



*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

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President's Message

By Lou McMillan, 2016-2018 Chapter President



Welcome to fall, or is it? With this crazy weather, I'm not sure.

But, one thing I do know is our chapter has several exciting events this month, and next!

First of all, we had an Orientation Tea for our three members-to-be Sunday, November 5, at TSO Headquarters. Thank you, **Marylin Nease**, for suggesting this location!

All of us need to visit our state headquarters! We have a wonderful staff—Cheryl Crawford, **Leesa Cole**, and Deborah Thomas—who take care of all of our chapters in Texas, and it's right here in our own "backyard."

The next exciting event will be our initiation dinner in the parlor at HPPC on Monday, November 13. We will welcome **Mai Gile** and **Katherine Grogan** into Delta Omicron! **Cindy Braley** will be out of town at this meeting. She will be initiated at our February meeting. Please send your check for \$25.00 (made out to Delta Omicron) to our treasurer, **Mary Gill**.

And on Saturday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., we will gather at **Elenora Asbury's** home for holiday fellowship.

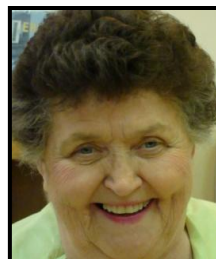
I look forward to seeing you November 13, 2017! ♦

Monday, November 13, 2017

Time and Agenda:

4:30 p.m. – Fellowship

5:00 p.m. – Dinner/Program



Wanda Spoonmore, Speaker: "Why?"
Jean Wallace, Initiation Ceremony



Sherrie Negrete, Social Arrangements Chair

Location:

Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Parlor
3821 University Blvd., Dallas 75205

What to Bring?

Box Tops for Education coupons for Hillier project; a prospective member ♦

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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 Officers' News...

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Programs and Service Projects

VP's Report

By *Barbara Clinton, Programs/Projects VP*



● November 13 Program

Delta Omicron members are excitedly looking forward to our annual initiation dinner on November 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the HPPC parlor.

Our very own DKG/Delta Omicron 54-year member, **Wanda Spoonmore**, will entertain, inspire, and educate us with her "Why?" presentation, which explains the "way

we were."

During Wanda's 54 years in Delta Omicron, she served as treasurer eight years and was 2012-2014 chapter president. This biennium she chairs our chapter's Fundraising Committee.

Wanda's education career spans many decades. She taught at Highland Park ISD's Highland Park High School and McCulloch Middle School for 36 years and served as the Math Department chair the last 15 years.

After retirement from HPISD, Wanda continued her education career by joining the adjunct faculty of DeVry University as a Visiting Professor of Mathematics teaching Basic Algebra and Pre-calculus. From time to time, she teaches DeVry classes. She also offers special tutoring between sessions.

Wanda currently serves as vice president for the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Woman's University Alumni Association.

Also, she enjoys playing bassoon with the Town North Concert Band.

John and Wanda Spoonmore had been married over 50 years when he died in 2015. ♦

● 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, Dist. 108, "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)

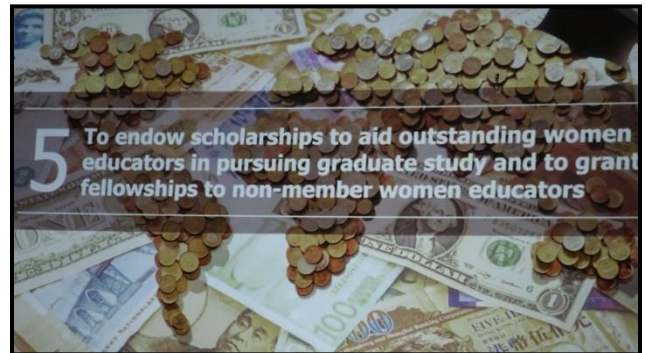
•**Unifying Project** - project that serves needs of state

convention community and unifies chapters across Texas in service (May, June)

► **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



Delta Omicron is pleased to welcome three educators recommended for DKG membership: **Cindy Braley, Mai Gile, and Katherine Grogan.**

Cindy and Katherine attended the September meeting as guests of **Denise Barker and Carolyn Miller** respectively.

Both Cindy and Mai attended the October meeting, with Mai a guest of **Sherrie Negrete**; and members voted unanimously to welcome them into our Society.

Katherine was unable to attend the October meeting, and members voted this week by electronic ballot on her recommendation for membership. Again, members voted yes!

Delta Omicron's Orientation Tea was held at 1:00-2:30 p.m. on November 5 at TSO Headquarters.



Attending were nominees Cindy, Mai, and Katherine, plus members **Jaime Callahan, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Mary Gill, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Sherrie Negrete, and Wanda Spoonmore.**

Attendees viewed international's orientation video, *Pride in the Big Picture*. A slide about DKG Purpose 5 is at the top of the second column of this article.



Thank you to **Leesa Cole** (photo left) for projecting the video for attendees.

Following the video, 54-year member **Wanda Spoonmore** gave her perspective on DKG, especially about Dr. Annie Webb Blanton as Founder and about the Texas State Organization and

Delta Omicron Chapter. Photo below: On left is Jaime Callahan, membership vp, and on right is Wanda Spoonmore.



Also, other members shared their insights about DKG membership with Mai, Katherine, and Cindy (l-r in photo below).



Mai and Katherine will be initiated during the November 13 chapter meeting. Cindy is unable to attend in November and will be initiated at the February meeting.

Be sure to welcome these wonderful new members into our fellowship!



Barbara Clinton, Carolyn Miller



Mary Gill, Lou McMillan



Carolyn Miller, Katherine Grogan



Sherrie Negrete,
Mai Gile ♦



Getting to Know Our Members-to-Be



Cindy Braley is a native Texan and has lived all over the U.S. and in Europe.

She has been married to her college sweetheart for over 38 years. They have two adult children and four granddaughters.

Cindy completed her bachelor's and master's degrees while working full-time and rearing her family.

In her professional life, Cindy has been director of a KinderCare with 125+ children. Following this position, Cindy entered the corporate world and became involved with the training department for SBC Internet Services. Cindy also trained Texas Instruments' Human Resources Department on all of the current computer programs being introduced. Her present position is as Information Technology Software Project Manager for AT&T's Entertainment Division.

Cindy is active in Rowlett's First United Methodist Church and is currently United Methodist Women's president there. She loves to sing in the church choir and in June returned from a 10-day choir trip to Italy.

Her hobbies are photography and travel and spending time with her family and friends.

Denise Barker recommended Cindy for DKG membership.



Mai Gile is a retiree from Mesquite ISD, and she teaches part-time at MISD's Rugel Elementary School, providing intensive instruction for at-risk students.

When **Sherrie Negrete** recommended Mai for DKG membership, Sherrie said, "Mai is a talented teacher and academic coach with many certifications.

"To help you understand how fortunate I feel to know Mai, let me tell you that I asked her to be my son's godmother. We go back as colleagues for many years.

"Before I get emotional about our sisterhood, let me tell you about Mai's journey to the U.S. She was a great supporter of her family affected by the Vietnam War. Her father made a point to encourage her to learn English. As she made her way, she worked with the military and met her future husband [REDACTED]. They left before the fall of her country, and she [REDACTED] never forgot her family who stayed behind.

"She was a great learner of languages as she focused on rearing her four children. She and her husband moved through his military career in Hawaii, Japan, and Maryland, which is where she earned her degree.

"Mai and her family came to Texas after her husband finished his military career and joined the civilian work force."



Katherine Grogan

Professional:

- ✓ Retired science teacher, Richardson ISD
- ✓ Former AP biology and homework tutor
- ✓ Taught for 42 years

Personal:

- ✓ Married to [REDACTED]

- ✓ Grandmother
- ✓ Hobbies: hiking, dancing, bird watching, flower arranging, ocean cruise travel

Carolyn Miller shares, "I highly recommend **Katherine Grogan** for membership in Delta Omicron. She was a science teacher in several schools and had a great career.

"I have gotten to know her at church. Not too many years ago, she married a dentist whom we knew from a Lenten Bible study. They are very faithful members of the church and are enjoying travel now that they are both retired.

"She is eager to become active in our group." ♦



Recording Secretary's Report Minutes, October 16, 2017

By Susan Bell, Recording Secretary

The Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on October 16, 2017, in Room H020 at Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Twenty-

five members were present, along with five guests: **Cindy Braley, Mai Gile, Leesa Cole** [REDACTED], Rep. Morgan Meyer, and his district director, Shelby Whitson.

Sherrie Negrete and **Kay Keeland**, Social Arrangements Committee chair and member, coordinated refreshments for fellowship time. October hostesses were **Margaret Arnold, Elenora Asbury, Barbara Clinton, Katy Kunofsky, Kay Lutes, Melanie Rudebeck,** and **Sarah Beth Uhles.** A big thanks goes to them for organizing tables and preparing food.

Opening:

At 5:00 p.m. **Lou McMillan**, president, welcomed members and guests.

Elenora Asbury, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee member, shared a meaningful inspiration about kindness.

Lou asked whether there were any corrections or additions to the September minutes. There were none, so the minutes stand approved as printed in the October newsletter.

Mary Gill, treasurer, reported \$4,800 in the chapter account. She also said that 3/4 of the members have already paid this year's membership dues. There were no questions about the report; hence, the treasurer's report will be filed for audit. Mary also reminded members to watch for an email with information about the November 13 initiation dinner and be

ready to mail a check by the deadline to reserve a place.

New Business

Wanda Spoonmore, Fundraising Committee chair, read an appreciation note received from TSO regarding our September gift to the Hurricane Harvey Action Plan. She also encouraged members to shop and buy member-donated books, CDs, and DVDs to support our October fundraiser for ASTEF.

There is a change in location and hostess for the chapter's Christmas gathering. **Eleanora Asbury** will be hosting the Christmas Brunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 9. December hostesses will provide food; however, anyone else who would like to bring food is welcome to do so. Members should let **Sherrie Negrete** or **Kay Keeland** know if they will bring something and what it will be.

Jamie Callahan, second vice president, introduced **Cindy Braley**, recommended for membership by **Denise Barker**, and **Mai Gile**, recommended for membership by **Sherrie Negrete**. Cindy and Mai left the room so voting could take place. Members voted unanimously in favor of extending an invitation to DKG membership to these two educators.

Old Business

Wanda Spoonmore reported on results of the September meeting's fundraiser, which supplemented money that members voted to give from the chapter treasury to TSO's Hurricane Harvey Action Plan.

Becky Quigley, Hillier Project chair, discussed ways members can help with the Hillier Project.

Program:

Leah Black, standing in for our program chair, introduced our speaker, State Representative Morgan Meyer, who represents District 108 in the Texas House of Representatives. Meyer's district encompasses Downtown Dallas, Uptown Dallas, East Dallas (including the M Streets and Lower Greenville), Preston Hollow, University Park, and Highland Park. In his second term, Morgan serves on the State Affairs Committee and Public Education Committee.

Among the education topics Rep. Meyer discussed with Delta Omicron members were bills he authored, joint-authored, co-authored, or co-sponsored. These bills related to the use of school district buildings as polling place locations, the prosecution of the offense of improper relationship between educator and student, a limitation on the amount of school property tax revenue that is subject to recapture under the public school finance system, and certain requirements imposed on a sex offender who enters the premises of a school.

In response to a question about how best to meet with and be heard by legislators, Meyer said that being heard and having an impact on proposed legislation is largely about being present but not necessarily in one large group on one occasion. Instead, he urged showing up multiple times to see your representative in Austin or in his/her district, and being persistent. He said legislators do listen and are swayed by constituents' contacts.

The meeting closed with members singing "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song." ♦



Treasurer's Report

By Mary Gill, Treasurer

Our balance on November 3 was \$4,880.00.

I need to hear from eight more members about dues.

Also, 20 members so far have made reservations for our

November 13 initiation dinner. The deadline for reservations with our caterer is Wednesday, November 8. ♦

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 eight 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 8: September 23, 2017 Meaningful Work

"Last time I had an appointment with Dr. [redacted], he asked me why I'm still working," my sister [redacted], who has cancer, tells me.

We're in her kitchen. She's testing eggs for freshness, and I'm making cookie dough. We're talking while everyone else is in the living room watching OSU/TCU football on TV.

I tell her, "I remember years ago when one of my coworkers had cancer, she chose to keep working. She wore a chemo pump on her hip and worked almost until she died."

I add, "I know you said early on that you don't know what you'd do with your time if you weren't working. Do you still feel that way? Does working at the bank still feel meaningful?"

She hesitates, then answers, her voice cracking a bit, "After my diagnosis, when I talked with [redacted] my boss, about quitting or continuing to work, I told him I know I'm not at my

best. He told me, '50% from you is better than 100% from other people.'"

"That's quite a compliment. How he feels must mean a lot to you. Are there other things about the bank that make working feel meaningful?" I ask.

She tells me about opportunities to mentor younger workers, not only in banking but also in maturing and making good choices.

I learn of a young woman uncertain about a relationship and about a career. The girl told [redacted] her friends were advising her to break up. They'd also told her to go into banking instead of teaching because she could make more money.

[redacted] listened and then asked, "What do *you* want to do?"

The young woman said she wanted to teach. So, [redacted] and she sat down at [redacted]'s computer and looked up the closest college to research what courses she would need to take and whether she could work at the bank while taking some of them online to get her degree started.

[redacted] told her, "You're taking off work tomorrow."

The next day the girl and her mother went to the college and enrolled her. She broke up with the boy, too. She's in school and working, and Luna remains her bank supervisor and her mentor.

[redacted] tells me about another young woman she's mentored through rough patches at work. Recently, after seeing enough signs of maturity, [redacted] assigned her to supervise the bank's drive-through employees. That move has eased [redacted] work load and is offering the young employee more opportunities to grow.

Remembering my years of mentoring high school students, I tell her, "What you're doing sounds meaningful and satisfying. That has to feel good. And you're making a difference in your employees' lives, too."

"Let's go rest awhile," [redacted] urges, and I follow her into the living room, where we catch up on the game. We're a mixed family, some rooting for OSU, and some for TCU. No matter; being together is all we need for now.

To be continued... ♦



Yearbook Committee

By Marilyn Nease, Chair

On October 31, I sent copies of our chapter yearbook to the required TSO leaders.

Soon after, Charlotte Nyman, TSO Yearbook Committee chair, emailed me that our chapter has received the Early Bird Award for submitting our yearbook

by the Early Bird deadline of November 1. Final deadline is December 1.

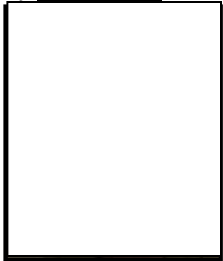
Many, many thanks go to **Elenora Asbury, Leesa Cole, Lou McMillan, and Carolyn Power** for their yearbook-updating assistance! ♦

Chapter Committee News...

Society Mission and Purposes

Legislation Committee

By [redacted] Chair



Dallas Retired Teachers Association (DRTA) has 100 new members! Some of our DKG members have joined, and it is so good to see your names in the yearbook.

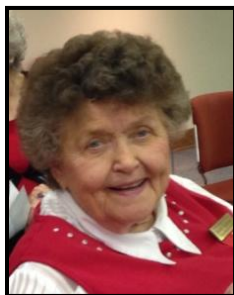
Just four months remain until it is time to vote again. This election will be important to educators because our defined-benefit pension plan may be at

stake. Sen. Beben court filed Texas SB 1751 in the spring, but it was not brought to the floor for a vote. Tim Lee has said that it will come up again. We have got to save our pension. ♦

Chapter Committee News...

Special

Fundraising Committee



By Wanda Spoonmore, Chair
Thanks for October's Success

Thank you for your support with the fundraising event at the October 16 meeting.

Participation in the book/CD/DVD sale netted us \$47.00 with an additional \$19.80 from the sale of the remaining items to Half-Price Books. This gives us a total of

\$66.80, which will be donated to the TSO ASTEF fund.

Let's add to this amount, so save your books, CDs and DVDs, and we will fundraise again at the January 2018 meeting.

Once again, thank you for your support. ♦

Hillier Project Committee

● After-school Tutoring



✓ *Lou's Wednesdays at Hillier*

Lou McMillan reports, "A new school year has begun, and I have had the privilege of starting it with some new students at The Hillier School! You know the old saying: "Make new friends, but keep the old! One is silver, and the other, gold"? That is the way I feel about my students at Hillier!

The ones I tutored last year have grown taller, become more assured, and have a bright outlook for this new year! I even have one student who will be graduating! Hard to believe!

And, I have some new students as well! Actually, some are new to Hillier!

Helping these children build their reading skills, listening to them read aloud for 20-30 minutes, sharing their concerns and feelings, becoming their friend...these are gifts for me as well!

Consider giving some of your time to help mold a young student's mind to believe that he/she is a smart, capable, and worthy person who has much to offer! It will "make your day"! ♦



✓ *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: October Tuesdays

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

How:

(1) Spending 20-30 minutes with each child each week.

(2) **On Oct. 10**, listening to my fourth-grade girl read five books: *Really, Rapunzel Needed a Haircut!* (*The Story of Rapunzel as Told by Dame Gothel*) • *Howling Wind* • *Jed Swims* • *Sim and the Bat* • *On with the Search*

And, listening to my third-grade girl read one book: *The Oak and the Reeds*

Quote of the day, when I meet my third-grader: "I love reading!"

(3) **On Oct. 17**, listening to my fourth-grade girl read three chapters in one book: *Because of Winn-Dixie*

And, listening to my second-grade boy read one book: *Alba Series: The Plan*

Quote of the day, as I walk him to the playground after our tutoring session:

He asks, "What school do you go to?"

I answer, "I taught high school."

He exclaims, "Dang!"

(4) **On Oct. 24**, listening to my fourth-grade girl read three books: *Trust Me, Hansel and Gretel Are Sweet!* (*The Story of Hansel and Gretel as Told by the Witch*) • *Frankly, I Never Wanted to Kiss Anybody!* (*The Story of the Frog Prince as Told by the Frog*) • *Jed's Bag*

And, listening to my fifth-grade girl read one book: *Snow White Was So Forgetful!* (*The Story of Snow White as Told by the Dwarves*)

Quote of the day on learning my fifth-grader had read this book before:

Me: Which did you like better, the first or the second time?

Tutee: The second.

Me: Why?

Tutee: The words.

And so we talk about the way words become our own words the more we read. ☺

(5) **On Oct. 31**, listening to my fourth-grade girl read one book: *Seriously, Snow White Was So Forgetful!* (*The Story of*

Snow White as Told by the Dwarves

And listening to my sixth-grade boy read several chapters in one book: *Mudslide*

Quote of the day:

Me: The more you read...

Tutee: the better you get.

We smile because we've worked together enough years that we often finish each other's sentences. ♦

Chapter Members' News...

Professional Spotlight on Sherrie Negrete



During the past year, I have been teaching part-time at Brookhaven Community College teaching ESL classes.

It's amazing to see the students grow in their communication and writing skills. Through this experience, I've enjoyed learning about different

cultures and the greatness that our country offers to our new neighbors.

It has been a wonderful teaching journey and a humbling one! ♦

Chapter Members' News...

Personal Traveling and Learning

By Carolyn Power

Between September 25 and October 2, my husband [redacted] and I visited our son who lives in Virginia.

Monticello

[redacted] I enjoyed a day trip to Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello.

I found it fascinating to see what a person's home can tell about the owner. JFK once told a room full of scientists at the White House, "This must be the most brilliant collection of intelligent brain power to ever be dining at the White House except for when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

West Point

Later in the week our son joined us on a trip to NYC and to West Point. It was a fantastic three-hour tour of the U.S. Military Academy. I highly recommend it.

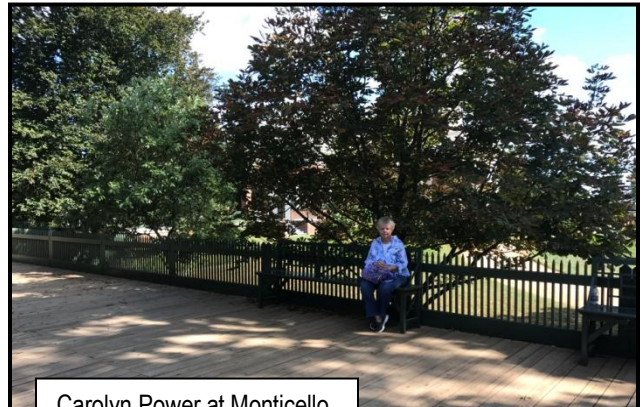
I did have one unexpected inspiration. We learned the story of two spinster sisters who lived on an island in the Hudson River across from West Point. These sisters, Susan and Anna Warner, taught Sunday school lessons to the cadets at chapel services. They also wrote short stories and sold them to make a living. In 1860 the sisters wrote a fiction story about a very sick boy. The boy asked a kind man

visiting him to sing a song. These are the words that Anna wrote for the man to sing to the boy:

Jesus loves me. This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong...

The sisters sold the story and made a small amount of money, but the copyright laws were not enforced, so they did not benefit as much as they should have. The song was published all over the world. At the end of their lives, the sisters donated the very valuable island to West Point. The women are buried in the West Point Cemetery.

I've always loved this song but had no clue about its origin.



Carolyn Power at Monticello



Warner Island at West Point ♦

More Member News: Books We Recommend



Jean Wallace reports, "A *Gentleman in Moscow* by Armor Towles is a book I enjoyed recently. In 1922, the Bolsheviks sentence a Russian aristocrat, Count Rostov, to 30 years of house arrest in the Metropol Hotel. Characters come and go in the hotel, and all move the plot along, with Russian history affecting each. I loved

the ending.

"I also recently read my first David Baldacci book, *The Fix*. Detective Amos Decker witnesses a murder outside the FBI building, and the reader is hooked till the end. I loved the short chapters, which made me read the next."



Mai Gile shares, "I just finished *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond, and I thought it would be a great book about poverty and profit in America today. It changed my mind about poor people, Section 8 housing, and homelessness. It's not an easy book to read because it's wrenching but also eye-opening for all of us. We

know very little about how hard poor people struggle to have a roof over their heads and how damaging it is for their children when they have no stability in their lives." ♦

More Member News: Birthdays, Birthdays!



Editor's note: Oops, I forgot to include birthdays in the last two newsletters, so we get to celebrate a lot of birthdays—summer and fall—at once! ☺

June

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

July

██████████ Nancy Johnson, 11; Margaret Thompson, 12; Barbara Harris, 13; Leesa Cole, 22

August

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

September

Ashraf Mobh, 7; Judy Caporaletti, 10; Margaret Arnold, 12; Mary Riddle, 15; ██████████

October

Melanie Rudebeck, 6; Susan Endicott, 14; Wanda Spoonmore, 16; Lou McMillan and Jean Wallace, 27

November

Elyse Griffin, 11; Joy Burger, 17; Leah Black and Barbara Clinton, 22; Katherine Grogan, 30 ♦

Chapter News...

Meeting, 10/16/17, Photo Highlights

Fellowship and Fundraising



Thank you to Sherrie Negrete and Kay Keeland and our October hostesses!

Thank you, Wanda Spoonmore, for organizing our book, CD, DVD sale to benefit ASTEF!





Mary Riddle, Marilyn Lamb



Mary Louise Milliom



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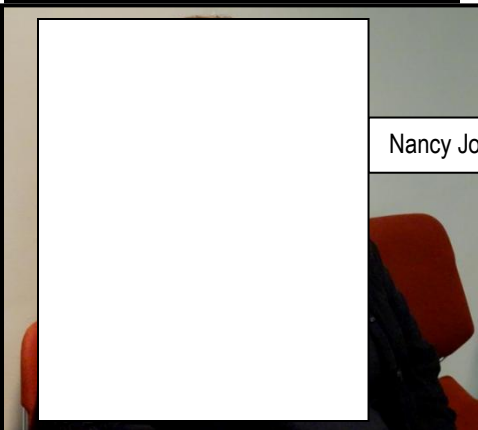
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Marilyn Nease



Nancy Johnson



Susan Bell, Cindy Braley



Leesa Cole, [redacted], Jaime Callahan

Business Meeting and Program

Becky Quigley,
Katy Kunofsky



Lou McMillan, president, welcomes members and guests.



Elenora Asbury shares an inspiration about kindness.



Mary Gill gives her treasurer's report.



Happy birthday to Wanda Spoonmore!



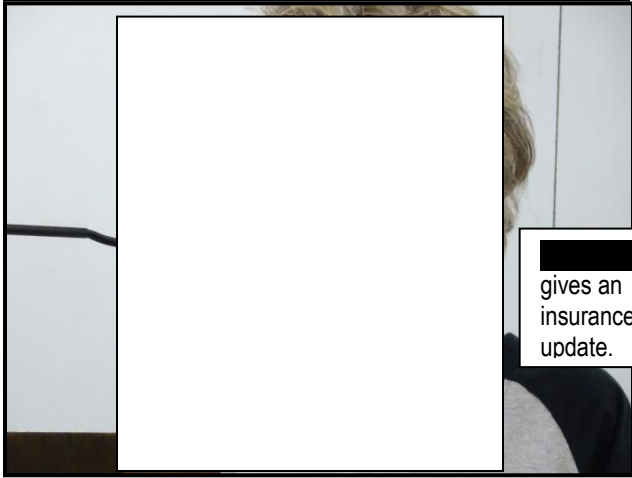
Jaime Callahan, membership vp, introduces our candidates for membership.



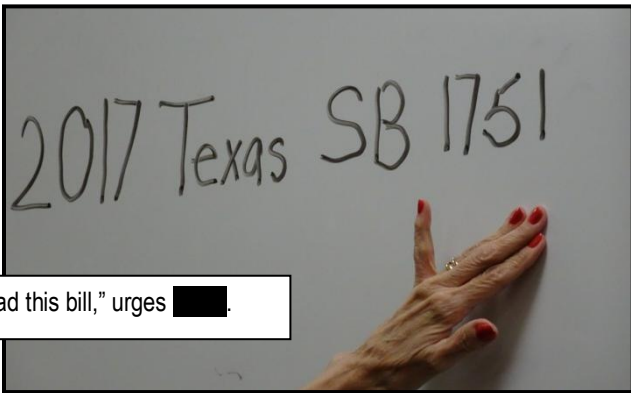
Sherrie Negrete recommends Mai Gile for membership.



Cindy Braley, Mai Gile, Jaime Callahan



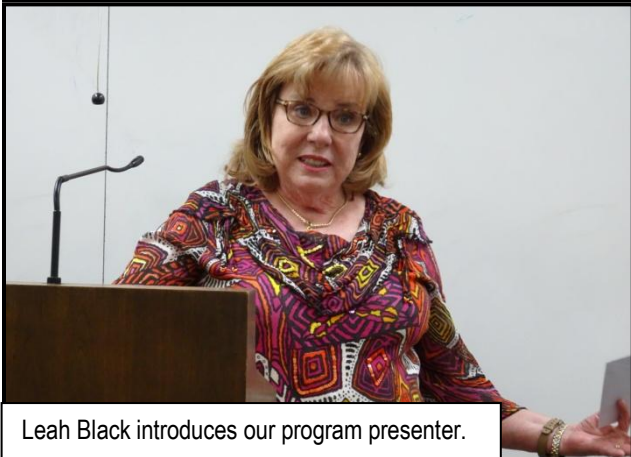
[Redacted] gives an insurance update.



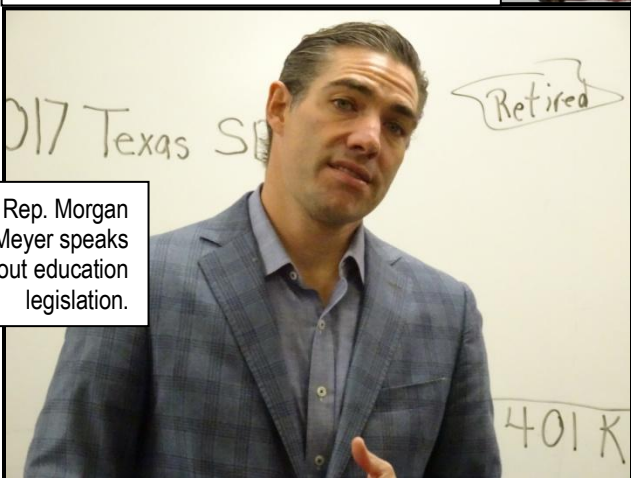
Read this bill," urges [redacted].



Becky Quigley talks about our Hillier Project.



Leah Black introduces our program presenter.



TX Rep. Morgan Meyer speaks about education legislation.

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Carolyn Power asks Rep. Meyer how to get legislators to meet with and listen to their constituents.



Just-for-fun photo: Jaime and her heels! ♦

Coordinating Council of Dallas County News...



The CCDC Spring Luncheon is April 7, 2018, at the Lakewood Country Club. 10:00 a.m.
Theme: Valuing the Past—Embracing the Future. ♦

Area 9 News...



From Area 9 Coordinator Jennifer Bernabo

Updating Your DKG Profile on the DKG International Website

Did you know that we have a personal profile on the DKG website that will allow you to get

- the most up-to-date news,
- access to all of the member- only resources, and
- ways to get ideas and share with DKG members around the world?

Here is the information on how to register and update your information.

Accessing My DKG

1. Start at the International site: www.dkg.org
2. Click the Sign-In button – upper right – and sign in
Username is your DKG Member Number.
**Find your member number on your DKG membership card or ask your chapter treasurer.
Password is dkg2014society for everyone and can be changed when you access your account.
3. Click on My DKG in the menu at the top.
4. You will land on your “Dashboard,” where you can update your profile and navigate to other areas within My DKG using different action buttons and tabs.
5. Remember to click Sign Out when you are finished.

Updating your information.

There are 4 tabs. Use the pencil icon to edit different areas. Remember to save any changes in each area.

1. About Me tab
 - Upload a picture.
 - Add information in your profile.
 - Shop in the DKG Store.
 - Learn about different DKG funds and donate.
 - Register for International events.
 - Add contact information and social network information.
 - Change your password to one that you prefer.
- And Check out the social area, where you can join the different areas to gain access to ideas, book clubs, etc. ♦

Texas State Organization News...

Buy Groceries, and Support ASTEF

By Leesa Cole, TSO Treasurer



Did you know that you can buy groceries and support TSO's ASTEF at the same time?

It's super easy. If you shop at Kroger/Ralphs or Tom Thumb/Randalls stores, you can connect your reward card for each store to ASTEF. Each time you shop, a percentage of your grocery bill will

go to ASTEF to support

- scholarships awarded to members and aspiring educators,
- leadership training activities for members, and
- project stipends awarded to chapters.

All the details are on the ASTEF website

www.astef.org. The home page has links to each grocery store's information page so that you can connect your reward cards to ASTEF. You can even encourage family members and friends to connect their cards—this opportunity isn't only for DKG members.

Have questions? Contact **Leesa Cole**. ♦

TSO Website

www.dkgtexas.org ♦

Lone Star News, Fall 2017 Edition

[Lone Star News Fall 2017](#) (PDF) ♦



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'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 ♦

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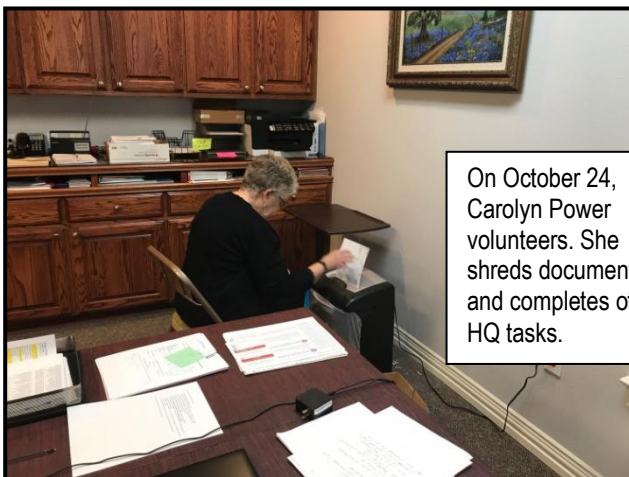


From Area 9, Delta Omicron:
Marylin Nease, chair,
Headquarters Committee

● **Able to Volunteer at HQ? Annie Needs You!**

TSO Headquarters has three employees: Cheryl Crawford, state executive secretary; **Leesa Cole**, state treasurer; and Deborah Thomas, state executive assistant.

When needed at HQ, DKG members volunteer to assist TSO's employees in completing Texas State business.



On October 24, Carolyn Power volunteers. She shreds documents and completes other HQ tasks.

Delta Omicron members who have volunteered at HQ so far this year are **Mary Gill**, **Carolyn Miller**, **Marylin Nease**, and **Carolyn Power**. Six other TSO members have volunteered as well.

From early August to mid-October, TSO members have given 158 hours at HQ.

Interested in being a part of what's happening at HQ? Let **Marylin Nease** know you can volunteer. ♦

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 Coming Events

Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat 2018
Camp Allen, Navasota, TX
January 13-15, 2018

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

Southwest Regional News...

Texas is one of 22 member states in the Southwest Region, each represented by a banner in the photo from this past summer's conference.



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

Regional conferences and international conventions meet in alternate years.

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>
- 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 - November/December 2017

How do you connect with your chapter members?

Does your chapter connect with non-members about the great things DKG is doing?

Have you considered marketing DKG and your chapter?

[Get Connected November/December 2017](#) ♦

2018 International Convention (hosted by Texas)

July 16-20, 2018

JW Marriott Austin

Austin, Texas

Convention Chair, JoAnn Brooks

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.

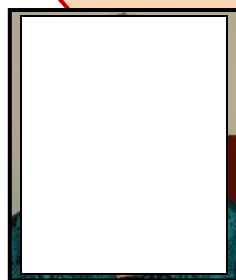
Follow this link for a five-minute video all about our coming convention in Austin!

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



Coming soon: the first issue of the 2018 *International Convention Times* newsletter! ♦

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