

# The 4:15\*

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



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Marylin Nease, editor

\*The 4:15? Delta is the 4<sup>th</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet and Omicron is the 15<sup>th</sup>. 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,

I don't know how it is for you, but each fall season I find myself on a holiday roller coaster. It starts with Halloween, then Thanksgiving, my birthday and the twin granddaughters' birthday, Christmas, and New Year's Eve. It is a time for celebrating holidays and getting together with family and friends.

This month, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. This holiday is a lot of different things to different people. For some, it is getting together with family or friends. It might be that perfectly cooked turkey. For others, it's waiting for all the side dishes: sweet potatoes, the famous green bean casserole, cornbread or white bread stuffing, cranberry sauce, or the must-have pumpkin pie. I am willing to bet that we all will enjoy a delicious meal.

I like to think that Thanksgiving is a time to express something that I am thankful for. I am thankful for all of you. I have made wonderful friends and cherish the opportunity to get to know you.



*Katherine*

Pres/Katherine Grogan  
1<sup>st</sup> VPs/Elenora Asbury  
& Kathy Rodriguez  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Margaret  
Thompson  
Rec Sec/Margie Rohde  
Cor Sec/Susan Endicott  
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Parl/Julie Turnbow  
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**Chapter Website:**  
<https://deltaomicrontexas.weebly.com/>  
Carolyn Power, Webmaster

**Next meeting: Mon., Nov. 15, 5:00 p.m., HPPC\*, Room K and Zoom.**  
**Program: Induction Ceremony for New Members**  
**—conducted by our Ceremonies**  
**Committee and our 50+ year members** (DKG Purposes 1, 2)  
\*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



**Welcome,**

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

**This month will be special for**

*(photos right, top to bottom).* They will be inducted into our Delta Omicron Chapter during our November meeting! Please join me in welcoming them as official members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

**Remember, our chapter can accept new members all year.** If you know anyone who is interested in our organization, please let me know. When I have several people expressing interest, I will be happy to invite them to an orientation for more information.

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

**Kay Keeland** shares, "Why am I in DKG? DKG gives me the opportunity to connect with professionals in my field. By connecting with teachers, I have become a better educator.

"Also, I have enjoyed the leadership opportunities given to me so I could grow from these great experiences.

"I love what DKG offers teachers: scholarships, networking, leadership events, workshops, and mentors. DKG offers so much to all of us teachers!"



**Marylin Nease** responds, "My *why* for being in DKG is the circle of friends DKG gives me—women committed to education, children, families, and communities. I enjoy fellowship with DKG's key women educators and its service projects that support education.

"Another *why* for me? DKG offers 'me time'! I can arrive at a meeting feeling rushed and stressed, and on my way home I always feel relaxed and glad I made time for me. DKG is my time for me."

**Happy November  
Birthday!**

Elyse Griffin, 11  
Joyanne "Joy" Burger, 17  
Katherine Grogan, 30



## MEMBERS' BOOK CORNER



**Grace Delatour recommends...**

*GraceLaced: Discovering Timeless Truths Through Seasons of the Heart*  
by Ruth Chou Simons

Ruth Chou Simons is an artist who uses her words and paint brushes to write and illustrate 32 devotionals using life experiences, scriptures, and famous quotes. The book is divided into the four seasons and includes colorful, beautiful artwork.

## MEMBERS' PET CORNER



**Marilyn Nease shares**, "Ellie is my walking buddy every morning. She's quick, strong, and excited at walking time, balanced with patience and affection while she waits for me to get ready.

She's a three-year-old, 40-pound, 18-inch-tall mix of Brittany spaniel, Jack Russell terrier, and Basenji. We found her a year ago at Operation Kindness.

Ellie could be a circus dog in her next life: for her own entertainment, she spins, runs laps in the backyard, leaps flowerpots, and jumps high enough that we briefly see eye to eye.

For her happy nature and waggy tail, her foster family called her Sunshine.



## CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES, OCT. 18, 2021



*by Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary*

**Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas State Organization, DKG International, met on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, in person and via Zoom.**

**Thirty members attended in person:** Margaret Arnold, Elenora Asbury, Delores Bates, Joyanne Burger, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Grace Delatour, Cindy Dominguez, Dr. Catherine Donahue, Marta Finlay, Katherine Grogan, Vicky Hamilton, Mary Carol Hughes, Liza Leggett, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Dr. Jan Nance, Marilyn Nease, Becky Quigley, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, and Jean Wallace.

Mary Gill and Carolyn Power **attended via Zoom.**

**Two guests attended:**

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

Wanda Spoonmore **gave the inspiration.** She stated that our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising after a fall either to try again or to try something new. She also explained that magic occurs when we believe in ourselves. Simply by believing in ourselves, we can make something positive happen.

Wanda stated that none of us would be in DKG if we had not made something happen in our lives previously.

**PROGRAM: EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE COMMITTEES** presented information on the theme of books and reading.

Penni Lewis, **Music Chair**, explained that she chose the song “In My Own Little Corner, in My Own Little Chair” from *Cinderella* because that is how we discover books.

Marylin Nease, **Research Chair**, shared three pieces of research about books and reading. **First, in the old days, books were few and far between, but now books are everywhere.** In the Eastern World, **in the ninth century AD in China, the first full-length books were printed using wooden block printing.** In the Western World, **in 1452 in Germany, Johann Gutenberg printed the Bible on a printing press with movable metal type.** Each copy of the Bible had about 1,300 pages and was bound in 2 volumes. He printed 180 copies in five years. Each Bible weighed 14 pounds. Each page contained 2,500 pieces of type, with each piece set by hand. **Before the printing press was invented, books were copied by hand.** These handwritten books were so rare and so valuable that they were chained to library walls! **Most people couldn’t read or write because most people had no access to books. Today, most of us have books all around us** in our libraries, bookstores, homes, schools, and churches. **Second, Marylin asked the members if they could name the top five most read books in the world of all time.** They are as follows: The Holy Bible, The Holy Quran, the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling, *The Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse Tung*, and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien. **For the third piece of research, Marylin asked members which book is most often stolen. The answer was the Bible.**

Barbara Clinton, **Women in the Arts Chair**, shared information about Faith Ringgold, a **Black artist and author.**

Dr. Catherine Donahue, **Global Awareness Committee member**, commented that she likes that **mothers-to-be are often now given books for their new baby at their baby shower**, encouraging literacy at a young age. She also **expressed concern that Afghan girls can now only go to school until they are 11 and that once they leave school, their books are often taken away from them.**

**SPEAKER:** Elenora Asbury, **First Co-Vice President for Programs and Projects**, presented “**Literary Ladies.**” First, she **mentioned several good sources for book recommendations.** Bookbubs.com is a source for free Kindle and E books. For lovers of mysteries, look up bookseriesinorder.com. Of course, amazon.com is a great site for reader reviews. Libraries are also great sources of books. We all have different tastes in books. She asked members who they thought was the **best-selling novelist of all time.** The answer is **Agatha Christie.** Then she asked who is the **first and only billionaire author.** The answer is **J.K. Rowling.**

Elenora **divided the lists of books into categories. The first category was fiction. Some of the best books were** *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, *The House at Riverton* by Kate Morton, *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah, *The Four Winds* also by Kristin Hannah, *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, and *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. **The Giver of Stars talks about packhorse librarians in Appalachia.** Other authors to consider are Ann Tyler, who wrote *The Accidental Tourist*, *Back When We Were Grownups*, and *Breathing Lessons*; and Lisa See, who wrote *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*. **Breathing Lessons won a Pulitzer Prize.** Other authors to try are Ellen Marie Wiseman, Anna Quindlen, Edith Wharton, and Betty Smith. **Flannery O’Connor is known for her short stories. Geraldine Brooks, who wrote both fiction and nonfiction, is especially known for Nine Parts of Desire, a Pulitzer Prize winning book about Muslim women in the Middle East. The Things We Cannot Say** by Kelly Rimmer takes place in Poland during World War II. **Marylin Nease recommended The Tall Woman by Wilma**



Dykeman, which tells the story of one of the many women who throughout history have cast a long shadow of influence on others in their families and communities. Other books to consider are *The Beantown Girls* by Jane Healey, *The Nature of Fragile Things* by Susan Meitner, *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare, and *The Outsiders*, a young adult book set in Oklahoma, by S.E. Hinton. **Hinton won the Margaret Edwards Award** from the American Library Association for her contributions in writing for teens.

**Next, Elenora shared some of the better books of historical fiction.** They are *America's First Daughter* and *My Dear Hamilton* by Laura Kamoie and Stephanie Dray, *Becoming Mrs. Lewis* by Patti Callahan, *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles, and *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. Other choices are *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland, *What Once was True-The Robinswood Story: Books 1-3* by Jean Grainger, and *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes. **Hamnet by Maggie O'Ferrell was chosen as one of the ten best books of 2020 by editors of Book Review.** Tracy Chevalier wrote *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and *A Single Thread*. **A Single Thread was written about life in England after World War I.** Alice Hoffman wrote *The Marriage of Opposites* and *The Dovekeepers*.

**Then, Elenora discussed mystery, suspense, and thrillers. Agatha Christie is very well known for her many works. Other good authors of this category** are Donna Leon, Dorothy Sayers, P.D. James, and Heather Vogel Frederick.

**Some good writers of romantic comedies** are Dorothea Benton Frank, Fannie Flagg, and Jan Karon. Jan Karon worked at an ad agency before becoming a writer.

**Last, Elenora shared some excellent biographies and non-fiction works. They include** *The Daughter of Kundland: A Life Dedicated to Humankind* by Widad Akreyi, *Divine Restoration and Live for That Day* by Christina L. McCracken, *Team of Rivals* and *No Ordinary Time* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, and *Autism in Heels* by Jennifer Cook O'Toole. **Autism in Heels is an intimate memoir telling how the author was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome at the age of 35, making things make sense for the first time in her life.** Katherine Funk wrote *Indira: The Life of Indira Gandhi*. **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by Rebecca Skloot tells the story of a poor tobacco farmer whose cells were taken without her knowledge as she was dying. **These cells became one of the most important tools in medicine.** The cells are still alive today, nearly 60 years after Henrietta died and have contributed to many important advances in medicine. Her family is now suing John Hopkins. Two more books are *The Last Castle* by Denise Kiernan and *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee. *The Last Castle* is about the Biltmore Estate and the activities of both the wealthy and dairy families who lived on the estate.

Katherine Grogan gave Elenora a thank-you gift for her presentation, and Kathy Rodriguez personally thanked Elenora for all her hard work on this presentation.

**BUSINESS: (1) The September minutes have been approved as printed in the newsletter.**

**(2) Leesa Cole, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. She reported that 62 members have paid their dues.** decided not to continue her membership and was dropped from the membership roll. Income in Sept. included dues from one returning member and one reinstated member. **A new budget line was created in the budget under fundraising for the \$199.00 collected at the Sept. meeting with the purpose of providing funds for appreciation gifts to outside speakers (gift card or item up to \$25). Programs chair will submit receipt to treasurer;** expense is pre-approved by chapter vote. **The proposed budget was approved at the Sept. meeting,** and detailed financial reports have been submitted to the recording secretary, chapter president, and finance chairs. **Expenses incurred in Sept. include dues to international, dues and fees to TSO, chapter donation to Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund, president reimbursement for a Zoom account, and membership chair reimbursement for new member name badges.**

**Anticipated income for Oct. includes dues from new members and dinner reservations for the**

Nov. dinner. Anticipated expenses for Oct. include dues to international and dues and fees to TSO for new members, chapter fee to CCDC, and a check order placed on 10/4/21. The fee to CCDC is on hold as CCDC currently needs to appoint a treasurer.

(3) Margaret Thompson, 2nd Vice President for Membership, introduced \_\_\_\_\_ as a prospective member. Then, she expressed disappointment that other members had not brought guests to the meeting as originally requested in September. She also stated that an induction ceremony will be held during the Nov. meeting for new members who joined in calendar year 2020-2021.

**CURRENT PROJECTS:** Vicky Hamilton, Special Committee for Community Service member, reported (for Kay Keeland, committee chair) that a tour is planned for the West Dallas Community School at 10:00 a.m. on Nov. 1, and all members are welcome to come. Wanda Spoonmore is planning a lunch after the tour at Celebration Restaurant at 11:15 a.m. Members need to let Kay Keeland know if they plan to attend the tour and/or the luncheon. Vicky stated that plans are to collect books and/or candy bags for the teachers in Nov. and Dec.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Susan Endicott, Corresponding Secretary, was not present to share member care and concerns, so Katherine Grogan mentioned that both Carolyn Power and Judy Culbertson had knee surgery. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that she is scheduled for knee surgery soon. Jan Nance stated that she is planning to have surgery for hammertoes soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Katherine Grogan asked for volunteers to participate in the induction ceremony at the Nov. meeting. Liza Leggett and Margaret Arnold volunteered.

She also discussed the meal for the Nov. meeting and asked members to get meal choices to Cindy Dominguez and money for the meal to Leesa by Nov. 3. The gratuity is included in the price.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Five door prizes were awarded to Delores Bates, Penni Lewis, Kathy Rodriguez, Lou McMillan, \_\_\_\_\_ Members sang the DKG song. Katherine adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

**NOTE:** Meeting photos are on pp. 13-16 at the end of this newsletter.

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT for Nov. 2021** by Leesa Cole, Treasurer



**Bank balance reconciled**  
10/30/2021 \$4,140.18

**Income Oct. 2021**  
Budgeted: None  
In and Out: Nov. dinner

**Expenses Oct. 2021**  
Budgeted: Check order

Corresponding Sec. mailing expenses

**Anticipated income Nov.**  
Budgeted: None – or – new member dues  
In and Out: Nov. dinner

**Anticipated expenses Nov.**  
Budgeted: None – or – new member dues to Int'l & TSO  
In and Out: Nov. dinner

**Finance Notes:** Current Nov. dinner income = \$338.00 for 26 meals (as of 11.5.21)

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



Kay Keeland organized a West Dallas Community School site visit, and Wanda Spoonmore organized a fellowship lunch at Celebration, both activities on Mon., Nov. 1. The school visit at 10:00 was to introduce members to our community service project supporting teachers, but it will be rescheduled because the school employee who was

to give the guided tour was out sick. The fellowship lunch began at 11:15. Thank you, Kay and Wanda!

Attending the Celebration lunch were Sherri Allinder, Judy Culbertson, Katherine Grogan, Vicky Hamilton, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Marilyn Nease, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, and



Kay Keeland summed up the outing for all of us: "What fun to get together!"



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**, by *Chair*

The TRS Board of Trustees adopted amendments to the TRS rules for Employment After Retirement (EAR) during the Sept. 16-17 meeting. The rule changes are effective Nov. 1, 2021, and include new limits that provide a standard number of hours or days that a TRS retiree can work in each calendar month.

<https://www.trs.texas.gov/TRS%20Documents/update-newsletter-oct-2021.pdf>

The Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 8, which authorizes \$286 million in funding for TRS-Care and TRS-Active Care. Approximately 30% of members enrolled on August 2021 have had either a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of Covid-19 since Mar. 2021. TRS-Care has paid out \$83 million in COVID-related claims. <https://trta.org/sb-8-passes-through-texas-legislature-additional-funding-for-trs-care-coming/>

The TRS Convention will be held in Dallas on Mon., Apr. 11 – Wed., Apr. 13, 2022. Hotel accommodations will be at the Hilton Anatole, 2201 N. Stemmons Freeway. The group rate is \$189 per night (excluding tax) for a single, double, triple, or quad room, and the limit is two rooms per person. Parking is offered at a discounted rate of \$5 per night for hotel guests. Click on the link for more information. <https://trta.org/hotel-reservations-for-the-trta-68th-convention-are-now-open/>

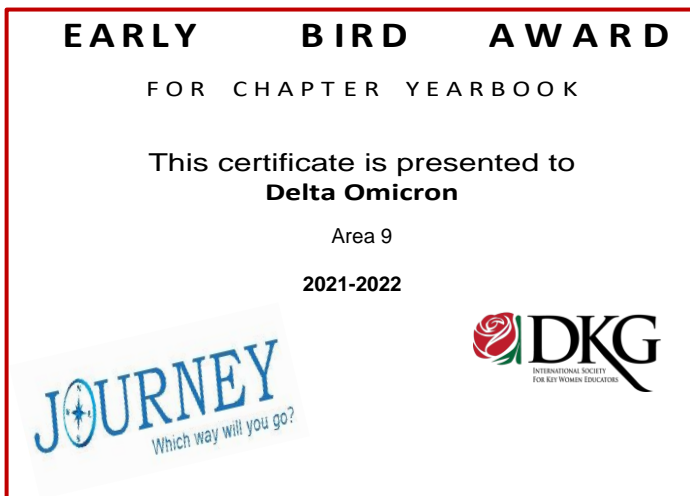
**YEARBOOK COMMITTEE**, by *Marylin Nease, Chair*



I thank chapter members for the information you contributed to update the yearbook's pages and for the time and energy you gave to help with proofreading. When it comes to our annual update-the-yearbook project, the more eyes and brains are involved, the better the product.

Attached is a reduced-in-size version of our chapter's Early Bird certificate.

"Early Bird" means I submitted our 2021-22 yearbook to the TSO Yearbook Committee chair by Nov. 1. The final deadline is Dec. 1. Using a rubric, the committee's members will check all yearbooks submitted by Dec. 1 for completeness and accuracy and award an Exemplary Yearbook certificate to chapters that earn the requisite score.



**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.

## **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.**

**Note:** Applications are due Mar. 1, 2022. After applications are received, all applicants must participate in an interview in Mar. 2022. Scholarship recipients will receive their scholarship awards at the Coordinating Council of Dallas County luncheon in Apr. 2022.

Application and deadlines will be available in the next month. **Please contact Jaime Callahan if you have questions about the Cora McFarland Scholarship.**

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## **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 Nov. AC newsletter:** "I use the word 'challenge' about membership because **it is a challenge to nurture our members while seeking new members.**

**"As I travel and visit Area 9 chapters, I always ask 'What's your concern/s?' The chapters all respond with the same answer, 'New members.'**

"Chapters are nurturing members in a variety of ways...face-to-face gatherings, Zoom, cards, sweet treats, enthusiasm, positive communication, great programs, and giveaways at meetings, but mostly I see a sweet fellowship of 'sister-love' built on relationships. **I believe the challenge regarding 'new members' is ALL about relationships.** So, my personal challenge is to reflect on relationships. The holiday season is a great opportunity to cultivate those relationships. **Take a moment and think about those relationships you have already and those you can cultivate to enrich your chapter.**

"Teaching relationships are everywhere. Your child's daycare teacher, a personal trainer, teacher assistant, charter school positions, homeschool consultant, tour guide, tutor, piano or yoga instructor, nurses, youth director, extension teacher, 4-H leader, librarian, and career counselor. So, **I challenge each of us to sit down and write the names of all of those contacts we have available to us daily.**

**"Remember, membership is a Journey, not a sprint!"**

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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**

On Fri., Oct. 22, TSO Archives Committee chair Ulana Ratley and I (committee member Katherine Grogan) met at TWU to work on the huge collection of DKG/TSO history in the Archives Department at the Blagg-Huey Library. We filed Theta Chi's collection as well as materials from the dissolved chapter of Kappa Tau. We also processed a couple of archive boxes.



Additionally, we made checklists for all the chapters. Our plans are to go through each chapter's box and find what is missing. We also talked about making an archives presentation for the 2022 TSO Convention in Lubbock.



I had a good time, but realize there is much to do. *Article and photos by Katherine Grogan*

(3) **Kay Keeland**, Area 9 member of **TSO Programs and Service Projects Committee, 2021-23**

Kay reports, "We have not met yet. We did receive an introduction letter from the committee chair."

(4) **Marylin Nease**, Area 9 member of **TSO Membership Committee, 2021-23**

On Sat., Oct. 23, via Zoom, I met with the TSO Membership Committee chair and area members, TSO President Shalan Inmon, and TSO Membership VP Michelle Grandinetti.

We discussed ways to recruit, retain, and reinstate members. **A question: What's your "why" for being in DKG? We each need to answer this question and communicate our answers to potential members.**

**State honorary member nominations are due Feb. 1, 2022.**

Committee responsibilities for the 2022 Lubbock Convention include the reception for 50+ year members and convention workshops related to membership.

Additional responsibilities are to conduct membership breakout sessions at the 2022 area workshops, share info with chapter membership chairs, and become familiar with the membership info on the TSO website. *Article by Marylin Nease*



→ **Global Awareness Committee**

**CTAUN WEBINAR DETAILS CONFIRMED**

The Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) will host a webinar about global competence in education on Dec. 7, 2021, at 6 PM CDT. “Global Competence: Teaching and Learning in an Interconnected World” will define global competence, explain its necessity for today’s students, and provide examples of ways educators can implement it in their curriculum.

Registration will open on November 1 at <https://teachun.org>.

*Trudy Matus*, 2021-2023 Global Awareness Chair

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→ **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

Oct. 19, 2021

Dear Marylin Nease,

Congratulations! The DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury thanks you for being among the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts entrants of the Aug. 15 – Sept. 15, 2021, submission period. Your literary efforts “In Her Garden” and “Leading the Way” have been accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

We anticipate the unveiling of the new DKG Fine Arts Gallery by mid-November. Your work will be displayed in the gallery for six months, after which it will be archived for two years....

You [and other DKG members] are encouraged to submit additional works during the next submission period from Jan. 15 – Feb. 15, 2022....

Again, congratulations for your accomplishments.

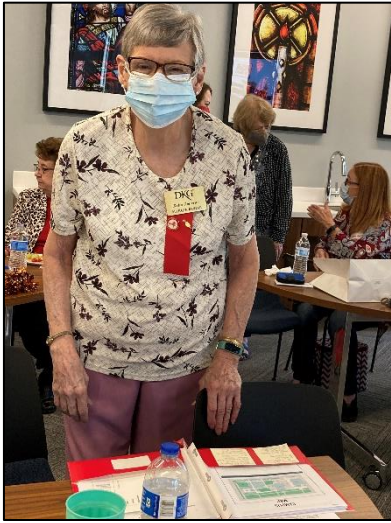
Sincerely,  
DKG International Arts & Humanities Jury

**DELTA OMICRON'S OCTOBER MEETING PHOTOS**

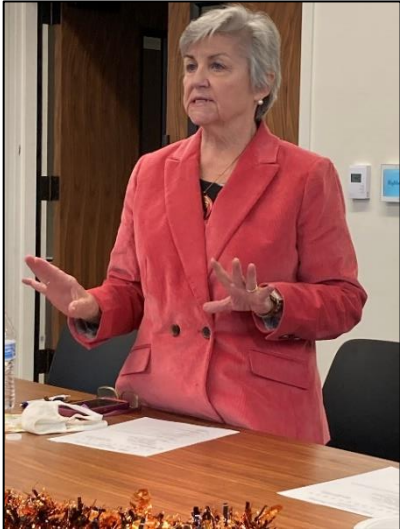
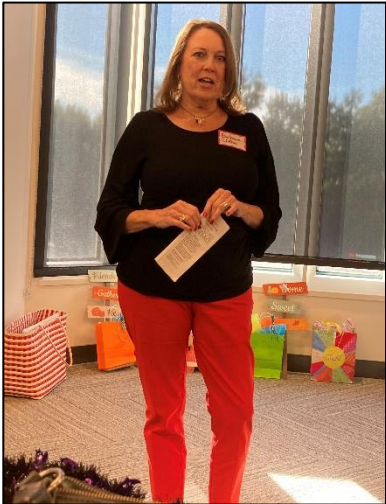
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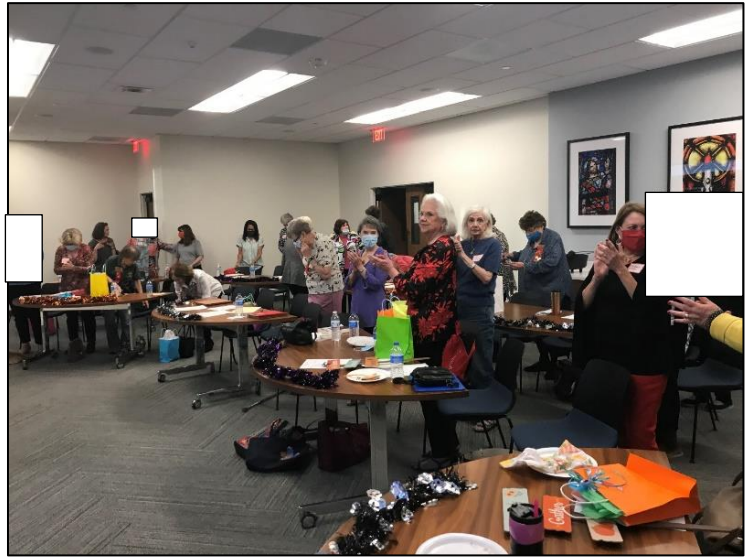












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