

# 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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\*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!

## Co-Presidents' Message



Melanie

Hello, Delta Omicron Members,

What an amazing year it has been! We have grown so much as a chapter!

The programs this year have been **100!** Thank you to Denise and Cindy for making them so much fun and educational.

We have had such GREAT attendance at all of the meetings. It's so fun to get to see all of you each month while we laugh and learn together!

This summer (June 15-17), Kay and I plan to attend the state convention in McAllen. Hope to see many of you there. We enjoy going and meeting people from other chapters, and we enjoy being in a new city.

Looking forward to next year! Hope everyone has a great summer!



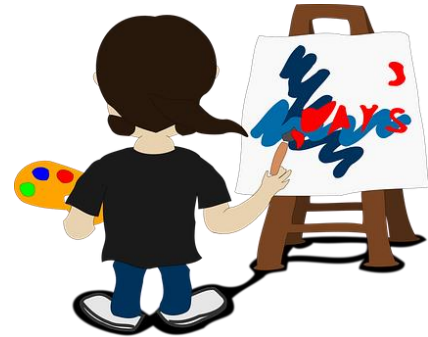
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*Melanie Rudebeck and Kay Keeland  
Co-Presidents*

Co-Pres/Kay Keeland & Melanie Rudebeck  
Co-1<sup>st</sup> VPs/Denise Barker & Cindy Braley  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Margaret Thompson  
Rec Sec/Margie Rohde  
Cor Sec/  
Treas/Leesa Cole  
Parl/Betty Sue Welch  
Im P Pres/Katherine Grogan

**Chapter Website:**  
[link to chapter website](#)  
Liza Leggett, Webmaster

**Meeting Location Info:** 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.



**What to bring on May 15?**  
A gift card for our TSO/McAllen convention's Unifying Project (Special Hearts in the Arts)—**see page 3** for info about the project.

## CHAPTER: PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND CONVENTION/CONFERENCES NEWS



Prog/Proj  
VP Cindy  
Braley



Prog/Proj VP  
Denise Barker

### **WORKING DRAFT:** Delta Omicron Agenda, May 15, 2023

#### 1. Opening:

- a. Call to Order – *Kay Keeland & Melanie Rudebeck, Co-Presidents*
- b. Welcome Members & Guests – *Kay & Melanie*
- c. Inspiration – *Margaret Arnold, Personal & Professional Enrichment*

#### 2. Program: *Dr. Jan Nance, Ceremonies*

- a. Honoring Our **DKG Founders** - *Denise Barker & Cindy Braley, Co-First VPs*
  - b. Celebrating **Delta Omicron's** 67th Birthday
    - i. Looking Back, Moving Forward – *Wanda Spoonmore, 59-year Member*
    - ii. Honoring 60-year Member, Shirley Kochman – *Wanda Spoonmore*
    - iii. Singing “Happy Birthday” to Delta Omicron – *Penni Lewis, Music*
    - iv. Serving Birthday Cake – *Betty Sue Welch, Social Arrangements*
    - v. Interviewing 47-year Member Delores Bates - *Marilyn Smith, Ceremonies*
    - vi. Reviewing Delta Omicron’s 2022-23 Accomplishments – *Kay & Melanie, Co-Presidents*
    - vii. Thanking Past and Present Presidents\*\*\*\*\* - *Dr. Jan Nance, Ceremonies*
    - viii. Announcing 2022-23 Chapter Achievement Award – *Barbara Clinton, Achievement Award*



Dr. Jan Nance  
Ceremonies

#### 3. Business Meeting:

- a. Treasurer’s Report – *Marta Finlay, Finance*
- b. Announcement: State Convention, McAllen, June 15-17 - *Kay & Melanie*
- c. Nominations Committee – *Leesa Cole & Wanda Spoonmore*
- d. Thank you – *Kay & Melanie*

#### 4. Closing:

- a. Door Prize – *Kay & Melanie*
- b. DKG Song – *Kay & Melanie*
- c. Adjournment – *Kay & Melanie*

#### \*\*\*\*\*Past and Present Chapter Presidents & Their Biennia—All Current Members of Delta Omicron

**Eta Zeta:** Shirley Kochman, charter member, April 27, 1963; and, president, 1966-1968

**Delta Sigma:** Jean Wallace, 1984-1986; Kathy Rodriguez, 1988-1990

**Kappa Upsilon:** Delores Bates, 1998-2000

**Delta Omicron:** Grace Delatour, 1988-1990; Carolyn Miller, 1994-1996; Marylin Nease, 1996-1998; Melanie Rudebeck, 2004-2006; Carolyn Power, 2010-2012; Wanda Spoonmore, 2012-2014; Mary White, 2014-2016; Lou McMillan, 2016-2018, 2018-2020; Katherine Grogan, 2020-2022; Kay Keeland & Melanie Rudebeck, 2022-2024

#### 2022-2023 Projects:

**Chapter** – Dallas Foster Closet (Oct/Nov/Mar). Denton State-Supported Living Center (Dec).

**Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC)** – Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund (Apr).

**TSO/State** – ASTEF (Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation) (Feb). **Unifying Project (May/June).**

**International** - Schools for Africa (SFA) (Jan). Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) (Oct/Nov/Mar).

#### 2023 Convention:

TSO, McAllen, June 14-17

[McAllen Convention](#)

#### 2023 Conferences:

Detroit, Michigan, July 11-16;

Phoenix, Arizona, July 18-22;

Tampere, Finland, July 26-29

## UNIFYING PROJECT FOR TSO CONVENTION IN MCALLEN, 2023



**The Project's Name?** Special Hearts in the Arts, Corpus Christi  
**Who Benefits?** Helps those with special needs showcase their talents through participating in the arts: theatre, dance, music, art, and film  
**How Can We Help?** On May 15, bring gift cards from Visa, Walmart, Hobby Lobby, or HEB (or cash, so that Marta Finlay, Finance Committee, can buy cards).  
**Unifying?** All Texas chapters unite to support this worthy convention-area cause.

## CHAPTER: MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Margaret Thompson, Membership VP



Summer is nearly here, and I'm ready for the warmer days! I'm sure we will have the opportunity to take a few field trips together, and those outings will be the perfect time for you to invite a friend to consider membership in our Delta Omicron Chapter.

Again, many thanks to those of you who have updated your membership information. I will continue to bring forms to our meetings for you to complete. If you're unsure whether you have updated your information, feel free to phone me.

## MEMBER ORIENTATION #7—DKG'S FOUNDING: Q & A QUIZ

**Who** was the leader in founding Delta Kappa Gamma?

- a) Barbara Jordan      b) Dr. Annie Webb Blanton      c) Ann Richards

**What** is DKG?

- a) a sorority      b) a ladies club      c) a professional honor society

**Where** was DKG first located?

- a) Austin      b) Houston      c) Dallas

**When** was DKG founded?

- a) 1929      b) 1935      c) 1952

**Why** was DKG founded?

- a) There was a need for an organization in which women educators—rural and urban teachers; preschool, elementary, high school, college, and university teachers; librarians; school administrators; supervisors—might be united for efforts toward...  
b) better professional preparation,  
c) recognition of women's work in the teaching profession, and  
d) scholarships for those needing aid in improving their professional preparation.  
c) all of the above

**How** was DKG founded?

- a) using the disguise of a sorority because women could meet only for social reasons  
b) meeting at the Faculty Women's Club at UT Austin, where Dr. Blanton was a faculty member  
c) uniting 12 key women educators to discuss and agree on seven purposes for DKG  
d) all of the above



**Who we are:** DKG is a professional honor society of key women educators worldwide.

## MEET OUR GOLDEN MEMBERS

Delta Omicron is proud and honored to have four 50+ year members:



L-R: Shirley Kochman, inducted 1963; Wanda Spoonmore, 1964; Janet Cundiff, 1968; Jean Wallace, 1970

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

Mary Gill shares, "In my early attempt to get a teaching job, I went to DISD for an interview and was told they had a hold on hiring white teachers!

"I turned to longtime close family friend, Lorene Prewitt, for advice. She recommended going to HPISD. I had never even considered going to HPISD thinking there was no way they would hire me! It was suggested that I sign up to substitute, and that is exactly what I did. The next year I had a full-time first grade teaching position.

"A few years into my teaching career, Lorene invited me to attend a DKG meeting. Later, an invitation to join Delta Omicron was extended, and I accepted in 1992! I appreciated the friendships with more experienced teachers, with their stories and advice. I've taken advantage of DKG scholarship opportunities such as applying for and receiving the Dallas County Coordinating Council's Cora McFarland Scholarship in 2002, and I've held positions on the chapter's executive board, such as treasurer and finance committee. I'm now in my 31<sup>st</sup> year of DKG!"



### **Happy May Birthday!**

Elenora Asbury, Lou Brown, Kathy Rodriguez,  
Margie Rohde, Janet Cundiff, Cindy Braley, Jaime  
Callahan

### **MEMBERS REFLECT ON BIRTHDAYS**

Margie Rohde shares, "Because my birthday sometimes falls on Mother's Day, my daughter usually plans an outing to celebrate both at once. This year we are going to the Arboretum. My son usually calls from Switzerland to talk and wish me a happy birthday/Mother's Day. My other daughter also calls from Nebraska."



Elenora Asbury reports, "My birth was quite an event in many ways! At the time of my birth, my parents lived in Nashville, TN, but were playing bridge where my mother grew up in nearby Lebanon, TN. They were with my mother's uncle and





his daughter, who was like a fourth sister to my mother. There was a terrible storm, and the power went out when my mother realized that I would be arriving sooner than planned. Phones were out, and my mother realized there wouldn't be time to get to the hospital in Nashville. Fortunately, my Uncle Doc was a doctor who had delivered dozens of babies. Had Uncle Doc not been there, I guess my dad and mother's cousin would have delivered me!

"Everyone rushed to the hospital in Lebanon. Power was still out, but I'm guessing there was a generator at the hospital. This was in 1950. (Yes, I AM that old!) There was a ball game of some kind on the radio, and my dad and uncle both loved sports. While Mother was in labor, Uncle Doc asked my dad to go to the car and check on the score. Supposedly, my mother said if he went, not to come back! I think my dad held a light during the delivery, and mother's cousin also assisted. The rest is history. In 1950 fathers were not welcomed in delivery rooms. I've always told my sister and two brothers that I always knew I was really Dad's favorite because I'm the only child whose birth he witnessed!"



Happy, happy May birthday to Cindy, Lou, Jaime, Janet, and Kathy—and Margie and Elenora!

## DELTAOMICRON MEETING MINUTES, MAR. 20, 2023

**Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, Texas State Organization, DKG International, met on Mon., Mar. 20, 2023, in room K, Highland Park Presbyterian Church.**

**Attending were 31 members:** Elenora Asbury, Denise Barker, Delores Bates, Susan Bell, Cindy Braley, Joyanne Burger, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Marta Finlay, Katherine Grogan, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Katy Kunofsky, Liza Leggett, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Dr. Jan Nance, Marilyn Nease, Carolyn Power, Becky Quigley, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Melanie Rudebeck, Marilyn Smith, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, Jean Wallace, Dr. Dawna Walsh, Betty Sue Welch.



**Margie Rohde**  
Recording Secretary

**Six guests attended:** Dr. Fannie Albert, Liz Garrett, Lisa Gray, Jeanette Rhyan, Cindy Sloan, and Kathy Sutton. Liz Garrett is Area 9 Coordinator for TSO. Jeanette Rhyan was the speaker for the meeting and is a nominee for TSO First Vice President for 2023-2025. Dr. Fannie Albert, Lisa Gray, Cindy Sloan, and Kathy Sutton are members of Delta Rho Chapter of DKG, which is dissolving. They were visiting our chapter and will consider joining us. Dr. Albert is a technology specialist at Lake Highlands Junior High, Richardson ISD. Lisa Gray is an itinerant vision teacher in Dallas ISD. Cindy Sloan is a retired dyslexia specialist (Mesquite ISD) and will be a presenter at the TSO convention in McAllen in June. Kathy Sutton is a vision teacher in Dallas ISD.

### OPENING:

**Melanie Rudebeck, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.**

Margaret Arnold, Personal and Professional Enrichment, was absent because of a recent death and illness in her family. In Margaret's place, **Betty Sue Welch gave a brief inspiration.** She reminded

members that teamwork is important. **TEAM stands for Together Everyone Achieves More!** Melanie added a quote from Wayne Gretsky, **“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.”**

**Margaret Thompson, Second Vice President for Membership, welcomed the visitors from Delta Rho Chapter and asked them to introduce themselves to the members.**

**PROGRAM:**

**Denise Barker and Cindy Braley, First Co-Vice Presidents for Programs and Projects, introduced Jeanette Rhyan.** Jeanette joined DKG in 1982, has chaired numerous TSO committees, and chaired the committee that planned the 2019 TSO convention in Arlington. She is the nominee for TSO First Vice President for 2023-2025. Jeanette lives in Ft. Worth.

**Jeanette spoke on STAR (Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat).** She shared that STAR started when three DKG ladies from Texas went to an arts retreat in Illinois. These ladies enjoyed the retreat so much that they asked for space at the Lubbock TSO convention for arts and crafts. The arts and crafts session at the convention was a big success.

**TSO’s annual STAR is held at Camp Allen, an Episcopal facility located at Navasota, Texas, in the Piney Woods.** Jeanette has been attending since 2016. She often is a presenter of crafts. This year she was director of the Saturday night melodrama at STAR, and she will be again in 2024. **The cost is now \$250. The retreat starts at 4 p.m. Friday and ends at 2 p.m. Sunday; and for the fee, an attendee gets two nights’ lodging, six meals, and all craft supplies.** Most sessions last an hour and fifteen minutes. **Instructors make the crafts easy for attendees to do.** Crafts differ each year. **Jeanette shared some crafts she has**

**made at past retreats.** They included a bracelet, a decorated tile, a scissor holder made from a potholder, and a note card decorated with card folding design. **STAR will be held next year over Presidents Day weekend, February 16-18.**

**Jeanette also mentioned that some DKG chapters or areas have their own retreats.** Generally, these retreats **cost only \$15 and last only one day.** Attendees are provided lunch. Often there is a limit of 40-50 attendees for these retreats. **Ft. Worth will host a retreat Oct. 28 from 9 to 3. Houston Area will host a retreat in Galveston in Apr.**

**The Women in the Arts Committee of TSO sponsors an art display at the TSO convention.** Often these displays showcase students’ artwork from nearby schools. **The Women in the Arts Committee is also planning a four-days-and-three nights cruise for 2024.** The cruise will leave from Galveston and will feature many arts and crafts activities while on the ship. Jeanette

believes everyone can do crafts. She stated that the STAR retreat often has instructors who come from Illinois to share their knowledge.

**Next, led by Denise and Cindy, members made a hand warmer filled with rice and a small amount of lavender.** Denise instructed the members to heat the hand warmer in the microwave for 15 seconds before using.

Members thoroughly enjoyed Jeanette’s talk and making the hand warmers with Denise and Cindy.



Jeanette Rhyan



L-R: Dawna W, Carolyn P, Marta F, Liz Garrett



L-R: Cindy B, Jeanette Rhyan, Denise B

## BUSINESS:

- 1.) **Betty Sue Welch, Parliamentarian, discussed techniques to use so that everyone can clearly hear during the meeting.** She encouraged members to hold up a hand when they want to share something so that one of the co-presidents can call on them, to stand up to speak, and to use their teacher voice. She also discouraged sidebar conversations during the meeting. There were complaints that some members had difficulty hearing at the last meeting.
- 2.) **Margaret Thompson, Second Vice President for Membership, announced that Janet Melton, who recently joined the chapter, has decided to step down because of too many family commitments.** Margaret encouraged members to tell Janet that she is welcome back to the chapter whenever she feels ready.
- 3.) **Wanda Spoonmore and Leesa Cole, Nominations Co-chairs, discussed duties of President and First Vice President.** Leesa read many of the duties stated in the DKG International Constitution and printed in the chapter newsletter. Leesa encouraged members to read this section of the newsletter carefully and to consider running for a position. Wanda reminded members that although the president has many duties, she also gets a lot of help from other members. The First Vice President steps in for the President if for some reason she cannot fulfill a responsibility. The First Vice President also is responsible for planning programs and projects.
- 4.) **Marta Finlay, Finance Co-chair, gave the treasurer's report.** The bank balance as of Feb. 28 was \$3,225.06. Income for Feb. included dues and CCDC Luncheon reservations. Expenses for Feb. included Corresponding Secretary reimbursement and speaker honorarium to ASTEF. Sixteen members have paid for CCDC luncheon. Marta reminded members that dues need to be paid by May 30 and that dues for active members are now \$90. So far, 31 members have rejoined. Dues for reserve members are \$50. \$50 was added to the speaker's fund from members who overpaid dues and did not want their extra \$10 back. Marta will be collecting money and gift cards for ASTEF for the convention through May. She also reminded members to request the reimbursement form from the treasurer and get approval from the president before they can get reimbursed for chapter business expenditures.
- 5.) **Kay Keeland, Co-President, briefly discussed both the chapter scholarship and grant-in-aid applications.** She encouraged members to consider applying for these awards and offered to help any member who is interested in filling out the forms.
- 6.) **Betty Sue Welch asked all Mar. hostesses to stand.** Members applauded the hostesses.
- 7.) **The Corresponding Secretary read a thank-you note from ASTEF** thanking the chapter for its contributions.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1.) **Kay reminded members that the CCDC Luncheon will be held at the Lakewood Country Club on Sat., Apr. 22, and that as our chapter will function as greeters, members need to be at the luncheon by 9:30 a.m.** So far, there are no applications submitted for the Cora McFarland Scholarship. The deadline to apply has been extended to Mar. 24. Information and forms were sent out by Marilyn Nease, Communications and Publicity, to members.
- 2.) **Kay announced that the TSO convention will be June 14-17 in McAllen. She encouraged members to consider attending.** She also reminded members that gift cards or money for cards will be collected for ASTEF at the May meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT:

**Door prizes** were awarded to Delores Bates, Denise Barker, and Katherine Grogan. The **DKG song** was sung. The meeting was **adjourned** at 6:15 p.m.



## TREASURER'S REPORT for Apr./May 2023

by Leesa Cole, Treasurer



**Bank balance reconciled 3/30/2023 & 4/20/2023: \$5,328.76**

### **Income Mar./Apr.**

Budgeted: Dues  
In and Out: CCDC luncheon reservations

### **Expenses Mar./Apr.**

Budgeted: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Membership Chair reimbursement  
Speaker honorarium to ASTEF

In and Out: CCDC Luncheon reservations

### **Anticipated income Apr./May**

Budgeted: Dues  
In and Out: none

### **Anticipated expense Apr./May**

Budgeted: Dues payments to State & International  
In and Out: none

### **Finance Notes:**

- CCDC: 16 members registered to attend @ \$720
- **NEW dues amount for Active members = \$90.00**
- **May 30 deadline: Dues for 2023-24 membership pay to treasurer**

Collection: March-May, 2023, \$90 for **Active**, \$50 for **Reserve**

#### **\*\*Where do your dues go?**

Active: \$40 to International; \$20.20 to TSO

Reserve: \$20 to International; \$7.20 to TSO

Chapter income per member is \$29.80 for Active; \$22.80 for Reserve.

**Chapter dues income is the basis for our annual budget.**

- **\$80.00 goes to Speaker Fund from dues paid @ \$100 as of 4/20/2023**

Speaker honorariums are made to ASTEF for \$25 per the direction of the president or 1st VP.

There is a contribution form to use and a card to give the speaker.

Funds were collected at the Sept. 2021 meeting for this purpose.

#### **Dues overpayments will go into this fund.**

- \$195 in gift cards was sent to ASTEF for Mystery Mania game in McAllen.
- **Members requesting reimbursement for a chapter expense** should fill out a Reimbursement Form, attach paid receipts, & get approval from one of the presidents before submitting to chapter treasurer. Leesa (treasurer) has the forms.
- **Detailed monthly financial reports have been submitted** to the recording secretary, chapter presidents, and finance chairs.





## **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Co-Chairs: Leesa Cole and Wanda Spoonmore



### **YES! We Want YOU to Be an Officer**

The co-chairmen of the Nominations Committee, Leesa Cole and Wanda Spoonmore, met Wed., Mar. 8.

Wanda reports, "We drafted a plan to better inform the membership of the **duties of the elected offices**. We hope this information will help you give an answer of YES when the full committee comes calling next Dec. **To serve is an honor and an enjoyment.**



"The duties of the president and the first vice president were addressed at the Mar. meeting and in the Mar. issue of *The 4:15*. That info is now followed in the Apr./May issue of *The 4:15* as well as at the May meeting with duties of the second vice president, the recording secretary, and the corresponding secretary.

"These duties are from the *Constitution, Article VI* of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International."

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL**

### **Article VI. Officers**

#### **Section A. Officers**

##### **3. Chapter Officers**

Chapter officers, all of whom must be members of the Society, shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary (all elected), a treasurer (selected by the executive board), plus the option of a second vice president and/or a corresponding secretary (both elected).

#### **Section C. Duties**

##### **2. Vice presidents**

**b. Second vice president** - international (state organizations and chapters optional) The second vice president shall serve as presiding officer in the absence of both the president and the first vice president. In the event of the resignation or death of either the president or the first vice president, she shall succeed to the office of first vice president and serve until the next regular election of officers. The second vice president shall perform such other duties as the president or the executive board shall assign to her.

**7. Secretary** - The [recording] secretary shall keep minutes of each meeting of the organization and furnish the president with a copy of such minutes. [The corresponding secretary] shall carry on such correspondence as may be delegated to her by the president.

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## **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Chair: Wanda Spoonmore



**Next fellowship event:** Dallas Arboretum, Fri., May 5, 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch at The Terrace at 11:45. **RSVP to Kay Keeland by Fri., Apr. 28.** Admission: no cost. Kay Keeland says, "Invite friends to join us. The more the merrier!"

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## COORDINATING COUNCIL OF DALLAS COUNTY (CCDC)

Our 2023 CCDC Spring Luncheon for Dallas County's 12 chapters was held Sat., Apr. 22, 9:30 a.m. at Lakewood Country Club in Dallas. We thank our host chapter, Eta Zeta, and **Mary Claire Welch** (pictured on left), our luncheon hostess!



**Kay Keeland** reports, "What a delight the Spring Luncheon was! From beginning to end, it was terrific. The speaker, Janet Sue Rush, was amazing. I learned so much from her about leadership and about being positive in a fun, optimistic way. Janet Sue motivated us in everything she said. Also, I was so proud of our Delta Omicron turnout: 16 members. Thank you!"



**Lou McMillan** shares, "What a lovely luncheon with..."

*Friends we have shared our life stories with  
(Probably several times over the years),  
Friends we enjoy being with...no matter what the situation;  
Friends who love their life's work because they're teachers;  
Friends who care and really enjoy hearing what we've been doing,  
Brilliant ladies who make us feel special  
Because the very qualities that make them outstanding teachers  
Are the same attributes that make them loving, caring friends!*



"I enjoy my DKG sisters,  
And there is no other group I'd rather be visiting with  
At a lovely luncheon on a gorgeous spring day  
Than these fun and caring ladies!  
What a very special day!  
I hope we are all together again soon!"

**Marilyn Nease** gives an overview, "I thoroughly enjoyed our Dallas County Coordinating Council Spring Luncheon, led by Mary Claire Welch, CCDC chair. After Mary Claire's introduction of chapter presidents and honored guests, eight members of the Richardson ISD Lake Highlands High School show choir, Espree, entertained us with a selection of happy songs ranging from "I've Been Everywhere" to "New York, New York."



Next, dynamic motivational speaker/educator Janet Sue Rush inspired and encouraged us with true, funny, and instructional stories from her speech and drama classroom days and from her motivational speaker/still-a-teacher days in the corporate business world.

Following lunch, this year's Friend of Education Award went to Jesse Moreno (Dallas City Councilman, District 2, and Dallas ISD Woodrow Wilson High School graduate) for his support of education, health, and recreation for children and families.

Delta Omicron's **Shirley Kochman** was recognized for her 60 years of DKG membership, as well as other attendees for their 25 and 50 years of membership. Congratulations, **Shirley!** Then, six Cora McFarland Scholarships (\$400-\$2,000) were awarded, including one for \$1,500 to Delta Omicron's **Melanie Rudebeck** for travel/study/teaching in Costa Rica this summer. Congratulations, **Melanie!** After we joined hands and sang the DKG song, winners of the silent auction were announced, with all proceeds going into our CCDC Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund. Thank you to **Katherine Grogan** for assembling Delta Omicron's auction basket of goodies and to chapter members who donated items for our chapter's basket!



Before, during, and after the luncheon, visiting with our Delta Omicron tablemates and with members from other chapters at other tables gave life to Dr. Annie Webb Blanton’s concept of the “genuine spiritual fellowship” that DKG women enjoy!



L-R, Front: Kay Keeland, Sara Coleman, Becky Quigley, Katy Kunofsky. Back: Leesa Cole, Marylin Nease, Barbara Clinton, Shirley Kockman, Lou McMillan, Susan Bell, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Wanda Spoonmore, Dr. Dawna Walsh. Not pictured: Carolyn Power.

**Margie Rohde** shares, “I enjoyed the luncheon. The main speaker was excellent and so positive. Congrats to **Shirley Kochman** for being recognized for 60 years as a DKG member and to **Melanie Rudebeck** for winning a Cora McFarland scholarship to finance her exciting, educational trip to Costa Rica.”



**Leesa Cole** reports,

- “Inspiring speaker Janet Sue Rush – ‘Teachers can teach and are leaders in a variety of circumstances, not just classroom and school settings.’ *Continued on next page.*”



- “Genuine and fun fellowship
- “Outstanding Friend of Education recipient - Jesse Moreno
- “Motivating inspiration speech by Cindy Sloan (Delta Rho) and scholarship speech by Kendall Hutchinson (Theta Alpha)
- “Fantastic entertainment from Espree students, Richardson ISD’s Lake Highlands High School’s show choir
- “Good food and beautiful Journey-theme cookies
- “*Journey: Which Way Will You Go?* – 2021-23 TSO theme prevalent throughout event.”



**Dawna Walsh** shares, “My favorite thing about the luncheon was getting to sit beside . She is such an inspiration! I want to be just like her when I am 85! I felt as if I made a new DO friend. She is so lovely, friendly, involved in life, smart, alert, and driving herself to all kinds of events. She is such a JOY to get to know.

”Yes, I did like the speaker and program, but my real highlight was getting to know  
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## AREA 9

We thank you, Liz Garrett, for your 2021-2023 mentorship of our Area 9 chapters!

AC9  
Liz  
Garrett



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### → TSO 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.



→ **TSO Lone Star News** [Spring, 2023](#) [Spring 2023 pdf version](#)

→ **TSO 2023 Convention: McAllen, June 15-17** — [McAllen Convention](#)

**Marta Finlay**, Finance Committee, reports, “For the ASTEF Mystery Mania fundraiser at state convention in McAllen in June, we collected \$195 plus one gift card whose amount I don’t know. I received the following note of thanks.” *See next page.*



April 1, 2023

Dear Marta,

Wow! Thank you, thank you so much! What a surprise today when I opened the gift cards from **Delta**

**Omicron**. Thank you for sending so many cards for Mystery Mania. Please pass my thanks and appreciation on to your **Delta Omicron** members. I hope you and your members who come to McAllen will stop by the Mystery Mania booth and see what fun it is. This game earns funds for ASTEF that we will use to award scholarships for members and to fund chapter projects for schools and communities. Thank you for your wonderful support of Mystery Mania.

*Joanne Webb Davis*

ASTEF Board of Directors 2021-2127

Texas State President 2011-2013

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→ **DKG International Conventions and Conferences**

- **2023 Conferences:** Detroit, MI; July 11-16; Phoenix, AZ, July 18-22; Tampere, Finland, July 26-29
- **2024 Convention:** National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)
- **2026 Convention:** Aurora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies)

→ **DKG International Projects**

- **Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE)** [Supporting Early-career Educators](#) (Delta Omicron's months: Oct., Nov., Mar.)
- **Schools for Africa (SFA)** [Schools for Africa](#) (Delta Omicron's month: Jan.)

→ **DKG International Arts Gallery** <https://gallery.dkg.org/>

Now on display in DKG's Spring 2023 online arts gallery are art from **Dr. Dawna Walsh** (photo right) and writing from **Marylin Nease** (photo left).

From Marylin are personal essays titled "Waiting by the Oven Door" and "Dancing Again." To read, use this link: <https://gallery.dkg.org/index.php/writing/#essays>

From Dawna are visual art "Do You See Me?" and "Dance All Night."

*See Dawna's art on next page.*







**Dr. Dawna Walsh**

*Left: Do You See Me?*  
Drawing, Graphite,  
16 x 20"

*Right: Dance All Night*  
Painting, Acrylic,  
12 x 12"

To view visual art, use  
this link:

<https://gallery.dkg.org/index.php/visual-art/>

The next online gallery  
submission period is  
Aug. 15-Sept. 15, 2023.  
<https://gallery.dkg.org/>



➔ **DKG International: "Creating a Sense of Belonging," Zoom, DKG, Illinois, 4/1/23**

From attendee Marylin Nease are a few excerpts to consider:

*A sense of belonging can occur only if*

- all members feel supported, appreciated, and valued.
- all members think before they speak or act. Their behavior should exude what it means to be kind.

**Keep your members in the know, and be accountable for your actions.**

- Eliminate policies and procedures that do not promote inclusion.
- Discover what is important to members.
- Ensure that each member has a task to do.

Diversity is **having a seat at the table.**

Inclusion is **having a voice.**

Belonging is **having that voice be heard.**

These all require awareness, care, and preparation.

**All members want** to feel welcomed, useful, and appreciated.



➔ **DKG International: "Global Awareness: World Fellowships," Zoom, DKG/TSO, 4/24/23**

From attendee Marylin Nease are highlights: **This was a delightful meeting!** Ni Komang Darmini (Indonesia) will graduate in May with a master's degree (in Reading & Literacy in Early Childhood & the Middle Years) after two years of study at Ohio State University, thanks to a Fulbright scholarship, **a DKG World Fellowship (\$4,500)**, and an OSU scholarship. Darmini told us about her family, her Indonesian culture, and her career goals. Her parents are farmers with basic educations; Darmini is the youngest of eight children; five of the eight are teachers. She said, "Education isn't just about teaching. It also involves nutrition, clothing, and motivating parents to bring their kids to school. Teaching is an act of service coming from the heart." She wants her students to see real-life applications for their lessons and to be critical thinkers. She plans to continue teaching underprivileged children in Indonesia and to work as a university lecturer for other educators.

In Columbus, Ohio, the closest tastes to the Indonesian spices Darmini loves? Chipotle and Taco Bell! 😊

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