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

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*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

Hello, Autumn! It's time to get out the jackets, gloves, and scarves since the northern winds have headed our way.

November is a great month. Most of us will rev up for the holiday season starting with Thanksgiving in a few weeks. Will we be able to have a get-together with family and friends, or will we have a quiet celebration with immediate loved ones?

The one thing certain is having plenty of food such as turkey with all the wonderful sides. Is your favorite dish the dressing, candied yams, green bean casserole, cranberry surprise, or pumpkin pie?

This month is also a time to reflect on what we are thankful for especially during this trying time of COVID-19. I am thankful for each one of you in Delta Omicron. We continue to keep in touch with one another and share things happening in our lives. So, to each of you, thanks for being true to our chapter.

Chapter Website:

<https://deltaomicrontexas.weebly.com/>

Carolyn Power, Webmaster

Pres/Katherine Grogan

1st VPs/Elenora Asbury
& Kathy Rodriguez

2nd VPs/
& Margaret
Thompson

Rec Sec/Margie Rohde

Cor Sec/Susan Endicott

Treas/Leesa Cole

Parl/Julie Turnbow

Im P Pres/Lou McMillan

Save these dates
for our
business/program
meetings:

- Nov. 16
- Dec. 5
- Jan. 11
- Feb. 15
- Mar. 8
- Apr. 24
- May 17

Program/Project News: Mon., Nov. 16, 5:00 p.m., Zoom
Program: Vogel Alcove's Heather Bradford, "Homelessness in Dallas."

International and Chapter Project: Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE), Supporting Teachers at Vogel Alcove. Supporting Delta Omicron's Working Educators. (DKG Purposes 1, 6, 7)

CHAPTER PROJECT NEWS



Kay Keeland, Community Service Projects Coordinator, reports,

What a delight it was making gift bags for the teachers at Vogel Alcove!

The Community Service Projects Committee members worked hard and with enthusiasm

- collecting donations from our members,
- decorating the gift bags,
- filling the bags, and
- delivering the bags.

Vogel Alcove teachers were beyond excited to receive these gift bags and Chick-fil-A gift cards.

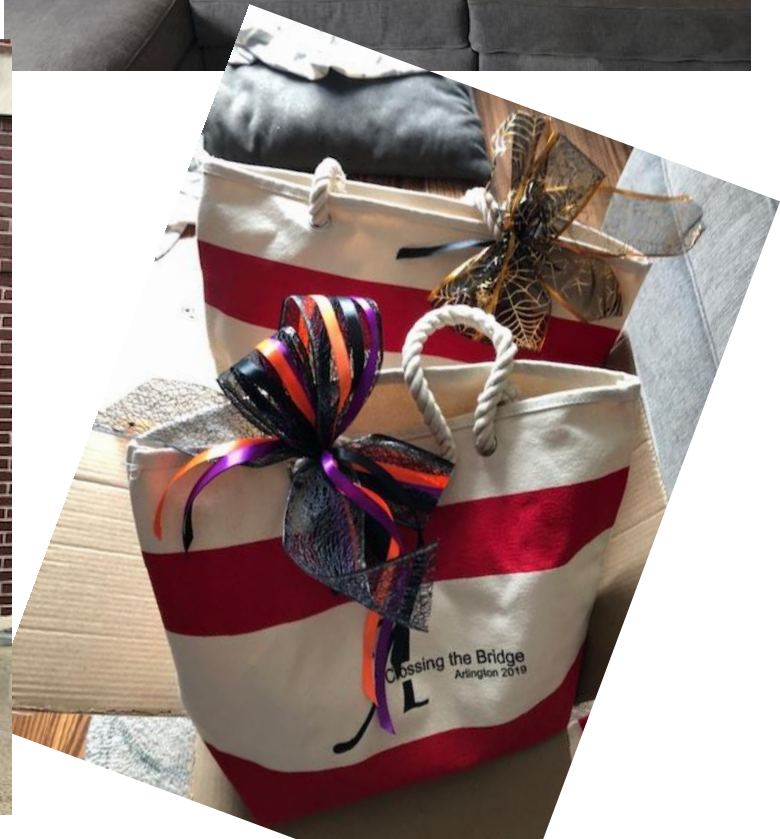
Thanks to all our Delta Omicron Chapter members for so graciously and generously supporting this project.

Committee members are Vicky Hamilton, Liza Leggett, and Mary White.

To learn more about Vogel Alcove, click on this link.
<https://vogelalcove.org/>



Vicky Hamilton & Kay Keeland delivering 30 gift bags!



Liza Leggett seasonally decorated the repurposed 2019 Arlington Convention totes.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Have you met a teacher this year – a grandchild’s teacher or a teacher in your neighborhood – whom you would like to introduce to our Delta Omicron chapter of DKG? The only way to get new members is through your enthusiasm about our organization!

A separate attachment to this newsletter has a **Prospective Member card** for you to complete and email to Margaret if you have someone to invite to a meeting or field

trip. It’s important to send the form back to Margaret Thompson at _____ so guests can be sent our Zoom link for our November meeting. Please consider helping in this way.

Margaret Thompson

Happy November Birthday!

Dr. Elyse Griffin, 11
Joy Burger, 17
Leah Black, 22
Katherine Grogan, 30

Member Moments



Sherri Allinder

Q. A favorite teaching moment?

A. I taught Business Education at JJ Pearce High School in Richardson ISD for 23 years. Every few years, the Business Education Department took part in the regional UIL contest. The last time we competed, Pearce was host for the competition. The student I entered into the UIL competition was a good student but not a straight-A student. She was very tenacious and wanted to do well. My student, representing JJ Pearce in the Business Education division, won First. I don’t know who was more excited, she or I!

Q. A favorite DKG moment?

A. When I became a DKG Delta Omicron Chapter member, I was pleasantly surprised by Kathy Grogan. Kathy gave me her own DKG membership pin to wear on my name badge. I proudly wear it to every meeting. I appreciate Kathy very much.

Q. A favorite personal moment?

A. Many years ago, I graduated from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. My senior year, I received the recognition and award for being “The Outstanding Senior Woman for 1970-71.”



Delta Omicron, Chapter Meeting Minutes, October 19, 2020

Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, DKG Society International, met on Monday, October 19, 2020, via Zoom. Attending were 22 members: Elenora Asbury, Maureen Baker, Susan Bell, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Susan Endicott, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Mary Carol Hughes, Liza Leggett, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Mary Louise Milliorn, Marilyn Nease, Carolyn Power, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Margaret Thompson, Julie Turnbow, Mary White

One guest attended.



OPENING:

Katherine Grogan **called the meeting to order** at 5:14 p.m. Maureen Baker, Personal and Professional Enrichment, shared an **inspiration**, reading some facts about the first women to vote in America. She stated that Native Americans living in a matriarchal society had the right to vote long before any Europeans arrived. In 1847 Mary Brandt voted because she owned land. Several other women voted in the Seventeenth through the Nineteenth Centuries, but they were the exceptions. The authorities arrested Susan B. Anthony for attempting to vote in the Nineteenth Century. Today's women have reaped the harvest of earlier women's work.

BUSINESS:

Leesa Cole recommended one change to the **minutes** of the executive board meeting of October 3, 2020. The sentence "They would only need to pay \$25/year" was changed to "They would only need to pay \$27 or \$50/year, depending on when they join" to align with the chapter dues chart. Members approved the minutes as amended.

Leesa Cole, Treasurer, gave the **treasurer's report**. The bank balance as of 9/30/20 was \$5,422.21, although \$717.02 belongs to Area 9. So, the real balance for Delta Omicron is \$4,705.19. Anticipated income for October consists of the balance of one dues payment. Budgeted expenses for October are dues to International and dues and fees to TSO for three members as well as the CCDC Chapter Fee and the CCDC Cora McFarland Scholarship Fee.

Margaret Thompson, **Membership** Co-Vice President, shared two vacations of members talked about at the fellowship meeting held October 9. Mary Louise Milliorn traveled with her church's choir to Norway and Russia. Judy Caporaletti traveled to Italy to visit numerous relatives, including staying at the home of her aunt's husband. During World War II, Nazis stayed at this house, which the family found frightening.

Membership Co-Vice President, will regularly take attendance at meetings and send the list to Margie.

Margaret urged members to use the prospect card she sent out. Margaret announced that plans to join Delta Omicron. who participated in the outing to the Dallas Arboretum, also plans to join, but she could not attend the meeting on October 19.

CURRENT PROJECT:

Kay Keeland, **Community Service Projects**, could not attend the meeting, so Mary White, committee member, gave the report on progress made for Vogel Alcove School. Members have donated \$300, and Kay and committee members bought supplies for the 30 teachers as well as additional supplies and

cookies for 80 children at the school. Liza Leggett decorated the bags for the teachers. Kay plans to go to the school on October 26 and would welcome any members who want to join her. Mary asked any members planning to go to Vogel Alcove School to contact Kay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Susan Endicott, **Corresponding Secretary**, stated that two members have recently had surgery: _____ had nasal surgery, and Jo Murphy had hip surgery. Jo Murphy is Immediate Past State President and is a current member for the TSO Executive Committee. Susan sent both cards from the chapter.

Katherine Grogan, President, stated that she **has invited Patti Belknap, TSO President, to the November 16 meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Marilyn Nease, **Communications and Publicity**, expressed **concern for the chapter's working teachers**. She asked for volunteers who would be willing to be paired up with the working teachers. Marilyn suggested that the volunteers might reach out weekly to their working partners. She will send out a list to the chapter members. _____ stated that many teachers conduct hybrid classes and have lots to do. _____ thought gift cards for meals might be a big help. Members are encouraged to email Marilyn if interested in this project (Teachers Helping Active Teachers, THAT) so Marilyn can share her ideas further.

PROGRAM:

Educational Excellence Committee members presented information on the theme of Harvest Moon to lead into the program.

Legislation, did not attend the meeting.

Barbara Clinton, **Women in the Arts**, showed a PowerPoint of various artists who painted a harvest moon, mostly from the Nineteenth Century. One artist was William McTaggart, who painted the harvest moon in 1899. Bruce Crane painted a scene showing how he thought the surface of the moon might look. Barbara also shared that if a second moon occurs in a fall month, it is called a blue moon. October will have a blue moon October 31.



Marilyn Nease, **Research**, shared research she did on harvest moons. The harvest moon is the full moon that occurs closest to the fall equinox. The fall equinox occurred on September 22, 2020, so the harvest moon occurred on October 1. The harvest moon usually rises in the east around sunset and helps farmers see better to harvest their crops. Because the harvest moon originally shows itself near the horizon, it can appear bigger and often has an orange color. The orange color results from people looking through more of the earth's atmosphere when the moon is lower in the sky. _____ added, "The moon rises 50 minutes later each day."

Carolyn Power, **Global Awareness**, researched why so many festivals occur around the time of the harvest moon. The harvest moon appears brighter in the evening, helping farmers finish their chores in the fields. Native Americans in Canada and British people during Medieval times frequently celebrated harvest moon festivals. Countries in the Southern Hemisphere generally do not celebrate the harvest moon like people in the Northern Hemisphere do. Pliny the Elder wrote about the harvest moon in ancient times. If a ring occurs around a harvest moon, it means rain will happen. Benjamin Franklin died in 1790, and the *Farmers' Almanac*, which he inspired, was published first in 1792. The *Farmers' Almanac* still exists and

claims to have 80% accuracy about when to plant crops. In World War II two Nazi submarines landed in America; the sailors claimed they determined when to land based on the *Farmers' Almanac!*

Penni Lewis, **Music**, played the chorus of "Harvest Moon."



Elenora Asbury and Kathy Rodriguez, Programs and Projects Co-Vice Presidents, presented a **program of craft ideas** on the theme of Harvest Moon. Elenora encouraged members to investigate Pinterest, which has craft ideas, recipes, fashion, and lots more. People can create boards and pin ideas to boards. She also suggested the Dollar Store as an excellent source for inexpensive craft projects, making it a great place to take children. Elenora explained how to use oil-based sharpies to decorate blank mugs. One also can decorate wine glasses cheaply. Members could use stencils or rubbery letters to decorate pumpkins. If one decorates pumpkins, choose colors besides orange. One idea mentioned was making a gratitude pumpkin by writing what you are grateful for on the side of the pumpkin. Styrofoam pumpkins can be painted, covered with burlap, or stacked one on top of another and put on the mantle. With some help from Kathy Rodriguez, Elenora demonstrated how to **make a pumpkin out of a mega toilet roll and fabric**. Members showed their own creations at the end of the demonstration.

Mary Gill showed some of her beautiful **counted cross stitch projects**. She started with kits in the 1960s. One of her nicest creations was made for her first granddaughter and is titled "Be Your Own Kind of Beautiful." Another creation that members enjoyed was a "Happy Everything" picture that had decorations from all the holidays in the year. Mary showed clothing she has decorated with cross stitch as well as a **quilt** showcasing pins from all the places Mary has traveled. She makes all these beautiful things even though she has an essential tremor in her hands!

Liza Leggett has been **quilting** since 1986 and **hooking rugs** since 1991. She showed several beautiful quilts she had made. One was a heart quilt made from remnants from past apartments and dresses. Liza collects antiques, and this hobby started her on hooking rugs to go with her antiques. Liza explained that she stretches the fabric on a frame first and then hooks the rug design from the back. She won first place at the state fair for a purse that she hooked some years ago. Her first rug was from a kit, but now she designs her own creations. She likes to use different textures, and she once traveled to Nova Scotia to learn from an artist there. She has made many quilts for relatives. Liza showed members many of her creations, and the members expressed their admiration for her work.

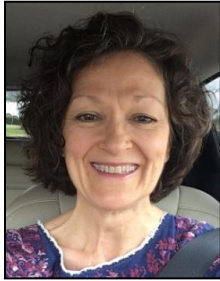
CLOSING:

Leesa Cole and Kathy Rodriguez won the **door prizes**. Katherine played "The DKG Song." Katherine then adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.



Margie Rohde
Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report, November 8, 2020



Bank balance as of 10/30/2020 is \$5,281.41

Area 9 portion of this balance is \$717.02

Delta Omicron portion is \$4,564.39

- **Income Oct.**

Budgeted: Membership dues for 4 members

Dues balance for 1 member (not included in reported balance)

- **Expenses Oct.**

Budgeted: Dues to International, Dues + Fees to TSO

This completes dues payments until we add new members.

- **Anticipated income Nov.**

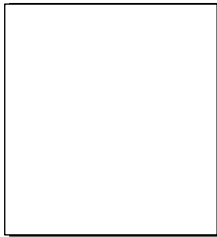
Budgeted: none

- **Anticipated expenses Nov.**

Budgeted: CCDC Chapter Fee & CCDC McFarland Scholarship Fee

Leesa Cole

Legislation Committee



There have been some changes to TRS health care this year.

TRS Active Care

TRS Active Care started on September 1, 2020. These educators may choose between Blue Essentials Access HMO Plan or Scott & White Health Plan PPO. Please click on this link.

https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/healthcare_tractivecare_rates.aspx

Retired, Not Eligible for Medicare

Beginning January 1, 2021, Blue Cross Shield Standard Plan will cover participants who are under age 65 and not eligible for Medicare. This plan will continue to use CVS Caremark for prescriptions.

Retired, Medicare Eligible

Also, beginning January 1, 2021, TRS-Care Medicare participants will have access to TRS-Care Medicare RX through Silver Script. Please click on this link for more information.

https://www.trs.texas.gov/TRS%20Documents/2021-TRS-Care-Standard-Info-Session-Presentation.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

United Healthcare (UHC) will serve TRS-Care Medicare Advantage participants starting January 1, 2021. Please see this link for more information.

<https://www.trs.texas.gov/TRS%20Documents/TRS-Care-Medicare-Advantage-Plan-Guide.pdf>

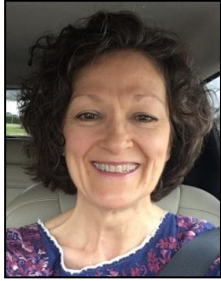
More Info

There are still a few webinars in which you may participate. If they are closed, click on the movie for information. Please click on this for more additional information.

https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/healthcare_videos_presentation.ask

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fww-hHEo_T8

Scholarship Committee



TSO Scholarships & ASTEF Grant Available: Applications due March 1, 2021

TSO offers a variety of scholarships for members. Applications and information are available on the TSO website: [State Scholarship Applications](#)

ASTEF offers the Aspiring Educator Grant to non-members working toward a Texas certification in education. Any DKG member can sponsor an aspiring educator. Find more information and applications on the ASTEF website: [ASTEF forms](#)

Please reach out to someone on the Delta Omicron scholarship committee with questions: Chair: Leesa Cole; Members: Sherri Allinder, Delores Bates, Katrina

Hallman, Ashraf Mobh.

Leesa Cole

Delta Omicron's Website Compliance Received



At the beginning of every International biennium (even-numbered years), International requires each chapter's webmaster to update the chapter website (list of new officers, new meeting dates, current links to the Texas State Organization and International Organization, and so forth.)

The webmaster submits Form 72 to International so that personnel there can review it to see whether the website is in compliance with all requirements.

If not in compliance, International removes the chapter website from the International and State sites.

We have received our new seal indicating successful completion of the requirements. The new seal for 2020-2022 is at the bottom of the homepage on Delta Omicron's website. Use this link to take a look at the seal: [Delta Omicron](#)

Carolyn Power

Professional News



Marilyn Nease shares, "On October 24, 2020, I received an email from Irene Maskaly, DKG International Arts & Humanities Jury 2020-2024.

Congratulations! The DKG International Arts & Humanities Jury thanks you for being among the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts entrants of the August 15-September 15 submission period. Your literary efforts

- 'Always an Adventure' and
- 'Roadkill and Lifesavers'

have been accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

We anticipate the unveiling of the new DKG Fine Arts Gallery by mid-November.

Want Info about When and How to Submit Your Own Work?

The next submission period is January 15-February 15, 2021. The broad submission categories are

- visual art,
- writing,

- music, and
- video—

with sub-categories within each of these larger categories.

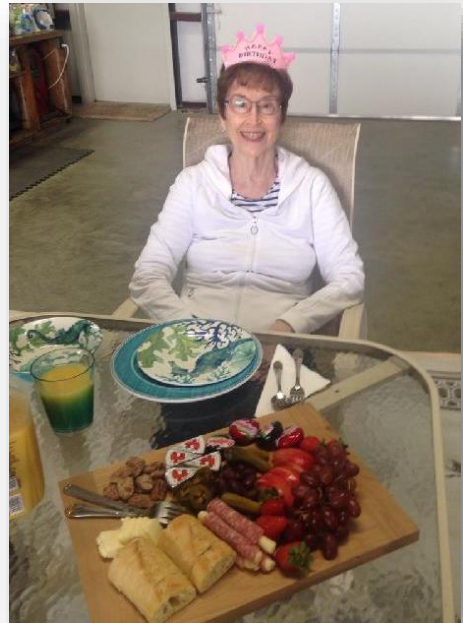
For more info, click on this link <http://gallery.dkg.org/>

The Arts & Humanities Jury’s Policy Statement:

“The online Arts & Humanities Gallery shall be maintained so that members of DKG may display their creative arts...and all may enjoy, respect, and learn more about excellence in arts and crafts.”

Personal News

Jean Wallace shares, “I celebrated my 83rd birthday, which was Oct. 27th, with good food. We finished by riding around in a four-seater Kubota on my 178-acre farm outside Edgewood, Texas.”



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



Call for TSO Future Leaders

Interested in serving on a TSO committee as a member or a Chair? How about being an Area Coordinator?

TSO needs YOU! Fill out the application and submit it by Feb. 1, 2021.

[TSO State Personnel Application](#)

TSO Headquarters

<https://www.dkgtexas.org/contact-us.html>

TSO Executive Committee

<https://www.dkgtexas.org/executive-committee.html>

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[ASTE F Information for Yearbook](#) (What is ASTEF?)

Technology Committee

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Conventions/Conferences

Virtual Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 7-10, 2020

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Portland, Oregon, **July 7-10, 2021**

San Antonio, Texas, **July 21-24, 2021**

Tampere, Finland, **July 28-31, 2021**

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