's newsletter. ☺

Chapter Website: <http://deltaomicrontexas.weebly.com/>

Chapter Webmaster: **Carolyn Power**

Chapter Webwatcher: **Marylin Nease**

Chapter News...

Part 1 - Officers

2016-2018 Executive Board:

President: **Lou McMillan**

Vice President, Programs / Service Projects: **Barbara Clinton**

Vice President, Membership: **Jaime Callahan**

Recording Secretary: **Susan Bell**

Corresponding Secretary: **Ashraf Mobh**

Treasurer: **Mary Gill**

Parliamentarian: **Kay Keeland**

Immediate Past President: **Mary White**

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thirteenth birthday. [redacted] and [redacted] are my sons' oldest children, and these two cousins are also best friends. They were born four months apart. They had a terrific birthday party, and I got to meet [redacted] cute friends. We also had a huge Easter egg hunt on Saturday. About 50 adults and children attended, and the platters of food were plentiful

indeed. The guests came and stayed all day... well into the evening. Out in that part of Texas, people don't live close together. It reminded me of the movie *Giant*. Fortunately, our Easter Sunday was a quiet day to reflect on all our many blessings.

As our DKG year is coming to a close, I want all of you to know what a blessing you are to me. I feel so thankful for all my Delta Kappa Gamma "sisters."

See you at our Founders Day meeting on May 15! ■



Programs and Service Projects VP's Report

By Barbara Clinton, Programs/Projects VP

● May 15, 2017, Meeting Info

Chapter Receives Annie Award!

Delta Omicron has received the 2017 TSO Annie Award for Outstanding Chapter Program for our February

heart-health program!

It's not too late for you to bring a copy of a heart-healthy recipe to our May chapter meeting. I will be making a cookbook to display with our program-info board at the 2017 Texas State Convention in June in Houston. You may also email a copy to Marylin if that is easier for you. It would be very special to have as many chapter members participate as possible.

Remembering Bonnie Ethridge

In our May 15 meeting, we will honor **Bonnie Ethridge**, 59-year member of DKG, with a necrology service.

DKG Founders and Chapter Birthday

Our May meeting is also dedicated to remembering our DKG Founders. Please be thinking about an educator who made a difference in your life. We will be sharing our stories with each other in our meeting.

And let's celebrate Delta Omicron's 61st birthday! Dr. Eula Lee Carter and Miss Phyllis Ellis are responsible for organizing and chartering Delta Omicron Chapter in Dallas on May 19, 1956.

Your Ideas for Our 2017-2018 Programs?

Programs Needs Assessments will be available for you to give input as we begin to plan our chapter programs for next year. ■

● 2016-2017 Service Projects

▶ CHAPTER:

- **All Hands on Deck for Hillier** – ASTEF-funded program at Hillier School to support early-career educators, support students with diagnosed learning differences, and support the principal (August-May)
- **Denton State-Supported Living Center** - donation of monetary gifts (December) **Completed**

▶ TSO:

- **Week of Caring** - chapters statewide develop service projects in local communities (February, March) **Completed**
- **Unifying Project** - project that serves needs of state convention community, unifies chapters across Texas in service (May, June)

2017 Unifying Project: Houston area's Child Advocates

FYI: Every 9 minutes, a child in Texas experiences abuse or neglect. Nearly 4,000 children in the Houston area have experienced such life-threatening abuse or neglect that they had to be removed from their homes and placed in foster care. Child Advocates trains everyday people to advocate for the best interests of these children in court so they can find safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible.

Child Advocates volunteers are appointed by a judge to represent the best interests of a child or sibling group in foster care. They serve as the judge's eyes and ears while the children are in custody, ensuring their unique needs are met until they can safely return home or are permanently placed with a loving relative or adoptive family. Unlike Child Protective Services caseworkers and court-appointed attorneys who juggle overwhelming caseloads, our volunteers represent just one child or sibling group at a time. Their advocacy makes sure no child falls through the cracks of our overburdened child-welfare system.

Child Advocates volunteers make a profound difference in the lives of the children they serve. Studies show children served by an advocate volunteer are better able to work with others and to control deviant behavior than children without an advocate. Also, more parents of these children complete counseling services, psychiatric evaluations, and drug and alcohol counseling than those without an advocate. With Child Advocates' help, the cycle of abuse can be broken, allowing these children to become productive adults and loving parents. <http://www.childadvocates.org/>

Child Advocates' Needs (for health reasons, the items must be new):

- ♥ **General:** Visa/MasterCard/gift card to use at Target, Amazon, Wal-Mart, Office Depot, Costco, Sam's
- ♥ **Younger Children:** book, coloring book and crayons, stuffed animal, action figure, educational toy or game, art set
- ♥ **Preteen/Teen Girls:** manicure set, nail file, nail polish, hand lotion, lip gloss, bath wash, decorative t-shirt, cute socks, book, journal, colorful pens, small purse, wallet
- ♥ **Preteen/Teen Boys:** manicure set, AXE shaving cream, deodorant, comb/brush, decorative t-shirt, socks, book, journal, keychain, wallet ■

► INTERNATIONAL:

• **Schools for Africa (SfA)**, a UNICEF and DKG international project (adopted in 2010) to "transform lives through education"

on the African continent, with special focus on girls, orphans, and vulnerable children (October, November) **Completed**
• **Support Early-career Educators (SEE)**, DKG international project (adopted in 2012) to strengthen the profession by empowering beginning teachers via mentoring and practical support from experienced teachers (August-May) ■

Membership VP's Report

By Jaime Callahan, Membership VP



● March's Orientation and Initiation of a New Member

The March meeting's initiation ceremony was lovely, and it was such a joy to welcome **Jan Nance** into our chapter.

Also, in March we met for an orientation tea to share the history and significance of membership in Delta Kappa Gamma with Jan. Jan learned

about the organization of DKG, the history of its formation, the amazing contributions and work Dr. Annie Webb Blanton did as Founder of our Society, and the benefits and resources that come with DKG membership.

What an invigorating time we all had in March remembering the many accomplishments of the Society's twelve impactful Founders! That March event aligns perfectly with our observance in May of the contributions of our Society's Founders and our celebration of our chapter's birthday. ■

Orientation Tea for Jan Nance

The Honor of DKG Membership...

- Someone noticed your work.
- Someone noted your standards.
- Someone believed in your potential.
- Someone sought your association.
- Someone sponsored your invitation.
- Someone honored you.



Attending the tea on Sunday, March 26, were (l-r) Barbara Clinton, Wanda Spoonmore, Jaime Callahan, Jan Nance, and Jean Wallace.



Also attending were (l-r) Susan Bell, Mary White, and Barbara Clinton.



Lou McMillan (on right) reports, "Jean Wallace's home looked beautiful.

"Cucumber sandwiches, fruit salad, veggie tray, watermelon, and delicious muffins were perfect tea fare!

"A good time was had by all, and **Jan Nance** (on left) met our brilliant DKG Founders! ■



Recording Secretary's Report

By Susan Bell, Recording Secretary

The Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met March 20, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

Twenty-nine members were present. Delta Omicron members enjoyed refreshments and socializing before the start of the meeting.

Business Meeting:

Lou McMillan, president, gave a warm welcome to all members. She explained that this was a special meeting, in that it included the initiation into DKG membership of **Jan Nance**.

Carolyn Miller, personal and professional enrichment committee chair, provided a heartfelt inspiration.

Lou began the business portion of the meeting by asking whether there were additions or corrections to the February minutes. There were none; she then stated that the February minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Mary Gill, treasurer, reported that there was \$3,832.26 in the chapter's bank account. As there were no questions regarding this, the treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

In the area of cares and concerns, Lou brought up the memorial service of 50+ year DKG member **Bonnie Ethridge**. This was a lovely service, a lovely tribute to Bonnie as a mother and family member, and as an educator. **Wanda Spoonmore**, longtime friend of Bonnie, shared memories and details about the service, which was well attended by Delta Omicron members.

Old Business:

Moving to old business, Lou thanked members for bringing plastic Easter eggs and candy last month for our chapter's "Week of Caring" project. Lou gave a special thank-you to **Sherrie Negrete**, social arrangements committee chair, and the March hostesses who assisted her, for the lovely spring table décor and delicious treats. Lou gave special thanks to **Margaret Thompson**, social arrangements committee member, for always taking care of our meeting room and being sure it is set up before our meetings. Also, Lou reminded members of the April 1 CCDC Luncheon at the Lakewood Country Club. The last count had twelve Delta Omicron members attending!

New Business:

In new business, **Carolyn Power**, a past chapter president, made a motion that we increase the president's monetary allowance for the international conference in Hawaii by \$500.

Margaret Thompson provided a second, and chapter members approved the motion.

Program:

Barbara Clinton, programs vice president, introduced presenters **Denise Barker** and **Susan Bell**. Denise and Susan told members about their recent tour of the Painted Churches of Texas, located in the Schulenburg area 95 miles west of

Houston. In 1984, fifteen of these churches were placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Susan and Denise used a PowerPoint presentation with text and photos to show the history of German and Czech immigrants in this part of Texas in the 1800s. Touring the churches transports visitors to this earlier era. Inscriptions on the churches' walls are written in Czech and German.

Denise and Susan explained how to book a tour and local restaurant, and they gave members time to ask questions about taking a tour.

Initiation Ceremony:

Jean Wallace, ceremonies committee chair, and committee members **Grace Delatour** and **Nancy Johnson** conducted the initiation ceremony for **Jan Nance**. **Lou McMillan** and **Jamie Callahan**, membership vice president, assisted with the ceremony. Members welcomed Jan into DKG fellowship.

The meeting concluded with members joining hands and singing "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song." ■



Treasurer's Report

By Mary Gill, Treasurer

We currently have \$3,313.86 in the bank, and the majority of Lou's expenses for Hawaii and Houston have already been reimbursed. What is left of the budgeted amounts will go towards her hotel expenses. ■

News: I'll be in Laramie, WY, 5/10-5/16 to attend [redacted] graduation from the University of Wyoming and to help them move back here! ☺

Chapter News continued...

Part 2 – Committees:

Society Business

Communications and Publicity Committee

● Thank You to Committee Members

By Marilyn Nease, Committee Chair



Thank you to **Chris Brunner** for keeping our non-email members informed. Each month Chris prints and mails *The 4:15* to our five members without email.



A thank-you also goes to **Mary Louise Milliorn** for making phone calls to members without email. ■

● TSO Media Recognition Award Goes to Dallas Morning News

By Marilyn Nease, Committee Chair

Again this year *The Dallas Morning News* will be honored at

a TSO convention. In Houston at the 2017 state convention's opening session, *DMN* will be recognized for its Excellence in Overall Coverage of Education News.

To nominate the newspaper for this award, I submitted a twenty-page exhibit of articles selected from this school year's abundant coverage of local, area, state, and national education news. The exhibit shows coverage in a variety of formats: news articles, opinion columns, feature articles, Q and A opinion/commentary columns, letters to the editor, staff editorials, and theater reviews. I found these education items in Section A/Nation & World, Section B/Metro & State, Section D/Business, Section E/Arts & Life, and Section P/Points.

The *DMN* staff does an outstanding job of covering education! And education is the number one topic subscribers say they want to read about!

Congratulations and thank you, *DMN*! ■

● TSO Member in Print Award Goes to Jaime Callahan

By Marilyn Nease, Committee Chair



At the 2017 state convention in Houston, **Jaime Callahan** will be recognized for her article published this school year in *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*, DKG's international publication.

"Encouraging Retention of New Teachers Through Mentoring Strategies"

appeared in 2016 Volume 83-1 of *The DKG Bulletin*, an edition which focused on early-career educators.

Jaime is a doctoral student at Dallas Baptist University, completing her degree in K-12 educational leadership. Her research interests are new teacher retention and mentoring.

She is an eighth-grade science teacher in Highland Park ISD. Her 15-year teaching experience includes middle school math and science.

Congratulations, Jaime! Thank you for your contributions to education!

To read Jaime's article, click on the link, and go to page 6.

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● TSO Five Star Award and Seal of Merit Award Go to Chapter Newsletter, The 4:15



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Five Star Award/Seal of Merit

For An Outstanding Newsletter

Delta Omicron

Marilyn Gregory
President



Kimberly Birkelbach
Chairman

Texas State Organization
88th State Convention, Houston
2016-2017

● **Editor's Note:** Periodically *The 4:15* will feature articles of special interest to members. These articles will be about the Society, the chapter, professional issues, women's issues, and human interests.

This month's first article is a human interest one. This personal essay is part five in an ongoing series exploring the impact of one family member's illness on the family as a whole.

One and All

By Marilyn Nease, Editor



Part 5: March 11, 2017 Unexpected Gifts

One March Saturday, I call [REDACTED]. She and [REDACTED] are on the road to Shawnee for pedicures and a little shopping.

Unlike with the grocery store ahead of her, she says, "With a pedicure I can just sit there. I don't have to do anything." She laughs with relief, knowing the hard work she'll face shopping for groceries with her cancer-damaged right leg and a cane.

I tell her Charles and I are cleaning house—and that it's hard work getting the place clean enough for company.

She laughs heartily. "Try cleaning with one good leg and a cane! I have to drag things and hobble around."

I burst into laughter. "So, you're telling me I should be grateful that I *can* clean."

"That's right!" And we laugh again.

"Well, I'll think of you and clean with a smile on my face the rest of the weekend! Thank you for reminding me to be glad I *can* clean."

One of cancer's gifts is that [REDACTED] now speaks the truth instead of hedging behind being nice. I like her honesty. And I like that she laughs joyfully and lovingly.

"You remember [REDACTED], who used to be my boss at the bank before he retired? He stopped by the bank recently. We had a good visit. He uses a cane now, too, and we compared notes. Before leaving, he stopped by the restroom. When he came out, I saw he didn't have his cane, so I asked, 'Where's your cane?' He'd left it in the restroom. We laughed about how easy a cane is to forget. I told him, 'At least we've still got two legs.' And we laughed again as we said goodbye."

"Another thing I can't do anymore is yell. The other day after work, [REDACTED] and I pulled into the driveway, and I saw Rowdy near the baby quail. They were looking for food. I was afraid he'd chase them the way he does the chickens, but I couldn't yell to tell him to keep away. All I could do was throw my work bag at him. Of course, all my papers and everything else in my bag spilled out, and we had to pick it all up."

"Well, did throwing your bag work? How was your aim? Did you get Rowdy's attention?" I asked.

"Yes, I did," she said laughing. "Usually we keep Rowdy in the house when we feed the quail, so he's never bothered them. I didn't want him to start. Yes, I aimed well. He *heard* me even without my yelling." And [REDACTED] laughed again.

Rowdy, a stray dog who adopted [REDACTED] two years ago, has been her constant companion the past few months. He follows [REDACTED] everywhere, sensing she needs looking after. For years she'd vowed she didn't want a dog: "They're too much trouble. You can't go anywhere." Cancer changed that, offering another gift: a dog she never wanted is now a devoted friend.

To be continued... ■

This month's second article is a group of short professional issues essays sharing testimonies to the positive difference educators make in their students' lives.

They Made a Difference



Art and So Much More

By Lou McMillan, President

I had several favorite teachers, but the one who stands out the most was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was my art teacher at Highland Park Junior High School when I was in the ninth grade. She and my mother were classmates at what was then the College of Industrial Arts (CIA) in Denton. The school later became Texas Woman's University (TWU).

What I enjoyed most was her personality and her love of art and her students. She made me feel that everything I drew was akin to a masterpiece. Believe me when I say nothing I drew was akin to anything noteworthy! She was fun and kind and loved what she taught, and she made all her students feel valued and appreciated—all qualities that exist in a master teacher. Also, I think she was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. ■



Thank you, [REDACTED]

By Marilyn Nease, Editor

"Is it true that most teachers chose the grade or subject they teach because that's where they found their favorite or most influential teacher?" asks DKG International President Carolyn H. Pittman in the latest issue of *Collegial Exchange* (Volume 83-4,

page 6).

For my own life and career, I'd answer, "Yes, and yes." [REDACTED] was my favorite secondary teacher and my most influential teacher. [REDACTED] was my eleventh-grade English teacher. In her classroom she was innovative and creative, playful and serious, challenging and supportive, diligent and passionate. Thinking back to my time in her class as I search for adjectives to describe her teaching style, I realize I have described my teaching style as well.

[REDACTED] used her voice dramatically, her record albums, and a specially ordered, self-paced poetry workbook to spark my love of poetry. She offered after-school opportunities for creative writing and for reciting poetry, and I responded to her challenges to do more than the standard requirements. She gave me a list of books—fiction and nonfiction—recommended for college-bound

students, and I read the books on the list, checking them off one by one.

██████████ was petite, standing a little over five feet tall. She never raised her voice for classroom management, and she never had a classroom management issue. One time a student set the alarm on the small, blue, bejeweled clock she kept on her desk. When the alarm rang during her lesson, ██████████ turned it off and continued teaching as though it were an everyday occurrence. It wasn't, and it didn't happen again.

On the other hand, she could tell a good joke on herself or her husband, who taught math and was our assistant principal. She could also tell a cautionary joke to get a point across to a student. One I remember was about a farmer and his wife going down the road in a mule-drawn wagon. At one point the mule stumbles and jerks the wagon, jolting the farmer and wife. The farmer stops the carriage, gets out, walks up to the mule and says, "That's one." He returns to his seat in the wagon, and he and his wife continue their ride. A little later, the mule trips on a stone, and again the man stops and walks to the mule and says in its ear, "That's two." Still later, the mule loses its footing once more, and the man gets out of the wagon, goes to the mule, and says, "That's three." He then shoots it dead.

His wife is astonished and asks, "Husband, why ever did you do that?"

He replies, "That's one."

We students all laughed—and we got the message, too!

██████████ was an all-around super teacher, and I was fortunate a few years later when she accepted me as her student teacher! ■



In Honor of ██████████

By Leesa Cole, Scholarships Chair

A teacher who made a big impact on me was my eighth-grade science teacher, ██████████, at Hale Center High School in Lubbock ISD.

He was (still is) so knowledgeable and made his class so fun and learning so accessible. He took us on a learning field trip right after school ended that year. We traveled to White Sands, New Mexico, and visited other science-worthy areas. What a fun learning adventure we had!

He is so beloved in Hale Center that former students recently donated funds to place a high-powered telescope for the public to use—named after ██████████, of course. ■

Membership Committee

Data

● March Attendance

Attendance at our **March 20 chapter meeting was 29 members.**

● Chapter Profile

Our chapter has two members with more than 50 years of membership, six with 40-49 years, six with 30-39 years, 10 with 20-29 years, 12 with 10-19 years, and 20 with nine or fewer years of DKG membership.

We have 20 members employed full-time in education, and 36 members semi- or fully retired (including one honorary member).

Total membership is 56 with 55 active status and one honorary status. ■



Necrology Committee

Compiled by Marilyn Nease for Penni Lewis, Committee Chair

Bonnie Ethridge, longtime DKG and Delta Omicron member, died March 11, 2017.

Bonnie graduated from East Texas State Teachers College with bachelor's and master's degrees. She then moved to Dallas and taught in Dallas ISD for 34 years. Most recently, Bonnie taught at Dallas ISD's Ben Milam Elementary School and was teaching sixth grade when she retired in 2006. Her daughter, Becky, also a teacher, reports, "Teaching was her passion, and she loved her students and fellow teachers."



Bonnie was initiated into DKG in 1957 and was a member of Delta Rho Chapter before transferring to Delta Omicron Chapter. Bonnie presented our Delta Omicron program May 20, 2013. According to our chapter newsletter minutes, "Programs Vice President **Mary White** introduced member **Nancy Johnson**, who then interviewed 56-year-member **Bonnie Ethridge** about her career in education." In addition to the interview, Bonnie told members about her grandson's recently published novel, which was set in Africa and drawn in part from his growing up years in Chad. Bonnie gave copies to all members.

Bonnie's memorial service was at Restland on Saturday, March 18. Attending from Delta Omicron were **Susan Bell, Leesa Cole, Grace Delatour, Susan Endicott, Nancy Johnson, Lou McMillan, Marilyn Nease, Carolyn Power, Kathy Rodriguez, Wanda Spoonmore, and Mary White.** We already knew and admired Bonnie—and we loved getting to know more about her through the stories, memories, and tributes Bonnie's family members shared. ■

2014 Chapter Newsletter Interview

For a few months short of 60 years, Bonnie was a DKG member. In 2014, I interviewed her, along with three other 50+ year members, for our chapter newsletter. Bonnie's interview follows.

MN: Where and when were you initiated into DKG?



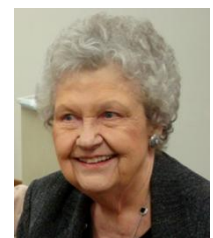
BE: I was initiated into Delta Rho in 1957. During ██████████ term as Delta Omicron president, 1984-86, I transferred my membership. Four other Delta Rho members transferred at the same time: ██████████

was ██████████ sister, and

██████████, 1962-64 president of Delta Omicron, kept encouraging ██████████ to join her in Delta Omicron. ██████████ urged us to transfer to Delta Omicron. Delta Rho met in various locations, some far away from our homes. Delta Omicron's location in the Park Cities suited us better.

MN: What is one of your favorite memories of DKG?

BE: It's difficult to settle on just one memory, but one of mine is from years ago when I went to my first state convention with my sister and others from



Greenville. I felt overwhelmed by the size of the convention and by the number of DKG members in attendance. I was stunned to see that so many others shared my same ideas about loving teaching and loving children and wanting to bring out the best in them—instead of teaching for a paycheck.

Another memory I have is of how formal and fancy our organization used to be. We would meet at the Adolphus Hotel for initiations and dinners and wear long dresses and gloves. I'm glad we outgrew that formality and changed to more casual dress. I can't imagine putting on a long dress today.

MN: Our DKG leaders urge us to write an elevator speech so we'll be prepared when we spot a key woman educator we want to recruit into DKG. What would your DKG elevator speech say?



BE: I would say that Delta Kappa Gamma is an association where you will be with people who have your same ideas about being a good teacher and bringing out the best in students. While some people view teaching as a job, DKG members are educators who care. They have a love for teaching and students.

I first learned about Delta Kappa Gamma from my sister, who was in the Commerce chapter, which also served teachers in the nearby small towns. She loved DKG, and all of her friends were in it. She encouraged me to learn more about the organization and to join as soon as I was invited because she knew I would enjoy the fellowship with other key women educators as much as she did. ■

2014 Chapter Newsletter Responses

MN: Then and Now / Changes in Women Educators' Professional Dress – A Follow-up to September's Program

BE: The change in women educators' dress that I remember was pants. That was a big adjustment for me.

Dress length was never a problem. The hems went up and down.

But when I grew up, pants were for casual wear. I allowed myself to wear them to school maybe on a Friday. Certainly pants were nice when the weather was cold.

Of course, now I have only pants in my closet!



MN: Starting the School Year / Teaching Tips and Classroom Management Tips – A Follow-up to September's Program



BE: Stay ahead of the children on what you're teaching. Otherwise, they can trip you up.

Never tell them, "I don't know." Tell them, "Let me talk about that later, or I'll get back to you about that later." That will give you time to look up the information the child asked about.

And, your answer will be correct. ■



Memories of Bonnie

Marilyn Nease shares, "When my husband, Charles, had lymphoma in 2003, Bonnie called and offered him her sick days to use during his medical leave. Fortunately, he had been like Bonnie and rarely missed school, so he had enough days saved up to cover his absences during his treatment and recovery.

Bonnie's generous offer was characteristic of her, and her caring gesture meant a lot to us.

"I interviewed Bonnie several times over the phone to get her input for our chapter newsletter. My questions were about her take on how things had changed over the course of her teaching career, her tips on classroom management for early-career educators, and her memories as a longtime DKG member. Her answers always made me glad I'd asked.

"One of my favorite memories is Bonnie's beautiful smile. Her smiles seemed to come from deep within and spread happiness over her face and onto those nearby. Her name fit her perfectly!" ■



Susan Bell reports, "I saw Bonnie at a store in Lake Highlands in January of this year, and she was doing well. I remember asking if I needed to get the door for her, and she said no.

"I remember how excited I was when I found out she had taught with my aunt at the beginning of my aunt's teaching career at Urban Park

Elementary.

"I thought the world of our sweet Bonnie." ■

Part 2 – Committees: Society Mission / Purposes

Legislation Committee

By [REDACTED] Committee Chair

● Contacted Your Legislator Yet?

The 2017 Texas Legislature's last day will be May 29.

The legislators will return to their regular jobs (most are attorneys) while educators are left with a poor health plan and possible changes to our pension.

Legislators work 140 days every other year and retire with free healthcare and a defined-benefit plan.

FYI: The goal of the Legislation Committee is to promote two of the Society's purposes: (4) to initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and of women educators; and (7) to inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society. ■

Part 2 – Committees:

Special

ASTE F/Hillier Project Committee

2016-2017 ASTEF Project: All Hands on Deck for Hillier, Year Three . . .

● After-school Tutoring at Hillier



TUTORING TUESDAYS!

By **Marilyn Nease**

Tuesday, 3/21/17

Tutee #1 – The fourth-grade girl I tutor weekly

—we meet and begin our tutoring session.

I start by showing her the multiplication flash cards I've brought her. She seems pleased, and I hope she'll use them to learn her multiplication tables introduced recently in her math class.

Her mood brightens a bit when she selects *The Oak Tree and the Reeds* to read. We've worked with this book before, and she's drawn to something about the story, even though the vocabulary level is challenging. Maybe she's pondering the theme the wise reeds illustrate when they bend and survive a powerful wind vs. the mighty oak that refuses to yield and is destroyed?

Next, we shift to *Lost*, which is the first book of the *Alba* phonics series. She turns pages, studying the illustrations, trying to determine the plot. I offer to read to her. As I read, I notice she edges closer, eager to know the story the words will tell beyond the illustrations she studied.

Before long our 20 minutes are up, and her dad arrives to take her home. He thanks me for tutoring his daughter. ☺

Tutees #2 and #3 – Because two boys can't decide who's going to work with me next, I tell them I'm going to work with both at the same time. I set the timer for 30 minutes, and they take turns reading to me, one from his *Pokemon* book, and the other, from his language training/phonics workbook, at the request of his teacher, who comes in to help us get started.

It might seem unusual to combine these two readings, but these two boys and I know each other well from tutoring sessions in previous years, and though they are sixth graders now and growing into "big boys" who think they have less need for tutoring than younger students, they remain courteous and agreeable young men. So, on we go, learning the traits of a multitude of *Pokemon* characters, on one hand, and on the other, reading lists of words that follow phonetic traits, and reading sentences that use some of these words in context. Now and then, we three stop and discuss what we're reading so that I can check for comprehension.

Our creative tutoring session works well, and I enjoy tutoring with my "big boys" again. ☺

Tuesday, 3/28/17

Tutee #1 – I begin today's tutoring on the school's driveway, where I first encounter my fourth-grade girl. I explain to her the importance of greeting people courteously. I demonstrate by smiling, looking her in the eyes, saying hello, calling her by

name, and extending my hand to shake hers.

She and I go into the school and upstairs to the library for our tutoring time.

My tutee and I take turns reading eleven short books. Her dad and youngest sister arrive, and he asks whether we are finished. I tell him we have two more minutes of tutoring time. He tells us to finish and says he and his youngest daughter will wait down the hall.

After my tutee and I complete our time, I escort her to him. I thank him for waiting



Tutee #2 – I continue my search for another tutee in another classroom, where another fourth-grade girl promptly responds, "Yes, I want to read!" So refreshing! ☺

She reads two books to me. The first is *Ruby, the Copycat*, and the second, *If You Take a Mouse to School*. We have great fun with the stories and illustrations and with our reading and discussing. What a delight this child is—every time we work together. It seems to me it's all in the attitude, whether the subject is reading or life! ☺

Tuesday, 4/4/17

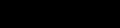

Tutee #1 – When I arrive, several of my tutees are waiting outside with their teachers during parent-pickup time.



The office manager escorts me to the library, where I prepare for tutoring. In a few minutes, my tutee joins me, and we begin. Her English homework is three pages of vocabulary study. The first page is for copying the dozen words. I ask her to pronounce the words and help her go through them twice. On page 2 is a word-search puzzle using the vocabulary words. The third page has fill-in-the-blank sentences with a choice of two vocab words for each blank and with an illustration for the correct choice. This page also offers five new words, each with an illustration. We spend a little over ten minutes on these pages. The pages give me many opportunities to praise her successes. We are both happy.

She decides to read to me during the remaining time. She selects several books from the bookshelves and reads three and part of a fourth one before our time ends. We thank each other, and I tell her I'll see her again next week.



Tutee #2 – Tutee #1 sends in my next tutee  . Somewhere along the line in my tutoring today, teaching memories remind me of the importance of not letting a difficult child consume more than her share of the teacher's time and energy, to the loss of the other students. An important bit of teaching wisdom.

This fourth-grade girl selects *Killer Flood* from a bookshelf, and she begins reading to me. I stop her now and then to help with a word, study an illustration, and check comprehension. When I see she is tiring, I suggest we stand, and we do a few exercises, taking turns as the leader.

We seat ourselves again, and we take turns reading paragraphs and pages until we finish two chapters and our twenty minutes.

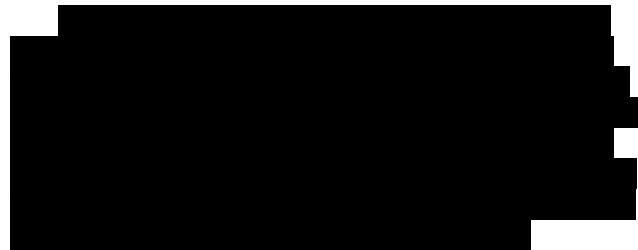


Our story is about a town built in a low place with a history of flooding from a nearby lake formed by a manmade dam. Sure enough, rains pour over a week or so, and one night our two main characters find themselves at home without adults when the dam breaks and water floods the house. When the water level reaches several feet, the boys must make their way to a treehouse from their childhood days, hoping it will give them safety until they can be rescued. And that's as far as we get in two chapters! The suspense!

I help her complete her reading log, we thank each other, and I tell her I'll see her next week to finish the story, or at least the next couple of chapters.

What a joy she is! 😊

Tutee #3 – My last tutee today is a third-grade boy I met once before, but another tutor worked with him that day. Today he's mine! 😊



Also, he tells me he has read all of the first series of books, and is on book 6 of the *Alba* series. I've read *Alba's* first book with another student, and we discuss that episode in the series. We both like the story.

Today he completes the shorter book and three chapters of the longer book. I help him with his reading log, we thank each other, I tell him I'll see him next week, and I escort him back to the playground.

Another meaningful afternoon of tutoring for our DKG project. I'm glad to be involved with these children and this school. 😊



Tuesday, 4/11/17
Tutee #1 – My

first tutee and I greet each other on the driveway and head inside for our tutoring session. My fourth-grade girl is in a good mood today and wants to work on her math homework for our

20 minutes. She notices I have something in my hand to give the office manager. I explain they are Boxtops for Education coupons, and I suggest we start on math as we walk, telling her, "Each is worth ten cents, so how much are they worth all together?"

She counts the coupons (12) and multiplies and announces, "\$120.00!"

I tell her she has the numbers right but not the decimal, and decimals will be another lesson. 😊

In her four pages of homework, we practice addition, subtraction, angles (right, acute, and obtuse), and fractions as parts of a whole and parts of a set. We don't finish before our 20 minutes are up, but we've had a good session, and she promises to finish the homework with her parents. So we say goodbye, and she sends in my next tutee. 😊

Tutee #2 – My next tutee is a third-grade boy who enrolled at Hillier only a few weeks ago, and today is our first tutoring session. We negotiate and agree to start with 10 minutes, and then renegotiate about adding another 10. 😊

He opens his binder and takes out a book titled *The Rainbow Fish*, which he explains is the third book in the *Rescue* series. In this episode the main character, a girl, lost her younger brother in the first book, and she is now searching for him. (Note: our characters are miniature size) Seeing a bit of red fabric in a

fish tank, she thinks he might be in the tank, so she borrows diving gear from a doll sitting on the shelf beside her and plunges into the tank to search. She searches every nook and cranny of the tank, using an ice cream stick as a probe, but doesn't find Jack, so by the end of this episode, we know her search will continue in the next book.



My new tutee is a beginning reader, and I am glad when I hear him starting to use the language training/phonics he's learning at Hillier in order to decode the new words. When he learns how to say *probe*, I am even more delighted when he immediately asks, "What's

probe?" When the book refers to a "shoal of fish," I suggest that might be a typo since usually the reference would be to a "school of fish." He agrees. He also questions when the girl giggles in response to the fish swimming past her foot, causing a tickling sensation. He sees she is wearing swim fins on her feet and concludes she wouldn't be able to feel the fish on her skin. We agree this seems to be another "oops" in the book. He's smart, interested, and eager to learn.

We complete this book in our 20 minutes, and he asks me to record in his reading log the required info: date, title, pages, and my initials. We're on our way! ☺

Tuesday, 4/18/17

Tutee #1 – My first tutee greets me with a hug on the school's driveway! And she's eager to join me for tutoring! Hooray!

She takes from her binder books five and six in the *Rescue* phonics series. Last week I read the third book in the series with a third-grade boy. I need some catching up on what happened in the fourth book, so my fourth-grade girl fills me in. Then, we read and talk about the two books she has today. It seems the main character and her younger brother are still under a bad magic spell that has caused them to be tiny, and they are trying to get safely home again and back to their normal size. Of course, they run into one obstacle after another in this fantasy world, so their quest and the suspense are prolonged into the next book in the series, which we'll need to read another time. ☺ My tutee and I enjoy the plot's twists and turns. We fill out her reading log for today's 20 minutes, and we look forward to our next session. She's a delight, and I love the expression she puts into her reading.

Tutee #2 – My second tutee today is a third-grade boy I worked with last week. When I ask him whether he'd like to read today, he quickly smiles and accepts my invitation. Hooray!

He goes to his teacher's book collection and chooses *Go, Dog. Go!*—after he first opens it and turns a few pages to check the reading level. We enjoy this book and have fun talking and laughing about the contrasts in colors and dogs and plotlines on each pair of pages—and about how the book repeats the plot ever-so-many pages but builds the repeated plot, too, by increasing the number and variety of words and adding plot twists. It's a well-done book, and we have a good time. He reads

50 pages, and we'll save the rest for another day. We complete his reading log and say goodbye till next time. ☺ ■

TUTORING TUESDAYS!

By **Mary Riddle**

Tuesdays, March, April, May 2017

I'm thrilled to be back tutoring the students at Hillier for my second year.



All students there at Hillier can master reading. They just have to try harder than students who don't have diagnosed learning differences. ■



TUTORING WEDNESDAYS!

By **Lou McMillan**

Wednesdays, March, April, May 2017

I look forward to every meeting with my students at Hillier!

I have four students at different levels of reading ability.

What has given me the most joy is seeing the improvement in my first-year students!

One thing I have learned: once a teacher..., always a teacher! Wednesday afternoons with my kids—that is one of my favorite activities of my week! ■



TUTORING FRIDAYS!

By **Margaret Thompson**

Fridays, March, April, May 2017

I usually am able to help a variety of students, no one in particular, since between 4 and 5 p.m. they are being picked up by parents.

Today though, I was able to work with a sixth-grader I read with regularly last fall. It was wonderful to see how much he has progressed this year! He reads much more smoothly, and didn't look at me constantly when struggling with a word. He also is more aware of punctuation. I'm so proud of him!

I can't believe we are nearly finished for the year! I have enjoyed sitting with these special students! I relish hugs of hello

from a sixth-grade girl and visiting with another sixth-grade boy's parents when they pick him up. What a treat this is! ■

● Spring Teacher-Encouragement Activity

By Becky Quigley, ASTEF/Hillier Project Committee Chair



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12 this year.

We are going to thank the wonderful teachers and staff at Hillier School with lunch on Thursday, May 11. Lunch begins at 11, so we will be setting up between 10:00 and 10:30 that morning. We will be preparing food for 15 people in all.

Thank you to these chapter members for volunteering to help with our Hillier Spring Teacher-Encouragement Activity: (l-r in photos below) **Susan Bell, Barbara Clinton, Katy Kunofsky, Penni Lewis, Carrie Parsons, Carolyn Power, and Kathy Rodriguez.**

What will we serve for lunch? Pasta salad, fruit salad/tray, tuna salad/chicken salad sandwiches, pimento cheese/cucumber sandwiches, ham/cream cheese sandwiches, chips, brownies/lemon squares/cookies, and tea.

These Hillier teachers are so appreciative for what we in Delta Omicron and DKG do for them.



All Hands on Deck for
Hillier

Year 3

Delta Omicron's
ASTEF Project ■

Chapter News continued...

Part 3 – Members' News

Members' Professional News

● Retiring at 39 Years

Dr. Dawna Walsh is retiring after 39 years of teaching in the College of Fine Arts at Dallas Baptist University. For many of those years, she served as chair of the Department of Art.



Dawna was honored with a reception on Thursday, May 4, from 3-4 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Mahler Student Center.

Also, the Dawna Hamm Walsh Endowed Scholarship Fund has been established to honor Dawna on her retirement. Those wishing to honor Dawna can write a check payable to Dallas Baptist University for the Dawna Hamm Walsh Endowed Scholarship Fund and mail it to Eric Wyatt, DBU Advancement Office, 3000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX 75211.

A Delta Omicron member since 1994, Dawna has several times through the years hosted chapter members in her home for our September salad supper and our Christmas gathering. Dawna has also been a chapter program presenter, sharing information about art and women's issues from her travels in the Middle East. The last few years Dawna has been busy caring for her grandchildren after school and has been unable to attend our Monday afternoon chapter meetings.

Congratulations and happy retirement, Dawna! ■

Members' Personal News

● Continuing Beauty

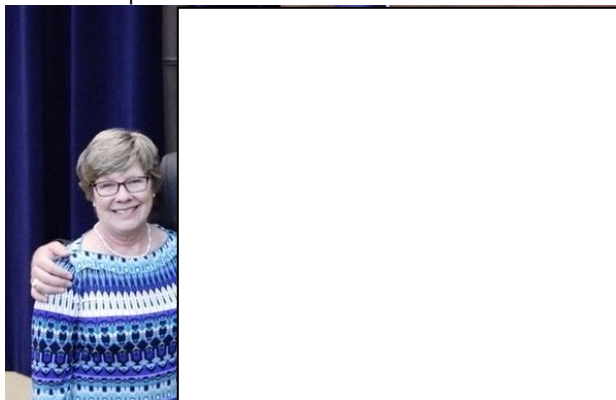


Mary Carol Hughes says, "I am so proud of the healthy iris **Marilyn Nease** shared from **Claudine Morgan's** garden in 2014. Their heavy heads need support. All the blooms seem to come at the same time. Thank you, **Claudine Riggins Morgan**, for being their gardener before me." ■

● In Washington, D.C.

Margaret Thompson reports, "We were in Washington, D.C., for Easter weekend to attend our son [redacted] swearing-in

ceremony to work in foreign service. He'll be headed to Frankfurt, Germany, next March! The next 11 months will be spent learning German and policies he'll use in the consulate.



"We had several wonderful days visiting museums, memorials, and Arlington National Cemetery. I haven't walked so much in years. It was amazing to be surrounded by so many foreign languages and people. We only scratched the surface of that beautiful city, and I hope to go back." ■

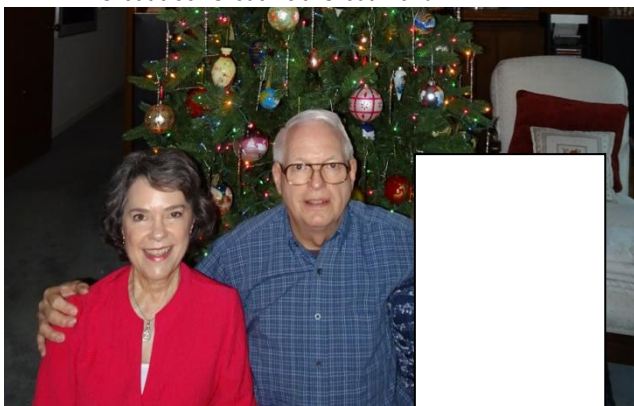
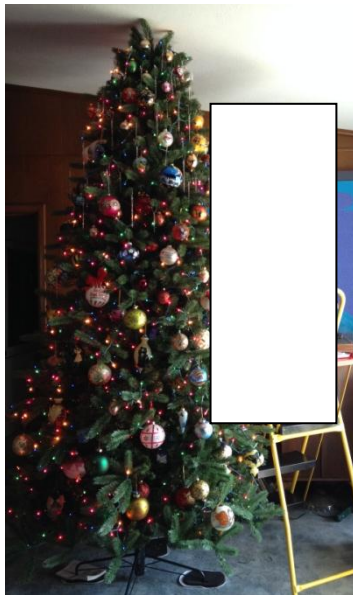
● **Christmas in March**
Marylin Nease

reports, "At the end of March, a longtime friend from North Carolina visited us for a week. How longtime? We met at SMU in 1969.

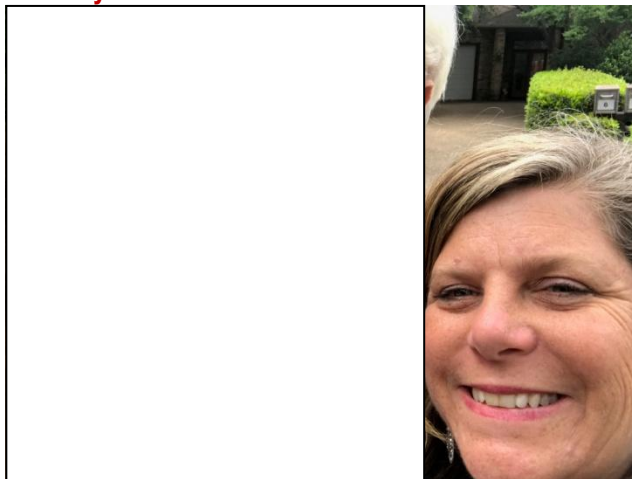
"[redacted] goes 'all out' decorating for Christmas. Charles and I know because we've visited [redacted] during the holidays off and on through the years. [redacted] died a year ago in early May.

"Charles surprised [redacted] with a nine-foot tree ready to decorate. He and she put on the lights, Charles and I unboxed the ornaments, [redacted] added them to the tree, and she and I put on the icicles. We worked on the decorating off and on when we were home from sightseeing around Dallas.

"Great tree. Great visit. Great friend." ■



● **Family Circle**



Carolyn Miller shares this springtime family photo of her daughters, [redacted] Melanie, and husband [redacted]. ■

● **Happy April and May Birthdays!**

April – None...

May – Elenora Asbury, 7; Lou Brown, 7; Kathy Rodriguez, 7; Janet Cundiff, 24; Jaime Callahan, 31 ■



Photo Album: March 20, 2017, Chapter Meeting



Thank you, March hostesses!





Carolyn Miller offers the inspiration.

The Meeting Begins



Lou McMillan welcomes members, then moves into the business portion of our chapter meeting.



DKG "promotes professional and personal growth of women educators."



Wanda Spoonmore urges members to donate to the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTE) by April 1 in order to have their names listed in the convention program book. ASTEF provides funds for scholarships, leadership opportunities, and projects (such as Delta Omicron's "All Hands on Deck for Hillier" project, now completing its third year).





Wanda Spoonmore shares her memories from the March 18 memorial service for 59-year member **Bonnie Ethridge**.



Delta Omicron and DKG—“women educators...in a genuine spiritual fellowship.”



Leesa Cole, TSO treasurer and Delta Omicron member and technology guru—comes to our rescue once again before the program begins. Thanks, Leesa! ☺

Note: Happy news from Leesa received on May 7—"I just got back from Lubbock, helping my sister, who had cataract surgery last Wednesday. It was nice to help her through a procedure that wasn't scary and stressful. She did great, loves her new sight, and can't wait to get the other eye done. Her heart health has greatly improved, and she looks and feels great." ☺



Carolyn Power recommends that members vote approval for an additional \$500 for our president's trip to the 2017 Southwest Regional Conference in July in Hawaii. Members agree!

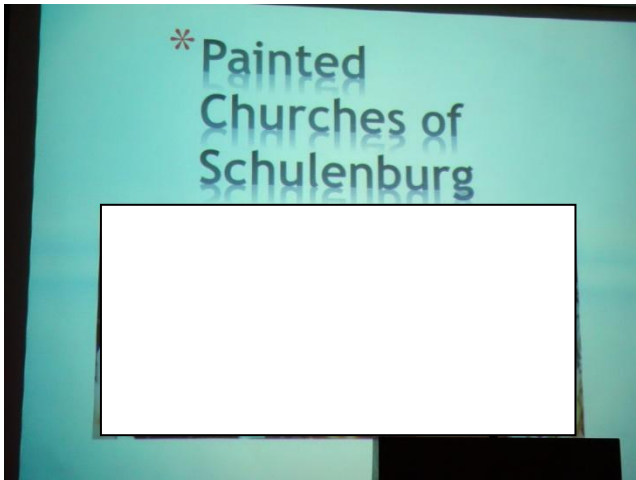
Program



Barbara Clinton introduces the program presenters.



Susan Bell and **Denise Barker** are March's program presenters.



Denise and Susan share info about the Painted Churches of Texas, located in the Schulenburg area.



L-R: Jan Nance, Lou McMillan, Grace Delatour

Initiation Ceremony



L-R: Jan Nance, Lou McMillan, Grace Delatour, Jean Wallace, Nancy Johnson



L-R: Nancy Johnson, Jan Nance



L-R: Jean Wallace, Nancy Johnson, Jaime Callahan



L-R: Jaime Callahan, Jan Nance, Lou McMillan, Grace Delatour, Jean Wallace, Nancy Johnson

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Dallas County News

● 2017 Spring Luncheon

On Saturday, April 1, 2017, members from Dallas County's fourteen chapters, plus special guests from other parts of TSO, met at Dallas' Lakewood Country Club for the annual CCDC Spring Luncheon. Marilyn Gregory, TSO president, was the luncheon speaker.



Attending from Delta Omicron are (l-r) Jaime Callahan, Susan Bell, Barbara Clinton, Mary White, Jan Nance, and Leesa Cole. Not pictured is Lou McMillan.



Susan Bell, Mary White, and Jan Nance enjoy the fellowship time, 9:30-10 a.m.



Jaime Callahan and Leesa Cole await the luncheon's start at 10 a.m.



Decorations reflect the day's theme: "I'm a Fool for DKG."



Barbara Clinton looks forward to the meal and program.



Attendees stand to honor chapter presidents as they process in at the start of the program, including **Lou McMillan**, our 2016-2018 chapter president (second from left).



Jaime Callahan and **Mary White** with Jaime's scholarship check—congratulations, Jaime!

Jaime Callahan shares, "I am honored to have received a Cora McFarland Scholarship for \$1,000 to use for my doctoral studies this coming year. I am so grateful for the support as I continue with my degree work.

"The delicious lunch and the fellowship with our own chapter members, other Dallas County chapters' members, and TSO leaders at the CCDC luncheon made for a delightful afternoon."

Note: Leesa Cole (Delta Omicron's scholarships chair) tells us **Jaime Callahan** also received a TSO 9-hour scholarship! ☺

Ashraf Mobh, our chapter's representative to CCDC's Cora McFarland Scholarship Committee reports that the 2017 luncheon's silent auction earned \$623 to add to our scholarship fund for next year.

Lou McMillan reports, "What a delightful gathering! I've never before seen a room full of such lively ladies dressed in their lovely spring attire, and enjoying conversing with each other in groups all over the elegant dining room! And, I had a 'bird's eye' view because I was fortunate enough to sit at the head table. I enjoyed this honor because Delta Omicron was assigned the duty of presenting the 25-year members their certificates.

"It was a lovely luncheon, a delicious meal, and a gathering I look forward to every year!"



Lou McMillan, seated at the head table (third from left), will introduce 2017's two 25-year members, [REDACTED].

Mary White reports, "The CCDC luncheon has always been special to me. There are so many things that I like about it. First, it reminds me of convention, where we see and visit with friends from other chapters that we have not seen all year. Next, I love having social time with my 'sisters.' Third, but not least, I like hearing how the Friend of DKG honoree is volunteering to make a difference for children and teachers." ■

Area 9 News

● Hello, April, and Hello, May!

Hello, Area 9 Sisters!

Spring has sprung, and May is here, too!



I hope you traveled up and down I-45 or I-35 this spring and helped Ennis celebrate bluebonnet season!

May means so many things to all of us. For me, it is four family birthdays within a week, several anniversaries, and the end of the school year. This year is totally different for me as I begin a new journey...RETIREMENT.

It also brings me to the close of my biennium as coordinator of Area 9. I have enjoyed getting to know and work with the "heart of the Society," its members! You are amazing, and what a wealth of talent we have here in Area 9. I know I say that all the time, BUT it is true! I am so proud of the presidents I have worked with the last two years. You have simply been amazing. So many of you helped our Area 9 workshop be a success. Thank you so much! So many members helped as well with the workshop. To you, I say, "Thanks so much for your hard work!"

We had four wonderful ladies represent us at the Leadership Seminar in February. They are [REDACTED]. I know that these key women walked away with new ideas to use as they continue to lead in their chapters and around the state.

I hope you attended the CCDC luncheon at Lakewood Country Club on Saturday, April 1. As always, the luncheon was a great way to catch up and fellowship with our Dallas area sisters.

Remember to get your registration in for the convention in Houston! You'll find the registration form on the state website. Fill it out, and join us in Houston for a fun time as we fellowship, network, and attend great breakout sessions! I always love to learn something new at the breakout sessions! I look forward to seeing you in Houston as I know that Marilyn, Bonnie, and the ladies around Houston are planning a wonderful convention.

Then there is the trip to Hawaii, as our sisters there get ready for us to come. It should be a great time of seeing sights we have not seen before, taking in the hospitality of our sisters from Hawaii, and attending sessions at this year's Southwest Regional Conference.

Once more, it is hard to believe that my tenure as Area 9 coordinator is almost over. I have enjoyed every minute of being there for you if you had a question or a need. I have enjoyed visiting every chapter and getting to meet "the heart of the Society." I hope that you will continue to send me your very informative newsletters as it has been a delight to read them. We have such wonderful women in Area 9! What an exciting group of members we have to continue to lead us on, forward and upward! Again, thank you so much for allowing me to be your Area 9 coordinator! Let's keep in touch!

Love you, sweet ladies,
Cathy Criner
Area 9 Coordinator ■

Texas State Organization News

TSO Website

www.dkgtexas.org

Lone Star News, Summer 2017 Edition

The summer edition is both a printed and an online version. The printed version will be arriving soon. It contains both the schedule-at-a-glance and the registration form for the Houston convention.

[Summer 2017 Lone Star News](#) (PDF) ■

TSO President and Theme, 2015-2017



Marilyn Gregory

The Heart of the Society Is Its Members

Biennium Goals:

Health – to encourage members to practice healthy lifestyles, which promote healthier chapters

Education – to educate members about the importance of membership and encourage them to make an impact

on their communities and the world

Achievement – to achieve our goals as leaders in our chapters and recognize our accomplishments as key women educators

Reflection – to reflect on our heritage as we advance the Society

Teamwork – to work as members of a team to strengthen involvement in all levels of the Society ■

TSO's ASTEF



Alpha State Texas
Educational Foundation

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Q: What is ASTEF's mission?

A: Impacting Education by Impacting Educators!

Q: How does ASTEF carry out its mission?

A: Through funding (1) scholarships and (2) leadership events, which support the professional and personal growth of Texas women educators, and through funding (3) projects, which promote educational excellence for Texas students. ■

TSO Committees, 2015-2017

From Area 9 and Delta Omicron:

- Marilyn Nease, Headquarters Committee
- Carolyn Power, Legislation Committee
- Mary White, Ceremonies Committee ■



TSO Projects

- Week of Caring, February, March 2017
- Unifying Project, May, June 2017:

<http://dkgtexasconvention.weebly.com/unifying-project.html> ■

2017 State Convention



Make plans now to attend the June 22-24, 2017, state convention in Houston at the Westin Galleria Hotel!

Visit the *Houston convention* website to

- ♥ reserve your hotel room,
 - ♥ read issues of the convention newsletter (*Heartline*),
 - ♥ learn about the 2017 Unifying Project, and
 - ♥ discover everything convention related!
- ♥ <http://dkgtexasconvention.weebly.com/>

♥♥♥ **Who's attending Houston 2017 from Delta Omicron?**
Denise Barker, Susan Bell, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Kay Keeland, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marilyn Nease, Wanda Spoonmore, Mary White—so far. Come join us! ☺ ■

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Southwest Regional News 2017 Southwest Regional Conference



Save the Date: July 4-7, 2017, Sheraton Waikiki in Honolulu, Hawaii—"Experience the Lifestyle of Aloha."

♥♥♥ **Who's attending Hawaii 2017 from Delta Omicron?**
Maureen Baker, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Leesa Cole—so far. Join them! ☺ ■

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International News



Website
www.dkg.org ■

Purposes
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has seven

basic purposes that govern its program of work and study. The activities of each level of the Society implement the purposes of the Society. <https://www.dkg.org/content/purposes> ■

Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide ■

Projects

- Schools for Africa (SfA) usforumdkg.org
<https://www.dkg.org/content/schools-africa-0>
- Support Early-career Educators (SEE)
<https://www.dkg.org/content/see-support-early-career-educators> ■



President and Theme, 2016-2018

Carolyn Pittman
DKG—Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

Editor's Note: Be sure to read Pittman's essay "The Butterfly Effect and our vision" on page 2 of the Sep/Oct 2016 edition of *DKG News*.

<http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Publications/DKG-NEWS.aspx>

"DKG, because of what multiple individuals do, moves lives." ■

2018 International Convention



Save the date: July 16-20, 2018, JW Marriott, Austin, Texas.

If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Convention Chair JoAnn Brooks at joannbrooks@verizon.net ■

Get Connected

The May/June issue of *Get Connected* is now available! Check it out!

What is a Blog? - According to WPVirtuoso website, in 2013, there were 152,000,000 blogs on the Internet. Today that number is estimated to be over 173,000,000.

What is driving this phenomenon...and how can you be involved? [Get Connected May/June 2017](#) ■



Spring 2017 DKG Fine Arts Gallery

The spring 2017 DKG Fine Arts Gallery is now open! Follow this link www.dkg.org to the DKG International website. Then, click on the icon for the DKG Fine Arts Gallery, located on the right side of the home page.

Q. What will you find in the gallery?

A. Members' original creations in four fine arts categories:

★ **visual art** (photography, painting, drawing, mixed media, crafts, and printmaking),

★ **writing** (short story, essay, and poetry),

★ **music** (instrumental and vocal recordings), and

★ **video** (film making and dramatics).

Enjoy! ■

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