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

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DKG Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Volume 63, Issue 5, January 13, 2020 Marylin Nease, editor



Dear Ladies,

I hope all of you have enjoyed the holidays with family and friends, and are looking forward to our first meeting of 2020: Monday, January 13, at 4:00 p.m. for fellowship and 4:30 p.m. for meeting and program. Remember, second Monday this month, not third).

Looking back over the last year makes me realize how much has changed in our Delta Omicron chapter! We have moved into a new home (Northway Christian Church); welcomed seven new members, two transfers, and two reinstatements into our chapter; endured the trials and tribulations of a tornado (well, some of us have); enjoyed a wonderful holiday gathering at the lovely home of Elenora Asbury; and entered into a new decade, 2020.

Looking forward to a fun and productive meeting with all of you, Low McMillan



What to Bring:

- Prospective member or prospect's name and contact info
- ✓ Box Tops for Education (for Hillier)
- ✓ Wear yoga clothes or any outfit you have that's comfy—see page 2.

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Chapter Meeting News

Monday, January 13, 2020 4:00-4:30 p.m. – Fellowship and Food

Social Arrangements Committee:



Co-chairs - Elenora Asbury and Kathy Rodriguez

Committee - Cindy Dominguez, Susan Endicott, Mary Carol Hughes, Lou McMillan, Sherrie Negrete

January Hostesses: Katrina Hallman, Vicky Hamilton, Barbara Harris, Janet Hogg, Mary Carol Hughes, Nancy Johnson, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Katy Kunofsky, Marilyn Lamb, Liza Leggett, Penni Lewis, **Marina Katy**

Agenda for Business Meeting & Program, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

1. Welcome Lou McMillan (2M)

2. Inspiration Margaret Thompson/Maureen Baker (3M)

3. Approval of November Minutes (1M)

4. Treasurer's Report Leesa Cole (4M)

5. New Business

Carolyn Power, Nominations Committee chair – Introduction of 2020-2022 slate of officers (4M)

6. Old Business

Thank you to Elenora Asbury, hostess for our chapter's holiday party (1M)

7. Program

yoga instructor Having Fun with Yoga (25M)

8. Adjournment and DKG song (1M)

 Q. What is International's Support Earlycareer Educators (SEE) project?
A. Answers found on page 16 of this

FYI: Our Jan.13 Meeting

Topic: Having Fun with Yoga

How: Let's all wear comfortable

moves from our chairs.

Why: So we can learn easy moves for improved strength, balance, posture,

clothing so that we can try the yoga

yoga instructor

Presenter:

and health!

newsletter.

2019-2020 Meetings and Programs

Note: January 13 meeting is at **Northway Christian Church, Room F103. Address:** 7202 W Northwest Hwy 75225. **Park and enter** on Northwest Hwy side of church. **Greeters** will direct you to F103.

Monday, September 16, 2019, 4:30/4:45 p.m. Salad/Dessert Supper. Marylin Nease and Melanie Rudebeck "YOU Are the Key to Membership Growth." *Chapter Project:* TBD. (1, 6)

Monday, October 21, 2019, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Vickery Meadow Summer Reading Academy: Volunteers Tutoring Children." US Forum, Carolyn Power. *International Project:* Schools for Africa (SfA). (1-3-6-7)

Monday, November 18, 2019, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Julie Turnbow Martin, "My Path of Teaching." Induction Ceremony. (1-2-3-6)

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 11:00 a.m -1:00 p.m. Home of Elenora Asbury. Brunch and Fellowship. *Chapter Project:* Denton State-Supported Living Center. (1, 6)

Monday, January 13, 2020, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Having Fun with Yoga." *International Project:* Support Early-career Educators (SEE). (1-2-3-4-6)

Monday, February 17, 2020, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Rose-Mary Rumbley, "February Fun." ASTEF Giving Month. (1, 6)

Monday, March 16, 2020, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Talbots, 19720 Preston Road. "Spring Fashion Show with ." *TSO Project:* Week of Caring. (1, 6)

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9:30 a.m. Lakewood Country Club, 6430 Gaston. Coordinating Council of Dallas County: Annual Spring Luncheon. (1-2-5-6)

Monday, May 18, 2020, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Ceremonies to Honor Our Founders, Celebrate Our Chapter's Birthday, and Announce Chapter Scholarship, Grant-in-aid, and Achievement Award. Marylin Nease, "An Interview with Almost Golden Member Carolyn Miller." **TSO Project:** Unifying Project for McAllen Convention. (1-2-3-5-6)

ENGAGEMENT in purposeful programs and projects to increase member involvement. 2019-2021 Biennial Goal #2, Patti Belknap, TSO President

2019-2020 Projects:

Chapter - Supporting Teachers (October-May), also Denton State-Supported Living Center (December).

TSO - Week of Caring (March), also Unifying Project (May).

International - Schools for Africa, SfA (October), also Support Early-career Educators, SEE (January).

Membership Vice President's Report



Dear Delta Omicron Members,

Happy New Year!

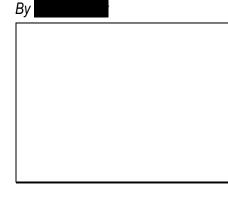
A fun time was had by all at our Holiday Brunch. Thank you to Elenora Asbury and all of the hostesses for the hospitality. This December gathering is one of the examples of fun and membership in DKG!

Please continue to invite friends to our events so that they can get to know us and consider joining our chapter.

Blessings for 2020! Melanie Rudebeck Membership Vice President



Recording Secretary's Report



Minutes, December 14, 2019, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Holiday Gathering

27 members attending: Sherri Allinder, Elenora Asbury, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Janet Cundiff, Grace Delatour, Cindy Dominguez, Catherine Donahue, Susan Endicott, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Janet Hogg, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Power, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Melanie Rudebeck, Margaret Thompson, Jean Wallace, Mary

White

Where: Home of Elenora Asbury

Social Arrangements Committee: Co-chairs, Elenora Asbury, Kathy Rodriguez Committee Members Attending: Cindy Dominguez, Susan Endicott, Lou McMillan Hostesses Attending: Sara Coleman, Janet Cundiff, Grace Delatour, Cindy Dominguez, Catherine Donahue, Susan Endicott, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan

Agenda: Fellowship, Brunch, and Annual December Project (Members' monetary donations to the Denton State-supported Living Center)

Photo Highlights, Holiday Brunch, December 14, 2019









DKG Purpose #1: "To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship"













We thank you, Elenora Asbury, for your holiday hospitality!













A huge thank-you goes to "almost new" member Janet Hogg for volunteering to be a newsletter photographer! Great job, Janet! Way to step forward! ♥

Treasurer's Report



By Leesa Cole, Treasurer

Checking account balance as of 12/30/19 was \$3,243.71. Expenses since the last report: reimbursement to Leah Black for mailing newsletters, chapter contribution of \$65 to Denton State Supported Living Center, dues to International, and dues + fees to TSO for one new member.

Income since the last report: dues for one new member, member contributions by check (2) to Denton State Supported Living Center.

Upcoming January expenses: budgeted annual contributions to ASTEF

(Projects, Leadership, and Scholarship funds), TSO Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund, and five different International funds; and room expense to Northway Christian Church.

Anticipated January income: none.

DUES COLLECTION TO BEGIN IN MARCH - DEADLINE TO PAY IS MAY 2020 Mark your calendars now to ensure that you are paid in full in May.

Delta Omicron dues of **\$100 for active members and \$50 for reserve** members will be **collected March-May 2020.** As of the spring of 2019, membership dues must be paid annually to International and TSO no later than June 30.

Dues can be given to Leesa Cole at the March or May meetings or can be mailed to her at the home address listed in the chapter yearbook. You may pay in installments or pay the full amount.

Communications and Marketing 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.

Legislation Committee

By Chair

The Texas Sunset Advisory Committee will review the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) and make recommendations to the 87th Texas Legislature. The Teachers Retirement System (TRS) is exploring opening regional offices across Texas as part of a plan to expand service delivery and increase their capacity to provide offices across the state. TRS has sent a survey to all public school employees. Please complete the survey, and let them know how you feel about TRS using your pension money. This is also your golden opportunity to express your

thoughts on our healthcare and pension plans.

TRS is taking money out of our pension fund to operate TRS offices in London and possibly Singapore. TRS has paid to occupy several floors in the new Indeed Tower in Austin and will not divulge the price.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY, AND KEEP TRS OUT OF OUR PENSION MONEY! THE SURVEY IS DUE...JANUARY 21, 2020.



Committee members are **Marilyn Smith**.

Yearbook Committee



By Marylin Nease, Chair

Leah Black, Chair

Scholarship Committee

Omicron (see page 35 in chapter yearbook).

Many scholarships are available-from international

(see page 15 of newsletter), from TSO/ASTEF (see page

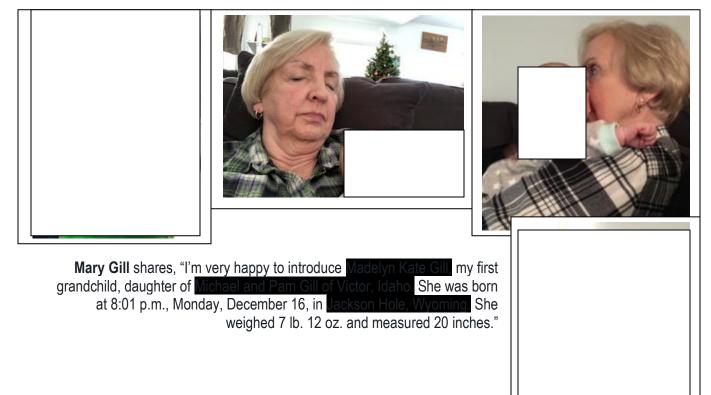
14), from Dallas County (see page 12), and from Delta

Leesa Cole,

I received the following email on December 21 from Betty Hill, TSO Yearbook Committee chair, "Congratulations on achieving Early Bird and Exemplary status for your chapter yearbook."

I appreciate very much the role many, many of you played in updating yearbook info. Thank you also to the many chapter members who took the time to proofread the yearbook draft. The more eyes the better when it comes to proofreading. I appreciate the parts each of you took in the yearbook process!

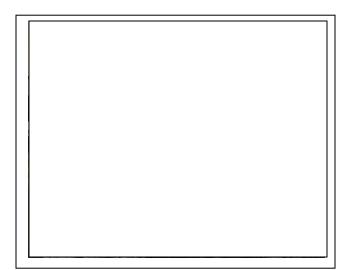
Members' Personal News

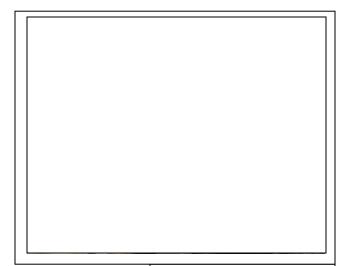


CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP Recipients 014, Melanie Rudeber 2015, Kay Keeland

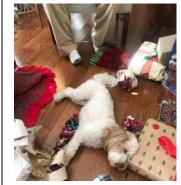
2014, Melanie Rudebeck 2015, Kay Keeland 2016, Dr. Jaime Callahan 2017, Kay Keeland

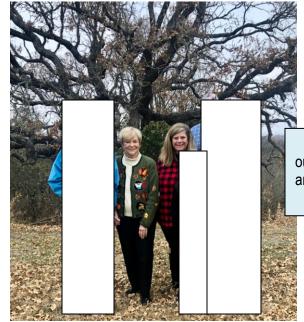
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Elenora Asbury reports, "Christmas in Augusta was all about family and relaxing. Most of the time we had a lab, a Dalmatian, and a mini golden doodle celebrating along with 12+ people. To the right is Dolly (Parton). We followed lots of traditions, making this Christmas a truly blessed one! That's Paige and Brooke having dinner after Christmas in Florida. Paige's scar from her brain surgery is hardly visible, and will be less so over time. She's planning to return to grad school in January to begin the second semester.





Carolyn Miller shares, "Here's our Thanksgiving photo with Melanie and her family. "Happy New Year to all!"

Happy January Birthdays!

Sara Coleman, 9 Sherri Allinder, 14

Shirley Kochman, 23 Cindy Dominguez, 27



"What's in a name?" Juliet asks in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*

In the play, Juliet and Romeo are from enemy houses, the Montagues and the Capulets. Falling in love with Romeo, Juliet questions whether their names should keep them apart.



Just for fun/no drama, here's a look at the names in Delta Omicron.

Names two, three, and five alike in Delta Omicron

- 2-Barbara Clinton, Barbara Harris
- 2-Carolyn Miller, Carolyn Power
- 3-Janet Cundiff, Janet Hogg, Janet Nance

5-**Catherine** Donahue, **Katherine** Grogan, **Katrina** Hallman, **Katherine** Kunofsky, **Katherine** Rodriguez

2-Kay Keeland, Kay

2-Lou Brown, Lou McMillan

2-Margaret Arnold, Margaret Thompson

3-Marilyn Lamb, Marylin Nease, Marilyn Smith

5-Mary Gill, Mary Carol Hughes, Mary Louise Milliorn, Mary Riddle, Mary White

2-Sherri Allinder, Sherrie Negrete

2-Susan Bell, Susan Endicott

Names with the same first letter, two, four, and five of them in Delta Omicron

2- Carrie Parsons, Cindy Dominguez

- 2-Dawna Walsh,
- 2-Elenora Asbury, Elyse Griffin
- 5- Geraldine Miller, Grace Delatour

4-Jaime Callahan, Jean Wallace, Joy Burger, Julie Turnbow

4-Leah Black, Leesa Cole, Liza Leggett

5-Margie Rohde, Marta Finlay, Maureen Baker, Melanie Rudebeck

2- Sara Coleman, Shirley Kochman

Names "one of a kind" in Delta Omicron

Ashraf Mobh Beth McLean Nancy Johnson Penni Lewis Rebecca Quigley Vicky Hamilton Wanda Spoonmore

Q-Most often found first name in Delta Omicron? **A**-Catherine/Katherine/Katrina and Mary

Q-Most often the starting letter in Delta Omicron? A- The letter *M* 15 times!

Personal Note: How many of you know a family story about your name?

My name is spelled *Mary-lin* to honor my father, who often was called *Lin*, short for

Email me a story about your name, and I'll include it in next month's newsletter. ©



2018-2020 Chapter Executive Board:

President: Lou McMillan Vice President, Programs / Service Projects: Katherine Grogan Vice President, Membership: Melanie Rudebeck Recording Secretary: Corresponding Secretary: Leah Black Treasurer: Leesa Cole Parliamentarian: Kay Keeland

Chapter Website: <u>http://deltaomicrontexas.weebly.com/</u> Chapter Webmaster: **Carolyn Power** Chapter Webwatcher: **Marylin Nease**

Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) News



Save the Date!

By Carolyn Miller, 2019-2021 CCDC Chair Our CCDC luncheon will be **April 4, 2020**, at Lakewood Country Club. Make plans to be there. Let's have the largest group in attendance again this year!

CCDC's Cora McFarland Scholarship Committee News

By Leesa Cole, Delta Omicron Chapter Representative



CCDC Cora McFarland Scholarship Application Deadline Is 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 McFarland scholarship to Dallas County members.

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

Scholarships are awarded at the CCDC luncheon in April.

CCDC's Cora McFarland Coordinator Applications Due January 25

Refer to the January 3, 2020, email about this position that **Marylin Nease** sent to chapter members to obtain additional information from the current coordinator as well as a copy of the application.

This coordinator position is a **three-year commitment** and will begin July 1, 2020.

Major responsibilities include (1) communicating with and coordinating the

Delta Omicron Recipients:

Dr. Eunice Garrish, 1968 Dr. Jov Babb, 1975 Karen Zukoski, 1993 Phyllis C. Cox, 1994 Carolyn Power, 1998 Dr. Dawna Walsh, 2000 Mary Armstrong, 2002 Grace Delatour, 2002 Susan Endicott. 2002 Mary Gill, 2002 Nancy Johnson, 2004 Melanie Rudebeck, 2004, 2005 Marylin Nease, 2009, 2010 Leesa Cole, 2013, 2014 Dr. Elyse Griffin, 2013, 2014 Katrina Tilley, 2015 Dr. Jaime Callahan. 2016, 2017

McFarland chapter representatives so they can interview scholarship applicants, (2) managing the finances, and (3) receiving and vetting scholarship applications.

Current chair Chris Dudek will be happy to answer questions. Contact her at cdudek@embarqmail.com

Area 9 News



By Marylin Nease, 2019-2021 Area 9 Coordinator **Six Dates to Save**

- ✓ Saturday, March 7, 2020, Area 9 Field Trip to the Dallas Museum of Art
- Saturday, March 28, 2020, Dallas, Area 9 Reception honoring 2019-2021 TSO President Patti Belknap
- ✓ June 17-19, 2020, TSO Convention, McAllen
- ✓ July 7-11, 2020, International Convention, Philadelphia
- ✓ Saturday, September 19, 2020, Area 9 Workshop, Region 10 ESC, Richardson

✓ June 16-18, 2021, TSO Convention, Denton

Three Key Points for Area 9 in 2019-2021

(1) Membership Growth—We ALL must recruit, reinstate, and retain members ALL year long, every year. We ALL must be thinking about educators we will invite to membership, former members we will invite to reinstate, and ways to retain our members.

(2) Reception for Patti Belknap—Our 2019-2021 state president is from Area 9. Our 25 Area 9 chapters will host a reception to honor and celebrate Patti as our TSO leader on March 28, 2020, in Dallas. More info will follow.

(3) Area 9 Workshop—Chapter presidents met August 10 to begin planning for our September 19, 2020, workshop. The workshop will be at the Region 10 Education Service Center in Richardson. More info later.

Texas State Organization News



Patti Belknap, 2019-2021 TSO President

Biennium Theme: YOU are the key. Biennium Goals:

Knowledge of the Society's mission, purposes, and traditions. **Engagement** in purposeful programs and projects to increase member involvement. **Yearlong** involvement in recruiting, mentoring, and leading.

Support from officers, mentors, and others to increase stronger members and chapters.



Emma Joven Area 9 Mentor

PROJECTS A S T E F

ASTEF

Guess who's having a birthday.

Next September 17, ASTEF (*our* Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation) will celebrate its 10th birthday.

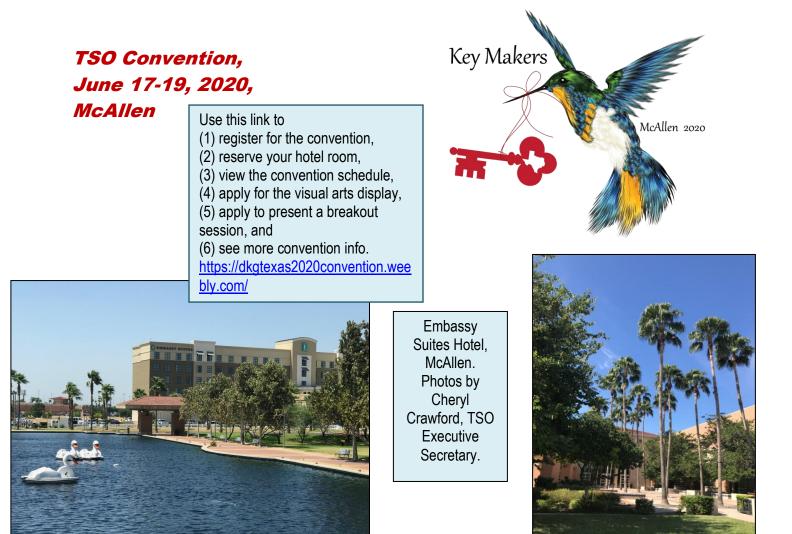
What does ASTEF do? It funds scholarships, leadership training, and projects for its members.

Follow this link for scholarship guidelines and

applications: https://www.dkgtexas.org/scholarship-applications.html

Delta Omicron Recipients

1974, Dr. Mae Dobbs 1974, Paula Duckworth 1974, Shirley Kochman 1979, Dr. Deurelle McAfee 1980, 1981, Claire Anderson 1988, Joan Webb 1992, 1993, Karen Zukoski 1994, 2002, Mary Armstrong 2014, 2015, Dr. Elyse Griffin 2015, Kay Keeland 2017, 2018, Dr. Jaime Callahan



International News...

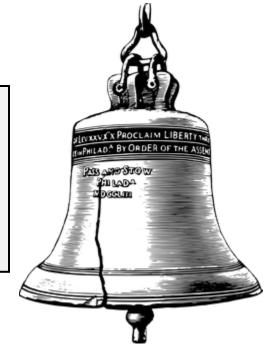


President and Theme, 2018-2020 Cathy P. Daugherty Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

International Convention, July 7-11, 2020, Philadelphia, PA

Hotel: Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19107 Keynote Speakers: Jane Golden, artist; and Olympia LePoint, scientist Link to hotel, speakers' bios, and more convention info: https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Event

<u>https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Event</u> <u>s/2020_International_convention/Hotel_</u> <u>Philadelphia.aspx</u>



The International Scholarship Committee is charged with annually awarding up to thirty (30)

- \$6,000 (U.S.) international scholarships to members for study at the master's degree and
- \$10,000 (U.S.) for work at the doctorate level. -- Info from DKG International website

Follow this link for scholarship applications and tips:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Apply_Submit/Applications/DKGMember/Apply_Submit/Applications.asp x?hkey=c0537203-113c-4299-a0f8-693cf433bd54 Continued from page 2:

Delta Omicron awards grants-in-aid to non-member educators. DO has also supported educators at The Hillier School with goody bags, first-of-year and end-of-year meals, and stipends for classroom materials.

What ideas do you have for our next SEE project?

Q. What is International's **Support Early-career Educators (SEE)** project?

A. Support Early-career Educators (SEE) is DKG International's project to support and retain teachers in their first five years in the profession.

DKG International's Educational Excellence Committee established Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) as its **second international project** during the **2012** International Convention in New York City.

Why is our support needed?

Education is a challenging career, and retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. According to Richard Ingersoll, the rate in U.S. of **beginning teachers leaving the profession** in the first year is a little more than 10%; with 33% leaving by Year 3 and 46% by Year 5. In addition, around 15% of U.S. teachers overall leave the profession each year. (Is There Really a Teacher Shortage, Ingersoll, 2003, p. 14)

Schools that have depended on a core of veteran teachers are seeing those teachers retire. As much is expected of a new teacher on the first day of school as is expected of a 30-year veteran. Teachers supporting teachers is crucial. Of the first year teachers assigned a mentor in 2007 – 2008, around 8% left the profession in 2008 – 2009. Of the first year teachers not assigned a mentor in the same years, about 16% were not teaching in 2008-2009 and about 23% were no longer teaching in 2009 – 2010. (Beginning Teacher Attrition and Mobility, Institute of Education Science, 2011, p. 3)

We truly can make a difference with our support. SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in support of early-career educators.

Info from DKG International website: <u>https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ProgramsProjects/Supporting_Early-</u> <u>career_Educators/DKGMember/Support_for_Early_Career_Educators.aspx?hkey=8067ff62-1183-4c31-a2f8-</u> <u>12df06b35209</u>

Delta Omicron's The 4:15* Five-Star-Award/Seal-of-Merit Newsletter

To submit news, contact Marylin Nease, editor

neasem@sbcglobal.net

Why is *The 4:15* the title for our chapter's newsletter?

- * *Delta* is the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet, and *Omicron* is the fifteenth letter.
- * Also, on a good day, 4:15 is the time we leave school.
- * Best of all, on a really good day, 4:15 is the time we head to a Delta Omicron meeting! ③

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