



# The 4:15



Delta Omicron, Chapter 111, Dallas, Dallas County, Area 9, Texas State Organization, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

**DKG Mission Statement:** The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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Marylin Nease, editor

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## President's Message

By Lou McMillan, 2018-2020 Chapter President



My letter this month is a tribute to all the wonderful women in our lives now, and to those who have gone before us, the women who have influenced us from the time of our birth (our mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, and mothers-in-law).

Just about every wonderful lady who fashioned my life was a school teacher. As teachers, they were very vocal in their opinions on almost every facet of life. They were strong women, but very kind and loving. They were opinionated, but only because they cared so much about their families and causes, and also about their profession and the children they taught and loved. They were strong in their faith, their spirit, and the world around them.

As we approach the month that celebrates love of all kinds, let's remember those who first loved us, and remember that because of this love, we are the strong, caring, capable women and educators of today.

Happy Love Day to all of the outstanding women who make Delta Omicron the great chapter it is today! Love to you all! ♦

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## Chapter Meeting News

Monday, February 11, 2019

**Time and Agenda:**

4:30 p.m. - Fellowship and Food

5:00 p.m. - Program



**Elenora Asbury,  
Kathy Rodriguez,**  
Social Arrangements Chairs



February hostesses: **Nancy Johnson, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Katy Kunofsky, Marilyn Lamb, Penni Lewis, [redacted], Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller**

**Katherine Grogan,**  
Programs and Projects VP  
**Topic: Living Heart Healthy**



### Location:

Highland Park ISD's McCulloch Intermediate School, Assembly Rm  
3555 Granada Ave., Dallas 75205

**Parking:** Enter lot on Key Street/east side of building. Enter foyer outside cafeteria, show photo ID to guard, then enter and cross cafeteria. Go left to the hall, then right to our meeting room.

**What to Bring?** Box Tops for Education coupons ♦ a prospective member ♦

## Delta Omicron's The 4:15\*

### Five-Star-Award/Seal-of-Merit Newsletter

To submit news, contact  
Marylin Nease, editor

\* Delta = the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet, and Omicron = the fifteenth letter; also, on a good day 4:15 = the time we leave school; best of all, on a really good day, 4:15 = the time we head to Delta Omicron; hence, *The 4:15* title for our chapter's newsletter. ☺

Chapter Website: <http://deltaomicrontexas.weebly.com/>

Chapter Webmaster: **Carolyn Power**

Chapter Webwatcher: **Marylin Nease**

## Chapter Officers' News...

### 2018-2020 Executive Board:

President: **Lou McMillan**

Vice President, Programs / Service Projects: **Katherine Grogan**

Vice President, Membership: **Melanie Rudebeck**

Recording Secretary: **Katrina Hallman**

Corresponding Secretary: **Leah Black**

Treasurer: **Leesa Cole**

Parliamentarian: **Kay Keeland**

Immediate Past President: **Mary White**

## Programs and Service Projects Info

*Katherine Grogan, Programs/Projects VP*



### ● FEBRUARY 11 Program: *Living Heart Healthy*

What do you know about nutrition and fitness?

At our next meeting, we will be entertained by a Master Trainer [redacted] from 24 Hour Fitness. [redacted] also teaches Silver Sneakers.

We'll take a quiz, learn some handy exercises, and have fun. ♦

### ● 2018-2019 Meetings and Programs

**Monday, September 17, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. Salad/Dessert Supper. Members, "Sharing Favorite Fall Activities." Leesa Cole, "What's on the Bucket List for International and State." (1,3,5,6)**

**Monday, October 15, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch**

Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. "Rev up for the Holidays"—Holiday Cooking, Decorating, and Fashion. (1,3,6,7)

**Monday, November 12, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. Catered Dinner (\$25) and Induction Ceremony. Rose-Mary Rumbley, "Destress with Laughter." (1,3,4,6,7)**

**Saturday, December 15, 2018, 11 A.M.-1 P.M., Home of Kathy Rodriguez, "A Holiday Gathering." Brunch and Fellowship. (1,6)**

**Monday, January 14, 2019, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. "Helping Hope's Closet"—Bring Women's Clothes to Donate. (1,6,7)**

**Monday, February 11, 2019, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. "Living Heart Healthy." Members: New Year's Resolutions: What's Yours? (3,6)**

**Monday, March 18, 2019, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Marylin Nease, "Being a Caregiver." (1,6,7)**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019, 9:30 A.M., CCDC Spring Luncheon, Lakewood Country Club, 6430 Gaston. Theme: "Building Bridges with Blanton." (1,2,5,6)**

**Monday, May 20, 2019, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. "A Time to Celebrate"—Observance of Society Founders Day and Chapter Birthday. "Reminiscing with Carolyn Miller and Mary Louise Milliorn." (1,2,3,6)**

### ● 2018-2019 Service Projects

#### ► CHAPTER:

- **All Hands on Deck for Hillier**—program (July 2014-July 2019) at Hillier School to support early-career educators, support students with diagnosed learning differences, and support the principal (August-May)
- **Denton State Supported Living Center** - donation of monetary gifts (December)

#### ► TSO:

- **Week of Caring** - chapters statewide develop service projects in local communities (February, March)




*Some of the clothing members donated to Hope's Door, New Beginning Center—January 14, 2019!*

•**Unifying Project** - a project that serves the needs of the state convention community and unifies chapters across Texas in service (May, June)

With its 2019 state convention project "Sheltering Area 10," TSO will help CASA of Tarrant County with donations from all state chapters.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is an organization that stands up for children and gives them a voice. CASA also provides needed resources that enable children to grow and learn in happy, healthy environments.

A list of items to donate to CASA at June's state convention in Arlington will soon be available.



► **INTERNATIONAL:**

- Schools for Africa (SfA)**, a UNICEF and DKG international project (adopted in 2010) to "transform lives through education" on the African continent, with special focus on girls, orphans, and vulnerable children (October, November)
- Support Early-career Educators (SEE)**, DKG international project (adopted in 2012) to strengthen the profession by empowering beginning teachers via mentoring and practical support from experienced teachers (August-May) ♦

**Membership Info**

By Melanie Rudebeck, Membership VP



● **Member Spotlight**

This month I am spotlighting member **Carolyn Miller**. She shares what she enjoys about DKG. She is also special to me because she happens to be my mother.

**Carolyn Miller** shares, "From the moment I walked into a meeting of Delta Omicron Chapter of DKG, I realized what an amazing group of people the chapter members were. They were dear friends with whom I had taught, people who had been my teachers, and those who had taught my own children or family members. I immediately felt at home."



"As I have continued to be an active member, I enjoy the inspiration and special friendships with like-minded women who value education and desire children to be successful.

"Best of all, I am very proud to share this wonderful organization with my daughter." ♦

● **Membership Data**

**Membership Status:**

- Returning Active Members = 52
- New Active Members = 3
- New Reserve Member = 1
- Honorary Member = 1
- Total = 57 ♦

**Employment Status:**

- Full-time employees in education = 12
- Semi-retired / Part-time employees in education = 9
- Retired but often volunteering in education or otherwise employed = 36 ♦

**Years of DKG Membership:**

- 1-10 years = 19 members
- 11-20 years = 11 members
- 21-30 years = 9 members
- 31-40 years = 8 members
- 41-50 years = 7 members
- 51-60 years = 3 members ♦

**Meeting Attendance, 2018-2019:**

- September 2018 = 31 members, 4 guests
- October 2018 = 21 members, 4 guests
- November 2018 = 27 members, 1 guest
- December 2018 = 26 members, 1 guest
- January 2019 = 24 members, 3 guests ♦

**Recording Secretary's Report Minutes, January 14, 2019**

By Katrina Hallman



The January minutes will be published in the March newsletter. ♦

## Treasurer's Report

By Leesa Cole, Treasurer



### ● Balance, Income, Expenses

The checking account balance as of February 1, 2019, was \$4,234.18.

Income included dues payments for 2018-19 as well as dues pre-payments for 2019-2020.

Budgeted expense includes a \$25 gift card to be included in the ASTEF auction basket at the Arlington

Convention in June. Upcoming budgeted expenses will include a contribution to the US Fund for UNICEF (Schools for Africa, a DKG International project), and a \$25 donation to ASTEF for the Giving Month fundraiser.

### ● Pay 2019-2020 Dues by May Meeting

As discussed in January, membership dues for 2019-2020 will be collected now through May.

DKG members approved a new collection timeline at the last international convention that aligns dues collection to the DKG fiscal year (July 1-June 30). Chapters will now collect dues each spring so that chapter treasurers can send dues to international in July instead of November.

Please plan to pay your \$100 active dues to Treasurer **Leesa Cole** before the end of May. You have the option to "pay it out" this spring instead of writing a \$100 check for the full dues. Contact Leesa, and she will set up a plan that works best for you.

Many thanks to the members who have paid their dues for 2019-2020.

### ● CCDC Cora McFarlin Scholarship Application Deadline March 1

If you have learning opportunities coming up for which you could use some financial assistance, the Coordinating Council of Dallas County offers the Cora McFarlin Scholarship to Dallas County members.

Contact **Leesa Cole** if you are interested in applying or if you have questions about qualifying. ♦

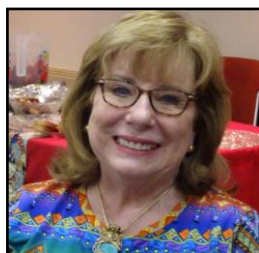
## Chapter Committee News...

### SOCIETY BUSINESS

#### Communications Committee

By Marylin Nease, Chair

Many thanks to **Leah Black**, corresponding secretary, for printing and mailing copies of each month's newsletter to our members who do not have computer access to email. ♦

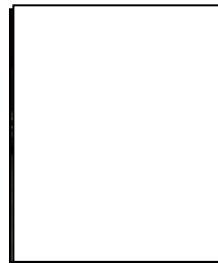


## Chapter Committee News...

### SOCIETY MISSION AND PURPOSES

#### Legislation Committee

For [REDACTED] Chair



#### A Positive Note in Austin?

What's happening in the Texas legislature related to education sounds more promising than it has in many years.

Currently, house and senate bills propose to impact in a positive way teacher pay (with state money), the TRS Care budget shortfall, and the

base rate of TRS pension funding.

The governor, lieutenant governor, and house speaker, so far, are presenting themselves in positive accord on education issues.

Please, contact your legislators to let them know your views on what educators and students need. ♦

## Chapter Committee News...

### CHAPTER'S SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### Social Arrangements Committee

##### ● Hostesses for 2019 Meetings

February-Nancy Johnson, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Katy Kunofsky, Marilyn Lamb, Penni Lewis, [REDACTED] Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller

March-Mary Louise Milliorn, Ashraf Mobh, Janet Nance, Marylin Nease, Sherrie Negrete, Carrie Parsons, Carolyn Power, Becky Quigley, Mary Riddle, Kathy Rodriguez

May-Margie Rohde, Melanie Rudebeck, Wanda Spoonmore, [REDACTED] Margaret Thompson, [REDACTED] Patsy Vaughn, Jean Wallace, Dawna Walsh, Mary White

**Note:** If you are unable to serve as a hostess for your listed month, please arrange with another member to trade months, and let **Kathy Rodriguez**, committee co-chair, know. ♦

## Chapter Members' News...

### Personal News



Margaret Thompson reports, "We are making plans to visit our son in Frankfurt, Germany this May. "I will let all know as details are confirmed."



Margaret Arnold, [redacted] Elenora Asbury

### Birthdays, Birthdays!



**February**  
 Katrina Hallman, 2  
 Mary White, 12  
 Marta Finlay, 15  
 Catherine Donahue, 19  
 Marylin Nease, 22 ♦

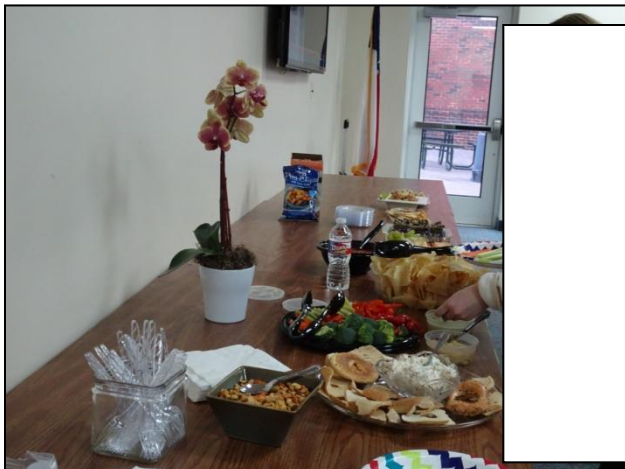


Margie Rohde, Leesa Cole, Carolyn Power, Catherine Donahue

## Chapter News...

### Photo Highlights, Chapter Meeting, January 14, 2019

#### Food and Fellowship:



Thank you to the Social Arrangements Committee co-chairs, Elenora Asbury and Kathy Rodriguez, and to the January hostesses!



Margaret Thompson and Katrina Hallman

*Delta Omicron*  
 =  
*"Genuine spiritual fellowship!"*



Shirley Kochman and Maureen Baker



Lou McMillan,  
Kathy Rodriguez



Marta Finlay and Janet Hogg



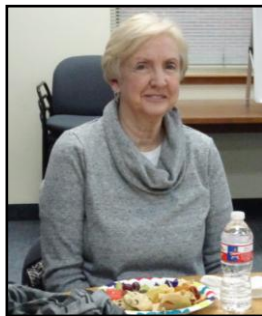
Shirley Kochman and Marylin Nease



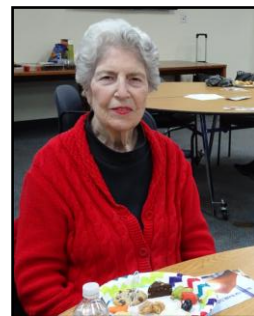
Barbara Harris, Sara Coleman, Grace Delatour



Mary Riddle and Marilyn Lamb



L-R:  
Melanie Rudebeck  
Mary Gill  
Shirley Kochman  
Janet Hogg



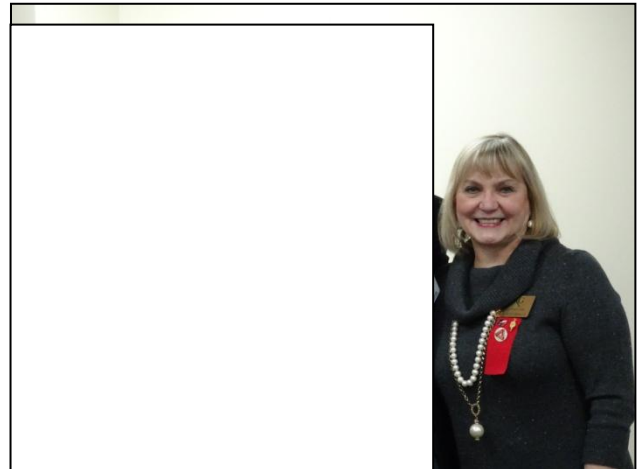
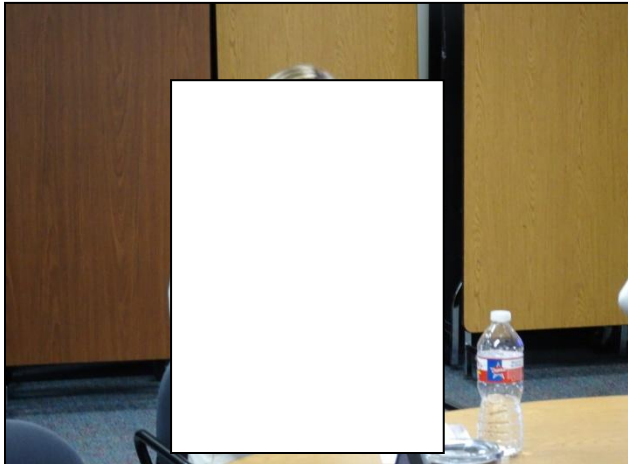
**Business and Program:**



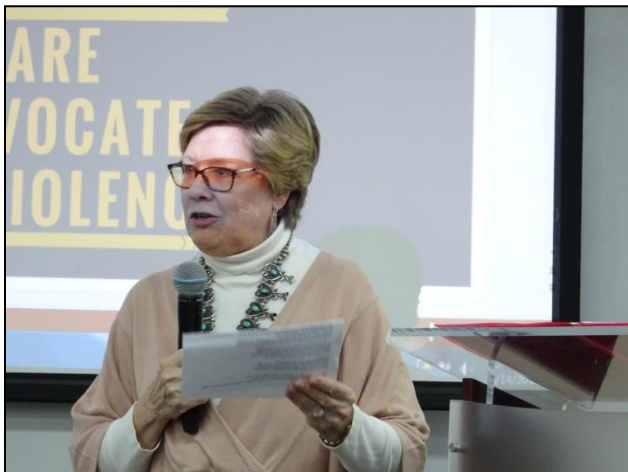
Lou McMillan, president, leads the meeting.



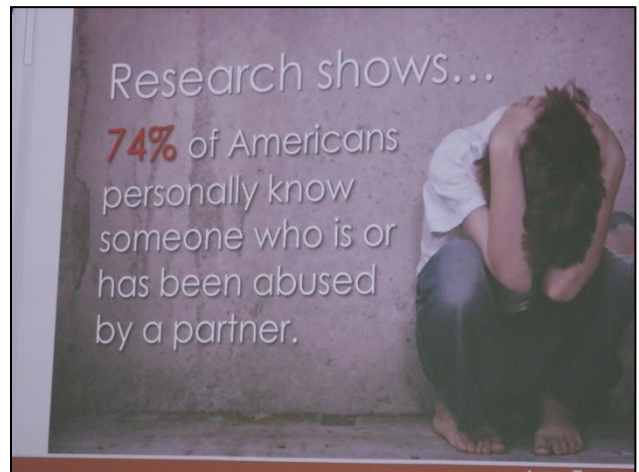
Katherine Grogan, Programs and Projects VP, introduces the program.



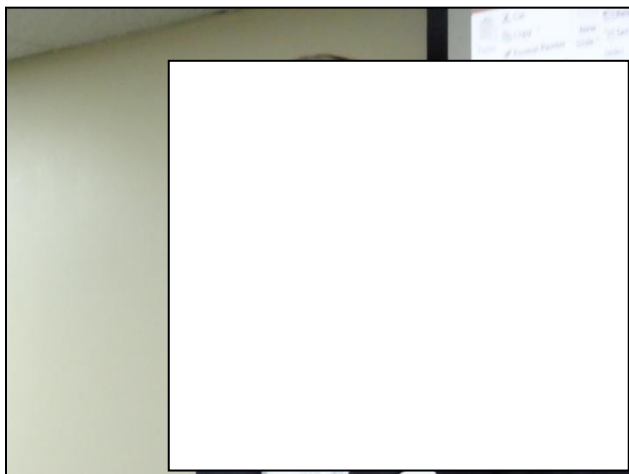
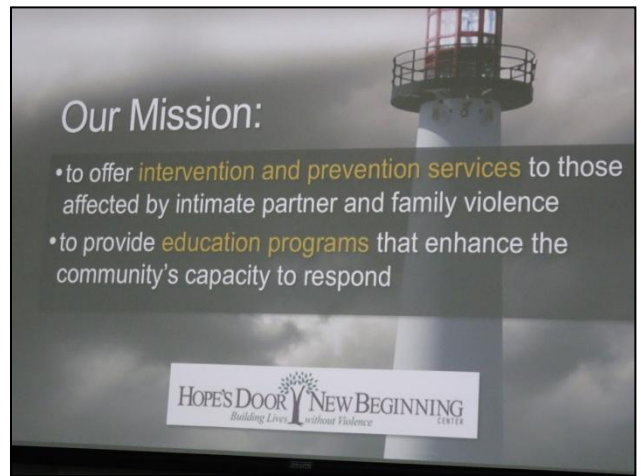
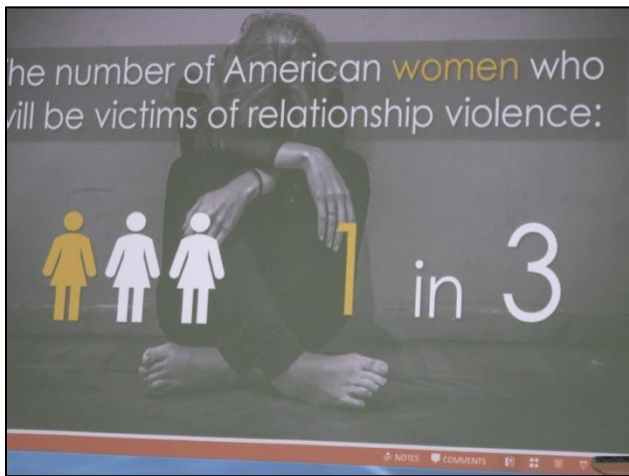
Thank you to the program presenters from Hope's Door, New Beginning Center and to Katherine Grogan!



Margaret Thompson, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee, shares an inspiration.



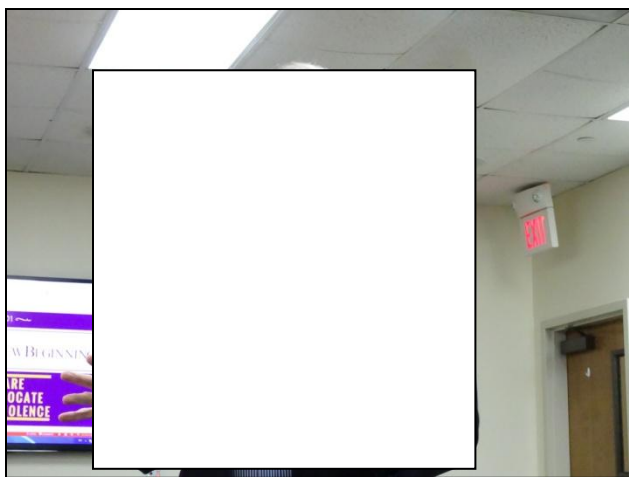
Part of the program's PowerPoint presentation



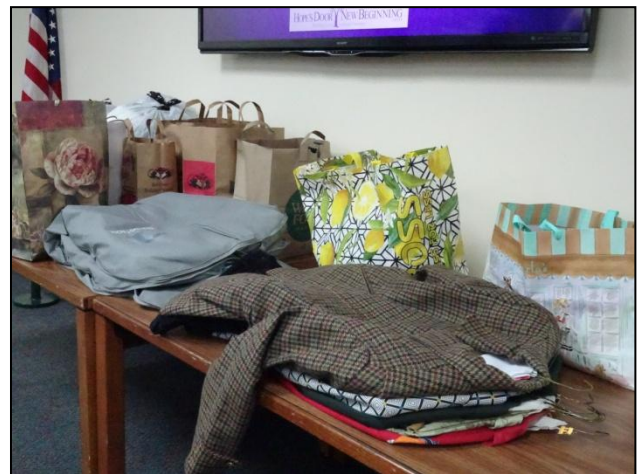
Program presenter / CEO of Hope's Door, New Beginning Center



**Above and below:**  
Clothing donations from chapter members to Hope's Door, New Beginning Center



Program presenter / psychologist with Hope's Door, New Beginning Center







Treasurer Leesa Cole gives her report, part of which is about the changes in dues payments from fall to spring that resulted from members' votes at international convention.



Carolyn Miller studies the new dues information. ♦

## Coordinating Council of Dallas County News...

**Save the Date:** The Coordinating Council of Dallas County's Annual Spring Luncheon will be **Saturday, April 6, 2019**, at Lakewood Country Club, 1912 Abrams, Dallas, 75214.

**Theme:** "Building Bridges with Blanton"

**Speakers:** Lynda McQuaid and Laura Schmidt,  
Kappa Pi ♦

## Area 9 News...



Area 9 Coordinator Jennifer Bernabo ♦

## Texas State Organization News...

### TSO Website

[www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org) ♦

Diane Moose, TSO Webmaster



### Lone Star News, Winter 2018 Edition

[Winter 2018 Lone Star News](#) (PDF)

Carol McMillan, TSO  
Editor/Photographer ♦



## TSO President, Theme, and Goals, 2017-2019

Dr. Jo Murphy

### Theme:

Bridging yesterday and tomorrow

### Biennium Goals:

- (1) Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
- (2) Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
- (3) Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
- (4) Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide. ♦



**TSO Headquarters  
Personnel**



Cheryl Crawford  
TSO Executive Secretary ♦



Leesa Cole  
TSO Treasurer ♦



Deborah Thomas  
TSO Executive Assistant ♦

**TSO's ASTEF**



**Alpha State Texas  
Educational Foundation**  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

- Q:** What is ASTEF's mission?  
**A:** Impacting Education by Impacting Educators!  
**Q:** How does ASTEF carry out its mission?

**A:** Through funding (1) scholarships and (2) leadership events, which support the professional and personal growth of Texas women educators, and through funding (3) projects, which promote educational excellence for Texas students. ♦

**TSO Committee, 2017-2019**



From Area 9, Delta Omicron:  
**Carolyn Miller**, member,  
Bylaws Committee ♦

**TSO Committee, 2017-2019**



From Area 9, Delta Omicron:  
**Marilyn Nease**, chair,  
Headquarters Committee ♦

**TSO Committee, 2017-2019**



From Area 9, Delta Omicron:  
**Carolyn Power**, member,  
Research Committee ♦

**TSO Projects**

- **Week of Caring**, February, March 2019
- **Unifying Project**, May, June 2019 ♦

**TSO Convention**

**90th Texas State Convention**

Arlington Convention Center  
Arlington, Texas  
June 20-22, 2019

**Hotel reservations:**

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reseAdvration-link.mi?id=1543262815677&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

**Convention info, including newsette:**

<https://dkgtxasconvention2019.weebly.com/> ♦

## Southwest Regional News...

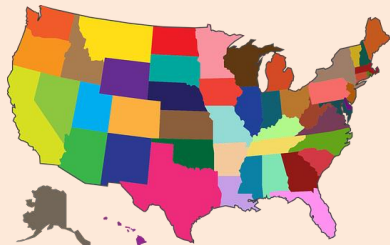
Texas is one of 22 member states in the Southwest Region.

The five DKG regions are the Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and European.

**AND**, do you know that **DKG members can attend any of the five regional/international conferences?**

Consider attending **this year's regional/international conference in North Carolina, Iowa, California, Iceland, or Connecticut**. Also, see the boxed info below to **note the theme of each conference**.

### 2019 International Conferences



**Arts and Humanities**  
**Asheville, North Carolina**  
**June 27-29, 2019**

**Leadership**  
**Des Moines, Iowa**  
**July 10-12, 2019**

**Technology**  
**Costa Mesa, California**  
**July 17-20, 2019**

**Professional Research**  
**Reykjavik, Iceland**  
**July 25-27, 2019**



**Global Awareness**  
**Mashantucket, Connecticut**  
**July 30-Aug. 1, 2019**

**Conference registrations and hotel reservations are now open:**

[https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/DKGMember/DKG\\_Events.aspx?key=4b445ed5-b80b-4cb2-a23d-14ba20b0bdaa](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/DKGMember/DKG_Events.aspx?key=4b445ed5-b80b-4cb2-a23d-14ba20b0bdaa) ◆

## International News...



### Website

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) ◆

### Purposes

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has seven basic *purposes* that govern its program of work and study. The activities of each level of the Society implement the *purposes* of the Society. <https://www.dkg.org/content/purposes> ◆

### Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide ◆

### Projects

- Schools for Africa (SfA) [usforumdkg.org](http://usforumdkg.org)  
<https://www.dkg.org/content/schools-africa-0>
- Support Early-career Educators (SEE)  
<https://www.dkg.org/content/see-support-early-career-educators> ◆



### President and Theme, 2018-2020

Cathy P. Daugherty  
Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide ◆

### Publications

- **DKG News**
- **DKG Bulletin** (*Journal for Professional Educators*)
- **DKG Collegial Exchange**
- **Presidents' Page** (*Newsletter for Chapter Presidents*)
- **Get Connected** (*Newsletter of the International Communications and Publicity Committee*)

**Note:** All publications listed above can be found at the link below.

<http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/Publications/DKGMember/Resources/Publications.aspx?hkey=93b3cc36-2113-48d3-bfbb-8f477b0fdd17> ◆



### **Go Ahead Tours**

***Iceland: Reykjavik and the Golden Circle***

***July 19-24, 2019***

***July 28-August 2, 2019***

***Food and Wine: San Francisco and***

***California Wine Country***

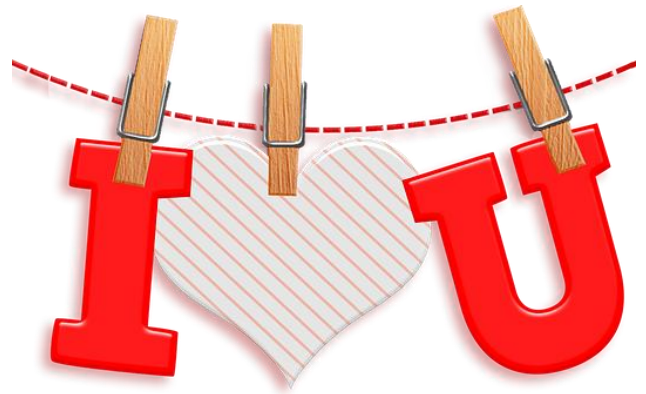
***October 9-14, 2020 ♦***



## **International Convention**



**July 7-11, 2020  
Philadelphia, PA ♦**



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