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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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President's Message

By Lou McMillan, 2018-2020 Chapter President



Welcome, 2019, and Delta Omicron's many exciting adventures and marvelous activities!

First, I want to thank **Kathy Rodriguez** for hosting such a fun and delightful Christmas brunch at her home this past month. Kathy, your home is gorgeous, and your holiday decorations added so much to the holiday spirit!

Thank you to all who provided such delicious dishes, and to Kathy's sweet husband for that huge, outstanding poinsettia!

I hope you had a blessed and fun holiday season and are ready for a new year of meaningful gatherings and programs!

One important event I hope you will attend is the Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) luncheon held on Saturday, April 6, at Lakewood Country Club. Our **Jean Wallace** will receive her 50-year pin! I hope we all can be there to share this exciting time with Jean.

Also, our next meeting will be Monday, January 14, *not* the third Monday, which is a holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. VP of Programs and Projects **Katherine Grogan's** program is "Living Heart Healthy," plus, sharing our 2019 resolutions. Please, check the hostess list for your name.

Looking forward to seeing each one of you!
Blessings and best wishes to you in 2019! ♦

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Chapter Meeting News

Monday, January 14, 2019

Time and Agenda:

4:30 p.m. - Fellowship and Food

5:00 p.m. - Program



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



January hostesses: [redacted]
**Mary Gill, Elyse Griffin,
Katherine Grogan, [redacted]
Katrina Hallman, Barbara Harris,
Janet Hogg, Mary Carol Hughes**

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: **Marilyn 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



● 2018-2019 Meetings and Programs

Monday, September 17, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPIISD, 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., HPIISD, 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., HPIISD, 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., HPIISD, 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., HPIISD, 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., HPIISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Marilyn 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., HPIISD, 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)

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

▶ 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

Melanie Rudebeck, Membership VP

● 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 ♦

**Recording Secretary's Report
Minutes, October 15, 2018**

By Katrina Hallman



Welcome and Opening:

The Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on October 15, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship and refreshments and at 5:00 p.m. for the business meeting and program. Attendees met in the Assembly Room at Highland Park ISD's McCulloch

Intermediate School.

President **Lou McMillan** called the meeting to order and welcomed 21 members and four guests (Cordelia Venechanos and three CABI personnel).

Lou thanked the Social Arrangements Committee co-chairs **Kathy Rodriguez** and **Elenora Asbury** and chapter members who brought refreshments.

Lou also thanked members who donated Halloween gifts to New Friends New Life, an organization assisting women and girls escaping human trafficking.

Professional and Personal Enrichment Committee chair **Margaret Thompson** delivered the inspiration.

Business Meeting:

Legislative Committee chair [REDACTED] gave an update on the November midterm election.

Members approved the September minutes as printed in the October newsletter.

Mary Gill, past treasurer, gave the treasurer's report for Treasurer **Leesa Cole**, who was out of town. Dues are due in the form of a \$100 check made out to Delta Omicron. Or, members may also pay \$50 now and \$50 next month (November 12). Reservations for November's Induction Dinner can be arranged with **Marta Finlay** or **Mary Gill** with a check made out to Delta Omicron for \$25.00.

Program:

Program/Projects Committee chair **Katherine Grogan** introduced the program, "Rev Up for the Holidays!" She shared fall-season goody bags with members, and three CABI representatives presented a "show and tell" about fall-season fashions. Members **Maureen Baker**, **Katrina Hallman**, **Lou McMillan**, and **Marylin Nease** modeled selected items from the clothing line.

Closing:

Members sang "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song" to end the meeting. ♦

Treasurer's Report

By Leesa Cole, Treasurer



The checking account balance as of January 4, 2019, was \$3,859.18.

Expenses include budgeted annual contributions to the following: TSO Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund, ASTEF Funds (Scholarship, Leadership, Projects) and International Funds (Emergency, Golden Gift, Speakers, World Fellowship, Educational Foundation) and a contribution to ASTEF in memory of **Mary Gill's** father.

Upcoming expenses will include a contribution to the US Fund for UNICEF (Schools for Africa), an International project.

Our chapter's annual December project is to contribute to a monetary gift for the Denton State Supported Living Center. Members contributed \$175.00 at our December holiday brunch. Thank you to the members who gave to our chapter contribution and to those who made a personal donation to DSSLC.

Constitutional changes at the last International convention brought about a number of changes—one of which is the timing of dues payments. In order to align dues collection to the Society's fiscal year, July 1-June 30, chapters will begin collecting dues for the 2019-2020 membership year this spring (March-May) instead of in the fall of 2019.

Plan to pay your \$100 active dues before the end of May. You can pay in full anytime, March through May, or you can break your payments into two or three months. Bottom line is that dues from chapter members need to be paid this spring for the next membership year.

Going forward, dues will be collected each spring. ♦

Chapter Committee News...

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Communications Committee

By Marilyn 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. ♦



Yearbook Committee

By Marilyn Nease, Chair



A December 18 email I received from Charlotte Nyman, TSO Yearbook Committee chair, read,

"Congratulations! The Texas State Yearbook Committee has awarded your chapter yearbook the Exemplary Award. Your chapter will be recognized for producing an Exemplary Award Yearbook in the

program at the Arlington Convention. Thank you for your hard work earning this honor."

This award is given when a chapter turns in its yearbook by October 31 and the yearbook scores successfully on the TSO Yearbook Committee's rubric.

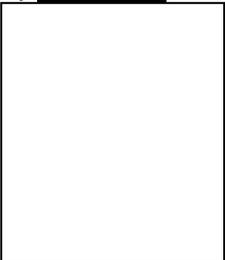
Members of Delta Omicron's Yearbook Committee are **Elenora Asbury, Dr. Elyse Griffin, and [REDACTED]**. ♦

Chapter Committee News...

SOCIETY MISSION AND PURPOSES

Legislation Committee

By [REDACTED] Chair



Hurting? Write a Letter!

We are still fighting for our pension and healthcare. Other states have started dismantling educators' pension funds in the guise of saving tax payers money.

If you're feeling financial pain (1) because you haven't received a cost-of-living increase since you

retired* and (2) because your health care costs have increased, Tim Lee has requested that you write a "personal" letter telling

the impact you're experiencing and mail it to TRTA before January 20.

These letters will be hand delivered to the legislators. Mail to TRTA, 313 E. 12th St. Ste. #200, Austin, TX 78701.

* FYI: The last COLA the Legislature approved was in 2013, and it applied only to those who retired before September 1, 2004. ♦

Chapter Committee News...

CHAPTER'S SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Social Arrangements Committee

● Hostesses for 2019 Meetings

January-[REDACTED] Mary Gill, Elyse Griffin, Katherine Grogan, [REDACTED] Katrina Hallman, Barbara Harris, Janet Hogg, Mary Carol Hughes

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, Marilyn 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, [REDACTED] 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...

Birthdays, Birthdays!



January

[REDACTED]
Sara Coleman, 9
Shirley Kochman, 23 ♦

Chapter News...

Holiday Brunch, December 15, 2018, Photo Highlights



Marylin Nease, Kathy Rodriguez, Sara Coleman



Sara Coleman, Janet Cundiff



Carolyn Power, Mary Gill, Margie Rohde



Leesa Cole



Catherine Donahue, Jaime Callahan



Barbara Clinton, Jaime Callahan

"Thank you, Kathy Rodriguez, for hosting such a fun and delightful Christmas brunch at your home. Kathy, your home is gorgeous, and your holiday decorations added so much to the holiday spirit! Thank you, also, to all who provided such delicious dishes!"

—Low McMillan



Marta
Finlay



Elenora Asbury,
Margaret Thompson



Janet Hogg,
Susan
Endicott



Carolyn Miller,
Melanie [redacted]
[redacted]
Rudebeck



[redacted]
Sherrie Negrete



Jaime Callahan,
Leesa Cole

Delta Omicron
=
"Genuine spiritual fellowship!"

Barbara
Harris



Lou McMillan,
Katherine Grogan



Katherine
Grogan



Lou McMillan, Katrina Hallman ♦



Susan Bell



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.dkgtxas.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/reseAdrvation-link.mi?id=1543262815677&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Convention info, including newsette:

<https://dkgtexasconvention2019.weebly.com/> ♦

Southwest Regional News...

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

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

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

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 ♦

International News...



Website

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
<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 ♦

DKGSI

Have you explored the DKGSI blog on our international website? You'll find informative topics, such as about internet security, as well as inspiring ones, such as **about women around the world assisted by a DKG World Fellowship**.



Shafinaz

Posted: 03 Jan 2019 01:08 PM PST

I come from Dhaka, capital city of Bangladesh where I used to live with my family, parents and sisters and was engaged as a lecturer in the department of Architecture in a private University. I grew up observing my parents' aspiration for education and their perseverance as government servants. My father retired from his service as the director of Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI) this year and my mother is engaged as an associate professor in a public medical college.... My acceptance by the DKG world fellowship program provided me with not just financial assistances but more with high hopes and confidence to dare to dream and go for it.

Click on the link below to read Shafinaz's full story.
<http://dkgsi.blogspot.com/> ♦

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