



Bridging
yesterday and tomorrow



The 4:15

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

DKG Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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President's Message

By Lou McMillan, 2016-2018 Chapter President



Everyone been enjoying the rain? I have. I've enjoyed the rain because we will have a bountiful crop of bluebonnets this spring! Anyway, I hope so.

I am looking forward to our March meeting. Our state president, Dr. Jo Murphy, and our Area 9 coordinator, Jennifer Bernabo, will be visiting, and we will have another exciting program.

Priya Murphy will present "New Friends New Life—Human Trafficking in Texas." **Barbara Clinton** has enhanced our programs this biennium with fascinating and engaging speakers and subjects.

What a great time we had at our last meeting! We enjoyed not only the initiation of **Cindy Braley** but also **Denise Barker's** fun and creative activity of making fleece blankets for the lovely ladies at the McKinney assisted living home where she works as activities director. Thank you, Denise, for giving us all an opportunity to serve others.

And, we all appreciate the interesting and informative information on the March 6 Primary that is so important to our public school teachers and students and to Texas' future. Thank you, [redacted], for enabling us to be aware of the political candidates and their platforms.

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Monday, March 19, 2018

Time and Agenda:

4:30 p.m. – Fellowship

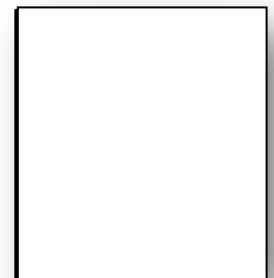
5:00 p.m. – Program



Sherrie Negrete,
Social Arrangements Chair

March Hostesses: **Jaime Callahan, Mary Gill, Mary Carol Hughes, Kay Keeland, Lou McMillan, Mary Louise Milliorn, Wanda Spoonmore**

[redacted],
Program Presenter,
New Friends New Life,
Development Director,
"Human Trafficking in Texas"



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Location:

Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Room H020
3821 University Blvd., Dallas 75205

What to Bring?

Box Tops for Education coupons for Hillier project ♦ a prospective member ♦ items to help New Friends New Life (see pp. 2-3) ♦

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...

2016-2018 Executive Board:

President: **Lou McMillan**
Vice President, Programs / Service Projects: **Barbara Clinton**
Vice President, Membership: **Jaime Callahan**
Recording Secretary: **Susan Bell**
Corresponding Secretary: **Ashraf Mobh**
Treasurer: **Mary Gill**
Parliamentarian: **Kay Keeland**
Immediate Past President: **Mary White**

President Message continued...

Leesa Cole also gave us valuable information on scholarships offered by DKG. Thank you, Leesa.

I want to remind everyone to reserve a place with Mary Gill for the CCDC luncheon at 9:30 a.m. at Lakewood Country Club on Saturday, April 7, 2018. This event is always a great party with a delicious meal. We will also have a silent auction with beautiful items to bid on and raise funds for CCDC scholarships.

I thank all of you for your many acts of kindness and friendship in all areas of Delta Omicron and DKG. See you March 19! ♦



Programs and Service Projects VP's Report

By *Barbara Clinton, Programs/Projects VP*

● March 19 Program

██████████ Director of Development for New Friends New Life, is our March 19 speaker.

New Friends New Life is an organization that assists and empowers

formerly trafficked girls and sexually exploited women and children by providing education, job training, financial assistance, mental health services, and spiritual support. According to the New Friends New Life website, 79,000 children and youth are current victims of sex trafficking in Texas.

<http://www.newfriendsnewlife.org>

Come to our chapter meeting to learn from ██████████ how trafficking occurs in our area, how children become victims, how New Friends New Life addresses trafficking, how we can look for signs to prevent trafficking, and how we can help victims. ♦

● About ██████████

██████████ is passionate about bringing freedom and hope to the victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

She is a certified human-trafficking-awareness speaker. ██████████ co-founded an anti-human trafficking organization in Florida in 2009 and was involved in making a documentary movie capturing human trafficking in India.

She currently serves on the board of Love and Care Ministries International, which provides homes for homeless and orphaned children in India to prevent them from becoming victims of slavery.

In the past 15 years, ██████████ has travelled internationally to speak in different churches, conferences, and events. She desires to be a voice of justice and hope, bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, and help prevent people from becoming victims of trafficking.

In her current role as Director of Development for New Friends New Life, ██████████ is committed to the mission of New Friends New Life to restore and empower formerly trafficked girls and sexually exploited women and children. She actively oversees fundraising and strategic partnership with individuals, corporations, churches, and organizations to increase support to New Friends New Life. ♦



● In-Kind Donation List

Snacks

Individually packaged chips (Takis, Hot Cheetos, Doritos, Lays)
Individually packaged popcorn
Kind bars
Nature Valley bars
Individually packaged Oreos
Individually packaged fruit snacks
Individually packaged nut variety and peanut butter crackers
Individually packaged pretzels
Individually packaged Chex Mix and Cheez-Its

Household Items:

Full-sized shampoo and conditioner
Bath soaps (list continues on p. 3)

Tampons and sanitary pads
Household cleaning items
Toothbrush and toothpaste ◆

● 2017-2018 Meetings and Programs

Monday, September 18, 2017, 4:30/5 P.M., Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Alexander Chapel, Room 229 (east/Hillier School side of HPPC campus), Salad/Dessert Supper, **Members**, "Sharing Summer Activities." **Leesa Cole**, "DKG and You." (1,3,5,6)

Monday, October 16, 2017, 4:30/5 P.M., HPPC, Room H020 (basement), Representative Morgan Meyer, "TRS Care's Legislative Session Roller Coaster." (3,4,6,7)

Monday, November 13, 2017, 5 P.M., HPPC, "Wanda Spoonmore", "Why?" Church Parlor, Initiation Dinner. (1,2,3,6)

Saturday, December 9, 2017, 11 A.M.-1 P.M., Home of **Elenora Asbury**, "A Holiday Gathering." Bring a favorite Christmas ornament to tell about. (1,6)

Monday, January 22, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPPC, Room H020, Bonnie Moore, "Clued into Effective Communication." (3,6)

Monday, February 19, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPPC, Room H020, **Denise Barker**, "No-Sew Throws." (1,6)

Monday, March 19, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPPC, Room H020, [REDACTED] "New Friends New Life - Human Trafficking in Texas." Also, Dr. Jo Murphy and Jennifer Bernabo. (6,7)

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 10:00 A.M., CCDC Spring Luncheon, Lakewood Country Club. Theme: "Valuing the Past—Embracing the Future."

Monday, May 21, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPPC, Room H020, Observance of Society Founders Day and Chapter Birthday; **Marylin Nease**, "Interview of **Grace Delatour**." (1,2,3,6)

● 2017-2018 Service Projects

▶ CHAPTER:

•**All Hands on Deck for Hillier** –program (July 2014-July 2018) 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** - project that serves needs of state convention community and unifies chapters across Texas in service (May, June) **See p. 16 for 2018 Unifying Project info.**

▶ INTERNATIONAL:

•**Schools for Africa (SfA)**, a UNICEF and DKG international project (adopted in 2010) to "transform lives through education" on the African continent, with special focus on girls, orphans, and vulnerable children (October, November)

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

Membership VP's Report

By Jaime Callahan, Membership VP



I have been reading quite a few DKG articles lately about the need to grow our chapters, but in ways that may not be what we are used to.

You all are always so eager and willing to share our sisterhood with your friends and colleagues, and that kind of growth will always keep the embers burning.

As we approach a new term of officers, some staying on and others just coming aboard, I hope some new strategies for recruitment will ensue.

The DKG Collegial Exchange recommends increasing visibility. Could we get DKG t-shirts that those of us who are working in schools could wear on casual Friday? Could we place brochures in teacher mailboxes? Could we contact principals and find out if we could assist in their mentoring programs?

We talked about implementing some of these changes this year. Perhaps next year they will happen! ◆

Recording Secretary's Report

Minutes, February 19, 2018

By Susan Bell, Recording Secretary



On February 19, 2018, twenty-five members of Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Room H020 at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship and 5:00 p.m. for the monthly meeting.

Opening:

Lou McMillan, president, called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

Next, Lou thanked **Sherrie Negrete** and **Kay Keeland**, social arrangements committee chair and member, for organizing the refreshments for fellowship time. Lou also asked the February hostesses to stand and be recognized.

Elenora Asbury, personal and professional enrichment committee member, gave the inspiration.

New Business:

Lou McMillan welcomed initiate **Cindy Braley**, whom member **Denise Barker** recommended for DKG membership. Lou recognized, too, **Jean Wallace**, ceremonies committee

chair, and her assistants—members **Jaime Callahan** and **Grace Delatour**—who would conduct Cindy’s initiation ceremony.

Following the ceremony, **Lou McMillan** asked whether members had any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none, so they were approved as printed online.

Mary Gill, treasurer, stated the chapter’s bank balance was \$3,386.63. She asked if there were any questions, and members had none. Next, Mary reminded members to give her a check for the CCDC Spring Luncheon at Lakewood Country Club, Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. The check needs to be made out to Delta Omicron for \$33.00. The deadline for reservations is March 20, but Mary needs the checks earlier in order to meet CCDC’s deadline. Also, **Lou McMillan** reported that Delta Omicron is in charge of music for the CCDC luncheon. Lou explained that she had invited Cynthia DeVies and Sharon Kraus from Eta Eta Chapter to provide the piano music, and they have accepted our invitation. Be sure to thank them when you have the opportunity.

██████████ legislation committee chair, had campaign yard signs and pins available for those who wanted them. She also offered to deliver yard signs to anyone wanting them. **Elenora Asbury** expressed members’ appreciation for Linda’s tireless efforts to keep chapter members informed, and all members applauded their gratitude for Linda and her work.

Program:

Barbara Clinton, vice president for programs and projects, introduced our program featuring member **Denise Barker**, who presented the program and “TSO’s Week of Caring” service project called “No-Sew Throws.”

Denise guided members in making no-sew fleece blankets for senior members of an assisted living facility in McKinney where she works. Earlier, she had asked members to bring supplies to make the blankets.

Saturday, March 10, several members will go to Denise’s center to give out the blankets. Members enjoyed this worthwhile program and look forward to delivering the blankets.

Closing:

To adjourn the meeting, members raised their hands in favor of singing “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song” next time. ♦



Treasurer’s Report

By Mary Gill, Treasurer

Our bank account balance on Monday, March 5, was \$3,450.00. ♦

Chapter Committee News...

Business

Communications Committee

By Marilyn Nease, Chair

● **Editor’s Note:** Periodically *The 4:15* will feature articles of special interest to members. These articles will be about the Society, the chapter, professional issues, women’s issues, and human interests.

This month’s article is a human interest one. This personal essay is part 11 in an ongoing series exploring the impact of one family member’s illness on the family as a whole.

One and All

By Marilyn Nease, Editor



Part 11: February 23-25, 2018, Home, Rain or Shine

Friday:

The wipers glide back and forth across the windshield as █████ and I travel from Texas to Oklahoma. Rain falls sometimes lightly, sometimes

heavily our whole trip.

My brother-in-law and I talk our way home. For us, *home* is a place we’ve never lived but have traveled to for years: █████ for 35; I for almost 50. The house is where my parents lived their last 30 years and where we four sisters and our families visited during those 30 years. Now, our youngest sister, █████ lives there with █████. The house and ranch remain home to us all.

█████ and I arrive in late afternoon. Rain continues as we carry our bags around standing water, across the squishy yard, to the back door. I find my key; █████ opens the door. We are *home*.

While █████ and I are in town getting dinner for five, my younger sister █████ arrives home. Since Wednesday, she’s been across the state with █████ our oldest sister. Returning, █████ and I find █████ has driven █████ home from work. We five reconnect with food and fellowship.

Later, rain falling, we three sisters already home stay up late, talking.

Saturday:

We awake to more rain.

Rain falls until noon; the sun comes out. Soaked yard, driveway, and pastures drain into the bar ditch, into the culvert under the highway, into the creek beyond.

I tell [REDACTED], "You look terrific!" Fourteen months have passed since her cancer diagnosis; her doctors have worked wonders.

[REDACTED] adds, "We need a group hug." As sunshine floods our home, three sisters embrace.

Soon, [REDACTED], our oldest sister, arrives home, traveling with sons [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Now four sisters, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] son and daughter-in-law, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] gather in town for lunch and fellowship. [REDACTED], our elder, is wound up. Recently diagnosed with memory loss, she's reviewing her life, looking for loose ends. *What do we think about moving the remains of our baby brother, our parents' firstborn, from his San Antonio grave to the cemetery nearby? What about [REDACTED] lost twins? Do we sisters and the next generation have our wills, our plans in order?* [REDACTED] reminds us to tie loose ends.

Back home, we visit longer before departures begin. Later, [REDACTED] drives [REDACTED] and me to dinner in a nearby town.

Again, [REDACTED], and I stay up late, talking.

Sunday:

[REDACTED] calls: we must stop to see our hospitalized cousin on our way to Texas.

At noon, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] help load our bags. We hug, say "I love you," prepare to leave. First, we rendezvous up the highway at the next gate, where [REDACTED] shows us new bison art mounted atop the fence on either side of the gate. Across the highway lies the cemetery, where our parents are buried, where we'll be buried. We hug again.

[REDACTED] and I must leave, but, soon, we'll go home again.

To be continued...



[REDACTED] Marylin, [REDACTED] ♦

Chapter Committee News...

Society Mission and Purposes



Scholarships Committee

By Leesa Cole, Chair

● State and County Scholarships

The TSO Scholarship and CCDC Cora McFarland

Scholarship recipients will be chosen in early March, and with that, the state and Dallas County scholarship season is coming to a close for this year.

● Chapter Scholarships and Awards

Our chapter offers these opportunities to apply for yourself or to recommend someone else for scholarship or grant funds.

Delta Omicron's Chapter Scholarship:

- ✓ Deadline April 1
- ✓ For a chapter member attending a seminar or taking a mini-course or other educational opportunity
- ✓ Selected by the Chapter Scholarships Committee
- ✓ Contact - Leesa Cole

Delta Omicron's Grant-in-Aid Award:

- ✓ Deadline April 1
- ✓ For a non-member teacher who is working on her master's degree and who would be a prospective member
- ✓ Selected by the Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee
- ✓ Contact - Carolyn Miller ♦

Legislation Committee

By [REDACTED] Chair

What's Next?

Now that the Primary Election is over, we need to focus on the November 6 General Election.

It is still possible to put friends of public schools and educators in Austin. If we don't put in politicians who are educator friendly, most likely they will attack our defined benefit pension plan.

Continue talking to other educators and to friends about the need to elect educator-friendly leaders to serve in Austin. ♦

Election

Chapter Committee News...

Special Committees

Hillier School Project

● After-school Tutoring



✓ Lou's Wednesdays at Hillier

Lou McMillan reports, "One of the best things about tutoring is not to know, to some degree, which students are going to appear at the door of my room and how much joy I am going to receive from them!"

"At the beginning of the school year, I had three students whom I saw on a fairly regular basis. All were 4th-6th grade level (not necessarily their reading level).

"As the months have passed and my older students have become more adept in their reading skills, I have begun welcoming younger children . . . some who have just started the Hillier program.

"Oh, how quickly we forget! The younger ones are so vivacious, anxious to please, and want to talk, talk, talk about everything!"

"This past week, I spent most of our tutoring class sharing an album of pictures with a very bright first grader who wanted to share his family's journey to Puerto Rico to visit even more family. He was so proud and excited to tell me of his many adventures!"

"Working with him made me realize anew how blessed I am to be an educator! Not only do we help our students, but also, oh my, how much enjoyment and knowledge they bring to our lives!"

"I am somewhat saddened by the fact the school year is almost over." ♦



✓ Marylin's Tuesdays at Hillier

Who: Marylin Nease

What: Volunteering as an after-school tutor for our chapter project

Where: The Hillier School, HPPC

When: February Tuesdays

Why: Helping kids learn to read better, and having fun doing it. Best part: The things they say!

How: Spending 20-30 minutes with each child each week.

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Tutee #1 - 4th Grader

Tuck Dam

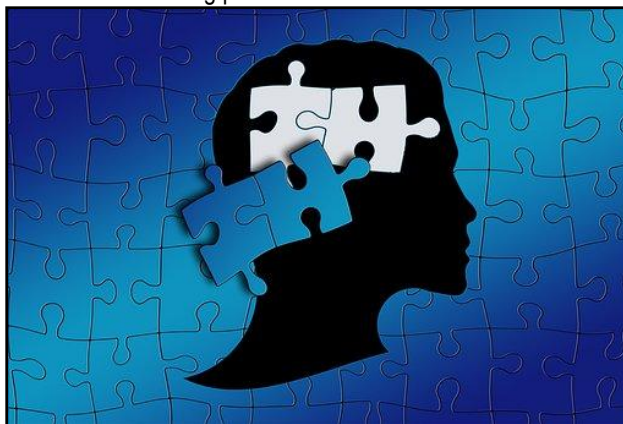
Dyslexia and Phonics

This 30-minute reading adventure takes us from cleaning

and packing the family van to experiencing two road incidents—losing a hub cap and having an overheated engine—to arriving at Tuck Dam and enjoying family time there.

My tutee tells me that at home she's reading a book about dyslexia. She wants to understand her learning difference.

I hear her using phonics to attack new words. ☺



Tutee #2 - 3rd Grader

The Story of the Lone Star Republic

Learning with My Tutee

During our 20 minutes, my tutee and I learn about Stephen Austin and Sam Houston, and before that about San Antonio being the state capital in 1835. I didn't grow up in Texas, so I, along with my tutee, learn a lot of Texas history.

This tutee is using phonics to decipher unfamiliar words!

Tutee #3 - 2nd Grader

Hot Sun

The Old Lamp

Sim and the Bat

Attention Grabber

I love it when kids react to books!

"What the heck?" exclaims my tutee when he turns a page in *Sim and the Bat* and sees the main character batting a baseball with a frying pan. *Bam!* ☺

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Tutee #1 - 5th Grader

A Dog Called Kitty

Outsmarting a Dog to Save Him

In chapter nine Ricky must find a way to keep Kitty away from neighbors' coyote traps, which are baited with raw meat and poison. When Kitty repeatedly escapes his pen, Ricky needs a foolproof way to keep Kitty safe. After his younger brother has his first experience with a hot pepper, Ricky has an idea: wrap a pepper in raw hamburger and let Kitty find and eat it. Two painful lessons teach Kitty to leave meat alone unless it's in his food bowl.

My tutee has never eaten a hot pepper, so she learns along with Kitty! ☺

Tutee #2 - 4th Grader

Whales

I'm Learning, Too!

My tutee loves animals, and today we learn about whales. One factoid: those who study them can identify individual whales in a group of hundreds by noting the markings and scars on their dorsal fins and tails. Also, females have a curve in their tails that males lack. Who knew?

Tutee #3 - 3rd Grader

Seriously, Cinderella Is So Annoying! The Story of Cinderella as Told by the Wicked Stepmother

If at First We Don't Succeed

When I see the first book the tutee selected is too difficult and is not one she's interested in, I send her to the bookcase to select another. The retold fairy tale she chooses hooks her, and when our timer sounds, we aren't finished, so we agree to start next week where we left off today. ☺

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Tutee #1 - 5th Grader

A Dog Called Kitty

Going Backward to Go Forward

We start by reviewing what we read last week. At first my tutee can't remember what we read, but when I read highlights to her, she recalls the plot. Then, as we take turns reading new pages, I notice she moves closer to the book as the story reels her in! ☺

Tutee #2 - 4th Grader

No Lie, Pigs (and Their Houses) Can Fly! The Story of the Three Little Pigs as Told by the Wolf

Unexpected Twist

My tutee and I begin by her telling me the plot of the original fairy tale. Then, she reads the retold version, and I laugh with delight at this clever retelling that presents the third pig and the wolf becoming good friends who use the wolf's huffing and puffing to help kids blow out birthday candles and fly kites on a calm day. ☺

Tutee #3 - 3rd Grader

Seriously, Cinderella Is So Annoying! The Story of Cinderella as Told by the Wicked Stepmother Magellan

Wedded Bliss?

My tutee brings in a new book; then, she remembers she wants to finish our retold tale of Cinderella. She finds the page where we stopped last Tuesday, and we have fun taking turns reading about Cindy's talkative nature and how it annoys her stepmother and stepsisters enough that they cover their ears. Of course, all three are delighted when the prince, not realizing he'll never know silence again, marries Cindy.

Humorous stories encourage readers! ☺ ♦

Chapter Members' News...

Professional



● **Congratulations, Dr. Callahan!**

Jaime Callahan reports, "As many of you know, I have been in hot pursuit of my Doctorate of Educational Leadership degree. I am happy to report that I presented my final defense on March 6 and have completed all requirements and earned the honors of my degree. I will participate in graduation on May 10, but I am officially able to put Ed.D. after my name.

"My husband thinks it is funny that formal invitations addressed to us will be to Dr. and Mr. Callahan. But who receives formal invitations anymore anyway?

"Obviously this has been quite the time-consuming process, and I appreciate all of the well wishes and continuous support from chapter members throughout my journey.

"I look forward to my schedule opening up a bit more for sisterhood and camaraderie!" ♦

Chapter Members' News...

Personal

● **Dark Sky Adventure!**



Susan Endicott shares, " [redacted] and I have lived in Texas for 30 years, and we've just now taken our first trip to Southwest Texas. We had our first Dark Sky Adventure! Big Bend and the surrounding areas were beautiful. Driving through the desert mountains was a sight to behold. We can't wait to go back!

"We did the star party at the McDonald Observatory and had so much fun. I felt like I could reach up and move the stars around! We hiked in Big Bend National Park. We drove through the mountains and exclaimed around every turn.

"Retirement is such a joy! Being free to just get up and go is wonderful!" ♦

● **The Joy of No Alarm Clock!**

Margaret Thompson

announces, "Exciting news! I am officially retired from Highland Park Presbyterian Church after 28 years. It was a great adventure in service to our Lord, and now I can serve Him for free!

"We are planning a couple of



trips this year starting in May. For now, I'm adjusting to waking up without the alarm clock!" ♦

More Member News: Birthdays, Birthdays!



March



Chapter News...

Meeting, 2/19/18, Photo Highlights Fellowship and Program



Thank you, Sherrie, Kay, and March hostesses! 😊

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



Oh, how we enjoy our fellowship time! Thank you, Sherrie Negrete, for your determined and creative leadership!



Margaret Thompson, Elenora Asbury, Leah Black, and Mary Gill



Susan Endicott and Marta Finlay



Mai Gile and Sherrie Negrete



Katherine Grogan and Leesa Cole



Leesa Cole and Wanda Spoonmore



Jan Nance



Jaime Callahan and Katrina Hallman



Shirley Kochman, Wanda Spoonmore, Jean Wallace

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**The
February
Chapter
Meeting
Begins...**



Lou McMillan opens our meeting by welcoming all attending and giving updates on absent members. Thank you, Lou, for your gracious and caring leadership!



Up front: Leah Black



Susan Bell records the meeting's minutes. Thank you, Susan, for adding to our chapter's history!



Susan Endicott and Grace Delatour



Elenora Asbury gives another meaningful inspiration. Thank you, Elenora, for lifting our spirits and moving us forward!



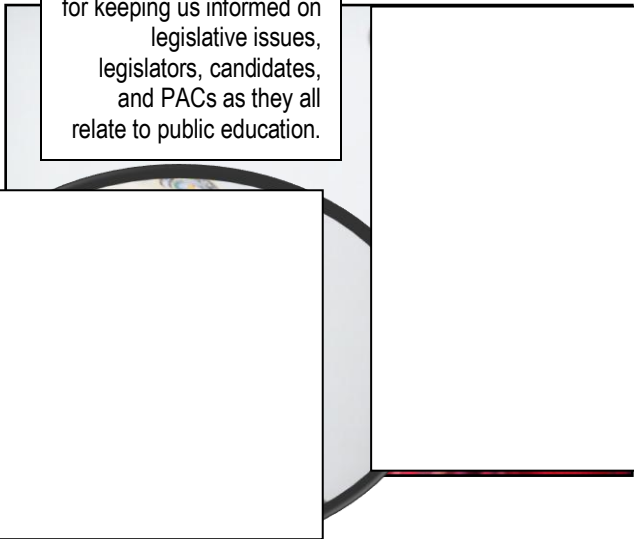
Ready for Cindy Braley and DKG's initiation ceremony

Susan Bell shares, "This is always such a moving and lovely ceremony. I feel as if something new is learned each time we witness this ceremony."

Welcome to DKG, our fellowship, and our service, Cindy Braley!



Thank you, [REDACTED], for keeping us informed on legislative issues, legislators, candidates, and PACs as they all relate to public education.



Cindy, Lou, Grace, Jean, Jaime



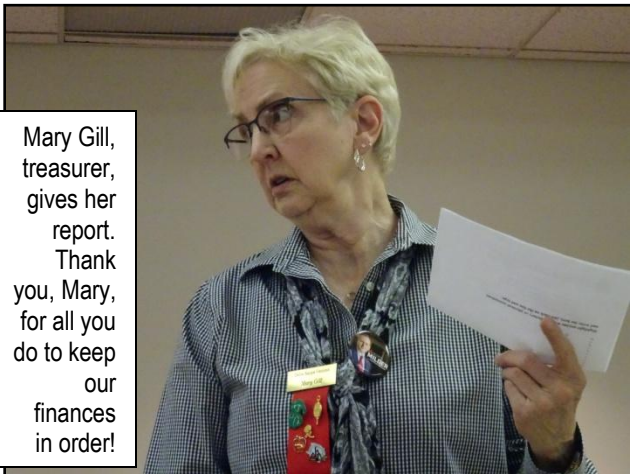
Lou announces our newest member, Cindy Braley!



Thank you, Leah Black, for introducing our chapter to Lance Gooden several years ago. Thank you for bringing his yard signs. And, congratulations to Lance for being a friend to education and making the 5th Congressional District runoff! Go, Lance, in November!



Mary Gill, treasurer, gives her report. Thank you, Mary, for all you do to keep our finances in order!



Thank you, Leesa, for keeping Delta Omicron members up-to-date on DKG's many scholarship opportunities and for all you do as TSO treasurer!



Delta Omicron's February Program



Thank you, Barbara Clinton, for researching, developing, and publicizing our 2016-2018 programs and projects!



Marta Finlay,
Mary Gill



Elenora Asbury,
Margaret Thompson



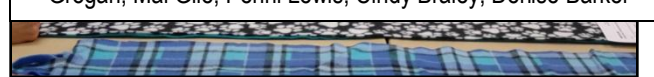
Thank you, Denise Barker, for guiding us in making no-sew fleece blankets in our service of others!



Grace Delatour, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Leesa Cole, Katherine Grogan, Mai Gile, Penni Lewis, Cindy Braley, Denise Barker



Grace Delatour and Susan Endicott



Lou McMillan, Jan Nance, Cindy Braley, Denise Barker, Penni Lewis



Grace Delatour, Susan Endicott, Mary Gill, Leesa Cole, Lou McMillan, Cindy Braley, Penni Lewis



Marta Finlay and Barbara Clinton



Leesa Cole, Susan Endicott, Katherine Grogan



Grace Delatour, Marta Finlay

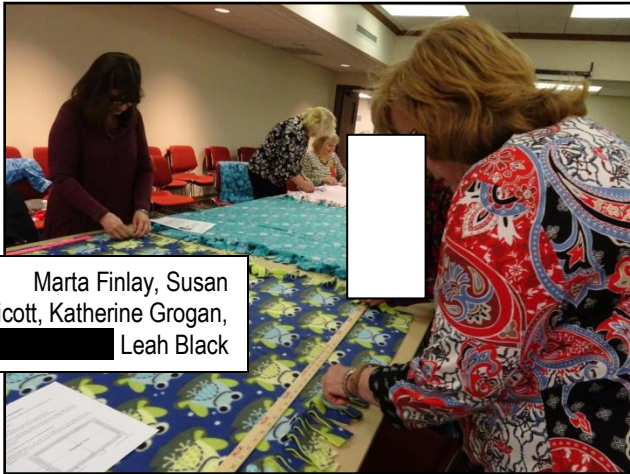


Mai Gile and Lou McMillan



Susan Bell, Leesa Cole, Penni Lewis, [Redacted], Leah Black, Cindy Braley

T-E-A-M-W-O-R-K!



Marta Finlay, Susan Endicott, Katherine Grogan, [redacted], Leah Black



Mary Gill, Katrina Hallman, Jaime Callahan



Lou McMillan, Jan Nance, Susan Bell, Leesa Cole



Denise begins the stack of finished blankets! ☺



Katherine Grogan, Susan Bell, Leah Black, Lou McMillan, and Denise Barker say, "Yes, let's sing 'the song' next time!"

"Week of Caring" Project Delivery



Susan Bell reports, "Going to Denise's center was amazing and a social time, too. After sitting with some of the residents, I felt we were the lucky ones to share their day!"



Thank you to Cindy Braley, Barbara Clinton, Susan Bell, Carolyn Power, Lou McMillan, and Denise Barker for delivering our no-sew fleece blankets to the McKinney assisted-living center where Denise works! ♦

Coordinating Council of Dallas County News...

Coordinating Council of Dallas County's Annual Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

The Lakewood Country Club, 1912 Abrams Road, Dallas

Speaker: TSO President, Dr. Jo Murphy

Theme: 1929...Changing Times:

Valuing the Past, Embracing the Future...2018+

Silent auction benefitting CCDC scholarships. ♦

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. ♦

Area 9 News...



Area 9 Coordinator Jennifer Bernabo ♦

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. ♦

Texas State Organization News...

TSO Website

www.dkgtexas.org ♦

Diane Moose, TSO Webmaster



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Carol McMillan, TSO Editor/Photographer ♦

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 2018
- **Unifying Project**, May, June 2018

2018 Unifying Project: Storybook Christmas.
Details are on p. 5 of the spring edition of *Lone Star News* [Spring 2018 Lone Star News](#) ♦

TSO Coming Event!



89th Texas State Convention
Waco Convention Center
Waco, Texas
June 14-16, 2018

The latest *Lone Star News* is packed with convention information, including the following:

- ★ the convention registration form (p. 6),
- ★ a preliminary schedule (p. 8), and
- ★ lots of other info you'll want to know!

[Spring 2018 Lone Star News](#) ♦

Southwest Regional News...

The Southwest Region's next conference will convene in July 2019 in California.

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

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

International News...



Website

www.dkg.org ♦

Purposes

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

Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide ♦

Projects

- Schools for Africa (SfA) [usforumdkg.org](https://www.dkg.org/content/schools-africa-0)
<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, 2016-2018

Carolyn Pittman
DKG—Leading Women Educators ♦

Get Connected (Newsletter of the International Communications and Publicity Committee)

[Get Connected March/April 2018](#) ♦

International Coming Event!

2018 International Convention (hosted by Texas)

July 16-20, 2018
JW Marriott Austin
Austin, Texas
Convention Chair, JoAnn Brooks



Be in "the know." Read each issue of the *2018 International Convention Times*. Each one is a quick read. Follow the links below.

[2018 International Convention Times, Issue 1](#)

[2018 International Convention Times, Issue 1 Texas Edition](#)

[2018 International Convention Times, Issue 2](#)

[2018 International Convention Times, Issue 2 Texas Edition](#)

If you would like to donate \$5.00 for a Texas pin created by Nancy Newton, 2013-2015 TSO president, please contact JoAnn Brooks. joannbrooks@verizon.net All proceeds will be used to pay for Texas night at International Convention.

Follow this link for a five-minute video all about our coming convention in Austin!

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2016_International_Convention/2018_Austin_International_Convention.aspx?WebsiteKey=f2a9f9b2-97e4-46ea-a2f2-6b3771b0cb9d ♦



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