

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



Volume 65, Issue 2, October 18, 2021 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 fall, y'all! It's time for football games, sweater wearing, brisk walks, pumpkin everything, the State Fair, and Halloween. The colors of fall are so rich with the oranges, yellows, reds, and purples. I recently put out pumpkins, leaf garland, and different kinds

of squashes, so I'm ready for the cooler weather.

I'm thankful that we had a great first in-person meeting. It was wonderful seeing everyone. I had almost forgotten what an in-person meeting feels like. The salad supper was terrific, and the laughter and talking were so fun. Jill Rumbley Beam did a superb job keeping us on the edge of our seats with her funny stories about "Growing Up Rumbley."

For the time being, we will continue to have hybrid meetings. If you want to ZOOM with us, you are always welcome.

Katherine

Chapter Website: https://deltaomicrontexas.weebly.com/ Carolyn Power, Webmaster

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

Next meeting: Mon., Oct. 18, 5:00 p.m., HPPC*, Room K and Zoom. Program: Elenora Asbury, "Literary Ladies: Women Authors" (DKG Purposes 1, 6) *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



October Is Our BRING A FRIEND Meeting!

Please plan to invite a friend you would like to introduce to Delta Kappa Gamma. If you do not have the Prospect Card I handed out at our September meeting, I have attached a Prospect Card to this newsletter for you to complete with the name of one person you would like me to mail information to about DKG. Our chapter is dependent on YOU to help us grow.

I'm also excited for us to welcome into our fellowship! was inducted into Delta Sigma Chapter in 1988. Delta Sigma dissolved in 2009, and its members merged into Delta Omicron, including Janet Cundiff, Barbara Harris, Kay Keeland, Mary Louise Milliorn, Kathy Rodriguez, and Jean Wallace. Now, Delta Omicron family, too. Welcome, ! Enjoy member spotlight below.

I am so glad we had such a large turnout at our first meeting in September. It was good to see you in person!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We welcome



Kay Keeland (left) introduces to chapter members at our Sept. 20 meeting.

who has reinstated her DKG membership!

Q. A favorite teaching memory?

A. I loved every second of being a teacher. Teaching English, I especially loved the literary emphasis and enjoyed teaching poetry.

Q. Family highlights?

A. I have two wonderful children.

My daughter is and her husband who remodeled a warehouse near the big white bridge on the Trinity. They have two children: and his wife and their ; and who is in real estate starter

homes with

My son is and his wife . They have a

Q. Hobbies, special interests?

A. I love to travel and to read.

Q. A favorite DKG memory?

A. I enjoyed the organization and getting to know the members better. I helped with many projects and programs.

Q. Anything else you want to share?

A. I am so happy to have returned to active membership status.

MEMBER NEWS, PERSONAL



Susan Endicott shared on Sept. 27, "Well, it's been a busy, few months for me. I have plantar fasciitis in both feet and have been in therapy for three months. My dad turned 89 and has turned over all support of my sister to me, and I'm in the process of driving back and forth to Arkansas to clean up her house, get her moved, and sell the house. I've had to go into day surgery today (Sept. 27) for a look-see to why I'm choking when I'm swallowing. We've had company for a week, too. Lots of busy, busy! Fun as well as work! Ha! I'm on my way to Arkansas tomorrow.

" I have a planned vacation from Oct. 10 to Oct. 27 and hope to do some hiking in upstate New York with dear friends (Hoping my feet can take it. I'm much better, but my heels are still sensitive when I first get up.) We will end our journey in Indiana for our nephew's delayed wedding reception, delayed because of Covid last year.

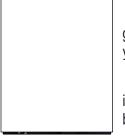
"So, I will miss the Oct. meeting. I hope to see everyone in Nov."



Barbara Clinton (left) reports, "My granddaughter was born on . Her big brother will be years old in ."

Mary Gill (right) shares, "I'll be dropping in the Oct. meeting after tutoring and before having to be at a monthly HOA meeting at 6:30. 5:15-5:45 possibly. If we're doing Zoom again, I'll probably go home n instead of attending in person."

and tune into Zoom instead of attending in person."



(left) reports, "I plan to attend in Oct. and bring a guest (who may potentially join!). Looking forward to spending time with you ladies!"

Barbara Harris (right) shares, "I am not going to attend meetings in person yet. If you will be setting up a Zoom meeting, I would love to be included."

(left) reports, "My platelet count is normal again after high doses of steroids."

Marylin Nease (right) shares, "I had a good caregiving weekend with my sister in Oklahoma. Highlights: we watched four football games (OU, OSU, Browns, Tampa Bay), toured my sister's gardens after a crew weeded and mulched, enjoyed time with two nephews and a grandniece, and completed a haircut following my sister's directions—my 11th time to give her monthly haircut."



Kay Keeland (right) reports, "I will not be at the Oct. meeting. I'll be tutoring. Hope to see everyone in Nov."

Dawna Walsh (left) shares, "I cannot come to the Oct. meeting as I will have out-of-town company in from Monday noon the 18th -Tuesday at 5. They are here so very briefly."









Happy October Birthday!

Melanie Rudebeck, 6 Susan Endicott, 14 Wanda Spoonmore, 16 Lou McMillan, 27 Jean Wallace, 27



CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES, SEPT. 20, 2021

by Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary

Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas State Organization, DKG International, met on Mon., Sept. 20, 2021, in person and via Zoom. Attending in person were 35 members: Sherri Allinder, Margaret Arnold,

Elenora Asbury, Maureen Baker, Denise Barker, Delores Bates, Susan Bell, Cindy Braley, Joyanne Burger, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Grace Delatour, Cindy Dominguez, Marta Finlay, Katherine Grogan, Vicky Hamilton, Mary Carol Hughes, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Katy Kunofsky, Marilyn Lamb, Liza Leggett, Penni

Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Becky Quigley, Mary Riddle, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Marilyn Smith, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, Dawna Walsh

Attending via Zoom were three members: Mary Gill, Carolyn Power, and Jean Wallace. Five guests attended in person:

and taught 7th and 8th grade English at Highland Park Middle School and retired in 2002. She was a member of DKG in the past (Delta Sigma Chapter, which dissolved in 2009).

has reinstated her DKG membership and joined our chapter. is the daughter of Rose-Mary Rumbley, a favorite chapter speaker, and was the speaker for this meeting. is the director of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church's Child Development Center, a Montessori program, and was invited to the meeting by Lou McMillan after talking to her in the elevator. has decided to join the chapter.

was a guest of Margaret Thompson and is a substitute teacher for Wylie ISD. is the twin sister of member Joyanne Burger.

OPENING: Katherine Grogan called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Marylin Nease, Communications and Publicity Chair, gave **the following inspiration about families**.

Let's talk about families. Families come in all kinds—from our Delta Omicron family to our work family to our family by birth or our family by marriage. We *choose* the majority of our families.

I'm going to use the letters f-a-m-i-l-y to talk about what family means and to get everyone involved.

Call and response: Give me an "F"! Members: F!

F is for "fun." I know you have favorite memories of *fun* times you've had with your family, from big events like birthdays and holidays and vacations to everyday *fun* like hugs and smiles and laughter.

Call and response: Give me an "A"! Members: A!

A is for "almost." As in *almost* mad! "My family is driving me crazy. I need a break!" How many times have we felt

this way—and needed to step away from our family to regain our sanity. It's possible to get too much of a good thing. Call and response: Give me an "M"! Members: M!

M is for "made me." When it comes to who molded us into who we are today, no influence was stronger than the

parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins who together made us into our adult selves.

Call and response: Give me an "I"! Members: I!

I is for "I, I, I." As in / need my mommy. / need my daddy. / need my sisters, brothers, grandparents, or husband. At times, we all say longingly, "I can barely wait to be with my family again!" Yes, absence makes the heart grow fonder. Call and response: Give me an "L"! Members: L!

L is for "love." Family is where we first learn about *love*. We quickly learn that others *love* us and that we can *love* others. No life lesson is more important, and our family teaches us this lesson.

Call and response: Give me a "Y"!

Y is for "yes." Yes, we all need families. Whether by choice or by birth, families are central to our lives. Let's all remember to laugh often with our families--and to count to 10 when we need to.

PROGRAM: Elenora Asbury, First Vice Co-President for Programs and Projects, introduced

stated that "Growing up Rumbley" was FUN with F for fascinating, U for unusual, and N for was a public high school band director and a never a dull moment! Her father drummer for the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. When was born, the family lived at Brooks Army Base. Her mother was concerned that she might not get the right baby, as there were eight babies born the . However, Rose-Mary soon realized that there was only one that had the length and blue same day as eves of the Rumbleys. Later her brother was born when the family lived in Alice, Texas. Again, Rose-Mary was concerned that she might not be given the right baby, as six babies were born on the same . However, all the other babies were Hispanic, so Rose-Mary relaxed. dav as remembers a turquoise station wagon and going for rides on Rose-Mary's bicycle. She also mentioned being promised could sit still during the movie Giant. They were rewarded. a dip cone if she and

attended Umphrey Lee Elementary in Oak Cliff. Rose-Mary was very involved with the school, being PTA president for seven years. She put on plays at the school to raise money. She also became a Girl Scout leader when decided she wanted to be a Girl Scout. At the end of the school year, the girls went camping, but they first had to build a latrine. After scout camping days were over, the latrine sat on the Rumbleys' front porch for years! Also, became a Boy Scout. When the children became old enough for sex education, Rose-Mary told them, "Remember, don't ever disgrace the Rumbley name!"

attended Carter High School and became a majorette while her dad was the band director there. By then, Rose-Mary was teaching drama at Dallas Baptist University. decided to attend Dallas Baptist after she finished high school. Of course, had an opportunity to participate in plays while there. Rose-Mary also presented the Laurel Land Easter Pageant. At the last moment, she was told that one of the children playing a disciple was ill and could not participate, so she substituted However, the ill child showed up anyway, so then there were thirteen disciples at the Last Supper!

married her husband . She plays the flute in Mesquite as well as works for Dallas Parks as their events and reservations director. She also worked as an activities director for senior citizens when her family lived in Colorado. entered the Senior Mrs. America Pageant from 2013 to 2015 and went to Atlantic City for the national competition in 2015. She won the Ms. Congeniality Award. She says the Rumbley motto is to live each day for itself, as life has no remote!

The members enjoyed talk every bit as much as they have enjoyed her mother's humorous talks in the past.

BUSINESS: 1). Katherine announced that the **May minutes had already been signed and approved as printed in the newsletter.**

2). Leesa Cole, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. *Income* was from 61 of 64 members who have paid their dues; one honorary member doesn't pay.

were dropped from 2021-22 membership when they decided not to rejoin. was dropped due to her death in March 2021.

Besides dues, the only other income during June through August was the Area 9 chapters' donations for the State President's reception.

Expenses during June through August include dues to International, dues and fees to TSO, president's reimbursement for member correspondence, attendance at Denton TSO Convention, and attendance at San Antonio International Conference. A set stipend of \$250 for attending the TSO Convention was split among the members who attended. The corresponding secretary was reimbursed for her newsletter mailings to non-email using members during January through May. The final expense during this period was Area 9 reimbursements for the State President's reception. The final amount of money left after the reception expenses were paid was given to ASTEF Leadership in honor of Patti Belknap, the State President. The amount was \$29.09.

The August balance closes out all income and expenses for 2020-21 and begins the budget for 2021-22. The Form 15 annual treasurer's report has been filed with TSO Headquarters. The 990n e-Postcard annual filing has been submitted to the IRS.

Anticipated income for September is dues from unpaid members or new members. Anticipated expenses for September include dues to TSO and International, chapter donation to the Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund, chapter fee to CCDC, President reimbursement for her Zoom account, Membership Vice President reimbursement for new member name badges, and a check order.

The Finance Committee met September 5, 2021, to form the proposed budget. Leesa Cole, Marta Finlay, and Katherine Grogan attended in person, and Mary Gill attended via Zoom. Committee members Sherri Allinder and Julie Turnbow were unable to attend. Chapter members received a copy of the proposed budget via email from Katherine Grogan prior to the September meeting. The proposed budget was discussed. Leesa Cole explained that estimated expenses in the budget exceed dues income, but the budget includes a balance forward from the previous year. It is rare that the chapter expends all estimated expenses. A basket was passed around the meeting room to pay for the speaker honorariums. \$199 was raised for the speaker honorariums. Some of the money may be used for door prizes at meetings. Members voted to approve the budget as written.

3). Margaret Thompson, 2nd Vice President for Membership, thanked members for their help in recruiting new members and passed out prospect cards to all members. She reminded members to bring a friend to the chapter meeting in October.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: Kay Keeland, Community Service Projects chair, **presented information on West Dallas Community School**, one of the schools being considered for our project for the coming year. This school is a **private Christian school where 100% of the students are on scholarship and 81% go to college. The school has a preschool for 4-year-olds and goes through 8th grade**. The teachers teach to the whole child, and both the students and the parents are highly motivated. There are 250 students in the school. The members watched a short video on the school. Kay suggested that ideas members could do include tote bags for the teachers and lunch for the teachers. The school mentioned that they could use help with copying or volunteering in the library.

Kay asked members for other possible choices of schools to help. The two schools mentioned were Jack Lowe Elementary in Vickery Meadow and Lee McShan Elementary, both schools in Dallas ISD. Both schools have students speaking many different languages. Several members stated that Jack Lowe Elementary is currently well supported by several churches and may not need any additional help. Lee McShan Elementary has PK and K-5th grade. Becky Quigley volunteered to research what Lee McShan might need and report back at the Oct. meeting. Members decided to vote on the project for the year after hearing Becky's report Oct. 18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Marylin Nease, Communications and Publicity Chair, shared several concerns about members. has been diagnosed with ITP, a blood disorder involving a very low platelet count. She is on some strong medications. Catherine Donahue regretted that she could not attend the meeting, as she would be entertaining her out-of-state nephew. Also, Jamie Callahan could not attend because of a school project, but as a hostess, she dropped off water for the meeting. is very busy helping a friend who has a broken pelvis and wrist.

NEW BUSINESS: Katherine announced that **Mary Louise Milliorn has requested to become a reserve member.** She is not physically able to attend meetings regularly. Katherine made a motion, and Becky Quigley seconded the motion. Members voted to accept Mary Louise's request to be a reserve member.

CLOSING: Maureen Baker, Leesa Cole, Marilyn Smith, and Wanda Spoonmore were awarded the **door prizes**. "**The DKG Song**" was sung by members. Katherine **adjourned the meeting** at 6:55 p.m.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT for Oct. 2021 by Leesa Cole, Treasurer



Bank balance reconciled 9/30/2021: \$3,882.16

Income September 2021 Budgeted: Dues (returning member, reinstated member)

New budget line: Fundraising for speaker expense (see details below)

Expenses September 2021

Budgeted: Dues to International, dues and fees to TSO

Chapter donation to Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund President reimbursement: Zoom account

Membership chair reimbursement: new member name badges

New budget line: Fundraising to reimburse programs chair for speaker expense (see details below)

Anticipated income October

Budgeted: Dues from new members *In and Out:* Reservations for November dinner

Anticipated expenses October

Budgeted: Dues to International, dues and fees to TSO for new members

Chapter fee to CCDC - payment on hold: CCDC needs a treasurer. Check order - order placed 10.4.21

Finance Notes:

- The chapter approved the proposed budget for 2021-22 at the meeting on 9/20/21.
- New budget line: \$199.00 was collected from members present on 9/20/21 to be listed as a "fundraising" line item.

* *Purpose:* provide funds for appreciation gifts to outside speakers (gift card or item up to \$25) * *Amendments:* Chapter may vote to amend this purpose as needed.

* *Process:* Programs chair incurs the expense; submits receipt to chapter treasurer for reimbursement. Expense is pre-approved by chapter vote.

• Approved budget and detailed monthly financial reports have been submitted to the recording secretary, chapter president, and finance chairs.



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

Kay Keeland and Wanda Spoonmore organized a "Bon voyage, Mary White!" lunch on Aug. 20. Mary was inducted into DKG in 2004 and served as our 2014-16 Delta Omicron president. Now, our Mary has moved to Kansas to be with her family, and we wish her our best.

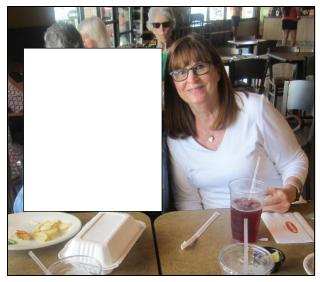


Attending were Susan Bell, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill,

Katherine Grogan, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Marilyn Lamb, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Mary Riddle, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, *Fellowship photos follow.*

















LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, by

Chair

Governor Abbott signed into law legislation enabling a one-time supplemental payment to eligible TRS members who retired on or before Dec. 31, 2020. The payment will be in the same amount of a member's monthly annuity or \$2,400, whichever is less.

It is estimated 426,000 annuitants will receive the supplemental payment. Eligible retirees and beneficiaries will receive the check in January 2022. This timing will allow annuitants to make any necessary adjustments to their tax or financial planning for the 2022 tax year.

On Nov. 2, 2021, an election will be held to vote on eight amendments to the Texas Constitution. Early voting is Oct. 18-Oct. 29. Please click on this link to see the proposals and an explanation of each one. https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2021novballotlang.shtml

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 to receive training 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 Oct. AC newsletter: **TSO Global Awareness Committee**, *Trudy Matus*, 2021-23 *committee chair*—

- DKG International's World Fellowship Committee is a component of TSO's Global Awareness Committee.
- The World Fellowship Committee provides grants to women living in non-DKG countries

who wish to pursue a degree at a university in the United States or Canada. Since 1960 over three million dollars have been allotted. Twenty-five scholarships were awarded in 2020-21, with two women studying at Texas universities as recipients. Contributions and bequests determine the number of awards given by the committee each year.

More info: TSO Global Awareness Committee and International World Fellowship Fund



Texas State Organization

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

→TSO Newsletter Lone Star News - Fall 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

Leesa Cole, continuing as TSO Executive Secretary (began July 2020) Katherine Grogan, Area 9 member of TSO Archives Committee, 2021-23 Kay Keeland, Area 9 member of TSO Programs and Service Projects Committee, 2021-23 Marylin 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

Weekender includes:

- 2-night stay in Tyler hotel,
- Saturday transportation in a fully airconditioned bus,
- Friday night Welcome Reception and dinner,
- 2 hot/cold breakfasts,
- 2 lunches, and snacks,
- walking tour of the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden and Museum, and the Historic District,
- and additional attractions that are being arranged.

Admissions to all attractions and tips for all events are included in Weekender fee.

- Trip Cost: \$325.00
- Deposit of \$75.00 holds your spot.
- Trip includes a small donation to ASTEF, which is "OUR Texas members' Foundation!"

Registration:

- began July 1, 2021.
- Has deadline of March 19, 2022.
- Is limited to 50 people.
- A waiting list will be established.

Refund info:

- Deposit is fully refundable until February 28, 2022.
- No refunds will be made after March 5, 2022.
 - Final payment due March 20, 2022.

Make checks payable to ASTEF. Mail check and registration form to

ASTEF Weekender c/o TSO Headquarters P. O. Box 797787 Dallas, TX 75379-7787

Questions? Contact: Risa McCann, 832-264-1850; travel.astef@gmail.com



INTERNATIONAL https://www.dkg.org/

→ 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

DELTA OMICRON'S SEPTEMBER MEETING PHOTOS

















Thank you, Sept. hostesses, for bringing the salads, sandwiches, cookies, and water!

