



# The 4:15



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

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## President's Message

By Lou McMillan, 2018-2020 Chapter President



I hope you all are staying warm and cozy in these last days of winter! I plan on enjoying every one of these cold, rainy days to the fullest because we all know what's coming...a hot, dry summer.

In the meantime, some fun times with our DKG sisters are looming ahead.

Saturday, April 6, at Lakewood Country Club is our Coordinating Council of Dallas County brunch at 10:00 a.m. Be there by 9:30 if possible. Reservations are \$33.00, and checks should be made out to Delta Omicron. Please mail to Leesa Cole ASAP. The deadline is fast approaching!

Also, I hope to see you all at our next meeting, Monday, March 18, at 4:30 p.m. Our members **Marta Finlay**, **Mary Gill**, and **Marylin Nease** will present the program. They will speak on "Being a Caregiver." I know this program will be of great interest to us all...regardless of our age or station in life!

Have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you soon! ♦

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## Chapter Meeting News

Monday, March 18, 2019

**Time and Agenda:**

4:30 p.m. - Fellowship and Food

5:00 p.m. - Program



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

March hostesses, p. 7.



**Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Marylin Nease: Being a Caregiver**  
**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 left to our meeting room.

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

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

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

To submit news, contact  
Marylin Nease, editor

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

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

Chapter Webmaster: **Carolyn Power**

Chapter Webwatcher: **Marylin Nease**

## Chapter Officers' News...

### 2018-2020 Executive Board:

President: **Lou McMillan**

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

Vice President, Membership: **Melanie Rudebeck**

Recording Secretary: **Katrina Hallman**

Corresponding Secretary: **Leah Black**

Treasurer: **Leesa Cole**

Parliamentarian: **Kay Keeland**

Immediate Past President: **Mary White**

## Programs and Service Projects Info

*Katherine Grogan, Programs/Projects VP*



### ● MARCH 18 Program: *Being a Caregiver*

**Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, and Marylin Nease** will present our March program: "Being a Caregiver."

Think this topic might not relate to you? Think again. At some point, or many points, we'll all be caregivers, or we'll be receiving care.

Marta, Mary, and Marylin will talk about the following:

- ✓ the universality of caregiving,
- ✓ signs of caregiver stress,
- ✓ ideas caregivers can use to take care of themselves,
- ✓ the necessary end-of-life documents we all need to have in place,
- ✓ what services are available in Dallas for caregivers and their loved ones, and
- ✓ what's happening in our Texas legislature related to caregiving. ♦

### ● 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, Marylin Nease**, "Being a Caregiver." (1,6,7)

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

**Monday, May 20, 2019, 4:30/5 P.M.,** 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)

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

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



*The Texas State Organization and Arlington Steering Committee are happy to join with CASA of Tarrant County as the 2019 Unifying Project.*

*The Area 10 Chapters are not just in Tarrant County. The goal is to reach children in need of CASA services in all Area 10 Chapter counties, which include the counties of Eastland, Erath, Hamilton, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, and Tarrant. Thank you for your support.*

**2019 Unifying Project  
Child Advocate Needs  
TSO Convention, June 2019, Arlington**

**(1) Gift cards** to ❖ Target ❖ Amazon ❖ Walmart ❖ Visa/Mastercard

**(3) Younger Children:** ❖ Children's' Books ❖ Coloring Books and Crayons ❖ Stuffed Animals ❖ Action Figures ❖ Educational Toys ❖ Educational Games ❖ Art Sets

**(4) Preteen and Teen Girls:** ❖ Manicure set, Nail File, Nail Polish ❖ Hand Cream or Lotion, Lip Gloss or Bath Wash ❖ Books, Journals, Colorful Pens ❖ Small Purse, Wallet

**(5) Preteen and Teen Boys:** ❖ AXE Shaving Cream or Deodorant ❖ Comb/Brush ❖ Books, Journals ❖ Keychain or Wallet ♦

**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 (March 2019)

**DKG/UN Relationship**

Since 1995, DKG has been proud to maintain Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status with the United Nations Department of Public Information. **The DKG relationship with the UN not only reinforces the Society's international scope but also fulfills the seventh Society Purpose: "To inform members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society."**

DKG has eight representatives charged with familiarizing members with the activities and programs of the United Nations relating to education and human rights. **Our DKG representatives attend weekly briefings at United Nations Headquarters in New York City.**

As educators, **DKG members are particularly concerned about educational issues worldwide.** The right to an education is one of the rights included in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In addition, **since 1996 the Society has partnered with the U.S. Fund for UNICEF on a number of projects that have supported education in developing countries.** Our project at the present time, which is an official Society project, is **Schools for Africa.**

See pages 6-7 for more info. ♦

**Support Early-career Educators (SEE)**, DKG international project (adopted in 2012) to strengthen the profession by empowering beginning teachers via mentoring and practical support from experienced teachers (August-May) ♦

**Membership Info**

By Melanie Rudebeck, Membership VP



**A Letter to Members**

Dear Member of Delta Omicron,  
Happy March! I don't know about you, but I am ready for some sunny weather to brighten my spirits.

This week I have been thinking about what DKG membership means to me.

Friends and community come to mind. Some of the most fun times that I have had with Delta Kappa Gamma have been at the conventions. I got to meet new people from other chapters as well get to know my fellow Delta Omicron members better.

I hope that you all will join us this summer for one of the conventions. The state convention is right here in Arlington June 20-22, 2019. We always have so much fun as well as learning about our Society and leadership in the profession of teaching.

Also, I encourage you to share your experience of DKG with your fellow teachers. I always enjoy attending the meetings and sharing our love of teaching with others. **It is so nice to have a community of teachers to share both our challenges and triumphs.**

*Melanie Rudebeck*  
Membership Chair ♦

### ● Membership Data

#### **Membership Status:**

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

#### **Employment Status:**

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

#### **Years of DKG Membership:**

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

#### **Meeting Attendance, 2018-2019:**

September 2018 = 31 members, 4 guests  
October 2018 = 21 members, 4 guests  
November 2018 = 27 members, 1 guest  
December 2018 = 26 members, 1 guest  
January 2019 = 24 members, 3 guests  
February 2019 = 23 members, 1 guest ♦



### **Recording Secretary's Report**

By Katrina Hallman

#### ● Minutes, January 14, 2019

#### **24 members in attendance:**

Margaret Thompson, Katrina Hallman, Margaret Arnold, Carolyn

Power, Margie Rohde, Shirley Kochman, Grace Delatour, Barbara Harris, Kathy Rodriguez, Elenora Asbury, Lou McMillan, Janet Hogg, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Leesa Cole, Maureen Baker, Sara Coleman, Marilyn Nease, Melanie Rudebeck, Katherine Grogan, Mary Riddle, Marilyn Lamb, Carolyn Miller, Catherine Donahue

**3 guests:** [redacted] and two program presenters from Hope's Door, New Beginning

**Welcome and announcements:** Lou McMillan, president Thank you to Kathy Rodriguez, Social Arrangements Committee, and the December hostesses for our outstanding holiday gathering at her beautiful home!

**Inspiration:** Margaret Thompson, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee – Inspirational poem [redacted]

#### **Program:**

- (1) Katherine Grogan, programs vice president, introduced [redacted] from Hope's Door, New Beginning.
- (2) They spoke about relationship abuse and resources for men, women, and children who are affected by abuse. Dallas County and Collin County have very high rates of violence and abuse.
- (3) Members made a monetary donation to Hope's Door, New Beginning, and gifts of clothing to Hope's Closet (via [redacted]).
- (4) [Hdnbc.org](http://Hdnbc.org) - website for more information

#### **Scholarships Committee:**

- (1) First, Leesa Cole, committee member, introduced our guest tonight, [redacted].
- (2) Cora MacFarland scholarship opportunities from CCDC – Short-term courses receive up to \$1,000, and long-term receive up to \$3,000. Deadline for application is March 1. Contact Leesa Cole for more information. She will send an email about it as well. Part of the annual membership dues we pay always goes to this scholarship.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

- (1) Treasurer Leesa Cole reported the chapter's bank balance is \$3,859.18.
- (2) Members gave \$175.00 to the Denton State Supported Living Center, our December chapter project.
- (3) A big change is here for collecting annual membership dues: paying in spring instead of fall. This year will feel like a double hit, but it is the only year we will have to do this.
- (4) Leesa provided several options to pay the 2019-2020 dues. All details are on page 3 of the February newsletter. She will be asking for money in the next several months.
- (5) Question: Will Leesa take money tonight if members want to pay now? Yes, you can pay now.

#### **Convention questions:**

- (1) Maureen Baker had a question about the state convention. Our chapter is giving a \$25.00 gift certificate for the silent auction.
- (2) You can make reservations for the convention if you would like to go. Lou McMillan and several others will be going June 20-22, 2019, in Arlington, Texas.
- (3) What is the convention hotel? Sheraton Arlington

#### **Guest:**

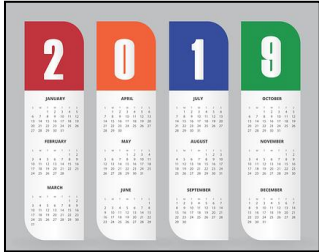
[redacted] enjoyed visiting with us.



**Parking during the chapter meetings:** Park anywhere you can. You can park in the front parking lot. You can come in the front door or the back door.

**Minutes:** Members approved the October 2018 minutes printed in our November/December 2018 newsletter.

**Adjournment and singing of “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.” ♦**



● **Minutes, February 11, 2019**

**23 members in attendance:** Kay Keeland, Lou McMillan, Margaret Thompson, Katrina Hallman, Melanie Rudebeck, Elenora Asbury, Nancy Johnson, Shirley Kochman, Katherine Grogan, Maureen Baker, Carolyn Miller, Leesa Cole, Marylin Nease, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Marta Finlay, Carolyn Power, Jean Wallace, Katy Kunofsky, Jan Nance, Penni Lewis, Mary Gill, Leah Black

**1 guest:** Jennifer Bernabo, Area 9 coordinator

**Welcome and announcements:** Lou McMillan, president

(1) Thank you, hostesses, for refreshments and cute Valentine’s Day decorations. An extra special thank-you for bringing food in the bad weather!

(2) Please join us for the CCDC brunch on April 6 at Lakewood Country Club. Jean Wallace will receive a 50-year membership award. Donna Walsh will receive a 25-year membership award.

(3) Elenora Asbury brought us information about a chapter fellowship opportunity: a mosaics workshop, Broken by Design, taught by [REDACTED] on March 9 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for \$35.00. All materials are included.

**Inspiration:** Margaret Thompson, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee –10 inspirational quotes about teachers. Go, teachers!

**Program:**

(1) Katherine Grogan, programs vice president, thanked us all for prayers for her husband and his health, and she asked members to please continue to pray for him.

(2) Katherine Grogan introduced our speaker [REDACTED] Program: “Living Heart Healthy!” Also, New Year’s Resolutions: “Do you have one?”

(3) A few great tips...Drink 64 ounces of water per day, eat 3 servings of fruit, watch your portion sizes, get 150 minutes of brisk exercise per week, remember avocados have the highest protein content of any fruit, know that exercising improves your mood.

**Minutes:** Katrina Hallman, recording secretary. The October 2018 minutes were approved as printed in the January 2019

newsletter. The November 2018 minutes were approved as printed in the November/December 2018 newsletter. The January 2019 minutes will be published in the March 2019 newsletter.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Leesa Cole gave the current balance of \$4,234.18. She said, “Remember that we have to pay our 2019-2020 dues by May 2019. Please, pay your dues, and if you need to split your payments, it is okay.”

(1) Expenses: \$25 gift card for ASTEF, a \$10 Schools for Africa donation, \$25 for the ASTEF leadership fund

(2) Coordinating Council of Dallas County \$33.00 for April 6 brunch. March 18 is the deadline. Send check to Leesa Cole. Arrive 10:00 a.m. (preferably earlier) at Lakewood Country Club.

(3) Nita Scott, DKG International, recognized our chapter for our giving.

(4) ASTEF – National Giving Month has many opportunities to receive awards. Please, donate to ASTEF if you are able to, and it is a tax write off.

(5) Margaret Thompson asked if we can start a collegiate membership. Yes, we can get seniors in college involved.

**The Hillier School Report:**

(1) Katy Kunofsky, Hillier Project Committee member, shared information about The Hillier School, located in Highland Park Presbyterian Church. All students at Hillier have learning differences, and many (45%) come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds and are on scholarships to attend Hillier. Many of our DKG members have volunteered there.

Often Hillier School teachers spend their own money to help their students, and they appreciate any support we can give them, both monetarily and through tutoring. If you need more information on Hillier contact Katy, Lou McMillan, Margaret Thompson, Becky Quigley, Carrie Parsons, or [REDACTED]

(2) After discussion, members decided to apply for an ASTEF project stipend to assist Hillier School with a specific need so that we are working through a foundation rather than from our chapter budget.

(3) If someone has another idea on a school we might donate to, contact Becky Quigley.

(4) The committee (Becky Quigley, Katy Kunofsky, Carrie Parsons, [REDACTED] Margaret Thompson, Katherine Grogan, Lou McMillan) will meet this week to determine Hillier’s needs and start completing the ASTEF project application.

**Jennifer Bernabo (Area 9 Coordinator):**

(1) Greetings from Texas State Organization

(2) Use the DKG Recruitment/Membership Plan to invite people to join our group. Collect prospect cards for people who would be interested in joining.

[https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/Membership\\_Recruitment\\_Plan.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Resources/Membership_Recruitment_Plan.aspx)

**News of members:** Becky Quigley has had foot surgery. Lou said, “I’m sure she would love to receive a card of encouragement. Susan, please send one.”

**Adjournment and singing of “The DKG Song” ♦**

## Treasurer's Report

By Leesa Cole, Treasurer



● **Balance, Income, Expenses**  
*The checking account balance* as of March 4, 2019, was \$4,857.30.

*Income* includes dues pre-payments for 2019-2020 and CCDC brunch tickets.

*Budgeted expenses* include a \$25 contribution to ASTEF Leadership fund for Giving Month and postage

reimbursement to chapter communication chair. A check will also be written this month for the CCDC brunch for which attendees paid the chapter.

### ● Pay your 2019-2020 membership dues now to keep your membership active!

**Beat the deadline of May 20** (our last chapter meeting for the year), and send your dues to **Leesa Cole** now. Pay in full, or pay it out in March and May—but don't delay. Leesa must send money to International and TSO in July.

- **Dues will be collected each spring** beginning now.
- This decision was made at the International convention last July.
- Unpaid members are automatically dropped by International on October 1.
- International expects payments from chapters in July and August.
- **Leesa will collect at the March and May meetings, or you can mail her your check.**

Talk to your Delta Omicron sisters who may not see this article or attend meetings, and let's make sure everyone is aware of this shift in dues collection. ♦

## 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. ♦

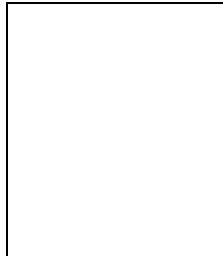


## Chapter Committee News...

### SOCIETY MISSION AND PURPOSES

#### Legislation Committee

By [Redacted] Chair



#### Make Your Voice Heard

The Texas House has proposed House Bill 3 as a comprehensive plan including over 9 billion dollars to reform the school finance and education system and reduce school property taxes.

HB 9 proposes to make the TRS pension fund actuarially sound and provide a 13th check (not to exceed \$2,400) to retired educators.

The Texas Senate has also filed Senate Bill 12, which would make the TRS fund actuarially sound and provide a 13th check (capped at \$500) to retirees.

HB 9 would raise the state contribution to TRS to 8.8 over a period of time. The current state contribution rate is 6.8 percent, and that rate is the lowest in the nation among non-mandatory Social Security states.

This is the time to make your voice heard! Call, email, and send letters to your legislators showing your support for these bills. ♦

#### Global Awareness Committee

For [Redacted] Chair

The following information comes from the DKG International website. To learn more, click on this link.

[https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ProgramsProjects/Schools\\_for\\_Africa/DKGMember/Schools\\_for\\_Africa\\_SD.aspx?hkey=5f9432b4-c387-444b-9193-05707a1dcc24](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ProgramsProjects/Schools_for_Africa/DKGMember/Schools_for_Africa_SD.aspx?hkey=5f9432b4-c387-444b-9193-05707a1dcc24)

**What?** Schools for Africa, DKG's first official international project

**Who?** DKG members donated approximately \$324,150 to the project, 2010-2016 (latest data available on international website)



*Schools for Africa Project*

*Transforming Lives Through Education*

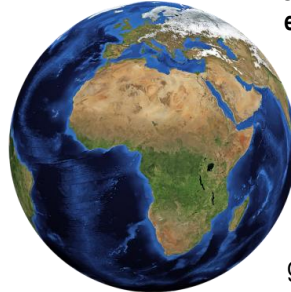
**Where?** Currently the project works with 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Sierra Leone and Guinea Bissau.

**When?** Members attending the international convention in 2010 in Seattle approved the project,

**Why?** The SFA mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans, and other vulnerable youngsters.

**How?** UNICEF works through this project with governments, local authorities, communities and other partners to

- Foster **community participation in school management**
- Build and improve **classroom buildings and equipment**
- Create **safe and protective environments** where children can learn and play (CFS, Child-Friendly School programs)
- Provide access to **clean water and separate sanitation facilities for boys and girls** in schools
- Supply **exercise books, pens, proper furniture, and other school and sports materials**
- **Train teachers** to provide children with quality education and basic life skills
- Educate children about **proper hygiene and HIV prevention**: this knowledge is passed on to siblings, parents, and the community at large
- Provide other interventions, including but not limited to **health check-ups, immunization, and scholarships**
- Insure **a stimulating start in life to children below age five**



### **Frequently asked questions...**

#### **WHAT DOES UNICEF DO FOR CHILDREN IN THE U.S.?**

UNICEF is focused on addressing global children's programs to save and protect the world's most vulnerable children.

In the United States, the U.S. Fund for UNICEF engages **American youth by providing opportunities for them to advocate, fundraise, and volunteer on behalf of their peers around the world.** Through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, UNICEF Kid Power, the UNICEF Tap Project, and a variety of volunteer clubs, initiatives and partnerships, hundreds of thousands of young Americans contribute to UNICEF's lifesaving work and **learn more about the issues of child survival and international development.**

UNICEF's emergency relief efforts are focused primarily outside of the U.S., in countries that are less equipped to meet the basic needs of children or that are affected by conflict or natural disaster.

But when **Hurricane Katrina** left hundreds of thousands of children along the Gulf Coast without homes and schools, **UNICEF responded by sending School-in-a-Box and recreation kits to the region.**

The U.S. Fund for UNICEF also offers **American teachers free multimedia resources and lesson plans covering a wide range of global topics** of interest to educators. You can find these resources at [Teachunicef.org](http://Teachunicef.org).

#### **WHY DOES UNICEF SEND FUNDS OVERSEAS WHEN THERE IS ALSO A NEED IN THE UNITED STATES?**

UNICEF works at the invitation of the host country and **ensures special protection for the most disadvantaged children- victims of war, disasters, extreme poverty, all forms of violence and exploitation, and those with disabilities.**

UNICEF is, at the core, an international organization **helping the most vulnerable children in the world.** While the U.S. certainly has needs as well, UNICEF's mission is to work and protect children globally, in the hardest to reach areas. ♦

## **Chapter Committee News...**

### **CHAPTER'S SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

#### **Social Arrangements Committee**

##### **• Hostesses for 2019 Meetings**

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, Margaret Thompson, Patsy Vaughn, Jean Wallace, Dawna Walsh, Mary White

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

#### **Hillier Project Committee**



After working diligently to complete the chapter's ASTEF project stipend application, (L-R) Becky Quigley, Katy Kunofsky, Margaret Thompson, Lou McMillan, and Katherine Grogan celebrate over lunch on March 9, 2019! ♥♥♥♥



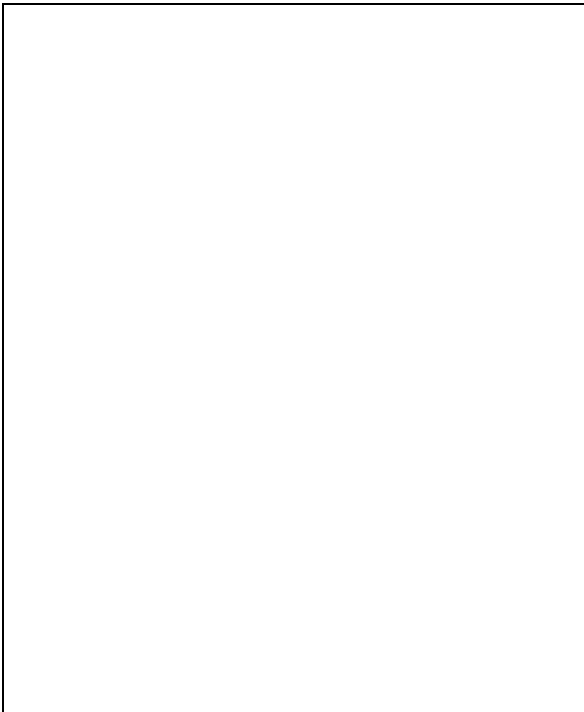
## Chapter Members' News...

### Spotlight Honoring Golden Member Shirley Kochman



Shirley Kochman at Delta Omicron's meeting, January 14, 2019

### Painted in Honor of Shirley Kochman



**Artist:** [REDACTED] Delta Omicron president 1982-1984

**Title, Year:** Untitled, 1972

**Medium, Size:** Watercolor, 22 1/2" x 16 1/2"

**Given:** Year and donor unknown.

**Additional Info:** [REDACTED] created this painting to honor **Shirley Kochman**, Delta Omicron, on Shirley's receiving the 1972 TSO Achievement Award.

**Marilyn Nease**, Delta Omicron, donated the rematting and reframing on February 18, 2019, in memory of [REDACTED] and in honor of Shirley Kochman.

Marilyn shares, "[REDACTED] was chapter president when I was inducted into DKG in 1983."

#### Shirley Kochman is

- ✓ a 50+ year member of DKG (inducted 1963),
- ✓ a charter member of Area 9's Eta Zeta Chapter,
- ✓ 1969-1971 TSO Music Committee chair
- ✓ 1972 TSO Achievement Award recipient, and
- ✓ 1975-1977 Area 6 (now Area 9) coordinator.

Shirley remembers a special honor and day in 1976 that she shared with [REDACTED] (1948-50 TSO president and Southwest Regional director, 1950-1978 TSO executive secretary) and [REDACTED] (Honorary Founder, 1934-1938 TSO president, 1936-1950 TSO executive secretary): "[REDACTED] flew me to the state convention in El Paso so that I could play the music for a special tribute to [REDACTED]!" The tribute was part of the June 12, 1976, Founders and Presidents Banquet. The 1976 convention minutes state, "A violin solo by Miss Shirley Kochman, Area VI Coordinator, accompanied by [REDACTED], Convention Pianist, was dedicated to [REDACTED]. The solo was 'The Impossible Dream.'"

[REDACTED] founded a preschool called The Children's Center in the First Community Church in East Dallas in 1952 and directed it for 21 years.

Shirley says, "Parents were clawing their way in to get their children enrolled in the school, in some cases even before the children were born."

The school is still operating, now in White Rock United Methodist Church. <http://thechildrenscenterdallas.org/>

**Excerpted from a Dallas Morning News article, March 19, 1991, by columnist Bob St. John:** "[REDACTED]

*is a spunky, determined woman, who, at 86, seems to have more energy than someone two dozen years her junior....She has chosen the rose as a symbol of peace....The dozen paintings are not for sale. She just wants them to be inspirational....From her days as an educator, [REDACTED] was very prominent in the profession, having taught at every level from preschool to Southern Methodist University....In 1952 [REDACTED] founded a preschool called The Children's Center, which was*

*located in the First Community Church in East Dallas. She was the director of the school until retiring 21 years later....The school, still in operation, was very progressive, open to all religions, and had philosophies that 'the good life is learned, not inborn, and the sooner the teaching begins the better.' "*



████ focused on art in retirement.  
She transferred to Delta Tau in 1991.

**Current location of █████ painting:** Texas State  
Organization Headquarters

**Marylin Nease**, 2017-2019 Headquarters Committee chair,  
reports, "I came upon this treasure while conducting an  
inventory of the art at Headquarters and then doing research to  
learn more about each work of art." ♦

### Members' Personal News Birthdays, Birthdays!



#### March

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

### Chapter News...

#### Photo Highlights, Chapter Meeting, February 11, 2019

#### Food and Fellowship:



Thank you, February hostesses, including Katy Kunofsky in  
the background!



Clockwise: Elenora Asbury, █████ Katherine Grogan,  
Carolyn Power, Katy Kunofsky, Nancy Johnson



L-R: Carolyn Miller, Margaret Thompson, Kathy Rodriguez



L-R: Mary Gill, Marta Finlay, Carolyn Miller, Shirley Kochman



L-R: Kathy Rodriguez, Nancy Johnson, Elenora Asbury, Jean Wallace



Katy Kunofsky



L-R: Katrina Hall, Kay Keeland



L-R: Jan Nance, Kathy Rodriguez



L-R: Penni Lewis, Margie Rohde, Carolyn Power, Margaret Thompson, Maureen Baker



L-R: Jean Wallace, Leesa Cole

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



***Business and Program:***



Leah Black



Lou McMillan begins the meeting.



L-R: Mary Gill, Lou McMillan



Elenora Asbury invites members to enjoy fellowship and a March 9 mosaics class.



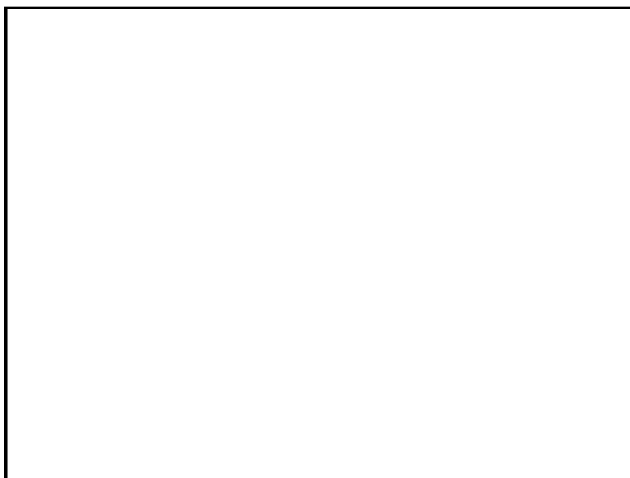
Melanie Rudebeck



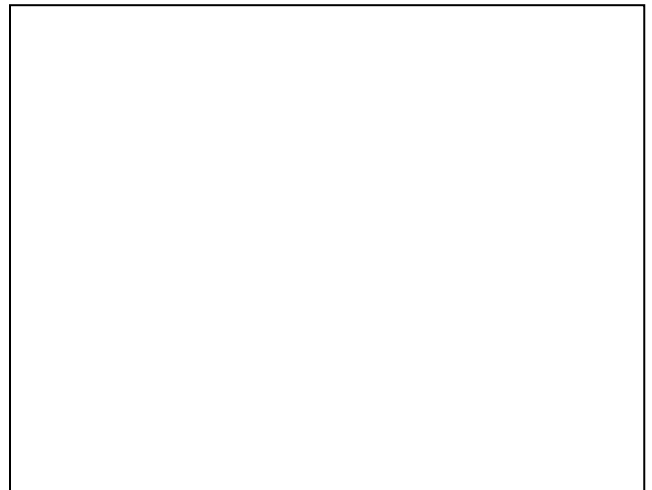
Margaret Thompson offers the inspiration.



Katherine Grogan introduces the program and presenter.



■■■■■ shares information about diet and exercise to help us keep our bodies and minds healthy.



Thank you, ■■■■■ and Katherine Grogan!





Leesa Cole gives the treasurer's report.



Katy Kunofsky tells members about The Hillier School and its mission to teach students with learning differences and give them the skills they need to return to their home schools and be successful academically and socially.

## Coordinating Council of Dallas County News...

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

**Theme:** "Building Bridges with Blanton"  
**Speakers:** Lynda McQuaid and Laura Schmidt, Kappa Pi ♦

## Area 9 News...



Area 9 Coordinator Jennifer Bernabo ♦

## Texas State Organization News...

### TSO Website

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

Diane Moose, TSO Webmaster



### Lone Star News, Winter 2018 Edition [Spring 2019 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/reseAdvation-link.mi?id=1543262815677&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

**Convention info, including newsette:**

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

**Convention registration form:**

[Spring 2019 Lone Star News](#) ♦

## Southwest Regional News...

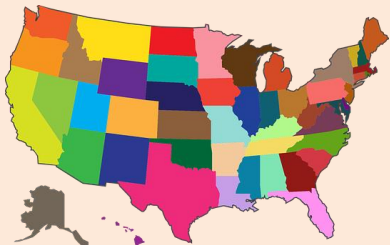
Texas is one of 22 member states in the Southwest Region.

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

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

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

### 2019 International Conferences



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

## International News...



### Website

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) ◆

### Purposes

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

### Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide ◆

### Projects

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



### President and Theme, 2018-2020

Cathy P. Daugherty  
Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide ◆

### Publications

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

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

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



### **Go Ahead Tours**

***Iceland: Reykjavik and the Golden Circle  
July 19-24, 2019  
July 28-August 2, 2019***

***Food and Wine: San Francisco and  
California Wine Country  
October 9-14, 2020 ♦***

## **International Convention**



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

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### **DKGSI – The DKG U.S. Forum**

Posted: 04 Mar 2019 10:13 AM PST, DKG international website  
***The DKG US Forum presents information to DKG members on legislative issues and actions that affect women, children, and education so that they can make informed decisions. Members need to realize that their voice does matter and influence legislation and future results. We need to remember that through our voices and actions we can make a difference.***

#### **You are a voter.**

You as a local constituent **have the power to influence the U.S. Congress** well beyond lobbyists for the simple reason that you can vote. You are a representative to a congressional district, and **your voice does influence your legislator.**

#### **The best bet is to meet with legislators at their local offices.**

Congressional staffers can tell you that one powerful conversation from a constituent can convince them to take action. You are more likely to have a face-to-face meeting with your legislator when they are in their home district offices. Follow up with phone calls and letters. **Knowing that there are advocates in their districts will lead congressional members to follow up with their own research and seek to find a common ground.**

#### **Share your passion and concern.**

You do not need to be an expert public speaker or political activist to advocate for the change you support. You do need to have an understanding of the issues. It is important to know the pros and cons and to be factual and simplistic in conveying your concerns. Don't be afraid to **ask if they would be willing to support a specific proposal, vote yes (or no) for a certain bill or amendment, or champion a specific issue.** Leave materials summarizing the purpose of your visit along with your contact information.

#### **Follow up on your visitation.**

After you leave, you may think of an additional point or find relevant information to support your argument. Continue to keep in touch throughout the legislative session. **Remind them of your issues and ask about progress on specific bills.**

#### **Connect with your legislator via social media.**

Today many legislators communicate via social media (e.g. Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.). Connect by following them, sending them direct messages, or posting to their sites. **These connections help to personalize the relationship and build rapport.**

#### **Get involved.**

Your voice and opinions are powerful and impactful. When you take action, **you will make a difference and influence others.**

***Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead ♦***