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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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Marylin Nease, editor



President's Message

Dear "Sisters" in DKG,

Can you believe it's almost spring? My, how time flies!

Speaking of spring, we have some exciting programs for our remaining meetings!

This month on March 16, **Katherine Grogan** (our current vice president for programs and projects and our soon-to-be president) has arranged a fun outing to Talbots for a delightful spring style show and some fun shopping for those interested—plus, a Week of Caring project.

A lovely and exciting CCDC luncheon is coming up on April 4 at Lakewood Country Club.

And, we will wrap up our year on May 18 with **Marylin Nease** interviewing 45-year member **Carolyn Miller**, with a ceremony honoring our Founders, and with a ceremony installing our 2020-2022 officers. Sounds like an informative and fun way to end our year!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at each event!

Your grateful "sister" in DKG,

Low McMillan



What to Bring:

- ✓ Prospective member or name and contact info
- ✓ Box Tops for Education (for Hillier)
- ✓ Your \$35 for the CCDC spring luncheon & your idea for the Friend of Education honor. See p. 17.
- ✓ Your \$100 dues for 2020-2021. See pp. 10-11.
- ✓ Your DO+BO+ for Week of Caring. See p. 2.

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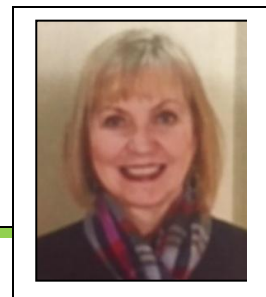


Monday, March 16, 2020

4:00-4:30 p.m. – Fellowship, Food (Provided by Talbots), Shopping for spring

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

- 1. Welcome** to Talbots Spring Fashion Show
Lou McMillan/Katherine Grogan
- 2. TSO's Week of Caring:** for Delta Omicron's project, see box below.
- 3. Program:** Talbots Spring Fashion Show, featuring chapter members as models
- 4. Adjournment to shop for spring!**



Programs/Projects Chair **Katherine Grogan** urges,

(1) "Get ready for spring!"

"The program for our March meeting is a Talbots fashion show. Talbots will provide our refreshments and door prizes!

"Location: 1900 Preston Road, Plano. SE corner of Park Boulevard and Preston Road. Phone 972-867-5440."

(2) "**During TSO's Week of Caring** in Feb/Mar, chapters statewide develop service projects in their local communities. You've heard of BOGO? For our Week of Caring project, let's all check our closets and **DO+BO+**; that is, let's all sack up one or more items to donate to New Beginning or The Family Place, and then buy one or more items at our Talbots Spring Fashion Show—if we see something we just have to have. :)

2019-2020 Meetings and Programs

NOTE: Mar. 16 meeting is at Talbots, Plano. Address: 1900 Preston Rd, Plano (SE corner of Park Blvd and Preston Rd)

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. [REDACTED] "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. [REDACTED] "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." **ASTEFGiving Month.** (1, 6)

Monday, March 16, 2020, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Talbots, 1900 Preston Road, Plano. "Spring Fashion Show." **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



For Melanie Rudebeck

Hello, Delta Omicron Friends,

Q – What's DKG's newest membership category?

A – Collegiate Member

Criteria for membership? Undergraduate or graduate students who fit one of the following:

- Undergraduates enrolled in an institution offering an education degree and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education.
- Must be enrolled within the last two years of their undergraduate education degree (documentation should show this).
- Graduate student collegiate members shall have graduate standing in an institution offering an education degree and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education.

How does collegiate membership work?

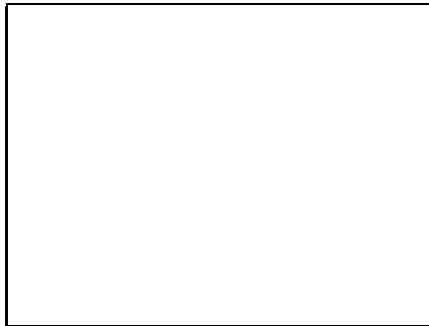
- Collegiate members will participate in activities of the chapter but are not allowed to hold an office.
- Collegiate members' years of membership will count toward eligibility for TSO Scholarships.

Info source:
<https://www.dkgtextas.org/uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/membership.collegiate.membership.pdf>

Melanie Rudebeck
Membership Vice President

Recording Secretary's Report

By [REDACTED]



Minutes, February 17, 2020, Chapter Meeting

The Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Northway Christian Church in room F103 on Monday, February 17, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. for fellowship and food and at 4:30 p.m. for the meeting and program.

Attendance: 32

31 Members—Sherri Allinder, Elenora Asbury, Maureen Baker, Delores Bates, Leesa Cole, Gerry Dalby, Grace Delatour, Cindy Dominguez, Susan Endicott, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Vicky

Hamilton, Janet Hogg, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Katy Kunofsky, Marilyn Lamb, Liza Leggett, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Mary Louise Milliorn, Marilyn Nease, Becky Quigley, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Marilyn Smith, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, Linda Tokoly, Jean Wallace

1 Guest—Rose-Mary Rumbley



Welcome:

Lou McMillan, president, greeted all members and our guest.





Inspiration: **Maureen Baker**, professional development and personal enrichment committee, gave the inspiration. Maureen discussed how we collect things, such as dreams, faith in God, and treasured friends and family.

Approval of November Minutes:

Members approved the January 2020 meeting minutes as printed in the February 2020 newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: **Leesa Cole**, treasurer

- Deadline to pay **DKG dues** is May 2020. As of spring 2019, membership dues must be paid annually to International and TSO no later than June 30. Active members' dues are \$100 annually. Dues can be given to **Leesa Cole** at the March or May meetings or can be mailed to her home address listed in our chapter yearbook. Members may pay in installments, or pay the full amount by May.
- **Upcoming spring expenses** include room expense to Northway Christian Church, CCDC luncheon, dues and fees for 2020-2021, convention travel reimbursement, chapter scholarship and grant-in-aid award.



- **Anticipated income:** CCDC luncheon reservations, dues for 2020-2021.

New Business:

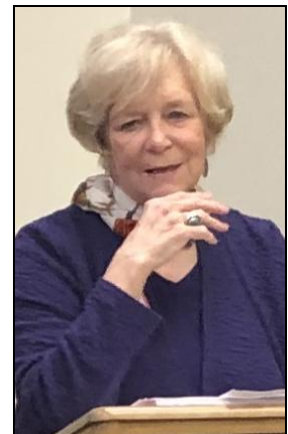


(1) Marylin Nease, Area 9 Coordinator for Texas State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, stated that there are 25 chapters in Area 9 and that Area 9 has produced 7 state presidents. They are the following:

- 1 - Sarah Tobolowsky, Epsilon, Delta Tau, 1963-1965
- 2 - Bettye Mischen, Iota Omega, Gamma Beta, 1983-1985
- 3 - Dr. Aleene Van de Grift, Delta Tau, 1989-1991
- 4 - Ruth Johnson, Epsilon, 1991-1993
- 5 - Sheryl Minick, Iota Nu, 2001-2003
- 6 - JoAnn Brooks, Iota Omega, 2007-2009
- 7 - Patti Belknap, Theta Alpha, 2019-2021

Marylin also shared info about five **coming opportunities for DKG fellowship and fun:**

- **Saturday, March 28**, reception honoring our state president, Patti Belknap, at Northway Christian Church from 2:00-4:00. The presidents of the 25 chapters in Area 9 will host the reception. Area 9 has 6 counties—Dallas, Collin, Grayson, Rockwall, Kaufman, and Ellis counties. The reception is funded by the 25 chapters, and the headcount deadline is February 29.
- **Carolyn Miller**, Delta Omicron member and Coordinating Council of Dallas County chair, told about the second opportunity: **Saturday, April 4** - CCDC Luncheon. Carolyn is leading the planning of the luncheon. There is a \$35 reservation, due by March 16 to treasurer **Leesa Cole**. The luncheon will be



at the Lakewood Country Club from 9:30-12:00. **Lou McMillan**, president of Delta Omicron, will give the Invocation. The menu will include Mozzarella and Tomato Salad, Chicken Parmesan with Angel Hair Pasta, and Tiramisu.

- **Wednesday-Friday, June 17-19** - State Convention, McAllen (\$50 registration by May 15; \$75 after).
- **Tuesday-Saturday, July 7-11** - International Convention in Philadelphia (\$180 registration before March 6; \$200 March 7-June 8; \$300 after June 8)
- **Saturday, September 19** - Area 9 Workshop (\$15 registration by May 31; \$20 registration June 1-September 19). Will be held at Region 10 in Richardson located on Spring Valley just east of I-75.



(2) Nomination Committee -

Nominations Committee member **Kay Keeland** presented the 2020-2022 slate of officers.

Lou McMillan, president, led members in voting for each nominee. Members voted their approval of each.

President: **Katherine Grogan**

Co- Vice Presidents, Programs and Projects: **Elenora Asbury, Kathy Rodriguez**

Co-Vice Presidents, Membership: **Meghann Singletary, Margaret Thompson**

Recording Secretary: **Margie Rohde**

Corresponding Secretary: **Susan Endicott**

Program:



Rose-Mary Rumbley presented the program.

She has accomplished many things during her life. She is a teacher, speaker, book reviewer, author, and actress. Rose-Mary has received several degrees: Bachelor, Master, and PhD, all from the University of North Texas. She has lived in Dallas all of her life and graduated from North Dallas High School.

Rose-Mary has taught drama and theatre at Primrose Academy for 16 years. This school is very prestigious, and the parents have to be involved in the school for their children to be admitted.

Students are very smart and are tested as part of the requirements for entrance into the school. Low income students may apply for scholarships. Primrose is a K-8 school, and many students go on to many private schools, such as Jesuit and Saint Mark's. Rose-Mary is still teaching drama and theater on Tuesdays at the West Dallas community school.

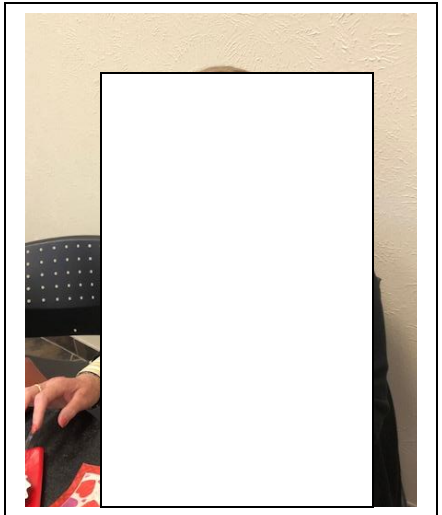
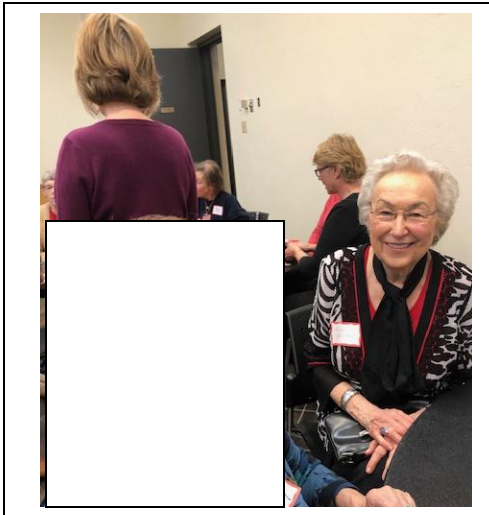
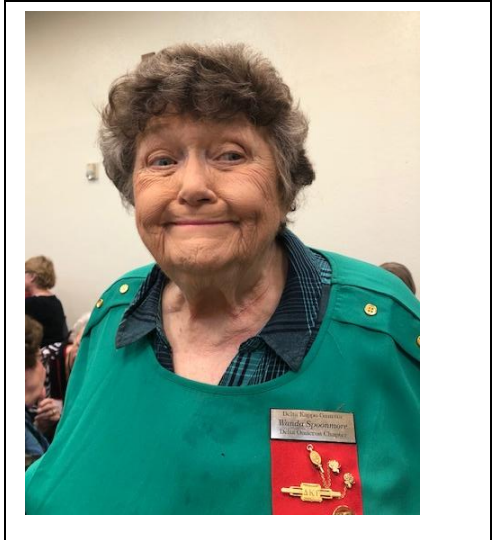
Weaving together many topics, Rose-Mary discussed [REDACTED]. In this book [REDACTED] explores the four commitments that define a life of meaning and purpose: to a spouse and family, to a vocation, to a philosophy or faith, and to a community. Rose-Mary related several things that occur in the Bible as they relate to people's lives and happenings in today's world. In short, this book is meant to help us all lead meaningful lives.

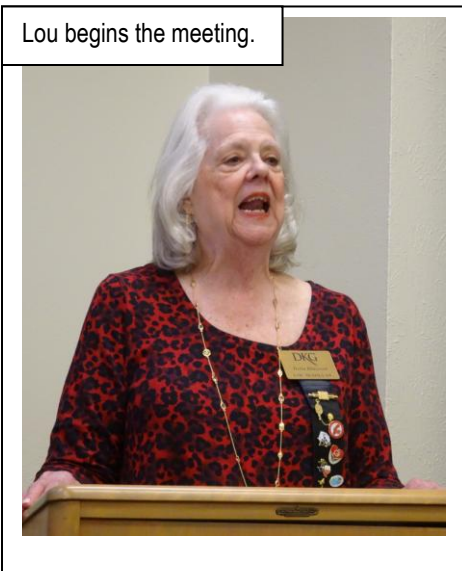
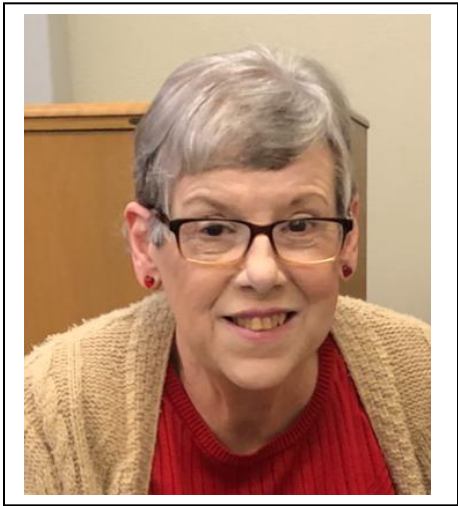
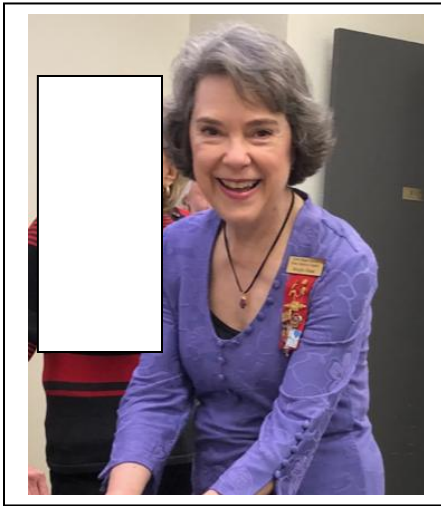
Closing: Members sang "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song," and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Photo Highlights, Chapter Meeting, February 17, 2020



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

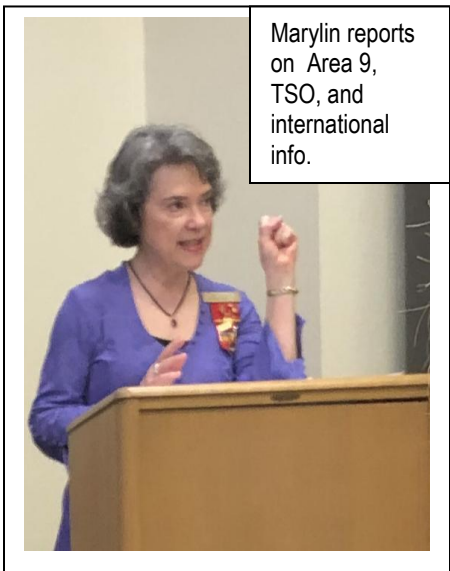




Lou begins the meeting.

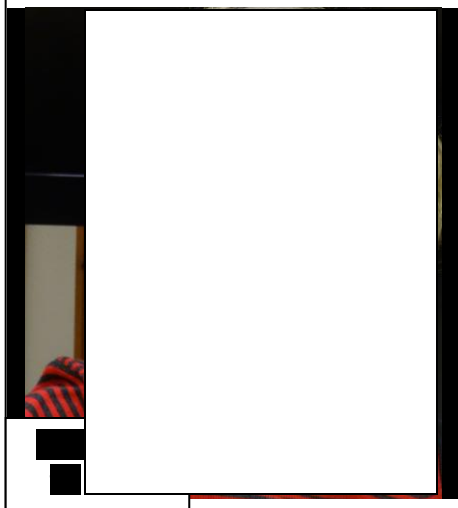


Maureen shares an inspiration.



Marilyn reports on Area 9, TSO, and international info.

Carolyn shares CCDC info.



Leesa gives the treasurer's report.



Kay makes the Nominations Committee report.

Lou introduces our next president, Katherine.



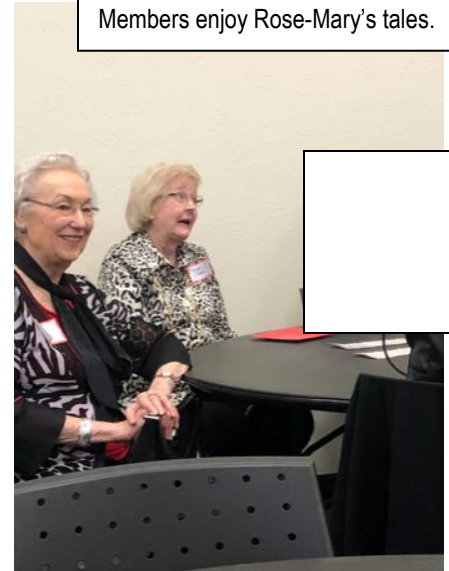
Katherine introduces the program.



Program presenter Rose-Mary Rumbley



Members enjoy Rose-Mary's tales.



Treasurer's Report



By Leesa Cole, Treasurer

Special FYI update: Our chapter bank account is also serving as the Area 9 bank account with Deborah Thomas (Mu Omicron member and TSO executive assistant) as treasurer. Area 9 business involving funds includes two events: the March 28 reception for Patti Belknap, TSO president, and the September 19 Area 9 workshop.

Checking account balance as of 2/29/2020 was \$3,920.98.

- \$1,100.00 is dues income for next year's budget
- \$100 is Area 9 income for Patti Belknap's reception
- \$2,720.98 is chapter money for the remainder of the 2019-20 budget

Chapter expenses since the last report:

- budgeted reimbursements for postage and meeting room expense
- reserved CCDC brunch for 14 paid members

Area 9 Expenses: meeting room expense

Income since the last report:

- dues for 2020-2021
- CCDC luncheon reservations
- Area 9 chapter contributions

Upcoming expenses include:

- CCDC luncheon reservations
- dues and fees for 2020-2021
- convention travel reimbursements
- chapter scholarship and grant-in-aid award
- Area 9 workshop expenses

Anticipated income:

- CCDC luncheon reservations
- dues for 2020-2021
- Area 9 contributions for the March 28 reception and the September 19 area workshop



CCDC LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: MARCH 16

Please pay \$35.00 to Leesa Cole at the March meeting, or mail a check to her home address listed in the yearbook. **Payment must be received by March 16** in order to meet the CCDC deadline to place a reservation. Delta Omicron has 14 members attending the luncheon so far.

DUES COLLECTION FOR 2020-2021 IS UNDERWAY!

PLEASE PAY AT THE MARCH OR MAY MEETING

DEADLINE: MAY 18, 2020

Many thanks to the 11 of our 65 Delta Omicron members who have already paid dues for 2020-2021 membership. Dues will be collected March-May 2020. As of the spring of 2019, chapters must pay membership dues to International and TSO no later than June 30.

What: \$100 for active members, and \$50 for reserve members

When: March - May

How: (1) Pay with check or cash at the meetings, or mail to Leesa at the address in the chapter yearbook. (2) Pay in full, or pay in 2 installments.

Why: To continue membership in this “Key Women Educators” organization that supports educators and education through scholarships, fellowship, professional development, and personal enrichment!

Communications and Marketing Committee

By Marilyn Nease, Chair

Many thanks go 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. Leah also mails copies to our state president, Patti Belknap, and our state editor/photographer of *Lone Star News*, Carol McMillan.



And, a big thank-you goes to four-year member **Janet Hogg** for volunteering last November to be a newsletter photographer! Great job, Janet! Way to step forward!



Legislation Committee

By [REDACTED]

Legislative Updates

The Texas Legislature during its last session increased money for public schools and teachers and gave retirees a 13th check.

On the other hand, the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) is spending our retirement money like kids in a candy store. They have opened a three-man office in London, and there is talk of opening another office in Singapore. These offices require rent, office equipment, staff, salaries, and travel money.

TRS leased several floors at a luxury tower, Indeed Tower, which is being built in Austin. TRS reserved the floors after the TRS Board of Trustees made the decision. The cost of the rent was not disclosed until *the American Statesman* first asked for financial information about the lease in a formal public information request. We now know that the rent was to start at \$326,000 a month, or \$3.9 million annually, and continue to increase.

Additional space is now available at TRS’ current address, which was not available when the lease was signed for Indeed Tower, for the approximately 150 new employees that TRS wants to hire.

TRS had to appear before the Senate Finance Committee to explain the lease at Indeed Tower. TRS was told to reverse the lease and sublet the floors. *Note: Article is continued on next page.*

Please click on the links below for more information.

[https://www.trs.texas.gov/TRS%20Documents/trs_opening_london_office.](https://www.trs.texas.gov/TRS%20Documents/trs_opening_london_office)

<https://trta.org/trs-to-testify-at-house-pifs-hearing-on-monday-march-9/>

<https://trta.org/teacher-retirement-system-of-texas-votes-5-4-to-lower-rate-of-return-assumption/>



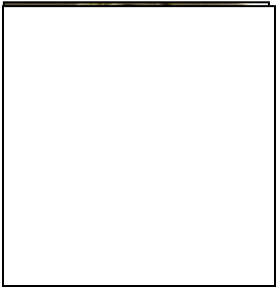
Scholarship Committee

For Leah Black, Chair

The Delta Omicron Chapter scholarship (for members) and grant in aid (for non-members) are available. See page 35 in chapter yearbook.

Committee members are [redacted], Leesa Cole, [redacted], and Marilyn Smith.

Women in the Arts Committee – STAR Info



For [redacted]

Info source: Lone Star News

Who: DKG members and their non-member adult women friends

What: Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR)

Where: Camp Allen, Navasota, TX

When: January 15-17, 2021 (MLK weekend). Sign up now to save your place. STAR is popular!

Why: To enjoy a weekend of fellowship, fun, creativity, and crafts and arts instruction. No experience required.

How: Use this link: https://www.dkgtxas.org/uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/wia.registration_2021.pdf

Fellowship Committee

By Kay Keeland, Committee co-chair

On Sunday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m., eleven Delta Omicron members and one guest attended The Dallas Theater Center's stage production of *Little Women*. Contemporary author Kate Hamill based her new adaptation of *Little Women* on Louisa May Alcott's classic novel.

Marylin Nease reports, "I laughed and I cried as I related to this growing-up tale of four sisters. And, I thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship with my DKG friends. Thank you, Kay Keeland, for organizing our outing!"



Note: Photos follow on next page.





Left to right: Shirley Kochman, Liza Leggett, Vicky Hamilton, Kay Keeland, Margie Rohde, Margaret Thompson, Linda Tokoly, Susan Bell, Denise Barker, Marylin Nease, Lou McMillan, Penni Lewis



In our seats, we're early, ready, and waiting for *Little Women*.

Thank you, Kay Keeland, for organizing our outing and taking our photo.



On July 25, 2019, nineteen of us enjoyed food and fellowship at Woodlands American Grill. Why am I just now sharing the photos of our fun gathering? Because recently when I was looking for some other photos in my phone, I discovered these long lost photos where they'd been hiding all this time. 😊
Thank you, **Wanda Spoonmore**, Fellowship Committee co-chair, for organizing our lunch outings!



Members' Personal News



Mary White reports, "Hollis Maru is happy to announce that she is going to be a big sister! "Proud parents are Ashley and Shaun Garcia, and 'over the moon' with joy is her happy Grandmommy, Mary White!"



Happy March Birthdays!

[Redacted]
Carrie Parsons, 7
Janet Hogg, 9
Kay Keeland, 16
Carolyn Power, 16





Marta Finlay shares, "This year, I spent my birthday in Morocco, Spain, and Portugal with my daughter, **Susan**.
 "The three countries are full of history, wonderful food—especially the pastries, culture, and beautiful towns. We experienced a Portuguese dinner with traditional fado music and singing.
 "It was an unforgettable vacation."



2018-2020 Chapter Executive Board:

President: **Lou McMillan**

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

Vice President, Membership: **Melanie Rudebeck**

Recording Secretary: [REDACTED]

Corresponding Secretary: **Leah Black**

Treasurer: **Leesa Cole**

Parliamentarian: **Kay Keeland**

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

Chapter Webmaster: **Carolyn Power**

Chapter Webwatcher: **Marilyn Nease**

Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) News



Reserve Your Place for CCDC's Spring Luncheon!

By Carolyn Miller, 2019-2021 CCDC Chair

Delta Omicron Friends,

Our CCDC luncheon will be on Saturday, April 4, at Lakewood Country Club.

The menu is a wonderful Italian specialty featuring chicken parmesan and tiramisu for dessert.

Last year, Delta Omicron had the largest group attend the luncheon. Let's do that again.

It is always fun to see old friends from other chapters around the area, celebrate 25- and 50-year members, as well as learn about what is going on in education circles.

Nancy Newton, one of our past state presidents, will be our inspirational speaker.

Tickets are \$35. Bring your check to our March 16 meeting so we can save you a seat.

Additional luncheon info from Pam Ponnors, CCDC treasurer:

The luncheon will begin at 10:00 a.m., with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. The menu consists of Tomato and Mozzarella Salad, Fresh Baby Spinach, Pesto Dressing, Chicken Parmesan, Angel Hair Pasta, Buttered Broccoli, and Tiramisu.

The Google registration form allows chapter treasurers to indicate if any chapter members have a specific dietary need, such as an allergy or the need for a gluten-free meal.

The luncheon's theme is state president Patti Belknap's theme, *You are the key*.

Chapters will provide baskets/items for the silent auction, which helps fund CCDC's Cora McFarland Scholarship. **Katherine Grogan**, Delta Omicron's vice president for programs/projects, has created a lovely basket of goodies for the auction.

Additional luncheon info from Leesa Cole, Delta Omicron treasurer:

Deadline: I will need chapter members' checks by **March 16**, which is our March meeting date.

Additional info from Lou McMillan, Delta Omicron president:

CCDC annually honors at its spring luncheon a Friend of Education, someone who is not an official/certified educator but who selflessly gives of his/her time in a school setting to further the work of educators and students. If you know of someone worthy of this recognition, contact **Lou McMillan** for the nomination form.

Area 9 News



By Marylin Nease, 2019-2021 Area 9 Coordinator

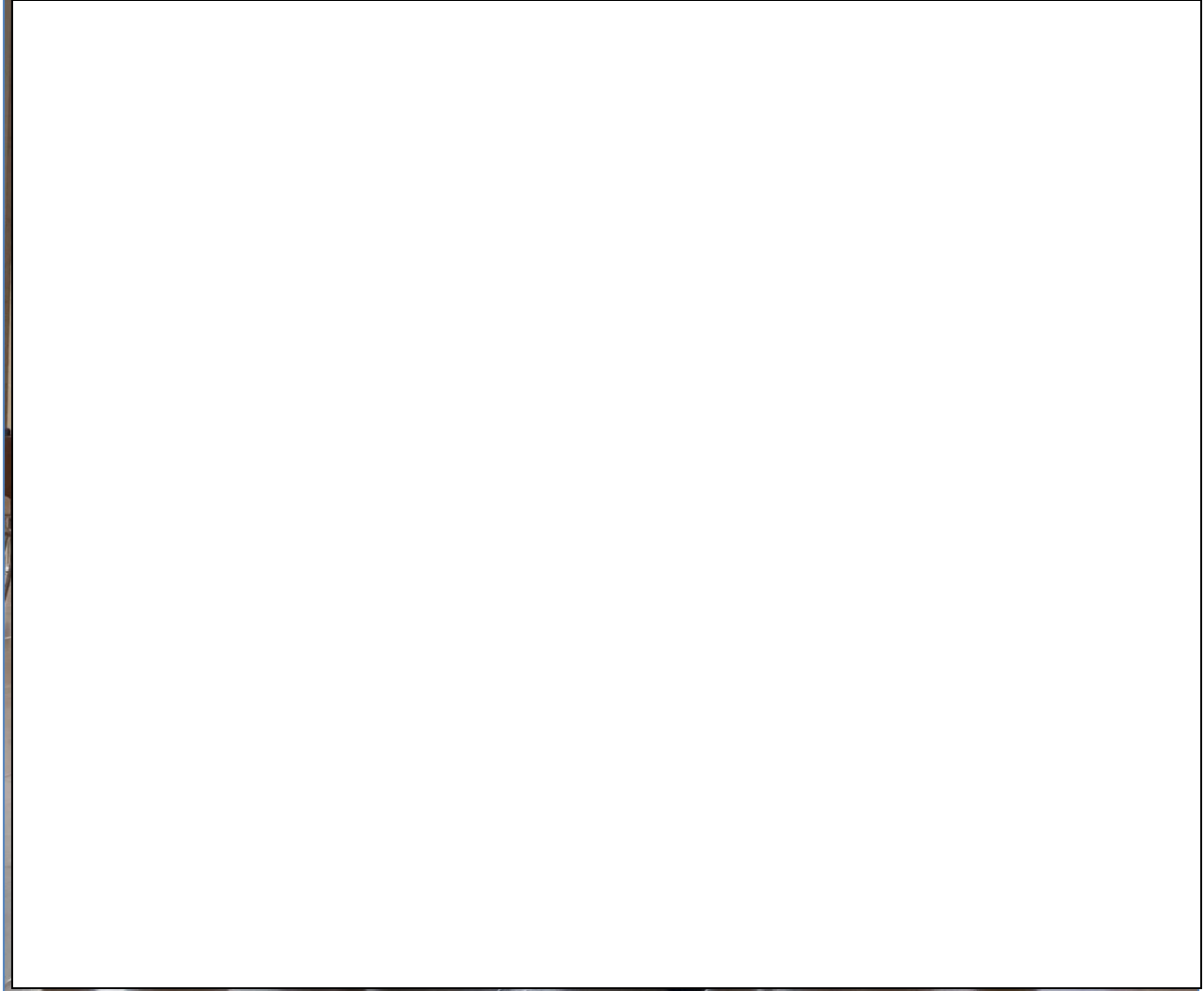
Five Dates to Save

- ✓ 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



On Saturday, March 7, 2020, six members of Delta Omicron joined six members and a guest of Alpha Tau for an **Area 9 Field Trip** to the Dallas Museum of Art. Pictured above left to right are Delta Omicron's members Kay Keeland, Lou McMillan, Liza Leggett, Marylin Nease, Margie Rohde, Katherine Grogan. We enjoyed a docent-led tour through highlights of the museum's permanent collections, such as the Greek, Asian, and European impressionism exhibits, and the highlights of a temporary exhibit of Mexican art focusing on women. Afterward, we enjoyed lunch from the museum's café--and more fellowship.

Note: Alpha Tau's group photo is on next page. Delta Omicron is in Dallas County, and Alpha Tau is in Kaufman County.



Chapter attendees on our **Area 9 Field Trip** to the Dallas Museum of Art, left to right, are [REDACTED]. *Dale Chihuly's art in back!*

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 will follow.

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



ASTE F

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.**



Q. What is an easy way to support the work of ASTEF?

A. Go to Amazon Smile, open your Amazon account from there, and choose your charity: **ASTE F!**

**TSO Convention,
June 17-19, 2020,
McAllen**

Use this link to
(1) register for the convention,
(2) reserve your hotel room,
(3) view the convention schedule,
(4) apply for the visual arts display,
(5) apply to present a breakout session, and
(6) see more convention info.
<https://dkgtexas2020convention.weebly.com/>

Key Makers



Embassy Suites Hotel, McAllen. Photos by Cheryl Crawford, TSO Executive Secretary.



2020 Convention's Unifying Project

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are highly trained volunteers appointed by courts to advocate for the best interests of children in child welfare systems because of abuse or neglect at home.

In Area 5, TSO members will be supporting CASA projects in (1) Laredo/Webb County, Voz de Niños; (2) Edinburg/Hidalgo County, CASA of Hidalgo County; (3) Brownsville/Cameron and Willacy Counties, CASA of Cameron and Willacy Counties; (4) Corpus

Christi/Nueces and Aransas Counties, CASA of the Coastal Bend; and (5) Kingsville/Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, and Kleberg Counties, Brush Country CASA.

These CASA offices have many needs, but they are especially interested in donations that will help pre-teens and teenaged clients. They get many donations for young children, but the older children do not receive as much. **We can help by donating (1) gift cards (Wal-Mart, Amazon, Target, HEB, Academy Sports, Visa/Mastercard that do not have a fee), (2) kid friendly fast-food restaurant cards (such as McDonalds, Whataburger, Dairy Queen), (3) books for grades 4-12, (4) girls' and boys' hygiene items, and (5) journals, small purses, wallets, key chains, or other small items.**

2020 Convention's Visual Arts Display

Who: DKG member artists

What: Visual Arts Display of any type of fine arts and crafts: photographs, paintings, writing, needlework, pottery, sculpture, etc.

Where: State convention in McAllen

When: June 17-19, 2020; **Deadline to apply:** April 15

Why: To share your artwork with others, inviting them to experience and enjoy member-created art

How: Use this link to apply: <https://dkgtxas2020convention.weebly.com/applications.html>

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/Events/2020_International_convention/Hotel_Philadelphia.aspx



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

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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! ☺

