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Delta Omicron Chapter, #111, Dallas, Dallas County, Area 9, Texas State Organization, DKG Society International

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

Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



Texas
State Organization

JOURNEY
Which way will you go?

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Marylin Nease, editor

*The 4:15? Delta is the 4th letter of the Greek alphabet and Omicron is the 15th. On a good day, 4:15 is the time we leave school and head to a Delta Omicron meeting!

President's Message



Dear Delta Omicron Members,

Happy New Year 2022! It is hard to believe that we are entering another new year. I'm glad to be back to somewhat of a normal everyday life. December was a party month with so many birthday celebrations, brunches, luncheons, and formal holiday events. It was a lot of fun; however, I couldn't do this all the time.

As we enter a new year, there are so many things to look forward to doing. We will have more chapter and committee meetings, applications for a scholarship or grant, a CCDC luncheon, conventions, and lots of opportunities to get together socially. We are a fun group, and I encourage everyone to participate as we miss you when you don't.

January has always been the month to establish new year resolutions. What will be yours? Maybe to start a new hobby, read more books, or get a new exercise routine started. Lots of people want to lose weight or get involved in a new project. For me, I want to continue last year's resolution of power walking and participating in *Walk Across Texas!* supported by Texas A & M. [WAT link](#) It's an activity I enjoy. Hopefully, I also will start to travel more and take some fun hiking adventures with my husband, James.

I wish you all a good year with making your dreams and adventures come true.

Katherine

Pres/Katherine Grogan
1st VPs/Elenora Asbury
& Kathy Rodriguez
2nd VP/Margaret
Thompson
Rec Sec/Margie Rohde
Cor Sec/Susan Endicott
Treas/Leesa Cole
Parl/Julie Turnbow
Im P Pres/Lou McMillan

[DLF info link](#)

Let's welcome AC9 Liz
Garrett to our meeting!

Chapter Website:
[link to chapter website](#)
Carolyn Power, Webmaster

Next meeting: Mon., Jan. 10, 5:00 p.m., HPPC*, Room K and Zoom.

Program: "Dallas Leadership Foundation: Rallying, Caring, and Equipping." **Project:** Books for K-8 students at West Dallas Community School—see p. 7 for more info. (DKG Purposes 1, 6,7)

*Highland Park Presbyterian Church, 3821 University Blvd., Dallas, second floor, room K. Enter parking garage from Shannon Lane on church's west side. Take elevator to second floor.

CHAPTER: MEMBERSHIP NEWS by Margaret Thompson, Membership VP



Orientation Meeting, Sat., Jan. 15th, My Home

We have had several members tell me they have friends interested in our chapter so, Sat., Jan. 15th, I will have an orientation meeting at my house. If you know anyone interested in attending the orientation, please let me know so I can send an invitation via email. Our next chapter meeting is Mon., Jan. 10th, which new prospects can attend to meet other Delta Omicron members before the orientation.

Remember, our chapter can accept new members all year. If you know anyone who is interested in our organization, please let me know.

Happy New Year!

MEMBERS ON MEMBERSHIP: What's your "why" for being in DKG? Our answers are what we need to communicate to potential members!



Lou McMillan shares, "My why for being in DKG? DKG is an organization founded in 1929 by brave, caring, loving women who saw a need and accepted the challenge! Women who placed others first, especially children. Women who knew they wanted to become educators. These women used their talents to make their world a better place for others.

"DKG continues to carry on these same values for those of us who have chosen the teaching profession. We are a 'band of sisters' supporting each other in our profession and having a whole lot of fun along the way.

"For me, it is an honor to be a part of such an organization that has provided so much for so many, and will always continue to do so."

Happy December Birthdays!

Becky Quigley, 15
Mary Carol Hughes, 18
Jan Nance, 19
Mary Louise Milliorn, 21

Happy January Birthdays!

Denise Barker, 5

Sara Coleman, 9
Sherri Allinder, 14

Shirley Kochman, 23
Cindy Dominguez, 27



MEMBERS' PERSONAL NEWS



Katherine Grogan shares, “My 70th birthday on November 30, 2021, was fun with a party and surprise celebratory sign.



Margaret Thompson reports, “Our Christmas was interesting to say the least.



“Our sweet rescue dog, Peggy Sue, was diagnosed with diabetes on Christmas Eve and has been a very sick little puppy over the holiday. We are getting used to administering medication and injections twice a day.

“With our son still in Eswatini, Africa, it was quiet around our little tree. We did visit him via Facebook—poor guy—all alone, getting ready to eat tacos for dinner. Covid has shut down all gatherings. I'm glad he is coming home in May or June 2022!

“Happy New Year!”

Marylin Nease shares, “With Covid still here, I had Christmas 2021 at home.



“For days before and after Dec. 25, we enjoyed listening to Christmas music: hymns, piano, organ, brass, jazz, bands, orchestras, individual singers, choirs, and so forth, quite a variety.

“At 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Day, I Zoomed with my sisters, my FW sister’s husband, two of my nephews, and one of my grandnieces. Four Zoomers were in Chickasha, OK; two in Dallas; and two in Fort Worth. Afterward, and I made our dinner, dividing the menu into dishes we’d each prepare, including my mother’s recipe for yeast rolls. His evaluation of our food? ‘Very good!’ Later, we called his sister and had a long visit with lots of reminiscing.

“Time with each other, with family near and far, and with good food made our Christmas a happy one.”

MEMBERS' PET CORNER



Leesa Cole shares, "Augustus and Woodrow (Gus and Woody...Gusolina and Woodykins) are named after two characters from *Lonesome Dove* by Larry McMurtry. Brad and I have watched that mini-series every Christmas holiday since 1999, the year my mother died, because I watched it with her each Christmas holiday since 1995.

"G&W joined our family as rescued feral babies in 2014. They were bottle-fed and raised by an amazing foster with Buddies Place Cat Rescue in Arlington. They are extraordinarily loved and spoiled by us, and we wouldn't have it any other way. We waited a year and a half after our sweet Chester-the-Wonder Cat crossed

The Rainbow Bridge (at age 22) to bring more furry love into our home because we were so



Above: Gus & Woody, babies, 2014



heartbroken. These guys have been the best remedy for our broken hearts."

Left: Gus & Woody, big boys, 2021

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES, NOV. 15, 2021



by Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary

Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas State Organization, DKG International, met on Mon., Nov. 15, 2021, in person and via Zoom.

Attending in person were 27 members: Sherri Allinder, Margaret Arnold, Elenora Asbury, Maureen Baker, Denise Barker, Susan Bell, Leesa Cole, Grace Delatour, Cindy Dominguez, Katherine Grogan, Vicky Hamilton, Kay Keeland, Ivy Lassiter, Liza Leggett, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marilyn Nease, Carolyn Power, Becky Quigley, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, and Dawna Walsh.

Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson,

Attending via Zoom was Jean Wallace.

Three guests attended:

work at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church's Day School and Child Development Center and have visited before. is an itinerant teacher for Wylie ISD, has also visited before, and is planning to join DKG in January.

OPENING:

Katherine Grogan called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Wanda Spoonmore, Personal and Professional Enrichment, gave a lengthy **inspiration about DKG Founder Annie Webb Blanton, as this meeting was special with the induction ceremony**. Annie was born in 1870 and was one of a set of twins. She **witnessed many events during her lifetime** including the death of her twin at 12 years of age, the sinking of the *Titanic*, World War I, The Great Depression, the election of Ma Ferguson as the first female governor of Texas, the 1918 passage in the Texas Legislature to grant white women the right to vote, and the election of 15 different presidents of the United States.

In 1916 Annie was **the first woman elected president of the Texas State Teachers Organization**. **In 1918 and 1920, she became the first woman elected to statewide office in Texas: as State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the forerunner of the Texas Education Agency**. Her responsibilities included drawing up school laws, purchasing textbooks, overseeing teacher certification, and enacting laws that affected rural schools. Annie also served one term on the Texas State Textbook Board. **Accomplishments of Annie Blanton as superintendent include recertification of many teachers, increasing teacher salaries, improving rural schools, increasing the hours of many schools, and removing some rules that governed taxes for schools**. Dr. Blanton **wrote two books**, which are still available today. **Two books have also been written about Annie Blanton, and a dorm has been named for her at the University of Texas at Austin**.

Dr. Blanton **founded Delta Kappa Gamma in 1929**. Delta Kappa Gamma grew rapidly and filled an important need for many teachers. There **are now chapters in 17 countries**, and three million dollars have been awarded in **scholarships**. In 1939 DKG gave Annie a car in gratitude for all she had done.

PROGRAM:

An induction ceremony was held for _____ . _____ were also scheduled to be inducted, but neither could attend. _____ had knee surgery recently, and _____ had mouth surgery. **Margaret Thompson, Second Vice President for Membership, and the Ceremonies Committee conducted the ceremony**. The committee included Margaret Arnold, Susan Bell, Vicky Hamilton, Liza Leggett, Lou McMillan, and _____. Katherine Grogan, President, also participated in the ceremony. **Jean Wallace, one of the chapter's 50+ year members, shared with Ivy what DKG meant to her**.

A dinner followed the induction ceremony. While members enjoyed dinner and fellowship, **Katherine played "You've Got a Friend" by James Taylor**. Penni Lewis, Music Chair, provided the selection and recording.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Katherine will ask Susan Endicott, Corresponding Secretary, to send cards to _____ .

Leesa Cole, Treasurer, gave a brief treasurer's report. The balance on Oct. 30 was \$4,140.18. **Anticipated income included dues of any new members and the November dinner**. As of 11/5/21, current November dinner income was \$338.00. **Anticipated expenses included dues to International and TSO for new members and payment to Jason's Deli for the dinner**.

Katherine announced that Elenora Asbury, First Co-Vice President for Programs and Projects, would host the December holiday party at her home on December 4th from 11 to 1. Members were reminded that our chapter collects donations for the Denton State-Supported Living Center at the party. More information about how to donate will be sent to members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Door prizes were won by Susan Bell, Carolyn Miller, and Margie Rohde. Katherine projected the **DKG song** lyrics as members sang. The meeting was **adjourned at 6:12 p.m.**

NOTE: Meeting photos are on pp. 11-13 at the end of this newsletter.

TREASURER’S REPORT for Jan. 2022

by Leesa Cole, Treasurer



Bank balance reconciled
12/30/2021 = \$3,828.18

Income Nov. & Dec. 2021

Budgeted: None

In and Out:

- Nov. dinner: Jason’s Deli orders
- Dec. project: DSSLC collection

Expenses Nov. & Dec. 2021

Budgeted: None

In & Out:

- Nov. dinner: Jason’s order
- reimburse Programs Chair
- Dec. project: DSSLC chapter contribution



Happy New Year!

Anticipated income Jan.

Budgeted: None – or – new member dues

Anticipated expenses Jan.

Budgeted: Annual contributions to TSO, International, & ASTEF

New member dues to International & ASTEF

Finance Notes:

- Nov. dinner income = \$351.00
Nov. dinner expense = \$351.00 (27 meals & tip)
- Dec. DSSLC collection from members & contribution to facility = \$240.00
- Dues collection begins in March 2022 for the 2022-23 membership year.
Final payment due May 2022
\$100.00 active / \$50 reserve



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE, Kay Keeland (right) and Wanda Spoonmore (left), Co-chairs



School Visit &/or Lunch, Fri., Jan. 14

Who: Chapter members & guests

What: School tour & lunch

Where: West Dallas Community School [WDCS info link](#) & Celebration Restaurant

When: Fri., Jan. 14, 2021. 9:30 a.m., meet at Celebration parking lot to carpool to school. 11:30 a.m., begin lunch at Celebration.



Why: Tour the school and drop off books for students K-8. Enjoy fellowship and food.

All chapter members, please bring new books for K-8 students to our Jan. 10 chapter meeting.

How: RSVP to Kay Keeland if you want to go to one or both (tour and/or lunch).

KayKeeland@hotmail.com 972-639-8058

Thank you!

Delta Omicron's Community Service Team (Wanda, Kay, Vicky,

and Liza)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, by Chair

The 88th Texas Legislature will convene on Jan. 10, 2022, and end on May 29, 2022. During this time, we as educators need to make our voices heard.

A Primary Election will be held on Mar. 1, 2022, to select candidates to run for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and many other elected offices. **Jan. 1, 2022, is the first day to apply for a Ballot by Mail**; Jan. 31, 2022, is the last day to register to vote; and **Early Voting is Feb. 14-25, 2022. This is a very important election!**

The TRTA Convention will be held April 11-13, 2022, at the Hilton Anatole located at 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway in Dallas, TX. The hotel is taking reservations, and the limit is two rooms per person. The group rate is \$189 per night (excluding tax). Parking is offered at a discounted rate of \$5 per night for hotel guests only. **For online reservations, please visit the TRTA home page or click on this link.** <https://trta.org/registration-for-the-68th-trta-convention-now-open/>

COORDINATING COUNCIL OF DALLAS COUNTY

→ Save the date: Sat., Apr. 9, 2022, Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) luncheon.

→ Cora McFarland scholarships are awarded annually at the CCDC luncheon.

In past years, 22 scholarships have been awarded to Delta Omicron members. Current Delta Omicron members who were recipients include Dr. Jaime Callahan, Leesa Cole, Grace Delatour, Susan Endicott, Mary Gill, Dr. Elyse Griffin, Nancy Johnson, Shirley Kochman, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Power, Melanie Rudebeck, and Dr. Dawna Walsh.

DKG Purpose 5. To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.

Cora McFarland Scholarship Information History and Purpose:

The Cora McFarland Scholarship

- was created by the **Dallas County Chapters** of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to benefit members of chapters within Dallas County and
- is awarded annually to members of the Society to enhance the fulfillment of DKG's fifth purpose, "to endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study."

Eligibility:

Long-term scholarship (up to \$3,000) applicants

- must have been a Dallas County DKG member for three full years from date of induction,
- must be pursuing a doctoral degree, and
- may receive a long-term scholarship once while working toward a doctoral degree.

Short-term scholarship (up to \$1,000) applicants

- must have been a Dallas County DKG member for at least one full year from date of induction;
- must be working for credit toward
 - an advanced degree,
 - certification, or
 - a field-of-study course, workshops, conferences, conventions, or special projects;
- must use the money for these purposes for tuition, fees, and/or supplies (no travel expenses);
- must indicate a direct link between what she is planning to do and who will benefit; and
- may apply for a short-term scholarship no more than twice in a three-year period.

An applicant for a long-term or a short-term scholarship

- should be an active participant in Delta Kappa Gamma through such things as attendance at chapter meetings, service through committees, elected offices, chapter projects, and attendance at workshops, conferences, and conventions; and
- is expected to remain an active, contributing member of DKG Society International.



Dr. Jaime Callahan, who currently represents our chapter on the Cora McFarland Scholarship Committee, shares her experiences with this scholarship. She joined DKG in 2014 and was a scholarship recipient in 2016 and 2017.

Q. How did you use your two scholarships?

A. I used them to offset tuition costs related to obtaining my doctoral degree.

Q. What do you want prospective applicants to know about your scholarship experience?

A. Having the opportunity to apply for and receive the Cora McFarland scholarships was such a big help as I worked through the process of earning my

doctorate. The path to a doctoral degree is difficult enough without having to worry about cost, and our household decided to pay in full each semester, as opposed to taking out a loan. Having the funds from the Cora McFarland Scholarship made the process a little less stressful.

I highly encourage anyone interested in pursuing higher levels of education or experience to apply for the Cora McFarland Scholarship. The interview process was pleasant and gave the scholarship committee a chance to get to know me and I to know them. They were delightful and supportive and made the entire process easy! I hope our members consider applying this year!

I also urge our members to consider contributing to the Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund so that more scholarships can be awarded. **The donation form is attached to this email.**

Notes:

- Applications are due **Mar. 1, 2022**. The application and instructions are attached to this email.
- After applications are received, all applicants must participate in an interview on **Sat., Mar. 26, 2022**.
- Scholarship recipients will receive their scholarship awards at the Coordinating Council of Dallas County luncheon on **Apr. 9, 2022**.
- Please contact **Jaime Callahan** if you have questions about the Cora McFarland Scholarship.

AREA 9



2021-23 Area 9 Coordinator, Liz Garrett

→ Area 9 has **24 chapters in six North Texas counties**—Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Grayson, Kaufman, and Rockwall.

→ **Save the date: Sat., Sept. 10, 2022, Area 9 Workshop.** This workshop is our opportunity for orientation as incoming officers and committee members for the 2022-24 biennium. Plus, we'll enjoy fellowship with other Area 9 chapters!

→ **An excerpt from Liz's Dec. AC newsletter:** **The DKG International Emergency Fund** provides assistance to members who have sustained major losses from natural disasters. Each recipient receives a \$500 check from the Emergency Fund.

Over the years Texas residents have benefited from the relief this check provides, including many in 2021 who were affected by the Feb. freeze and members in Dallas County in 2019 affected by that year's Oct. tornado.

The Dec. 10-11, 2021, tornadoes that tore through six states--Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Illinois--devasted many communities, killed 90 people, and injured 118+. Some of those impacted are members of Delta Kappa Gamma. International will be supporting those members with Emergency Fund assistance.

The money for the Emergency Fund comes from DKG members' contributions.

Please consider donating to this vital assistance that International provides so that our fellow members can receive the financial support so critical in times of need. **For information on how to donate, go to the International website and click on DKGIEF, or use this link [DKGIEF, Emergency Fund](#).**





Texas State Organization

TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION <https://www.dkgtexas.org/>

→ TSO Newsletter

[Lone Star News - Winter Edition, 2021](#)



→ 2021-23 State President

Shalan Inmon's biennium theme? *JOURNEY: Which Way Will You Go?*

Her biennium goals? **Nurture** - Develop relationships with current and new members. **Serve** - Give of your time to others.

Educate - Promote the purposes and mission of DKG to others. **Wonder** - Dream, ask, reflect.



→ Delta Omicron Members Currently Serving in TSO Roles

- (1) Leesa Cole, continuing as TSO Executive Secretary (began July 2020)
- (2) Katherine Grogan, Area 9 member of TSO Archives Committee, 2021-23
- (3) Kay Keeland, Area 9 member of TSO Programs and Service Projects Committee, 2021-23
- (4) Marilyn Nease, Area 9 member of TSO Membership Committee, 2021-23

→ The Next Two TSO Conventions—Save the Dates!

Lubbock, June 14-18, 2022

McAllen, June 14-17, 2023

→ 2022 STAR (Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat): Registration Open

Access registration here: [this link](#).

Save the date: Jan. 14-16, 2022, at Camp Allen.

→ 5th Annual ASTEF Weekender –

Tyler, Texas, Rose Capital of America, April 22, 23, and 24, 2022

For more information about this Weekender [click here](#)



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→ **The Next Three International Conventions—Save the Dates!**

- New Orleans, Louisiana (New Orleans Marriott), July 12-16, 2022 [Convention Info](#)
- National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National, D.C. Area) – 2024
- Aurora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies) – 2026

→ **DKG Fine Arts Gallery**

The next submission period is Jan. 15 – Feb. 15, 2022.

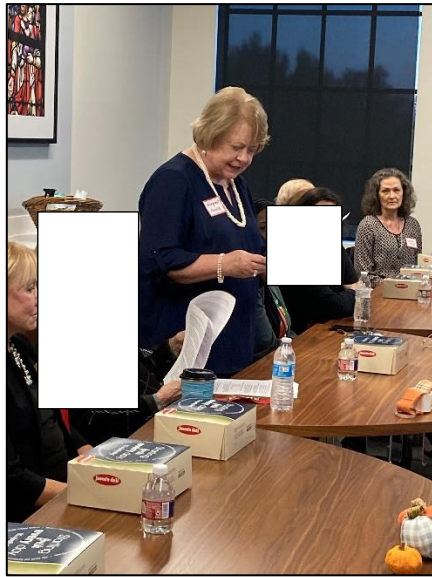
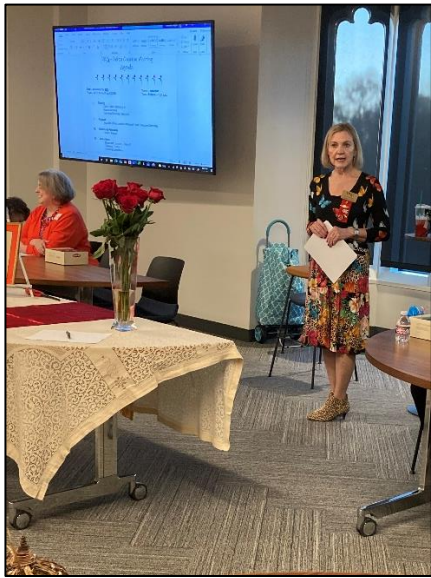
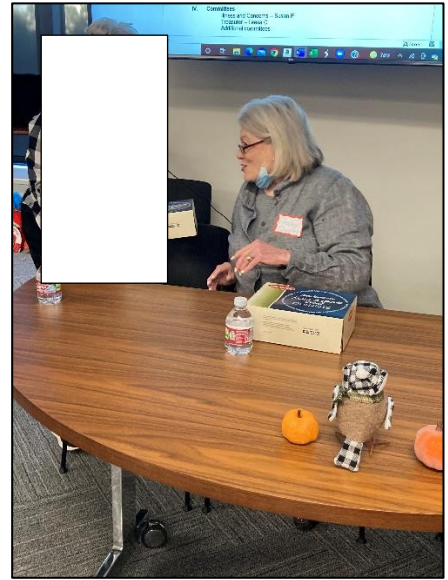
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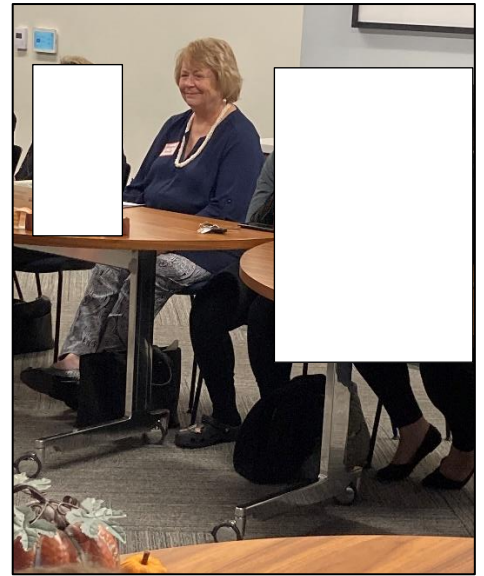
DELTA OMICRON'S NOV. 15, 2021, MEETING PHOTOS



DKG Purpose 2.

*To honor women who have given
or who evidence a potential for distinctive service
in any field of education.*





*DKG Purpose 3.
To advance the
professional
interest
and position
of women in
education.*



DELTA OMICRON'S DEC. 4, 2021, BRUNCH & PHOTOS

Who: 30 members and 3 guests

What: December Brunch

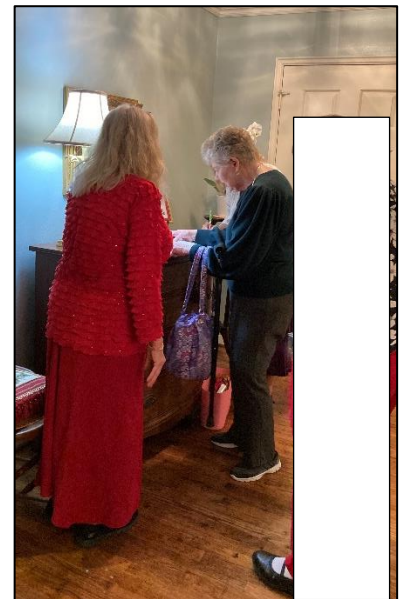
Where: Elenora Asbury's home

When: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Dec. 4, 2021

Why: Fellowship & annual Dec. community service project for Denton State-Supported Living Center

How: Thank you to

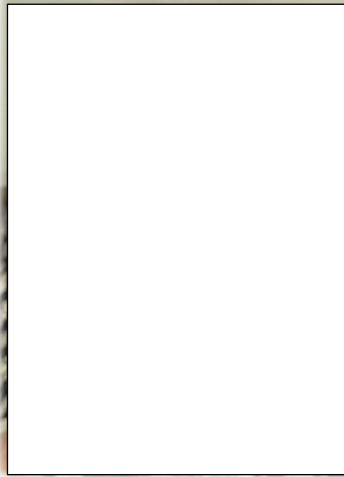
- event hostess Elenora Asbury;
- sign-in book hostess Dawna Walsh;
- refreshments hostesses Elenora Asbury, Mary Gill, Mary Carol Hughes, Nancy Johnson, Liza Leggett, Lou McMillan, & Carrie Parsons; and
- treasurer Leesa Cole for receiving and forwarding **\$580 to DSSLC. Go, Delta Omicron members!**



DKG Purpose 1. To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship.



DKG Purpose 6. To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.



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