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yesterday and tomorrow



# 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, 2016-2018 Chapter President



Several members and I spent Friday, April 27, working and voting on the 2018 proposed amendments to the *DKG International Constitution*. All 79 of them!

Eight ladies each had 10 amendments to read, review, question, and decide how to vote. They had been working on their group of amendments for the last month or so, preparing for their reports.

**Barbara Clinton, Katherine Grogan, Carolyn Power, Margaret Thompson, Linda Tokoly,** and I gathered at my home to convene, discuss, and vote on each one. We started at 10:00 a.m. and finished around 3:00 p.m. **Kay Keeland** and **Mary White** were unable to attend but also worked on their set of amendments and sent us their notes and recommendations to discuss.

In between discussions, we took time to enjoy box lunches filled with a cup of fruit, pasta and veggie salad, sandwich halves (pimiento cheese, turkey and provolone, chicken salad), chips, and a snicker doodle cookie. All this was compliments of Preston Hollow Catering!

Not only did we work really hard, but also we enjoyed lively

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## Chapter Meeting News

**Monday, May 21, 2018**

**Time and Agenda:**

4:30 p.m. – Fellowship

5:00 p.m. – Program



**Sherrie Negrete,**  
Social Arrangements Chair

*May Hostesses:* **Joy Burger, Susan Bell, Sara Coleman,** [redacted], **Shirley Kochman, Jan Nance, Carolyn Power, Jean Wallace**

**Grace Delatour,**  
Program Presenter,

"Interview with a 44-year DKG Member:  
Child, Student, Educator, Family and  
Community Member, Retiree"



**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 ♦ Books for TSO's 2018 Unifying Project – See p. 3. ♦

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April 2019, CCDC Luncheon  
Monday, May 20, 2019 ♦

### **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. ☺

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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**  
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Immediate Past President: **Mary White**

### **President Message continued...**

discussions full of diverse and varying opinions, and we were able to agree as a group on each and every amendment!

I have never enjoyed a work day as much as I did on April 27! And, I have never been as proud of my fellow "sisters" in Delta Omicron! Way to go! Job-well done! Congratulations!

On Wednesday, May 16, another group of lovely ladies, **Shirley Kochman, Wanda Spoonmore, and Jean Wallace**, will be helping me with the 2018 proposed amendments to the *DKG International Standing Rules*. All 49 of them!

What a great group of DKG sisters...each and every one!

Now for more news! We have some changes to look forward to for 2018-2019: we'll hold our monthly chapter meetings at Highland Park ISD's McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada Avenue.

Here are the dates for our 2018-2019 meetings:

- Monday, September 17, 2018
- Monday, October 15, 2018
- Monday, November 12, 2018
- Saturday, December 2018, TBD, Holiday Party
- Monday, January 14, 2019
- Monday, February, 11, 2019

### **Programs and Service Projects VP's Report**

By *Barbara Clinton, Programs/Projects VP*



#### **● May 21 Program**

**Grace Delatour**, 44-year DKG and Delta Omicron member and 1988-1990 chapter president, is our May 21 speaker.

After serving as chapter president, Grace has served as chapter parliamentarian and has chaired the finance, achievement awards, research, archives, and nominations committees. Grace received the Delta Omicron Chapter Achievement Award in 1991 and the Coordinating Council of Dallas County's Cora McFarland Scholarship Award in 2002.

**Marylin Nease** will interview Grace on the following topics:

Values Learned in Early Childhood,

Formal Education Earned,

Highlights of Teacher-Student Relationships,

Adult Family Life and Activities, and

Life after Retirement.

Marylin reports, "I first met Grace at Dallas ISD's Thomas Jefferson High School when I joined the faculty in 1976. I've been a big fan of Grace's ever since!

"Grace is one of the 'classy-est' and most fun people I know. That's a great combination, it seems to me!

"I am honored to interview Grace. I look forward to learning more about Grace's life and getting to know her even better." ♦

#### **● 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)

## Membership VP's Report

By Jaime Callahan, Membership VP



Wrapping up this two-year term, I have been reflecting on the opportunities and experiences that have been afforded to me via Delta Kappa Gamma. I am excited that someone new with a fresh perspective and excitement for our chapter growth will be continuing to positively impact Delta Omicron's membership.

The most recent *DKG News*, May/June 2018, provides us with some words of wisdom that I think are worthy of highlighting. The article "Making Members Matter" asks some important questions, mainly, "In what ways do you make each member feel that she matters?"

In my experience with Delta Omicron, everyone does an amazing job of fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment. I have personally experienced so much kindness and joy from interactions with our members. Most recently, **Wanda Spoonmore** made a gift to DKG in my honor. Beyond making a thoughtful gesture, Wanda made me feel special and valued.

As the new executive board makes plans for next year, and years to come, perhaps keeping in mind these few additional questions from the "Making Members Matter" article could add to the already rich program development and monthly meeting agenda:

- ✓ *Do [we] plan and include activities at each meeting through which attendees develop a stronger bond, appreciate one another, and are offered encouragement to take leadership roles?*
- ✓ *Do [we] use the seven Society Purposes to structure programs?*
- ✓ *Do [we] dedicate a few moments of each meeting to Purpose-related activities that will ensure that all members receive personal and professional growth opportunities?*

I would like to do more in recognizing, honoring, and appreciating members' professional, community, and DKG accomplishments and achievements. So much beauty and talent is within our garden of members. I look forward to watching it grow! ♦

## Recording Secretary's Report Minutes, March 19, 2018

By Susan Bell, Recording Secretary



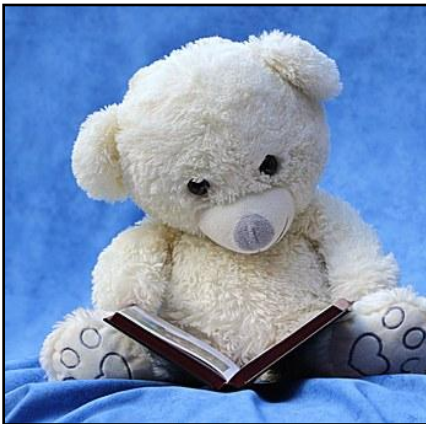
On March 19, 2018, 25 members of Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Room H020 at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship and 5:00 p.m. for the monthly meeting.

**Unifying Project** - a project that serves the needs of the state convention community and unifies chapters across Texas in service (May, June)

From *Lone Star News*, Summer 2018:

### 2018 Unifying Project supports literacy

The Unifying Project for the 2018 Texas State Organization is Storybook Christmas. Each member is asked to bring to convention new children's storybooks appropriate for the 3-10 age range. Books are best received without bags or wrappers.



#### ▶ 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) ♦

*Opening:*

**Lou McMillan**, president, welcomed all members.

**Carolyn Miller**, personal and professional enrichment committee chair, gave the inspiration.

Lou introduced our TSO president, Dr. Jo Murphy, who spoke for a few minutes to our group. She reflected on the joys she has had serving as state president and highlighted major areas.

*New Business:*

Lou thanked **Sherri Negrete** and **Kay Keeland** of the social arrangements committee for the wonderful decorations. She also thanked the hostesses for the refreshments and asked all to stand.

Lou asked if there were any corrections or additions to the February minutes. There were not, so the February minutes stood approved as printed in the newsletter.

**Mary Gill** gave the treasurer's report as printed in the newsletter.

*Old Business:*

Lou thanked all the ladies who went to McKinney to help **Denise Barker**, February program/project organizer, give the blankets to the lovely ladies at the senior living center. "It was such a wonderful time," Lou said and listed the names of those who went, as printed in the last newsletter.

*New Business:*

Lou also thanked all those who would be going to the Coordinating Council of Dallas County's luncheon at Lakewood Country Club on April 7. She reminded them to bring an item for the silent auction. She also asked for luncheon attendees to let Cynthia Devies and Sharon Kraus know how much Delta Omicron appreciates their providing music for the luncheon.

*Program:*

**Barbara Clinton**, program chair, introduced our speaker, [redacted] who spoke on "New Friends New Life—Human Trafficking in Texas." She was a fascinating speaker and had the audience spellbound as she discussed this epidemic, what was being done, and what still needs to be done.

*Closing:*

Members closed the meeting by joining hands and singing "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song." ♦



### Treasurer's Report

*By Mary Gill, Treasurer*

Our bank account balance on Friday, May 11, was \$3,250.00. ♦

## 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: sayings we remember from our mothers.**

# Mothers' Wisdom

## Members remember their mothers...

*Compiled by Marilyn Nease, Editor*



Mother of **Marilyn Nease:**

If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.

It's a great life if you don't weaken.



Mother of **Lou McMillan:**

*Love Notes from Mama*

(AKA... [redacted])

(*Mother's Day that year.*)

1. Be friendly to everyone.

Don't be shy or self-conscious.

Make the other person feel special.

2. It's better to be over-dressed than

under-dressed. It makes the hostess at a party feel honored.

3. Never wear white until after Easter.

4. If a boy asks you to dance, never say, "No."

5. Never buy anything on sale. There's a reason why it hasn't already sold.

6. You can marry a rich man as well as a poor one. (I did not heed this advice.)

She was an amazing lady, an extremely talented artist, and I loved her dearly! And, miss her A LOT.

P.S. She lived to be 98 years old and was still painting gorgeous landscapes (think 19th century impressionists' style) and suffered with macular degeneration.

Mother of **Carolyn Miller**:  
 My mother always said, "Pretty is as pretty does." and "To have a friend is to be one."  
 My grandmother always told me, "Work hard in school so that you will never have to pick cotton." She also told me, "Whatever else you do in life, be sure to get a driver's license."



Mother of **Katherine Grogan**:  
 Advice from my mom—"No matter who enters your life, never lose sight of who you are." ♦



## Chapter Committee News...

### Society Mission and Purposes



**Legislation Committee**  
 By [Redacted] Chair

#### Time to Vote Again!

The Runoff Election is just around the corner.

It is imperative that educators and friends of public schools vote in this election. There are a few candidates in the runoff who are not our friends, and we need to vote them out of office. Remember our healthcare and pension are at stake.

The Texas Legislature does not care about educators or public schools. Teachers must **VOTE!!**

**Early Voting--May 14-18, 2018**

**Election Day--May 22, 2018** ♦

**Runoff Election**

## Chapter Committee News...

### Special Committees

#### Hillier School Project

##### ● Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

By *Marylin Nease, Editor*

On Wednesday, May 9, four Delta Omicron members provided an appreciation breakfast for the teachers and staff of Hillier School.

Delta Omicron Chapter members have volunteered with Hillier for four years and appreciate all that Hillier's educators do to teach and mentor Hillier's students, all with diagnosed learning differences.

About 50 students attend Hillier in grades 1-8; about half are on scholarships. Their goal is to gain the skills they need to be successful academically and socially despite their learning differences and to return to their home schools.

**Marylin Nease** reports, "The day before the breakfast, I was walking from one Hillier classroom to another with my tutee when I glanced down the hall and spotted two chapter members, **Katy Kunofsky** and **Becky Quigley**, pushing a cart loaded with breakfast items.

Becky explained, "We've learned it's easier to deliver as much as we can the day before."

Thank you, Katy and Becky!

Pictured below are [Redacted]

[Redacted], **Becky Quigley**, **Elenora Asbury**, **Katy Kunofsky**, and **Lou McMillan**. Thank you, ladies! ♦



**Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-11, 2018**

How would you say thank-you to your own teachers?

## ● After-school Tutoring



### ✓ Lou's Wednesdays at Hillier

**Lou McMillan** reports, I cannot believe it's been three years since I began my tutoring with some of the most dedicated and delightful students I have ever had the pleasure of teaching.

I have tutored students of different ages, different levels, and different interests.

But, one common denominator is found in all of them. They all have a diagnosed learning difference, and they all are so appreciative of anyone who cares enough to help them reach their greatest potential.

This past month I have worked mainly with a first grader and a second grader who are new to Hillier. They both are severely dyslexic and smart as they can be. We read for 15-20 minutes; then, we talk about what we have been reading. With children who have special needs in language, they need more work on comprehension than those who have no challenges.

Also, I try to get in an extra 15 minutes with some of my former students whose skills have shown good improvement. They are getting close to graduating and naturally are apprehensive.

Hillier School is a wonderful setting of encouragement and nurturing for all of their students and especially for preparing each child to be ready when it's time "to move on." ♦



### ✓ 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:** March-May Tuesdays

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

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

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

**Tutee #1 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grader**

*A Dog Called Kitty*

### **Laughter means comprehension!**

This tutee and I greet each other with a hug. My husband's surgery and her spring break have kept us apart for two Tuesdays.

We review where we left off in the novel. Then, we take turns reading.

I love hearing my tutee laugh because I hear her delight; I love her laughter, too, because it tells me she's engaged and comprehending the plot's humor! Yes! ☺

**Tutee #2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader**

*Jed's Bag / Is It Matt? / Tam Has a Nap / Sim and the Bat / Ned, the Cat / The Thing on the Path / The Big Hill*

### **Gives me so many smiles!**

This tutee is so engaged with the plot of *Tam Has a Nap* that he warns Tam: "Uh, oh, turn it [the water] off! Oh, no, it's flooding your house! Get out!"

Also, when our 20-minute timer sounds, he wants to keep reading, so we do—three more books!

Plus, he checks the library card in each of his selected books, and for one book he exults, "I'm the first one to read this book!"

In all, he reads seven books today, his most ever! ☺

**Tutee #3 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader**

*Is It Matt? / Tam Has a Nap / The Thing on the Path / Ned, the Cat / The Big Hill / Sam and the Bat / Ned Is Bad / The Old Lamp / Chips for Lunch / Drum Sticks*

### **So proud of my tutee!**

At first, this tutee wants to read for only 10 minutes, so I set the timer, and we start reading. She determines the book she selected is too difficult.

She chooses another book and insists I reset the timer for 20 minutes. She reads five six-page books; then, she asks me, "Do you know how to count by sixes?" I tell her I do, and we determine she's already read 30 pages!

She chooses five more books to read—until she's read 10 books, 60 pages, and 25 minutes! Hooray! ☺

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

I missed last Tuesday because I was taking my husband to our doctor. Today when I arrive, three students greet me, wanting to read. Hooray! ☺

**Tutee #1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader**

*Dora Helps Diego*

### **"Can I read first?"**

This tutee, for the first time ever, asks to be first. I'm thrilled at her interest today.

She reads to me my first-ever Dora-adventure book. Then, she asks to read it again and does so!

Afterward, we have a few minutes left in our 20 minutes, so we start a retelling of the Little Red Riding Hood tale. ☺

**Tutee #2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grader**

*Ferocious Girls, Steamroller Boys, and Other Poems in Between (by Timothy Bush) / A Dog Called Kitty*

### **Yay for poetry!**

I am delighted when my next tutee pulls out a book of poetry. I love poetry and enjoy hearing her read each poem; I hear her taking delight in the words, repetitions, and rhythms! *Ferocious* is difficult to pronounce, but by the end of the poem, she's got it! ☺

We have time left in our 30 minutes, so we turn to our ongoing novel. We take turns reading seven pages in chapter 11. Dad's away helping his sister, whose family was in a car

accident, so Ricky and his mom are taking care of the farm. Their challenges? A snow storm, a truck stuck in mud, and two cows delivering calves!

**Tutee #3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader**

*The Glum Cat / Jed Swims / A Wish*

**“Yes, I want to read!”**

This tutee wants to read and takes a 15-minute break from his playground time to do so. Wow!

He selects three new books from a series he’s enjoyed before.

We complete his reading log; then, I escort him back to his playground. ☺

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**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

**Tutee #1 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grader**

*A Dog Called Kitty*

**“Another book of poetry?”**

I ask my tutee whether she has brought another book of poetry for us to read. When she says no, we decide to return to our ongoing novel. Again, we take turns reading—worrying and frightened when Ricky and Kitty find that the missing heifer has delivered her calf and now all four face a pack of wild dogs.

**Tutee #2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grader**

*Black Beauty / Fun in the Hills /*

*Ned Is Bad / Is It Matt? / A Wish / Kip’s Bad Leg /*

*Jed’s Bag / Tam Has a Nap / Ned, the Cat / Hot Sun /*

*The Glum Cat / Jed Swims*

**“May I read?”**

This tutee surprises me when she asks to read. We haven’t read together since last school year. I tell her, “Of course! Do you have a book?” She selects *Black Beauty*. I tell her I loved that book when I was her age. I ask how long she wants to read, and she says, “20 minutes.”

And so, we begin on page one. Her reading has improved, and I hear her using phonics. After several pages, I ask her who the narrator is. She looks on the front of the book and tells me the author’s name. I say, “No, it’s *Black Beauty*; the horse is talking to us.” With a look of wonder, she begins reading again.

When our 20 minutes are up, she wants to read 20 more minutes but in a different book. She chooses *Fun in the Hills*, closer to her comfortable reading level.

Then, she asks to read 10 more minutes, and this time she selects 10 books and reads for fluency.

I praise her often today, pleased with how she has matured. At the end of our 50 minutes, she takes photos of the books she’s read, returns them to the library bookcase, and closes the cabinet. I walk her to the playground; then, I head to my car, happy with her progress. ☺

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

**Tutee #1 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grader**

*The Lost House*

**“Something’s not right!”**

When I ask my tutee whether she already has a book for us to read, she says yes and shows me one from her language arts teacher. I ask her to fill me in on the part she’s already read, and she does: the main character, a 13-year-old girl, wants to be on the soccer team.

As my tutee and I take turns reading, we discover she needs \$700 to pay the soccer fee, so she and a friend in the same boat talk with their parents and brainstorm ways to earn money.

Their first job is to clean a long vacant, two-story house rumored to be haunted. A real estate agent is ready to sell it and will pay the girls the \$700 they need.

Sounds perfect, except...when the girls get to work, they experience strange things. For example, when our 20 minutes are up, we’ve just looked over the girls’ shoulders to see snow falling in the backyard in the middle of summer!

**Tutee #2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader**

*I Love My Mami / Puppy Takes a Bath /*

*Dora and the Baby Crab*

**“Dora the Explorer saves our day!”**

My tutee has trouble finding a book she wants to read. I spot a Dora book, and she immediately agrees.

We read two Dora books and are partway into a third when our 10 minutes are up.

Thank you, Dora, for encouraging this tutee to read! ☺

**Tutee #3 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grader**

*Moon Dogs Series*

**“Can I read for 50 minutes again?”**

When I hear this tutee has requested to read with me again this week, I’m pleased.

She asks for 50 minutes, and I set the timer. We begin with reading two phonics worksheets she’s completed in her just-finished tutoring session with her language arts teacher.

Next, she selects a stack of books in the Moon Dogs Series. Each is six pages of fluency reading for her. She completes nine of the books in her stack in the 12 minutes we have before her mother arrives to take her home.

She, her mother, her language arts teacher, and I are delighted at her progress! Hooray! ☺



**Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

**Tutee #1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader**

*Dora and the Rainbow Kite Festival*

**“Dora continues to engage!”**

When my tutee and I search for books at her reading level, she once again chooses a Dora book, and we both enjoy the book.

The story, the brightly colored illustrations, and the author’s other devices, such as occasionally substituting pictures for words, and directing questions to the reader: “Can you find the seven keys for the seven locks?”—all of these engage my tutee during our 20-minute session. ☺

**Tutee #2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader**

*I’m a Frog / Let’s Go for a Drive*

**“Becoming Piggie and Elephant is fun!”**

My tutee bought three books in the school’s book fair today, and we read two of them (57 pages in each one) in our 20-minute session. He suggests we take on the parts of the main characters, Piggie and Elephant.

So, when Piggie pretends to be a frog, we “ribbit!” and when Elephant pretends to be a cow, we “moo-oo!” And we read the rest of our characters’ parts to move the story along.

Likewise, we read as Piggie and Elephant in the second book, where we make careful plans for a trip—until we realize, oops, we have no car to drive.

What fun we have reading these two books! ☺

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**

**Tutee #1 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grader**

*A Dog Called Kitty*

**“Determined!”**

My tutee and I count the remaining pages in our book: we have 25 left. We are determined to finish this book before the school year ends. Using her fingers and mine, we add up our total read during our 30 minutes. We read 16 pages today—9 in chapter 13 and 7 in chapter 14!

**Tutee #2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader**

*Puppy Takes a Bath / Wrong Way Reggie*

**“That’s my mom’s name!”**

We find another Dora book, and in it we bathe a puppy.

Then, we look for another book and can’t find one my tutee wants to read until she spots the name someone has written on the cover. “Hey, that’s my mom’s name!” She puzzles over how it came to be there. Who knows? But, the name hooks her into wanting to read *Wrong Way Reggie*, a fun book about a directionally challenged penguin. Motivation to read comes from unexpected sources! ☺

**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

**Tutee #1 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grader**

*A Dog Called Kitty*

**“The end!”**

Today my tutee and I finish reading this 14-chapter, 153-page book—*A Dog Called Kitty* by Bill Wallace. We’ve been reading a few pages each week for several months. Wow! We did it! ☺

**Tutee #2 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader**

*Follow Those Feet! / Dora Helps Diego*

**“Dora to the rescue again!”**

My tutee and I settle on Dora books and end up having fun at the end of a school day and year. I read the words, and she reads the pictured words. Our reading partnership and rhythm make our 20 minutes fun as we help Dora succeed in her missions. ☺ ♦

## Chapter Members’ News...

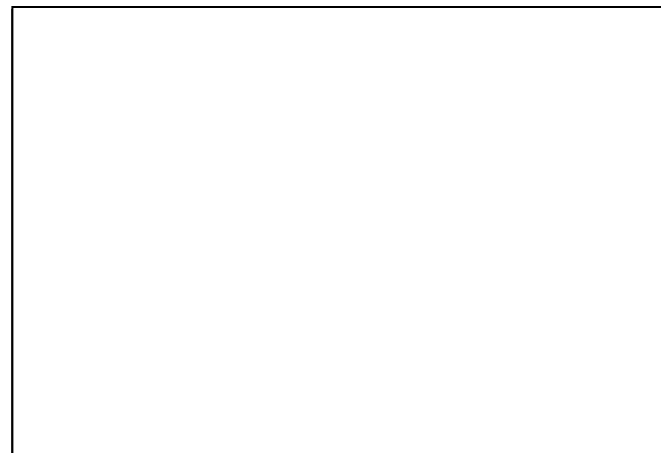
### Professional

#### ● Proud of My Sister—Also in DKG

By Marilyn Nease, Editor

My sister [REDACTED] is a longtime DKG honorary member in Oklahoma.

Below are two photos from Friday, May 4, when [REDACTED] attended her University of Oklahoma School of Medicine’s 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion.



[REDACTED] was one of four women among 104 students who started in her medical school class in 1964. Eighty-three graduated, two of them women. Also, [REDACTED] was the first woman ever accepted into OU’s surgery program.

[REDACTED] retired from her medical practice last December. I’m very proud of [REDACTED]—and my sisters [REDACTED], too!



## Chapter Members' News...

### Personal



**Mary Carol Hughes** emailed on April 4, "I love these healthy iris from [REDACTED]. I am so pleased you worked so hard to save and share them. Thank you!" ♦



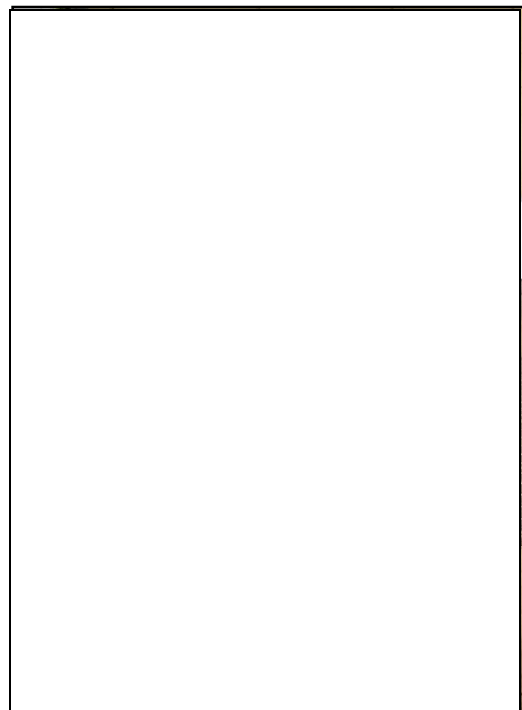
**Barbara Clinton** emailed on May 3, "I'm watching my grandson three days a week and trying to get my Rowlett house ready to put on the market. Lots of work but will be so nice being close to my son." ♦



**Sara Coleman** emailed on May 4, "Not much exciting news for me. I did buy a great used car from Sewell on Tuesday this week—a Subaru. My car was a 2006 model and needed a lot of repairs. My daughter helped me so much with all of the paperwork.



"Also, I attended a great fourth grade play last month that my older granddaughter [REDACTED] was in. The students wrote their own dialogue, and the music teacher provided the music sung with words written by the students. This play was based on a book they had read about Jewish



Of the reunion [REDACTED] said, "I had a really good time!" ♦



**Mary Gill** emailed on May 11, "I was thrilled to reconnect recently with my former second-grade student [REDACTED] (now 30). She was in Dallas from her home in Brooklyn to honor her Suzuki teacher, along with other former Suzuki students, with a concert." ♦

children in The Netherlands trying to escape to Denmark from the Nazis during WW II.

"This Sunday I'm attending a piano recital with both [redacted] second grade, performing.

"Then, next week [redacted] second grade class presents two programs." ♦

**Margaret Thompson** emailed on May 6, "[redacted] and I are off to New Jersey and NYC for a couple of weeks! We will not be back before the May meeting, so I'll miss you all.

"We're looking forward to spending time with my first cousin and his wife, who are coming in from Sedona, Arizona, as well as my younger sister, [redacted] and her husband [redacted].

"We'll stay at my sister's house in Summit, NJ, while they head to Italy for a week after the reunion.

"Our son [redacted] has made his move to Frankfurt, Germany, and will be there with the State Department for two years. Hopefully we can go see him this year." ♦



**Leesa Cole** emailed on May 6, "I want to express my sincere thanks for the prayers, positive thoughts, cards, emails, calls, and texts during my recovery from an emergency appendectomy in April.

"The love and support of DKG and Delta Omicron sisters is unsurpassed.

"A beautiful bouquet of red roses arrived the Monday after my surgery and brought a much-needed smile to my face.

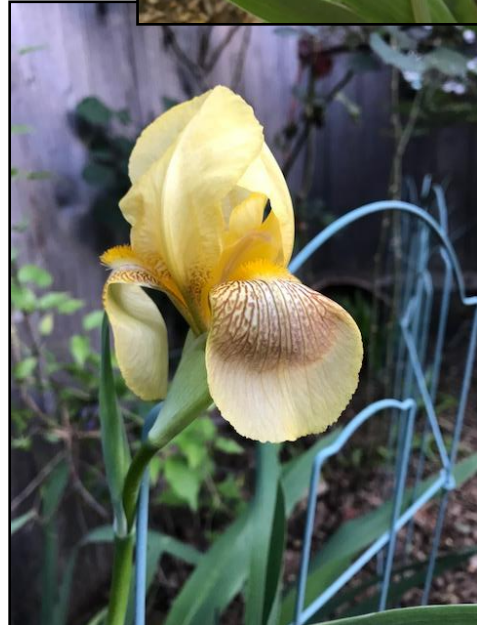
"My appendix burst right after I left Urgent Care on Sunday, April 8, while I was at the CVS drive-through to drop off prescriptions. At Urgent Care the nurse practitioner had urged me to go straight to an ER, so I zoomed out of the CVS line and drove myself to the nearest ER—less than a block away. Considering the timing, my appendix would have burst on the way to the ER anyway, so I sort of followed orders.

"I had a rough week in the hospital, but I had stellar nursing care at Texas Health Carrollton, and my wonderful sister [redacted] stayed with me for two weeks. [redacted] was a trooper through all of it and sat with me for two days at the hospital. He's never seen me that sick but thanked me for getting him out of STAAR testing. He made sure [redacted] got on a plane to Dallas the day of my surgery.

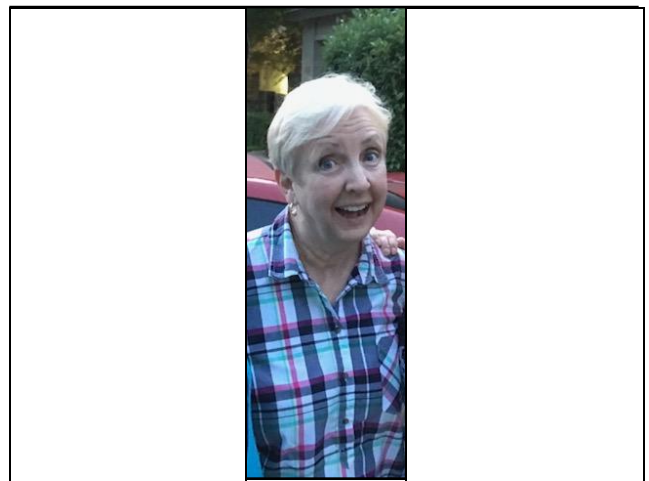
"All said and done, I had a lot of firsts during this event. I had not been in a hospital since I was 14 getting my tonsils out, and this was the biggest surgery I'd ever had (only tonsils and wisdom teeth before).

"Thank you again for the love and support—it helped immensely. I am still recovering, but every day is better." ♦

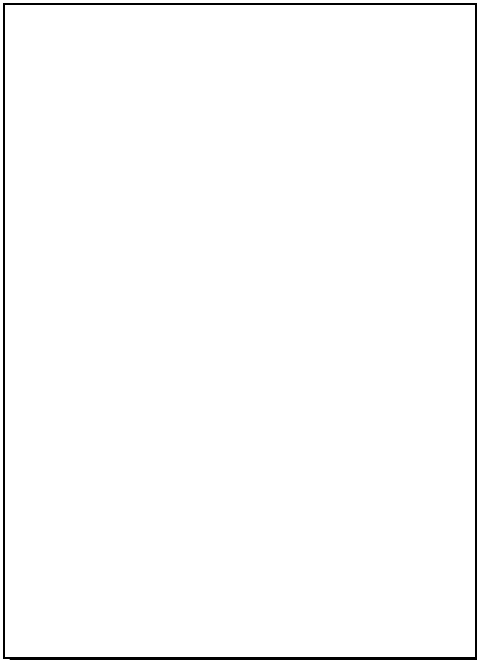
**Mary Gill** emailed on May 11, "My spring 'Hello' from [redacted]!"



**Mary** also emailed, "Another sweet reminder of [redacted]. They never bloomed last year so this was such a treat!"



**Mary** says, "My son, daughter and I always have to take at least one goofy picture together!"



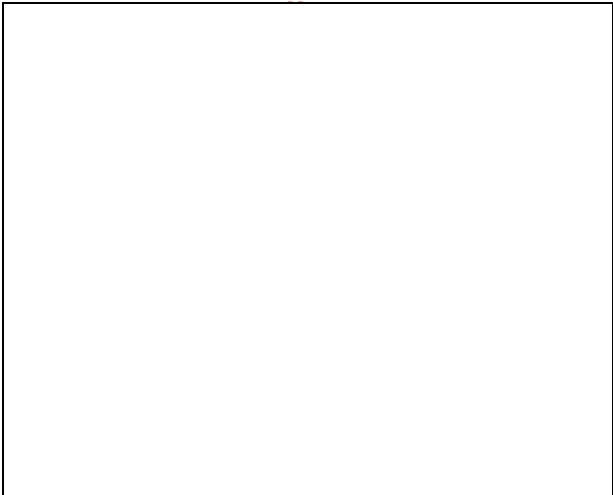
Mary shares, " [redacted] my dad, with granddaughter [redacted] for her birthday party in Austin." ♦

## Chapter News...

### Meeting, 3/19/18, Photo Highlights Fellowship...



### More Member News: Birthdays, Birthdays!



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



**♥Many, many thanks go to Leesa Cole for the March meeting photos!♥**



**The March Chapter Meeting Begins...**



Carolyn Miller gives the inspiration.



Lou McMillan calls the meeting to order and welcomes attendees.

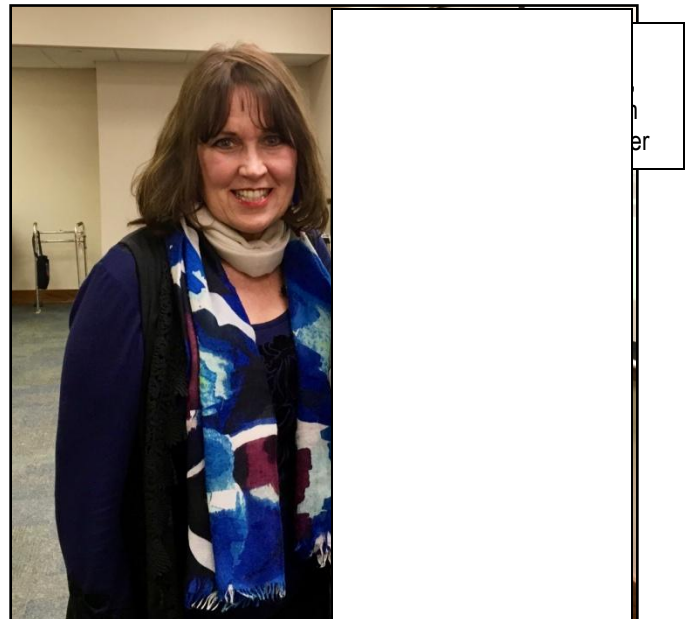
**The March Program Begins...**



Barbara Clinton introduces the program speaker.



**Susan Bell** reports, "TSO president Dr. Jo Murphy spoke for a few minutes to our group. She reflected on the joys she has had serving as state president and highlighted major areas."






## Awareness & Advocacy

**MEN'S ADVOCACY GROUP**  
Mobilizes adolescent boys, men, and organization to take action against sex trafficking and exploitation by raising awareness through education and volunteerism.

**The manKINDness Project**  
Prevention program for boys designed to address the harmful effects of unhealthy views, attitudes and behaviors toward women and girls and to empower boys through knowledge and personal responsibility to improve himself and those around him.

**NO HARM NETWORK**  
Corporate program that enlists businesses, clubs and associations to adopt, maintain, and enforce policies that protect against the harms of sex trafficking and exploitation.

**LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES**  
Efforts that promote federal and state justice and protection for victims of sex trafficking and exploitation and prosecute traffickers and buyers.





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
**MISSION**  
New Friends New Life restores and empowers formerly trafficked teen girls and sexually exploited women and children.

*By providing access to education, job training, interim financial assistance, mental health and spiritual support, New Friends New Life helps women and their children overcome backgrounds of abuse, addiction, poverty and limited opportunities.*

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

“Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.”  
— Mother Teresa



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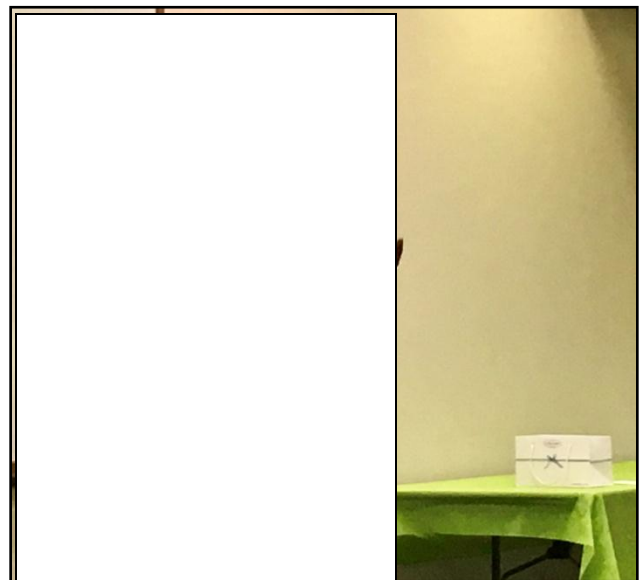
# PROBLEM

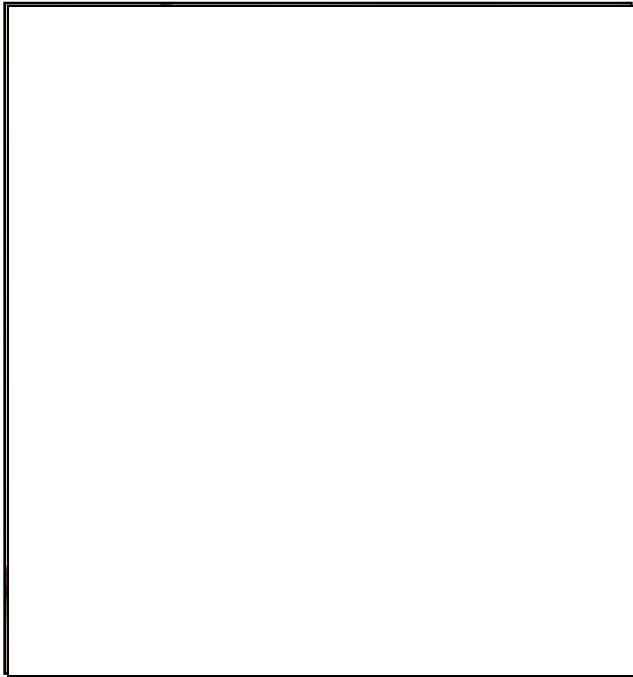
**SEX TRAFFICKING**  
is a **BOOMING** industry

REFINED

SEX TRAFFICKING is when someone uses force, fraud or coercion to cause a commercial sex act or causes a minor to perform a commercial sex act.

A COMMERCIAL SEX ACT includes prostitution, pornography and sexual performance done in exchange for any item of value, such as money, drugs, shelter, food, or clothes.





***“Hand in hand our loyal band, / Forward moving ever!” ♦***

## Coordinating Council of Dallas County News...

Along with 13 other Dallas County chapters, Delta Omicron enjoyed the annual CCDC spring luncheon.

The Coordinating Council of Dallas County's Annual Spring Luncheon was Saturday, April 7, 2018, at Lakewood Country Club.

TSO President Dr. Jo Murphy spoke on the theme "1929...Changing Times: Valuing the Past, Embracing the Future...2018+

A silent auction benefitted CCDC scholarships. ♦

♥*Many, many thanks go to Mary White for the luncheon photos!*♥



Lou McMillan and other chapter presidents are recognized with a processional.



Chapter attendees: Susan Bell, Cindy Braley, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Grace Delatour, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Marilyn Lamb, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Power, Kathy Rodriguez, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, and Mary White



Mary Gill receives her 25-year DKG membership certificate.





Immediate Past State President Marilyn Gregory

# Texas State Organization News...

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



Diane Moose, TSO Webmaster



Many thanks go to Cynthia Davies, Eta Zeta, for serving as luncheon pianist! ♦



**Lone Star News, Spring 2018 Edition**  
[Summer 2018 Lone Star News](#)  
 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. ♦

## Area 9 News...



Area 9 Coordinator Jennifer Bernabo ♦

## TSO Headquarters Personnel



Cheryl Crawford  
 TSO Executive Secretary



Leesa Cole  
TSO Treasurer



Deborah Thomas  
TSO Executive Assistant ♦

### 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 ♦

### 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 ♦

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

### 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](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, 2016-2018

Carolyn Pittman  
DKG—Leading Women Educators ♦

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

[Get Connected March/April 2018](#) ♦

### **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](#)

[2018 International Convention Times, Issue 3](#)

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

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