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

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

Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



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Marylin Nease, editor

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

Co-Presidents' Message



Note: Kay wrote Dec.'s message.

Dear Delta Omicron Members,
Ho Ho Ho! Happy Holidays!

Christmas is a magical, meaningful, and favorite time of year. The hustling and bustling of the season, doing volunteer work, and sending holiday cards—these put us in a joyful mood. Some of our best-loved traditions are going to church, looking at beautiful decorations and lights all around the city, and attending the Arboretum's annual "12 Days of Christmas." Extra special gifts are eating holiday meals with friends and family and enjoying fellowship.

Melanie and I are looking forward to being with *you*, our Delta Omicron sisters, at **Elenora Asbury's** beautiful home on Sat., Dec. 10. The brunch is a merry time with dazzling decorations, festive food, and captivating conversations. We cannot thank you enough, Elenora, for making all this possible. Bless you!

With lots of love and gratitude,

Melanie & Kay



Kay

Co-Pres/Kay Keeland & Melanie Rudebeck
Co-1st VPs/Denise Barker & Cindy Braley
2nd VP/Margaret Thompson
Rec Sec/Margie Rohde
Cor Sec/
Treas/Leesa Cole
Parl/Betty Sue Welch
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Chapter Website:
[link to chapter website](#)
Liza Leggett, Webmaster

What to Bring on Dec. 10?
Cash or a check for DO's annual holiday project: "Christmas Is for Caring" at the Denton State Supported Living Center.

Holiday Brunch & Fellowship:
Sat., Dec. 10, 11am-1pm,
Elenora Asbury's home.
Hostesses, please see the list Betty Sue Welch sent us all in Sept.



CHAPTER: PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND CONVENTION/CONFERENCES NEWS

Prog/Proj
VP Cindy
Braley



Mon., Sept. 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m., Highland Park Presbyterian Church (HPPC).

Program: Dr. Rose-Mary Rumbley (Historian, Actress, Storyteller), "Humanity Faces Calamity—How the Brain Affects Us, and the Epidemic of Pain Pills."
Recommitment Ceremony led by Ceremonies Committee. (1, 2, 3, 7)



Prog/Proj VP
Denise Barker

Mon., Oct. 17, 2022, 5:00 p.m., HPPC. Chapter Project intro: Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) [International Project #2](#) / Leslie Kajs, Dallas Foster Closet. [Dallas Foster Closet](#)
Program: Shalan Inmon (TSO President). (1, 3, 6, 7)

Mon., Nov. 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m., Greek Isles Grill & Taverna. Program: New Member Induction Dinner, Carolyn Miller: "Reflections on DKG." **Chapter Project:** Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) [International Project #2](#) : Books for Dallas Foster Closet. [Dallas Foster Closet](#) (1, 2, 6, 7)

Sat., Dec. 10, 2022, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Elenora Asbury's Home. Program: Holiday Brunch and Fellowship. **Chapter Project:** Monetary gifts for Denton State Supported Living Center. [DSSLC](#) (1, 6, 7)

Mon., Jan. 23, 2023, 5:00 p.m., HPPC. Program: Class Act Tap Company (Jill Rumbley Beam Dancers). **International Project:** Schools for Africa (SFA) [International Project #1](#), Monetary gifts honoring/remembering an educator. (1, 6, 7)

***Mon., Feb. 13, 2023, 5:00 p.m., HPPC. Program:** (HPISD Retired Principal), "Education Update." **Project:** TSO's ASTEF February Giving Month. <https://www.astef.org/> (1, 4, 6, 7)

***Mon., Mar. 20, 2023, 5:00 p.m., HPPC. Program:** Jeanette Rhyan (Theta Chi, Area 10), Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) Overview [STAR](#) and Heart Warmer Craft Activity. **Guest:** AC9 Liz Garrett. **Chapter Project:** [Dallas Foster Closet](#), donate items from list [Dallas Foster Closet](#) (1, 6, 7)

Sat., Apr. 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m., Lakewood Country Club. Program: Coordinating Council of Dallas County's Spring Luncheon. **CCDC Project:** Donation of chapter basket for Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund's Silent Auction. [Coordinating Councils](#) (1, 2, 3, 5, 6)

***Mon., May 15, 2023, 5:00 p.m., HPPC. Program: Ceremonies** to (1) Honor Our **DKG Founders** & (2) Celebrate Our **Chapter**—a) Birthday, b) 25- & 50-year Members, c) Member Interview, d) Chapter Scholarship & Grant-in-aid, e) Achievement Award, and f) Necrology (if needed). **TSO Project:** McAllen Convention's Unifying Project. [McAllen Convention](#) (1, 2, 3, 5, 6)

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).

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.

2023 Convention: TSO, McAllen, June 14-17
2023 Conferences: Detroit, Michigan, July 11-16; Phoenix, Arizona, July 18-22; Tampere, Finland, July 26-29

CHAPTER: MEMBERSHIP NEWS by Margaret Thompson, Membership VP



Happy Holidays to everyone! In this season it's wonderful to give special thanks for the friendships we have in our chapter. Continue to think of friends and other teachers who might enjoy visiting us. Invite them to attend our January meeting!

It was special to induct our newest member, Janet Melton, and welcome the reinstatement of _____ to our group at our dinner last month. My hope is to induct more members next November, but it can only be possible with your recommendations.

I am again attaching a copy of this form for you to complete and return to me via email, _____ I will continue to bring forms to our meetings for you to complete should you not be able to do this online. If you're unsure whether you have updated your information, feel free to phone me.

[Form 82 Chapter Member Biographical Data Sheet \(Chapter Use Only\)](#)

MEMBER ORIENTATION #4—MORE ABOUT DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

More Opportunities Through DKG: Last month, we looked at opportunities for **Leadership** and **Travel & Networking** through DKG. **More DKG opportunities include** Financial Assistance, Discounts, Activism, Publishing, and Recognitions.

Financial Assistance is available through DKG Scholarships, our Society's Emergency Fund, and our Educational Foundation's grants.

Discounts are offered through insurance, AmazonSmile, GoodSearch, GoAhead Tours, and Capella.

Activism opportunities come via DKG Forums in Canada, Europe, Latin America, and United States; through UNICEF Projects; and through World Fellowship grants.

Publishing opportunities include *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin's* professional journal published three times a year and its collegial magazine published two times a year, and DKG's online Fine Arts Gallery published twice a year.

Recognitions are also available. The Educators Award of \$2,500 is presented annually to a woman author or to joint authors whose book influences educational direction. The DKG Achievement Award is given at the chapter, state, and international levels. Doctoral recipients are honored for their accomplishments. DKG members can earn continuing education credits as well.



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

MEMBER ORIENTATION WILL CONTINUE MONTHLY. NEXT INSTALLMENT? January.

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!



Kathy Rodriguez shares, "Since my induction into Delta Kappa Gamma (Delta Sigma Chapter) in 1984, I have found ongoing inspiration and friendships in the field of education within the organization. Delta Kappa Gamma nurtures key women educators who are dedicated to their profession and to each other. Even after leaving education 25 years ago to become an entrepreneur in the field of retail, I have maintained my membership in Delta Kappa Gamma (Delta Omicron Chapter) for the above reasons."

MEMBERS' PERSONAL NEWS



Melanie Rudebeck shares, "Congratulations to **Carolyn Miller** on her 60th wedding anniversary to Jim. They will be celebrating in Apr. with a cruise to Greece and Italy."

Lou McMillan reports, "I will be out of town the weekend of our Delta Omicron brunch this year. One of my favorite gatherings! But I will be in San Antonio that weekend at a baby shower

expecting my first great-grandchild right around Christmas!"



DEC. BIRTHDAY REFLECTIONS



Our sweet **Becky Quigley** has a birthday.
Becky, your Delta Omicron sisters wish you a happy, happy birthday and many more!
Enjoy your favorite birthday cake this year with friends and family.
We love you!



Mary Carol Hughes shares, "Sometimes it's good to have a birthday because everything is holiday festive and families gather. Other years it feels like everybody gets a birthday, and I have to share mine.

"Nowadays, I'm glad to have a birthday to celebrate with family gatherings and Christmas. Having a Dec. birthday didn't used to be okay, but now it is.

"I'm named after my two Aunt Marys. Plus, Mom said I was her Christmas carol, so I was named Mary Carol. One of my aunts was named Mary White, and I was also Mary White, so to distinguish between the two of us, I've always gone by Mary Carol."



Jan Nance reports, "I can't think of anything to say about my upcoming birthday except that I've had quite of few of them.

"When I was younger, I went to school a year ahead of everyone else, so I was always younger than the others, and now I'm older than everyone else. It's hard to get accustomed to. How does this happen?"



Mary Louise Milliorn shares, "I'm trying to ignore my birthday coming up on Too many candles are on the cake. That's all I have to say about it.

"I've been very fortunate really. All my life I've had to put up with the fact that my birthday is four days before Christmas. Down through the years, though, everybody has always made sure I wasn't slighted for it.

"By the way, speaking of special occasions, we celebrated extra on Thanksgiving this year: we'd been married 66 years."



Leslie Kajs tells us, "I'll be 61 on . Am I excited? No! My birthday's always the pits because it's two days after Christmas.

"When your birthday is two days after Christmas, when do you celebrate with family and friends? Somebody or everybody's out of town. You can't celebrate on New Year's because people are out of town or celebrating New Year's. Last year I felt kind of down.

"But I remember my Aunt Mary, who always wrapped my birthday presents in birthday paper! She was a very special lady and made my birthdays extra special!"

DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES, NOV. 14, 2022

by Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary

Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, Texas State Organization, DKG International, met Mon., Nov. 14, 2022, at Greek Isles Grille and Taverna.

Attending were 30 members: Elenora Asbury, Denise Barker, Susan Bell, Cindy Braley, Joyanne Burger, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Katherine Grogan, Mary Carol Hughes, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Janet Melton, Carolyn Miller, Dr. Jan Nance, Marilyn Nease, Carolyn Power, Becky Quigley, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Melanie Rudebeck, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, Dr. Dawna Walsh, and Betty Sue Welch.

One guest attended: Cordelia Venechanos. Cordelia is the twin sister of Joyanne Burger and has visited before.

OPENING:

Melanie Rudebeck, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Lou McMillan, Immediate Past President, gave the inspiration on gratitude. Showing gratitude is a way to show appreciation for one's blessings in life. One can appreciate another's determination or demonstrate support and love to another. One can also show gratitude for another person's achievement in a holistic way.

PROGRAM:

1). Carolyn Miller, 47-year member, presented a short talk, "Reflections on DKG," after members enjoyed a lovely dinner. Carolyn began with a reading of the rules for teachers in 1872. Examples are that teachers were expected to clean the chimney at the schoolhouse, bring water for the day, prepare pens for the students to use, and put aside some money out of their pay for their old age. Any female teachers who married could expect to be dismissed. Male teachers could court one evening/week. Teachers who successfully completed five years of teaching could expect to receive a pay increase of \$.25/week! Clearly, teachers have come a long way since then. **Lou McMillan shared that when she started teaching in the '60s, she had to quit her job as soon as her pregnancy began to show.** No teacher was allowed to wear maternity clothes!

Carolyn read the **seven purposes of DKG and the mission statement, which is** "DKG Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education." **Then, she shared what she has gained by being a member of DKG.** She's made many lifelong friends and learned many new ways to reach children, enhancing their learning. She's traveled to many conventions, both within the state of Texas and across the United States. Carolyn has learned much at the various conventions and enjoyed connecting with members of different chapters. Most of all, she's learned that every person is worthy of respect.

*Thank you, Carolyn Miller,
for reminding us of what teaching was like 150 years ago and
for sharing what you've gained by being a member of DKG.*



2). An induction ceremony was held to welcome Janet Melton into DKG. Kay Keeland and Melanie Rudebeck, Co-Presidents; Margaret Thompson, Second Vice President for Membership; Dr. Jan Nance, Ceremonies Committee chair; and Susan Bell, Ceremonies Committee member, participated in the induction ceremony.

Janet Melton was welcomed back into DKG by Lou McMillan, Immediate Past President.

Janet Melton joined DKG in 2000, was a member until a few years ago while she cared for her father, and then reinstated her membership in DKG this fall.

Members congratulated and welcomed Janet and Judy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kay Keeland, Co-President, reminded members that **DKG will take the children's books donated tonight to the Foster Care Closet on Sat., Nov. 19, and tour the facility.** Janet Melton, Fellowship Committee co-chair, asked members to meet at Northway Christian Church on Northwest Highway at 11:15 to carpool.

Wanda Spoonmore, Fellowship Committee co-chair, has arranged a luncheon after the tour at Jason's Deli. Wanda asked members to email her if they plan on attending the luncheon.



NEW BUSINESS:



1). Wanda Spoonmore shared information regarding the **Denton State Supported Living Center.** Most of the residents are adults with developmental disabilities and have lived in this facility most of their lives. **The facility needs our help raising money to purchase Christmas gifts for the residents.** Wanda shared her experiences playing music with her band for the residents at Christmastime. For many of the residents, this concert was the highlight of their year. Wanda

stated that she was deeply affected by the reception the residents gave the musicians.

Kay Keeland encouraged members to bring cash or checks for **DSSLC's "Christmas Is for Caring" to the Dec. 10 Holiday Brunch at Elenora Asbury's house, which will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Leesa

Cole, Treasurer, stated that checks can be made out to Delta Omicron and she will write one check for all the donations from the chapter. Another option is to write a check to the Denton State-Supported Living Center so that one can get a tax deduction. Leesa will give the information regarding this option to Marylin Nease so that Marylin can send an email to members.



2). **The treasurer's report was not given at the meeting to allow more time for the dinner and the induction ceremony. However, Leesa Cole, Treasurer, emailed her report to the Recording Secretary just before the meeting was held.** The **bank balance** as of Oct. 30, 2022, was \$3,675.68. **Income for Oct.** included dues from a reinstated member and checks for Nov. meeting dinner. **Expenses**

for Oct. included Speaker Honorarium to ASTEF for Sept. and Oct. and dues to TSO and International. **Anticipated expenses for Nov.** include CCDC chapter dues, the Cora McFarland scholarship chapter dues, Membership Vice President reimbursement, and the Nov. dinner at Greek Isles.

ADJOURNMENT:

Members sang the DKG song. Door prizes were won by Sara Coleman, Katherine Grogan, and Mary Carol Hughes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Margie Rohde
Recording Secretary

Kay Lynn Keeland
Co-President

Melanie Rudebeck
Co-President



Having a final bit of fun after our Mon., Nov. 14, induction dinner meeting at Greek Isles restaurant: L-R Penni Lewis, Betty Sue Welch, Wanda Spoonmore, & Denise Barker!

TREASURER'S REPORT for Dec. 2022

by Leesa Cole, Treasurer



Bank balance reconciled 11/30/2021 \$3,038.48

Income Nov.

Budgeted: None
In and Out: Nov. dinner (32 paid)

Expenses Nov.

Budgeted: Membership supplies
Yearbook mailings

In and Out: Nov. dinner payment to Greek Isles

Anticipated Income Dec.

Budgeted: None
In and Out: *Member contributions toward Chapter contribution to DSSLC*

Anticipated Expense

Budgeted: December - None
January - Chapter contributions to TSO, ASTEF & International
- Chapter payments to Cora McFarland Scholarship & CCDC
(need payment requests from those entities)



In and Out: December - Chapter contribution to DSSLC

Finance Notes:

- Nov. dinner expense = \$761.39 (31 meals + tip)
- Members requesting reimbursement for a chapter expense should complete a Reimbursement Form, attach paid receipts, & get approval from one of the presidents before submitting to chapter treasurer. Leesa (treasurer) has the forms.
- *DSSLC contributions will be collected at the Dec. brunch.*
***Members can contribute toward the Chapter contribution with cash or check.*
Checks made to Delta Omicron. There will be no tax receipt.
***Individuals can contribute directly to DSSLC by using a contribution form (available at the brunch). Checks made and mailed to DSSLC. Donors will receive a tax receipt from DSSLC. (OPTION – leave the form & check for Leesa to mail in with others)*
- Detailed monthly financial reports have been submitted to the recording secretary, chapter president, and finance chairs.



YOU ARE INVITED to Delta Omicron's Annual Holiday Brunch



Our hostess, Elenora Asbury

Please join us for fellowship and food,

11:00 - 1:00, Sat., Dec. 10,

Elenora Asbury's home.

Chapter Project: Holiday contributions to the Denton State Supported Living Center's (DSSLC's) "Christmas Is for Caring." For how to participate, see Leesa's notes above in red on this same page.

FYI: Please refer to **attached** Holiday Brunch flier for more info.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs Janet Melton and Wanda Spoonmore



Delta Omicron members donated books, books, and more children's books and then delivered them to **Dallas Foster Closet** on Sat., Nov. 19. We didn't count the books, but we carried in lots and lots of heavy bags and boxes of books. A guess?

125 "get to read" books are on this table! Foster families will be "shopping" for Christmas at DFC on Sat., Dec. 3. What's available? Books parents and older children can read to toddlers all the way to books children and teens can read to themselves. Plus, clothes, toys, blankets, school supplies, art and craft supplies, etc.



Thank you, **Dallas Foster Closet**, for all you do to help children and families!

Thank you, **Delta Omicron members**, for generously donating books.

Thank you, **Janet Melton**, for arranging delivery of the books and tour of DFC.

Thank you, **Leslie Kajs**, for being a chapter member and DFC volunteer, for teaching us about DFC in Oct., and for welcoming us to DFC in Nov.

Thank you, **Wanda Spoonmore**, for arranging lunch at Jason's Deli.

L-R Standing: , Penni Lewis, , Kay Keeland, Janet Melton, Sara Coleman, Dr. Jan Nance. **Kneeling:** Leslie Kajs, Margaret Thompson, Marilyn Nease. **Now, imagine a lunch photo at Jason's Deli** with the 10 above, plus Wanda Spoonmore and Dr. Dawna Walsh. We had so much fun, we forgot to take a pic!



L-R clockwise: Janet Melton, Kay Keeland, Dr. Jan Nance, Sara Coleman, Marylin Nease, Betty Sue Welch

Attending **Delta Rho's Annual Holiday Auction** on Tues., Nov. 29, were Delta Omicron members **Sara Coleman, Kay Keeland, Janet Melton, Dr. Jan Nance, Marylin Nease, and Betty Sue Welch.**

We began by enjoying a tasty chicken fajita dinner and fun fellowship with our chapter members, plus DKG members and family and friends from other chapters, including our Area 9 Coordinator, **Liz Garrett.**

Next came the auction. Cindy Sloan of Delta Rho served as our animated, entertaining auctioneer. Attendees kept the bidding lively, vying for the items they really, really wanted. Delta Omicron's—and possibly the event's—most successful shopper might have been our **Betty Sue Welch.** Ask her about her treasures.

Thank you, **Kay Keeland,** for driving us to and from the event. Thank you, Delta Rho, for hosting a fun evening!



L-R: Marylin Nease, Dr. Jan Nance, Sara Coleman, Kay Keeland



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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.

JOURNEY
Which way will you go?

→ **TSO 2023 Convention: McAllen, June 14-17 — Save the Dates!** [McAllen Convention page](#)

- [Application to Present Breakout Session - McAllen Convention 2023 \(PDF\)](#) *Fillable form.*
Download and save to your computer before filling out. Once complete, save again; email as attachment. [Application to Present Breakout Session - McAllen Convention 2023](#) (Word Doc)
*Download and print form. Mail completed form. **Due Feb. 15, 2023***
- [Application to display items in the Visual Art Display](#) - McAllen Convention 2023 (Google Form)
Due Apr. 15, 2023

→ **TSO Technology Conference**

- Fri., Mar. 31, 6pm-7:30pm and Sat., Apr. 1, 8:30am-3pm. in Cleburne. CPE credit.
- Info flier: [TSO Tech Conference 2023 Flyer.pdf - Google Drive](#)
- Registration form: **Due Feb. 6, 2023** <https://forms.gle/bbtuGNW5QZRT2QP56>

→ **TSO Forms/Dates/Info to Note:**

- **Nominations for State Elected Officers** **Due Jan. 1, 2023**
- **Applications for State Committee Chairs, Committee Members, & Area Coordinators** **Due Feb. 1, 2023** [State Personnel Application Form](#) (*fillable PDF form*)



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→ **DKG Art Gallery**

- Click on the link [DKG Art Gallery, online](#) Then, click on the “Explore” box. You’ll find 154 works by 140 DKG members, including Marilyn Nease and Dr. Dawna Walsh.
- **Q.** How can I submit my own work to be considered for the Spring 2023 gallery?
A. Using the same link, click on the “Submission Info” box. Next submission deadline? **Due Jan. 15-Feb. 15, 2023**

→ **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**

- **Schools for Africa** [Schools for Africa](#)
- **Supporting Early-career Educators** [Supporting Early-career Educators](#)