

# 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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Marylin Nease, editor

\*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!

## President's Message



Dear Delta Omicron Members,

Goodbye, February. We won't miss the ice, snow, and frigid temperatures.

Hello, March. Are you ready for spring? Daylight savings is March 13<sup>th</sup>, and the first day of spring is March 20<sup>th</sup> unless you follow the meteorological spring, which is March 1<sup>st</sup>. I love the weather getting warmer and the days getting longer. It energizes me.

Our chapter has a lot to look forward to this spring such as

- inducting five new members on March 14,
- announcing our new officers,
- enjoying the CCDC luncheon on Saturday, April 9, and
- honoring our Founders and celebrating our chapter's birthday in May.



Remember that the TSO convention is in June in Lubbock and has exciting events scheduled. See pp. 14-15 to learn more about our state convention.

*Katherine*

**Chapter Website:**

[link to chapter website](#)

Carolyn Power, Webmaster

Pres/Katherine Grogan  
 1<sup>st</sup> VPs/Elenora Asbury  
 & Kathy Rodriguez  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Margaret  
 Thompson  
 Rec Sec/Margie Rohde  
 Cor Sec/Susan Endicott  
 Treas/Leesa Cole  
 Parl/Julie Turnbow  
 Im P Pres/Lou McMillan

**Next meeting: Mon., Mar. 14, 5:00 p.m., HPPC\*, Room K and Zoom.**  
**Program:** Dallas Arboretum's spokespersons, "Blossoms from the Arboretum."  
**Also, Induction Ceremony for five new members.** (DKG Purposes 1, 2, 6, 7)  
 \*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.

**CHAPTER: MEMBERSHIP NEWS** by Margaret Thompson, Membership VP



We will induct five new members into Delta Omicron on Mar. 14. Please plan to attend and welcome  
and to our chapter!

At our February meeting, I announced my intention to update our chapter members' biographical information. Thank you to those who completed the new form during the meeting. I hope that you will click on the link, download the interactive document, complete the form, and return it to me via email. [Member Biographical Data](#). You can email me at [margaretmccthompson@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmccthompson@gmail.com) and attach your completed Biographical Form. I plan to bring forms to our meetings for members to complete if you are not be able to do this online.

It's so exciting to bring new members into our fold – remember, if you have a friend or associate you would like to introduce to Delta Kappa Gamma, please bring her to a meeting!  
See you on Mar. 14!

**TSO Membership Committee News**

Every year at the state convention, we recognize members who have been in DKG for fifty or more years. During the Birthday Luncheon, their names are called, and they receive a rose and a beautiful certificate honoring their membership. Prior to the luncheon, they enjoy a reception in their honor, where they rekindle long relationships and are introduced to younger members, who enjoy their stories about their experiences in DKG.

If you have a chapter member who will be attending the convention in Lubbock, please send her name, address, email address, chapter, and year of induction to the TSO Membership Chair, Phyllis McPherson ([phyllis.mcpherson@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.mcpherson@gmail.com)). This information is due by May 1, 2022. Confirm that the 50-year member box on the convention registration form has been marked.

These members have witnessed many changes in DKG and greatly deserve the honor of being recognized by their peers, sharing their stories, and enjoying the spotlight for their service.

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

**Shirley Kochman**, inducted in 1963

**Wanda Spoonmore**, inducted in 1964

**Janet Cundiff**, inducted in 1968

**Jean Wallace**, inducted in 1970



**L-R:** Shirley Kochman, Wanda Spoonmore, Janet Cundiff, Jean Wallace

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



**Penni Lewis shares, "When and how did I learn about DKG?"** I was introduced to DKG when I was teaching at University Park Elementary School in Highland Park ISD.

Elenora Asbury, and other outstanding teachers there talked about DKG. Invitations were secretive then. I joined at about age 35. Beyond the teachers I worked with who were in DKG, after I joined, I met older, retired teachers in DKG, and they were amazing ladies, too!

**"What keeps me coming back to DKG?"** The friendships, and the fun I have with friends at conventions! Also, I love that we support currently working teachers with outreach projects like giving books to schools. Really, I like all the community service projects that DKG does! Yes, we have a wonderful group of ladies in DKG. I'm still as impressed as I was when I first joined. So, it's the friendships and fellowships! And the learning—the new things I come away with from every meeting, every gathering!"

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**Happy March Birthdays!**

Carrie Parsons, 7  
Kay Keeland, 16  
Carolyn Power, 16



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**MEMBERS' PERSONAL NEWS**



**Margaret Thompson** reports, "We're excited that our son will be returning from \_\_\_\_\_ in June!"

"In the meantime, he and his girlfriend have decided to purchase a townhome in Washington, D.C., where he has his next assignment.

Who knows? Maybe that's where he will land on

a more permanent basis one day.

"I'm just glad we will be able to visit him in the good old USA."

**Marilyn Nease** shares, "I thank you, Delta Omicron sisters, for your thoughtfulness during the illness and death of my sister \_\_\_\_\_. My family was fortunate to have two years of at-home caregiving, phone calls, and Zooms with \_\_\_\_\_---precious times for talking and making more memories. The photo is of \_\_\_\_\_ on May 24, 2017, not long before she retired from her medical practice. This is one end of a koi pond she dug in her yard in the early 1990s. It brought her great joy through the years.

## MEMBERS' BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS



***The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate – recommended by Elenora Asbury and Marylin Nease**

Marylin reports, "I met Lisa Wingate when she spoke at our Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) luncheon in the early 2000s. She captivated me with a personal story about her first-grade teacher recognizing creativity in her and encouraging her to write. After the luncheon, I bought *Tending Roses*, Lisa's first book. I read it and loved it, and for probably 10 years I bought and read every other book of hers and shared them with my sisters, who also loved the books.

"Then, for a reason I can't recall, my reading life took a detour, and I didn't read any more of Lisa's books for maybe 10 years until Elenora recently recommended that I read *The Prayer Box*. I ordered it from the Dallas Public Library and loved it, too. Now, I'm ready to order another of Lisa Wingate's books from the library.

"Elenora also reminds us that besides inspirational fiction, Lisa Wingate also writes historical novels, such as her bestselling *Before We Were Yours*, which is based on a real-life scandal in 1939 Memphis. Thanks, Elenora!" <https://www.bookseriesinorder.com/lisa-wingate/>



Other book recommendations from **Elenora Asbury**:

"I've gotten hooked on Louise Penny's mysteries! [Louise Penny's books in order](#)

"Following are a couple of books I've enjoyed reading lately. First, *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles—a best seller based on a true story during WW II. <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/52761909-the-paris-library>

"Also, *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn—based on a true story of code breaking during WW II. This one is long, but I found it a fairly quick read because it's such a fascinating story!" <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/53914938-the-rose-code>

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## DELTA OMICRON EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES, FEB. 4, 2022



by Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary

**The Executive Board of Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, DKG Society International, met via Zoom on Feb. 4, 2022.**

**Attending were** Katherine Grogan, President; Elenora Asbury and Kathy Rodriguez, Co-Vice Presidents for Programs and Projects; Margaret Thompson, Vice President for Membership; Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary; Susan Endicott, Corresponding Secretary; Marta Finlay and Mary Gill, Finance Committee Co-Chairs; Leesa Cole, Treasurer; and Lou McMillan, Immediate Past President.

**Unable to attend were** Kay Keeland, Special Projects Committee Chair; Marylin Nease, Communications and Publicity Committee Chair; and Julie Turnbow, Parliamentarian.

Katherine Grogan **called the meeting to order** at 10:45 p. m.

Katherine announced that we can **resume meetings at Highland Park Presbyterian Church** in room K on the second floor, providing all members wear masks except when they are eating.



## PROGRAMS:

Elenora briefly **discussed the remaining programs for the coming year:**

- a.) **February 14** program will be divided between Joyanne Burger, “A Nurse’s Heart for Women’s Health,” which will include balance exercises and information on bone health; and DKG International Projects: Schools for Africa with Mary Carol Hughes and Support of Early-career Educators with Grace Delatour and Carolyn Miller.
- b.) **March 14** program will be “Blossoms for the Arboretum.” Elenora plans to contact the Arboretum to determine exactly who will be presenting. She believes that there will be a video. Katherine recommended that the speaker bring a flash drive and laptop to the meeting.
- c.) **CCDC Luncheon on April 9 replaces the April meeting.**
- d.) **May 16** program will include honoring our DKG Founders, the chapter birthday celebrations, a necrology celebration of life if needed, and an interview of a longstanding member. Members suggested members to interview. Elenora will follow up.
- e.) **Elenora plans to send a \$25 donation to Leadership Foundation.**

## MEMBERSHIP:

- a.) Margaret announced that **all members voted yes on accepting prospective members.** were unable to attend the last induction ceremony and will be inducted along with , all of whom attended the most recent orientation meeting held by Margaret. **Margaret plans to have the induction ceremony at the March 14 meeting.**
- b.) have **not yet been able to attend an orientation meeting.** Margaret will check with them to see if they might be able to attend an orientation in February.
- c.) Margaret will be **taking orders for name badges** for any members who do not have them at the **February 14 meeting.** She will also be ordering name badges for the members to be inducted.
- d.) **Margaret needs updated biographical information on members.** She will send out an email, perhaps in March with a fillable form attached to all members. Leesa Cole stated that the longer form of the two that Margaret has would be best as it has space to include any higher offices, such as state positions.
- e.) **Katherine will contact Ceremonies Committee to get them working on induction ceremony.**

## FINANCE:

- a.) **Marta discussed plans to remind members to pay their dues,** starting in April. Marta stated that she usually sends an email, then calls, and finally Katherine sends a letter. She stated that international also sends reminders. Members can sometimes get annoyed with all the reminders, and in that case, Marta leaves them alone.
- b.) **Members who don’t pay their dues by October 1 will be dropped** from roll. Margaret offered to help with the calling.
- c.) **The calling committee** will be Marta, Mary Gill, Leesa Cole, Katherine Grogan, and Margaret.

## TREASURER:

- a.) **The current bank balance is \$3,932. Leesa will send a report to Marta and Mary.**
- b.) **Scholarship Committee report:** Several scholarships are available.
  - 1.) **A scholarship for \$100 from the chapter is available to any member who plans to attend a class or conference.** Leesa will send executive board the application, which is due April 1.

- 2.) **A grant-in-aid of \$250 is available to a current teacher who is a nonmember and is working on her Master's degree.** Leesa will send the executive board the application, which is due April 1.
- 3.) **Cora McFarland scholarship is available for members who are working on advanced degrees.** Application was sent out by Marylin Nease along with the newsletter. Deadline is March 1.
- 4.) **ASTEF also has scholarship for undergraduate nonmembers** who must be sponsored by a member.

#### **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:**

- a.) Lou announced that **Melanie Rudebeck and Kay Keeland** have agreed to share the office of **President**.
- b.) **Margie Rohde** has agreed to serve two more years as **Recording Secretary**.
- c.) **Margaret Thompson** offered to continue two more years as **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Membership**.
- d.) Lou may send an email to all members encouraging them to think about what positions and committees they might be willing to serve on. This could be done before the February 14 meeting. Lou will have forms and an iPad available at the meeting.

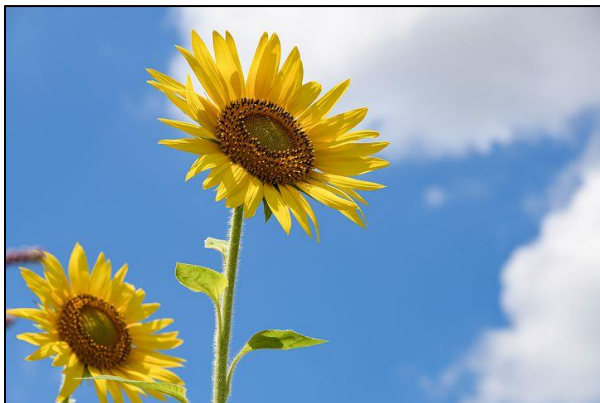
**COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICITY:** There was **no report**, as Marylin was not present.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:** There was **no report**, as Kay was not present. Margie mentioned that she has four books for the West Dallas Community School. She will bring them to the February 14 meeting and give them to Kay.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Katherine discussed the CCDC Luncheon scheduled for April 9.

- a.) **Katherine has volunteered our chapter as greeters.** Members need to sign up and be at Prestonwood Country Club at 9:15 a.m.
- b.) **A silent auction** will be available.
- c.) **TSO President Shalan Inmon will be the speaker.**
- d.) **Cost is \$33.00.**
- e.) There will be a **harpist** but no other entertainment.
- f.) **Leesa is taking checks** for the luncheon.
- g.) Leesa will try to find out who Margie should contact regarding her **diet restrictions**.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 11:39.



*Margie Rohde*  
Recording Secretary

## DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES, FEB. 14, 2022



by Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary

**Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, Texas State Organization, DKG International, met on Mon., Feb. 14, 2022, in room K at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.**

**Attending were 21 members:** Elenora Asbury, Delores Bates, Joyanne Burger, Leesa Cole, Grace Delatour, Cindy Dominguez, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Mary Carol Hughes, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Melanie Rudebeck, Marilyn Smith,

Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, and

**Two guests attended:** and Cordelia Venechanos. works as a teacher at Richardson ISD's Environmental Center with Penni Lewis and has also worked both as a preschool teacher and administrator in the past. Cordelia has visited before and is the twin sister of Joyanne Burger. Cordelia came to help her sister with her presentation.

### OPENING:

Katherine Grogan called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

**Wanda Spoonmore**, Personal and Professional Enrichment, gave the **inspiration on love. She quoted several famous people.** Wanda imagined **Robert Browning** saying to his wife one night, "Blow out the candle, and quit counting so I can get some sleep!" **Martin Luther King** often stated, "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." **Mahatma Gandhi** said, "Where there is love, there is life." **Plato** stated, "He whom love touches not, walks in darkness."

**Elenora Asbury**, Co-Vice President for Programs and Projects, **presented Katherine Grogan with flowers in appreciation for all she has done the past two years** for Delta Omicron.

### PROGRAM:

**Elenora Asbury**, Co-Vice President for Programs and Projects, **introduced Joyanne Burger and her program, A Nurse's Heart for Women's Health.**

Joyanne stated that she is a **big believer in natural medicines as much as possible over prescriptions.** She shared that she has seen a big change in her younger sister, who has developmental disabilities and is in a group home, since Joyanne started taking her to a physician specializing in natural remedies. Joy likes **which often has classes on various health topics.** She also likes a **Saturday show called** and a Christian **show called** run by

She **demonstrated several exercises that are good for bone health.** One exercise involved marching with a large ball. demonstrated another way to use the large ball by putting the ball between one and the wall and then squatting down so one's thighs are at a 90-degree angle with one's hips. Joy demonstrated the use of a kettle ball while squatting, too. These exercises are also good for balance. Lunging is a good exercise to strengthen one's bones. **The most important point is to do whatever exercise a woman will do regularly.** Members shared various exercise regimens they use.

## REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

- (1.) **The minutes were approved** as amended and printed in the newsletter.
- (2.) **Katherine shared illness and concerns about members.**

Marylin Nease's sister died.

Susan Endicott was not present, but Katherine will share these concerns with her so she can send cards to members.

- (3.) Katherine stated that the **Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) Luncheon will be April 9.** It will be held **at Prestonwood Country Club**, a new location. **Members need to pay for the luncheon by March 8.** Leesa is taking checks for the luncheon. Katherine volunteered **our chapter to work as greeters** and needs volunteers. Katherine mentioned that there will be a **silent auction** and suggested that members could **donate gift cards to put in the chapter's basket to be auctioned.**
- (4.) **Margaret Thompson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Membership, **stated that five new members will be inducted in March.** She is also **ordering name badges** for anyone who wants one. The chapter pays for name badges for the new members, but existing members must pay \$15.

Margaret plans to **update biographical information on every member** and put the information in a notebook. She suggested that the chapter update member information every few years. She handed out sheets to some members and plans to email more copies to members.

- (5.) **Lou McMillan**, Nominations Committee Chair, **reported Leesa Cole has agreed to continue as Treasurer (an appointed position) while Kay Keeland and Melanie Rudebeck are nominees for the position of president for the next two years.** She encouraged members to think about what positions they might be willing to accept either as an officer or as a committee chair. Every member must accept a placement on a committee. The Nominations Committee consists of Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Melanie Rudebeck, and Wanda Spoonmore.
- (6.) **Leesa Cole**, Treasurer and Scholarship Committee Chair, briefly **gave a treasurer's report.** The **bank balance is slightly over \$3,900, and the full report can be read in the newsletter, p. 14.** She also **encouraged members to read closely the information on p. 11 of the newsletter about scholarship options.** The Cora McFarland scholarship has a March 1 deadline, while two local chapter options, one a scholarship and the other a grant-in-aid, have April 1 deadlines. Leesa **encouraged members to make donations to ASTEF this month.** Members can donate in honor of someone who has been important in their life, and the people honored will be posted at the convention in Lubbock in June.
- (7.) **Marta Finlay and Mary Gill**, Finance Committee Co-Chairs, **reminded members that dues should be paid by May.** Leesa stated that she is willing to take one check for both membership and the CCDC Luncheon. The finance committee will begin phone calls in May to members who have not paid by that time.
- (8.) **Grace Delatour and Carolyn Miller**, Past Chapter Presidents, **presented a report on DKG International's project Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE),** which began in 2012. They shared that **10% of teachers leave after 1 year, 33% after 3 years, and 46% after 5 years, so support of early-career educators is much needed.** While many teachers leave because of a move or for family and personal reasons, **50% of educators polled stated that they want more independence in doing their job.** **Grace and Carolyn also shared what schools the chapter has helped in the recent past.** For three years, the chapter used ASTEF grants to obtain equipment for the **Hillier School**, held teacher luncheons, and tutored after school. Last year,



the chapter supported **Vogel Alcove**, and this year members are supporting **West Dallas Community School**.

- (9.) **Mary Carol Hughes**, Global Awareness Committee member, presented a report on **DKG International's project Schools for Africa (SFA)**. **The goals are to provide funds for quality education for girls, orphans, and other vulnerable children in sub-Saharan Africa** and for building and supplying schools with equipment like desks and books. SFA also helps with sanitation, educates about hygiene, and trains teachers. **Members can donate by writing a check to UNICEF**, which has longstanding relationships with officials and organizations in Africa. Mary Carol mentioned that Audrey Hepburn was a longtime UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador working in Africa. DKG members have donated \$445,000 since 2010, when SFA began. ***The Girl with a Louding Voice*, written by a Nigerian author, is an excellent book to read to get a greater picture about the needs in Africa.**
- (10.) \_\_\_\_\_ Legislation Committee Chair, was not present but **sent the message via Katherine that everyone should vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Door prizes** were won by Delores Bates, Mary Gill, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Members sang the **DKG song**. Katherine **adjourned** the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

*Margie Rohde*  
Recording Secretary

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**TREASURER'S REPORT for Jan. 2022**

*by Leesa Cole, Treasurer*



**Bank balance reconciled 2/27/22: \$4,579.37**

**Income Feb. 2022**

Budgeted: Dues for 2022-23 (8 paid)

In and Out: SfA contribution (1 member) & CCDC reservations (7 paid)

**Expenses Feb. 2022**

Budgeted: none

In and Out: SfA contribution

**Anticipated income Mar.**

Budgeted: Membership Dues for 2022-23

In and Out: CCDC luncheon reservations

**Anticipated expense Mar.**

Budgeted: none

In and Out: CCDC luncheon reservations

**Finance Notes:**

Dues collection begins in Mar. 2022 for the 2022-23 membership year.

Final payment due May 30, 2022  
\$100 active / \$50 reserve  
Checks made to: Delta Omicron  
Mail to: Leesa Cole 4123 Seabury Drive Dallas 75287  
Venmo to: @DeltaOmicronTX-Treas

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*Marta Finlay, Co-chair*



The Finance Committee would like to **thank everyone who paid their dues at the February meeting!**

Here are **ways you can pay**

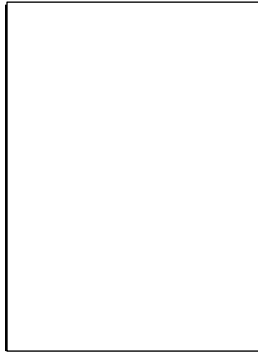
your 2022-2023 dues:

**Write a check\*** made out to Delta Omicron and mail to  
Leesa Cole  
4123 Seabury Drive  
Dallas, TX 75287

**Or send via Venmo** to DeltaOmicronTX-Treasurer  
\*Active Members \$100



**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**, by Chair



**TRTA'S GOALS, MEMBERS' ROLES**

**The Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA)** works closely with the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress to preserve and maintain the Texas Retirement System (TRS) pension fund and TRS-Care insurance plan for all Texas educators.

**Preserve TRS Texas Traditional Defined Benefit Retirement Plan.**

Approximately 95 percent of public-school employees do not participate in Social Security. This saves taxpayers billions of dollars, but also raises the stakes when ensuring the TRS traditional defined benefit is strong and viable for future retirees.

**Fund TRS Pension Trust**, which will ensure the long-term solvency of TRS. TRTA members urge the 88th Texas Legislature to continue the plan by introducing and adopting a state budget that funds the contribution rates of 8.25 percent for the state and active educators and 1.9 percent for school districts by 2024.

**TRTA urges the enactment of a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)** for TRS retirees as an emergency item in the coming session.

**Protect TRS-Care for the future.** TRTA thinks the best solution for this issue is to design and implement a long-term plan that continuously reviews health care costs and associated state funding and compares them to the actual costs of health care.

**Stay in contact with your legislators and congressmen.**

Source: "TRTA Policy Recommendations for TRS Texas Primary Election 2022: TRTA Members Get Ready!" (Voice, Jan. 12, 2022, TRTA Priorities Document)



**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**, by Leesa Cole, member

Members will vote on the nominees for our 2022-24 Executive Board at the Mar. 14 chapter meeting.

**Note:** We must have a minimum of 20 members present to vote.

**SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE**, by Leesa Cole, Chair

Applications for our chapter scholarship and grant-in-aid are **due 4/1/22** to Leesa Cole.

- \$100 scholarship to a member
- \$250 grant-in-aid to a non-member

Contact Leesa if you need an application and more information.

[LG.COLE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LG.COLE@GMAIL.COM)

Refer to the email sent on Feb. 20 regarding upcoming chapter deadlines.



**COORDINATING COUNCIL OF DALLAS COUNTY**

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Coordinating Council of Dallas County**

*Spring Luncheon  
Save the Date*

**Saturday April 9, 2022, at 10:00 am  
Prestonwood Country Club  
15909 Preston Rd, Dallas, TX 75248**



**JOURNEY: Which way will you go?**

**Menu:** Dinner Salad, Buttermilk Crusted Chicken Breast with Country Gravy,  
Seasonal Vegetables and Mashed Potatoes,  
Served with Rolls and Butter, and Tea, Coffee, and/or Water,  
and a Beautiful Cookie for Dessert

**Cost: \$33.00**

Please join us as we celebrate DKG educators across Dallas County.

**CCDC luncheon reservation of \$33.00 is due to Leesa by Mar. 8. (If you're not sure your mail will arrive in Leesa's mailbox by Mar. 8, call her before Mar. 8 to let her know when you mailed your check. 972-816-5989)**

Checks made to: Delta Omicron  
Mail to: Leesa Cole 4123 Seabury Drive Dallas 75287  
Venmo to: @DeltaOmicronTX-Treas

**If you want, you can combine your dues (\$100) and your luncheon reservation (\$33) into one check written to Delta Omicron for \$133.**

## AREA 9



### 2021-23 Area 9 Coordinator, Liz Garrett

→ Area 9 has **24 chapters in six North Texas counties**—Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Grayson, Kaufman, and Rockwall.

→ **Save the date: Sat., Sept. 10, 2022, Area 9 Workshop.** This workshop is our opportunity for orientation as incoming officers and committee members for the 2022-24 biennium. Plus, we'll enjoy fellowship with other Area 9 chapters!

→ **An excerpt from Liz's Feb. AC newsletter:**

As I visit chapters, I often see a great deal of caring and giving. This past month, I saw many opportunities for sharing, giving, and remembering.

- Kappa Upsilon remembered two of their charter members, Jerrie Simmons and Mary Morriss, with a very special "White Rose Ceremony."
- Gamma Beta is collecting for a local homeless shelter.
- Zeta Theta is preparing for their grant-in-aid recipients. Chapter members were also giving each other special tokens and cards of appreciation.
- Theta Alpha held a "Tea" for its members, complete with china tea cups and English scones.
- Nu Gamma collected special gifts for active members and for members on reserve membership and then delivered them.
- Then, there were all of you: each of you doing something special for each other!

One of the things I enjoy most about my role is observing the "sisterhood," the caring for each other. ***This sisterhood is what draws members and keeps members.***



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### → TSO Newsletter

**From AC9's Liz Garrett's Feb. 2022 Navigator newsletter:** "If you have not taken time to read the last *Lone Star News*, then you have missed a treat! The *LSN* is filled with all kinds of information regarding the upcoming TSO convention in Lubbock.

"However, there is also information regarding the organization of DKG written by our state president, Shalan Inmon, who does an outstanding job of sharing about our organization. In fact, this one-page article should be shared with your chapter members. Not all chapter members read the *LSN*, nor do all chapter members understand the organization of DKG, our governing documents, and the responsibilities of both DKG International and TSO." **Click on the link [Lone Star News - Winter Edition, 2021](#) See page 2.**





→ **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.



→ **Delta Omicron Members Currently Serving in TSO Roles**

(1) **Leesa Cole**, continuing as **TSO Executive Secretary** (began July 2020)

(2) **Katherine Grogan**, Area 9 member of **TSO Archives Committee, 2021-23**

(3) **Kay Keeland**, Area 9 member of **TSO Programs and Service Projects Committee, 2021-23**

(4) **Marylin Nease**, Area 9 member of **TSO Membership Committee, 2021-23**

→ **The Next TSO Convention—Save the Dates!**

**Lubbock, June 15-18, 2022**

Convention information is now available on the [2022 Lubbock Convention](#) web page. Check back often for new updates on special events.

**Unifying Project** (Chapters all across Texas *unify* in supporting a service project in the convention site's community/area. For the 2022 Texas State Convention, our Unifying Project is **Shelby's Bridge in Sudan, TX, which is 50 miles northwest of Lubbock.**)

Gift shop, thrift store, café, floral shop, training facility...**that's Shelby's Bridge!** Teens and adults with learning disabilities are crossing the bridge into living more independent lives in the future. Friends at this unique place learn skills needed to work successfully in various arenas of employment. **Check out the work being done there by visiting Shelby's Bridge on Facebook or going to the website ([www.shelbysbridge.org](http://www.shelbysbridge.org))** and you'll be glad you can be part of the work.



Gift cards brought to the Lubbock Convention will help in accomplishing their goals.

- **Hobby Lobby**
- **JoAnn's** and **Michael's cards** can purchase materials for projects.
- **Mastercard** and **Visa cards** can be used for a large variety of needs.
- **United, Albertson's, and H-E-B cards** can help in purchasing items for the café.
- **Costco and Sam's cards** will provide for the café needs and general supplies.
- **Walmart, Target, and other cards** are invaluable in providing for Bridge & friends' needs.
- **Cards for Stripes and Allsup's** will purchase gas for transportation and delivery.

**Bring a gift card...or several...to have a part in the work of Shelby's Bridge.**

For questions about this project, contact [Virginia Bowers](#), Lubbock Convention Steering Committee.

Have you reserved your hotel room? [2022 Convention Hotel Reservation Link](#)

[Visual Arts Display Application Form](#) available for download for Lubbock Convention. Completed form is due Apr. 16, 2022.

[2022 Convention Program Advertisement Form](#)

[2022 Convention Vendor Application Form](#)

### →2023 STAR (Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat): Registration Open

Registration for the STAR event is now open and can be accessed at [this link](#). Mark your calendar for Jan. 13-15, 2023 at Camp Allen. The registration link is also located on the [Women in Arts Committee](#) page.

### →5th Annual ASTEF Weekender –

**Tyler, Texas, Rose Capital of America, Apr. 22, 23, and 24, 2022**

For more information about this Weekender [click here](#)

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