



# 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 had wonderful Easter and Passover holidays and enjoyed your weekend with friends and families.

Spring is a new beginning! It's like "a New Year," only more meaningful to me. I look forward to seeing the bluebonnets, buying pots of geraniums and impatiens for my small garden area, sitting on my back porch, taking in all the glorious sights and smells of new life, including the glorious rain with its lightning and thunder. Spring is a time when God cleanses His earthly palette and starts painting all over again!

I also really enjoy our CCDC spring luncheon. Getting to see friends in other chapters, the lovely tablescapes, and the silent auction items, and to hear the chatter of all our "sisters" is fun. This year was especially important to Delta Omicron because of the presentation of the 25-year award to **Dawna Walsh** and the 50-year award to **Jean Wallace**. Again, I want to thank **Katrina Hallman**, [redacted] and **Mary White** for being our lovely, gracious greeters. **Katherine Grogan** volunteered, too, but couldn't attend because of illness. And, Delta Omicron had the most members of the Dallas County chapters: 20 of us attended. It was a very special day!

I look forward to seeing everyone Monday, May 20. The program will honor our Founders and chapter and let us celebrate before we go our separate ways for summer! ♦

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## Chapter Meeting News

Monday, May 20, 2019

**Time and Agenda:**

4:30 p.m. - Fellowship and Food

5:00 p.m. - Program



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

May hostesses, p. 7.



**Program: A Time to Celebrate: Founders, Chapter, Members!**

**See page 2 for details!**

**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?** 2019 TSO Unifying Project gift—See p. 3, 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

For Katherine Grogan, Programs/Projects VP



### ● **MAY 20 Program: A Time to Celebrate: Founders, Chapter, and Members!**

First, we'll

- ✓ honor our DKG Founders and
- ✓ mark our Delta Omicron Chapter's 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Next, we'll honor members:

- ✓ **Achievement Awards Committee** -pin,
- ✓ **Scholarship Committee** - chapter scholarship,
- ✓ **Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee** - grant-in-aid,
- ✓ **Mary Louise Milliorn** - interview, →→
- ✓ and **Shirley Kochman** - art and other adventures. ◆



### ● **2018-2019 Meetings and Programs**

**Monday, September 17, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M.,** HPISD, 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.,** HPISD, 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.,** HPISD, 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.,** HPISD, 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.,** HPISD, 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.,** HPISD, 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.,** HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. "A Time to Celebrate"—Observance of Society Founders Day and Chapter Birthday. "Reminiscing with **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)

•**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**

Hello, Members of Delta Omicron,  
What a wonderful year of membership we have enjoyed with our fellow members. We shared wonderful programs, food, and fellowship. I know that I enjoyed getting to know all of you better and that I made new friends.

I hope that you will attend our state convention in Arlington in June or one of our five international conferences in June or July so that you can see all that goes on in DKG.

This past month, the Coordinating Council of Dallas County Luncheon was so fun and inspirational. I so loved hearing about the history of our founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton. It inspired me to do more!

Over the summer, think about a friend that you would like to invite to a meeting with our group of amazing ladies this coming year. Maybe they could attend one of our social outings and get to know other key women educators. It's so nice to have such a lovely group of women to share our love of teaching as well as our lives, and we would love for others to join us.

Have a great summer!

*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  
March 2019 = 30 members, 1 guest  
April 2019 (CCDC) = 20 members ♦



## Recording Secretary's Report

By Katrina Hallman

### ● Minutes, March 18, 2019

**Members Present (30):** Katrina Hallman, Maureen Baker, Katherine Grogan, Grace Delatour, Jean

Wallace, Marylin Nease, Mary Louise Milliorn, Kathy Rodriguez, Marta Finlay, Carolyn Miller, Margaret Thompson, Carrie Parsons, Katy Kunofsky, Lou McMillan, Becky Quigley, Shirley Kochman, Susan Endicott, Mary Gill, Sara Coleman, Jan Nance, Carolyn Power, Margie Rohde, Elenora Asbury, Penni Lewis, Janet Hogg, Melanie Rudebeck, Susan Bell, Cindy Braley, Leesa Cole, Sherrie Negrete

**Guests (1):** [REDACTED]

**Welcome:** Lou McMillan, president

**Announcements:** (1) Thank you to hostesses for refreshments and beautiful arrangement.

(2) Wanda Spoonmore reminds us to gather on March 28 at 11:30 at Greek Isles Restaurant (southwest quadrant of Preston and Royal) for lunch and fellowship.

(3) If you know of members who need a ride to the meetings, several members (Lou McMillan, Elenora Asbury, etc.) are happy to give them a ride.

**Inspiration:** Maureen Baker, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee - "Make a Joyful Pitstop"

**Minutes:** Members approved the January and February minutes as printed in the chapter newsletter.

### Treasurer's Report: Leesa Cole

(1) Please pay \$100 to Leesa for 2019-2020 membership dues by the May meeting. We do not want to lose members over money.

(2) \$4,867.30 is our balance. Some of this amount is temporary because it will go to next year's dues and the CCDC luncheon.

(3) If you want to attend the CCDC luncheon, tonight is the deadline to give Leesa your \$33 reservation.

### New Business:

(1) **Schools for Africa:** Carolyn Power reported on the 2010 international convention in Seattle when attendees voted to adopt the project working with UNICEF. Marylin Nease shared two examples of what our donations will buy for SFA, for example, \$68 will buy one student desk. Katherine Grogan played a two-minute video about SFA. Lou McMillan and Leesa Cole took up cash donations and gave members who wanted to write a personal check the official donation form to mail in on their own. **Members donating at the meeting contributed \$242 to SFA.**

(2) **CCDC Luncheon:** Delta Omicron will provide the "greeters." [REDACTED], Mary White, Katherine Grogan, and Katrina Hallman volunteered. Greeters need to be at Lakewood Country Club at 9 a.m. Other attendees need to be there by 9:30 a.m. The luncheon is always a great gathering. Remember to bring cash or check (no credit cards) for the silent auction.

(3) **ASTEF Project Grant Application Report:** Thank you to the Hillier Project Committee - Margaret Thompson, Katy Kunofsky, Becky Quigley, Katherine Grogan, Carrie Parsons, and [REDACTED].

(4) **Chapter Rules Report:** Jean Wallace, committee chair, and members Lou Brown and Shirley Kochman are revising the chapter rules to be in alignment with rules changes made at the 2018 international convention in Austin. Thank you so much! If anyone else would like to volunteer for this committee's revision work, they would enjoy your help.

### (5) Chapter Vote: Funds for President's Convention Travel, Hotel, and Registration.

*The question:* Do we want to make funds available to chapter officers to use when the president is unable to attend conferences or conventions?

Katy Kunofsky motioned that we make funds available to the officers to use when they take the place of the president when she is unable to attend a convention or conference.

Becky Quigley seconded the motion.

Lou McMillan called for a vote. Members voted unanimous approval.

Leesa Cole, treasurer, told us we have \$1,500 budgeted for president's convention/conference expenses (travel/hotel/registration) total. It won't cover everything, but it helps a lot with expenses. Any officers may attend the convention/conference in the president's place.

### Program: "Being a Caregiver"

Katherine Grogan, 1st Vice President of Projects and Programs, introduced the presenters: Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, and Marylin Nease.

Mary Gill began with a quote from Rosalyn Carter about the universality of caregiving.

Marta Finlay shared signs of caregiver stress.

**Marilyn Nease** shared seven ways we can take care of ourselves while we are caregivers. (1) Practice mindfulness. (2) Look for humor in every situation. (3) Adjust our perspective. (4) Exercise daily. (5) Take breaks. (6) Stay hydrated and eat healthfully. (7) Sleep well. Sleep tips: To fall asleep, use deep breathing and thinking about five things you are grateful for each night. Use a white noise machine, and turn off your devices an hour or two before bedtime.

**Marta Finlay** provided info about necessary documents: will, power of attorney, durable power of attorney, living will, and living trust.

**Mary Gill** ended with respite care information, explaining that respite care is different from providing care for the “caregivee”: it is for the caregiver. She suggested getting the *AARP – Prepared to Care* family caregiving planning brochure. She also talked about T Boone Pickens Respite Care in Dallas and about legislative activity related to caregiver respite.

**The meeting adjourned**, and members sang “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.” ♦

## Treasurer’s Report

By Leesa Cole, Treasurer



### ● Balance, Income, Expenses

The checking account balance as of May 1, 2019, was \$6,162.83.

**Income includes** dues payments for 2019-2020, CCDC luncheon reservations, and \$242 donated by members for Schools for Africa.

**Budgeted expenses include** a \$10 donation to Schools for Africa and

reimbursement to chapter communications chair for postage and supplies. Payments were also made to CCDC for luncheon reservations and Schools for Africa in the donated amount. Dues payments to International and TSO will be made this summer. We send \$40 per member to International and \$20 per member to TSO. Chapter members who attend the TSO convention in Arlington will split a budgeted stipend to defray costs. Upcoming payments may include chapter grant-in-aid, chapter scholarship, and International conference attendance reimbursements.

We have received donation acknowledgements from each of the International entities (paid in January) as well as Schools for Africa.

### Dues for 2019-2020 membership are due now.

**Send your dues to Leesa Cole ASAP.** Pay in full, pay in halves in May and June, but don’t delay. Leesa must submit your name as a paid member by June 30 and send money to International and TSO in June and July.

- Dues will be collected each spring instead of the fall.
- This is an International directive from last July’s convention.

It is accompanied by a new online dues reporting system, which will streamline the reporting process.

- International expects payments from chapters in June and July.
- International will email reminders in August and September; then, unpaid members are automatically dropped on October 1.
- To avoid being automatically dropped:

**Pay dues at the May 20 meeting or mail them to Leesa Cole.**

Remember to **keep your membership card** as International no longer prints these. You can print your own from your My DKG account on the International website.

**Talk to your Delta Omicron sisters who may not see this article or attend meetings**, and let’s make sure everyone pays their dues this month! ♦

## Chapter Committee News...

### SOCIETY BUSINESS

#### Chapter Rules Committee

By Jean Wallace, Committee Member

The Chapter Rules Committee met at my house on April 4. Present were **Shirley Kochman, Marta Finlay, and Carolyn Miller.**

Carolyn represents Area 9 on the 2017-2019 TSO Bylaws and Rules Committee. Her knowledge of the changes chapters need to make in their rules (based on changes members approved at the 2018 DKG International Convention in Austin) was an asset to our committee’s work. Marta and Carolyn did the bulk of the work to update our chapter’s rules.

Carolyn forwarded the draft of our updated rules to the next level for final approval.

**Carolyn Miller** reports this news update on May 1, “I am so proud to send this certificate for excellent work on our rules for Delta Omicron.” ♦



The Chapter Rules of Delta Omicron are certified as in alignment with *The International Constitution and Standing Rules* and *The Texas State Organization Bylaws and Rules* and are approved for the 2017-2019 biennium.

Texas State Organization Bylaws and Rules Committee

**Communications and Publicity 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. ♦



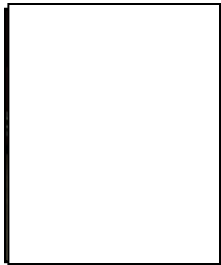
**Janet Hogg** shares, "The lunch at Greek Isles was a delightful event. Not only was the food delicious, but also getting to know my DKG sisters better in a casual, quiet atmosphere is a treat. There were many, many laughs, which makes anyone's day brighter."

**Chapter Committee News...**

**SOCIETY MISSION AND PURPOSES**

**Legislation Committee**

By [redacted] *Chair*



**Communicate with Legislators**

The 86th Texas Legislature is quickly coming to an end, and many proposals have been made to meet education needs.

Stay in touch with your legislators during the summer, and let them know your concerns and how you feel about education in Texas.

This would be a good opportunity to plan visits and get to know your legislators. ♦

**Maureen Baker** reports, "After our wonderful lunch at Greek Isles, I just had to go to Corfu, Greece. It was beautiful, and the food there was great, too. We even saw a Greek TV star filming his latest series."



**Carolyn Miller** shares, "What a great time we all had sampling hors d'ouerves and enjoying each others' company. These outings are special because we get to know each other better."

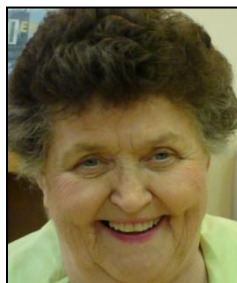
**Lou McMillan** reports, "Terrific turnout! Enjoyable 'eats' and fabulous fellowship!"



**Chapter Committee News...**

**CHAPTER'S SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

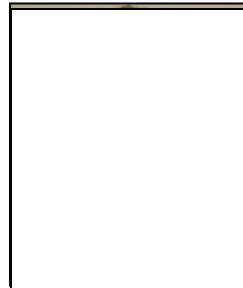
**Fellowship Committee**



By *Wanda Spoonmore, Chair*  
 ● **Greek Isles Taverna and Grille Outing, March 28**

**Wanda Spoonmore** reports, "Fun was had by all, and the food was delicious. Attending were twelve members: **Maureen Baker, Sara Coleman, Grace Delatour, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Janet Hogg, Shirley Kochman, Lou McMillan,**

**Carolyn Miller, Carolyn Power,** [redacted], and I."



[redacted] shares, "The food was delicious. The best part was having the opportunity to talk with members that I hardly knew."

● **RM 12:20 Bistro Outing, May 2**

**Marilyn Nease** reports, "Ten of us attended this lunch gathering, where we enjoyed French-themed dishes including shrimp and spinach crepes, Parisienne sandwiches, RM 12:20 kale salad, arugula and shallot quiche, crème brulee, and chocolate mousse."

"No matter where we meet to eat, we all agree that the fellowship we enjoy is the best item on the menu!"



L-R Front: Mary Gill, Grace Delatour, Mary White, Marta Finlay.  
Back: Wanda Spoonmore, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Miller, Maureen Baker, Margaret Thompson, Lou McMillan.

● **JJ's Café Outing, June 14, 12:00 p.m.**

Save the date for the next lunch and fellowship. Details to follow by group email. ♦

**Social Arrangements Committee**

● **Hostesses for 2019 Meetings**

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. ♦

**Chapter Members' News...**



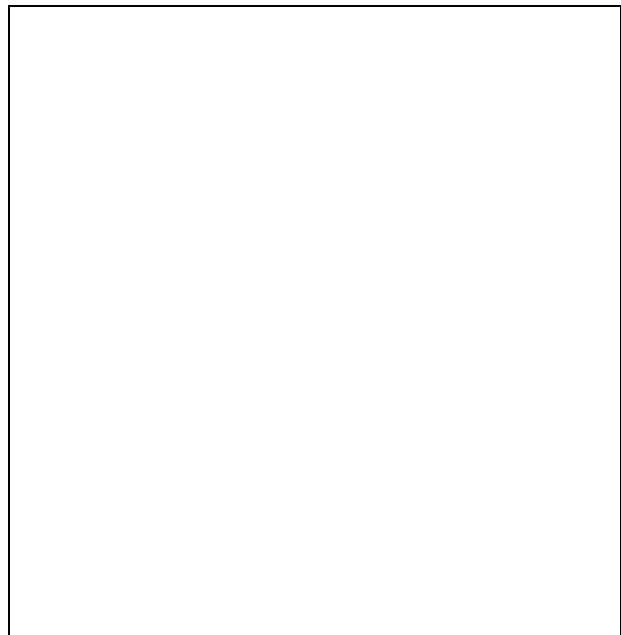
● **Volunteering Award!**

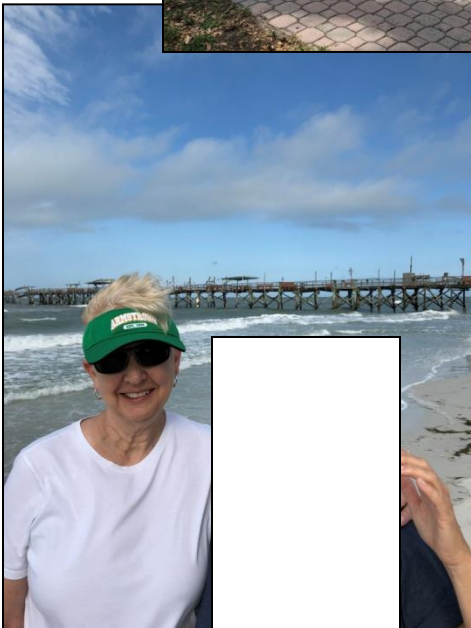
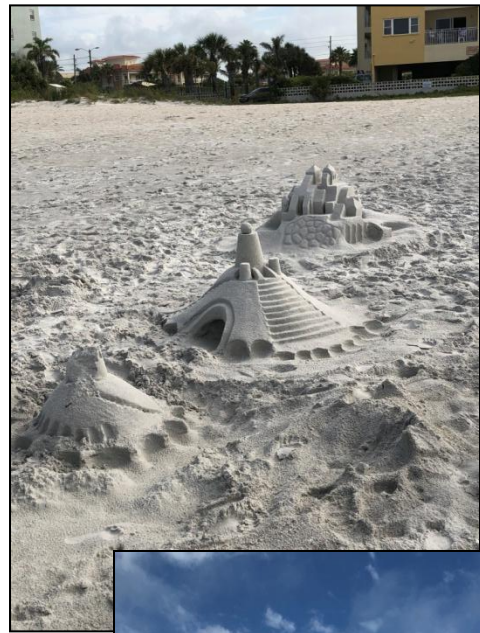
Jean Wallace reports, "At Presbyterian of Dallas' 2019 Recognition Banquet at the Double Tree Hotel, I received my pin for 4,500 hours of volunteer service."

"I was also recognized for being the longest-serving volunteer: 35 years." ♦

Mary Gill reports, "I was sorry to miss both the HPISD Retired Teachers Luncheon and CCDC Spring Luncheon, but I had a wonderful time visiting my cousins who live in North Redington Beach, Florida. We walked on the beach, visited the town of Dunedin, Madeira Beach, celebrated a friend's 90th birthday, and relaxed!

"When I returned to Dallas, Mom and I went for a drive to Allen to see some bluebonnets!" ♦







**Birthdays, Birthdays!**



**May**

Elenora Asbury, 7  
Lou Brown, 7  
Kathy Rodriguez, 7  
Margie Rohde, 8  
Janet Cundiff, 24  
Cindy Braley, 25  
Jaime Callahan, 31

**June**

Carolyn Miller, 12  
Penni Lewis, 13  
Mary Gill, 18  
Sherrie Negrete, 19  
Maureen Baker, 21  
Susan Bell, 22  
Marilyn Lamb, 30

**July**

Beth McLean, 2  
Kay Lutes, 6  
Nancy Johnson, 11  
Margaret Thompson, 12  
Barbara Harris, 13  
Janet Hogg, 13  
Leesa Cole, 22

**August**

Katy Kunofsky, 6  
Tincy Miller, 8  
Dawna Walsh, 11  
Grace Delatour, 13 ♦



**Chapter News...**

**Photo Highlights, Chapter Meeting,  
March 18, 2019**

**Food and Fellowship:**



Carrie Parsons, Becky Quigley, Shirley Kochman,  
Katy Kunofsky, Carolyn Miller, Margaret Thompson,  
Lou McMillan



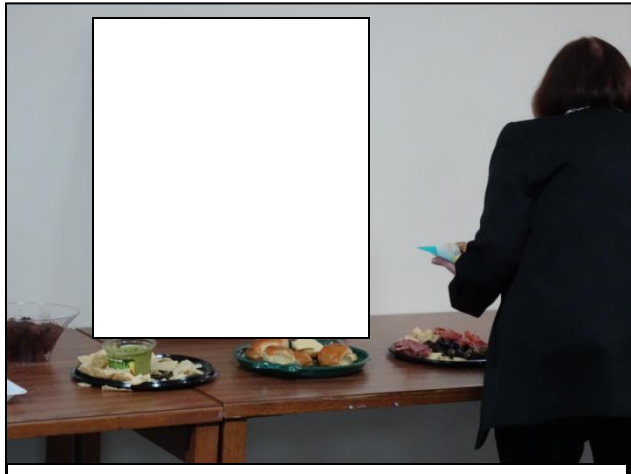
Mary Louise Milliom, Carrie Parsons, Becky  
Quigley, Shirley Kochman, Katy Kunofsky



Shirley Kochman, Katy Kunofsky, Carolyn  
Miller, Margaret Thompson, Lou McMillan



Jan Nance, Grace Delatour, Janet Hogg, Katrina Hallman, Elenora Asbury



Past president [redacted] watercolor artwork honoring our Shirley Kochman



Margie Rohde, Carolyn Power, Jan Nance, Grace Delatour



Marilyn Nease, Susan Endicott



Katherine Grogan, Marta Finlay, Maureen Baker



Jean Wallace, Sara Coleman, Sherrie Negrete, Kathy Rodriguez



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Thank you to our March hostesses!

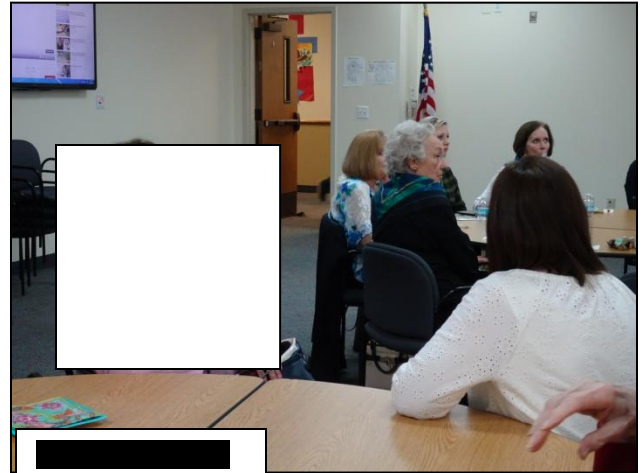


Mary Gill, Jean Wallace



Jan Nance, Leesa Cole

Marta Finlay, Leesa Cole

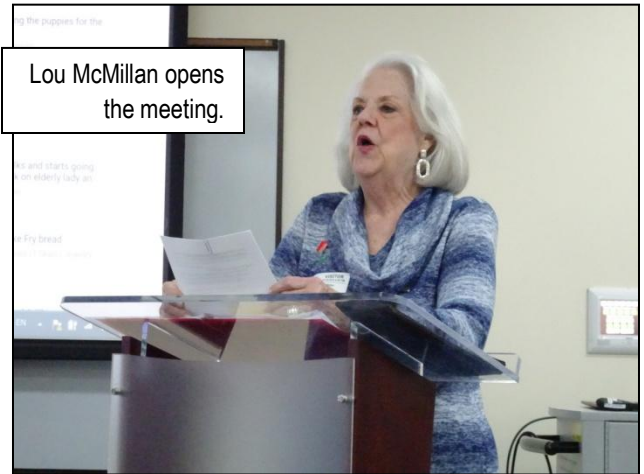


*Delta Omicron  
=  
"Genuine spiritual  
fellowship!"*

**Business Meeting and Program:**



Jan Nance



Lou McMillan opens the meeting.



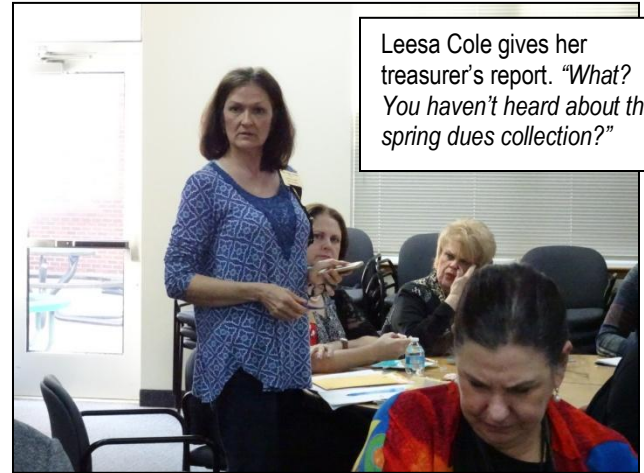
Cindy Braley, Susan Bell



Marta Finlay introduces guest [redacted].



Grace Delatour, Janet Hogg



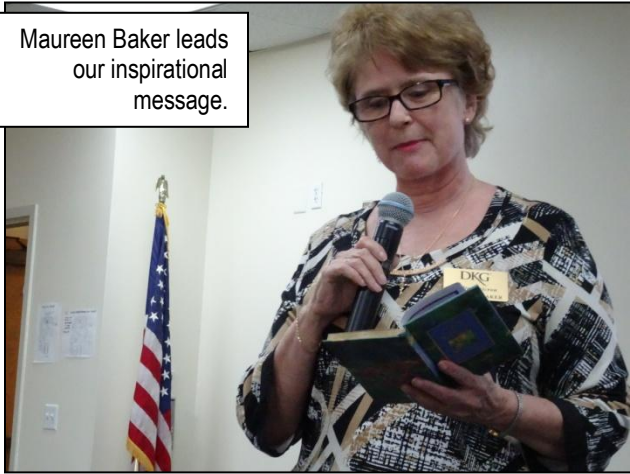
Leesa Cole gives her treasurer's report. "What? You haven't heard about the spring dues collection?"



“Oh, you were kidding! I feel better! You had me worried!”



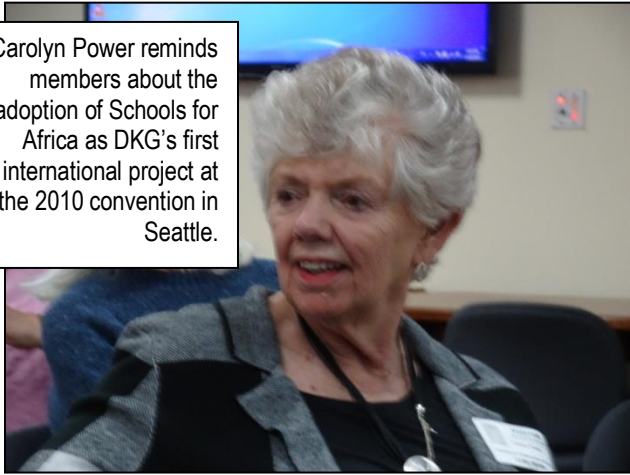
Katherine Grogan begins a brief slide show about DKG's international project Schools for Africa. Members donate \$242 for SFA!



Maureen Baker leads our inspirational message.



Katherine Grogan introduces the program: “Being a Caregiver.”



Carolyn Power reminds members about the adoption of Schools for Africa as DKG's first international project at the 2010 convention in Seattle.



Program presenters are Mary Gill, Marta Finlay, and Marylin Nease (not pictured). ♦

# Coordinating Council of Dallas County News...

## A Look Back at Our CCDC Spring Luncheon

**Who:** Delta Omicron members attending were **Susan Bell, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Grace Delatour, Katrina Hallman, Marilyn Lamb, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Power, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Melanie Rudebeck, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, [REDACTED], Jean Wallace, Dawna Walsh, Mary White.**

Not pictured: **Katrina Hallman, Marilyn Lamb**



Thank you, Jennifer Bernabo, Area 9 coordinator, for volunteering to be Delta Omicron's photographer!

*Note:* We missed you three who had reservations but couldn't attend! **Cindy Braley** and **Katherine Grogran**, we hope you had a speedy and complete recovery! **Kay Keeland**, we hope you had a wonderful time with your out-of-town company!

**What:** Coordinating Council of Dallas County's (CCDC's) Spring Luncheon, annual event for the 14 chapters in Dallas County

**Where:** Lakewood Country Club, 1912 Abrams, Dallas

**When:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, April 6, 2019

**Why:** Fun, fellowship, food, inspiration, and education

**How:**

**(1) Introduction of chapter presidents**—Thank you, **Lou McMillan**, for your leadership of Delta Omicron!

Lou McMillan, second from right, during the presentation of Dallas County chapter presidents.



**(2) Musical entertainment**—“**The Dallas Police Choir**”: Nine talented, dedicated, and fun-loving members of the 29-member choir entertained us with seven songs, primarily patriotic and spiritual music, and with personal sharing of what led them to become police officers, often with references to the influence of an educator in their classrooms, homes, or neighborhoods.

**Leesa Cole** shares, The Dallas Police Choir that performed patriotic and Texas songs was small but mighty. Their music moved me to tears, and their stories of becoming a police officer were so interesting, especially the story of the officer originally from Ukraine! My nephew is a Lubbock police officer, so I have a soft spot for officers in general.”

**(3)** [REDACTED] **Over the Bridge with Annie**”: [REDACTED] led us on an inspiring and informative tour of Dr. Annie Webb Blanton's life!



**Leesa Cole** reports, “The program was outstanding—all about Annie Webb Blanton and the legacy of DKG that she and our other Founders gave us. Dr. Blanton was a fascinating woman with a fascinating history.”

**(4) Lunch**—House salad with red wine shallot vinaigrette, chicken piccata, whipped potatoes, roasted seasonal vegetables, New York cheese cake

**(5) Recognition of 25 and 50 Year Members**—Congratulations to our **Dawna Walsh (25)** and **Jean Wallace (50)**!



Congratulations to our Jean Wallace, the only Dallas County member this year to receive recognition for 50 years of DKG membership!



Congratulations to our Dawna Walsh, one of five Dallas County members to receive recognition for 25 years of DKG membership! Dawna is on the far right in the photo.



Congratulations, Jean! In previous years, Jean has served as president of Delta Sigma, treasurer of Delta Omicron, and host of our chapter’s Christmas gathering in her home. Jean has also served on various chapter committees and attended state conventions.



Congratulations, Dawna! In previous years, Dawna has presented a chapter program, hosted our chapter’s Christmas gatherings in her home, attended state conventions, and served on various chapter committees.

**(6) Friend of Education Award**—awarded this year to an inspiring community member who mentors students at Francisco Medrano Middle School in Dallas ISD

**(7) Cora McFarland Scholarships (first awarded in 1965!)**—awarded this year to three Dallas County members doing doctoral studies and two members doing post-graduate studies

**(8) “Delta Kappa Gamma Song”**—Of course!

**(9) Silent Auction**—open to all, with winners awarded at the end of the luncheon event, and with proceeds going to the CCDC’s Cora McFarland Scholarship fund ♦

## Area 9 News...



Area 9 Coordinator Jennifer Bernabo ♦

## Texas State Organization News...

**TSO Website**  
[www.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.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

Leesa reports, **"I love the new online dues portal.** It has a few glitches, but overall it will be more efficient and is streamlining the dues

reporting process.

**"Not only am I learning and using the new online portal for dues, but I (along with Deborah and Cheryl at TSO HQ) am training long-distance and fielding emails and calls from the other 243 chapter treasurers in TSO.** Fortunately, the **TSO Finance Committee** and **TSO Technology Committee** as well as **International staff** are helping when they can. Texas is really big, and it's so hard to reach everyone." ♦



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

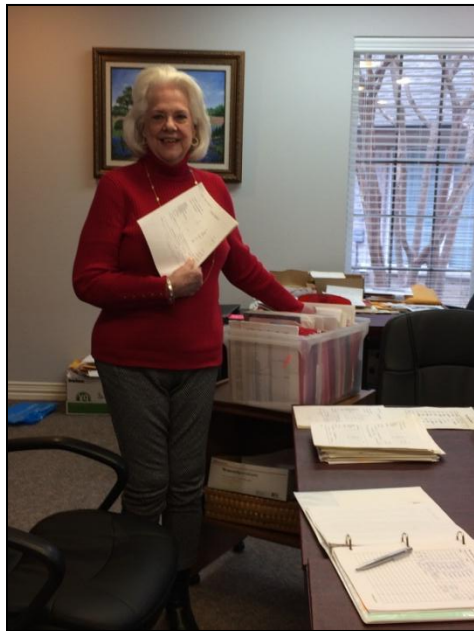


From Area 9, Delta Omicron:  
**Carolyn Miller**, member,  
Bylaws Committee ♦

## TSO Committee, 2017-2019



From Area 9, Delta Omicron:  
**Marilyn Nease**, chair,  
Headquarters Committee ♦



Thank you to Delta Omicron's **Lou McMillan** for volunteering at TSO Headquarters in March!

## 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/reseAdvration-link.mi?id=1543262815677&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

#### **Convention info, including newsettes:**

<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 2019 international conferences (formerly called regional conferences)?**

Consider attending **this year's international conference** in North Carolina, Iowa, California, Iceland, or Connecticut. Below, note the theme, location, and dates of each conference.

***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?hkey=4b445ed5-b80b-4cb2-a23d-14ba20b0bdaa](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/DKGMember/DKG_Events.aspx?hkey=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](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,  
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** ♦

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