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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



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Marilyn Nease, editor



President's Message

My dear DKG "Sisters,"

As my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, is fast approaching, I want to say I have never felt more grateful for my "sisters" than I have this past week or three.

I have heard from almost every one of you!

You have blessed me with your calls, e-mails, text messages, and prayers! I have felt your love and care over these past few days, and I am so blessed to be your chapter president and friend.

I am still living with my wonderful son [REDACTED] (who has helped me with all my car problems, as well as insurance questions) and his sweet family. My daughter-in-law [REDACTED] is a saint. My grandchildren [REDACTED] have been so kind helping me with my new iPhone (I am not at all tech savvy).

I know all of you have friends and families that you are grateful for as well.

I know I will never again take my many blessings lightly. This is one lesson I have learned from our "not so friendly" Texas tornadoes!

Happy Thanksgiving, all y'all,
Lou McMillan

DKG Emergency Fund

Why? "Members who sustain major losses from floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wild fires, and other natural disasters may be recommended by their chapter and state organization presidents to receive a U.S. \$500 Emergency Fund Award."

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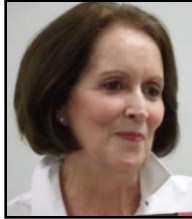
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Chapter Meeting News

Monday, November 18, 2019

4:00-4:30 p.m. - Fellowship



Social Arrangements: Elenora Asbury & Kathy Rodriguez

October Hostesses: We will enjoy a catered dinner from Preston Hollow Catering.

Agenda for Fellowship, Meeting, Dinner, Program, & Induction, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

1. Fellowship, 4:00-4:30

2. Welcome, 4:30

Lou McMillan (2M)

3. Inspiration (3M)

4. Dinner (30M)

5. Announcements (1M)

a. *Holiday Brunch*

Sat., Dec. 14, 2019, 11-1

Elenora Asbury's Home

b. Treasurer's report, October minutes, & other info:
all printed in the November newsletter & sent by email

6. Program

Julie Turnbow

"My Path of Teaching" (20M)

7. Induction Ceremony (15M)

8. Adjournment and DKG song (1M)

What to Bring to the Nov. 18 Meeting?

✓ Box Tops for Education (for Hillier School)

Julie Turnbow

✓ Collin College
Mathematics
Professor

✓ American
Association of
University Women,
2019 chapter president
✓ Interests: reading,
attending musicals and
plays, playing violin



2019-2020 Meetings and Programs

NOTE: Nov. 18 meeting is at **Northway Christian Church, Room F103. Address:** 7202 W Northwest Hwy 75225. **Park and enter** on Northwest Hwy side of church. **Greeters** will direct you to F103.

Monday, September 16, 2019, 4:30/4:45 p.m. Salad/Dessert Supper. **Marylin Nease** and **Melanie Rudebeck** "YOU Are the Key to Membership Growth." **Chapter Project:** TBD. (1, 6)

Monday, October 21, 2019, 4:00/4:30 p.m. [REDACTED] "Vickery Meadow Summer Reading Academy: Volunteers Tutoring Children." US Forum, Carolyn Power. **International Project:** Schools for Africa (SfA). (1-3-6-7)

Monday, November 18, 2019, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Julie Turnbow Martin, "My Path of Teaching." Induction Ceremony. (1-2-3-6)

Saturday, December 14, 2019, 11:00 a.m -1:00 p.m. Home of Elenora Asbury. Brunch and Fellowship. **Chapter Project:** Denton State-Supported Living Center. (1, 6)

Monday, January 13, 2020, 4:00/4:30 p.m. [REDACTED] "Having Fun with Yoga." **International Project:** Support Early-career Educators (SEE). (1-2-3-4-6)

Monday, February 17, 2020, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Rose-Mary Rumbley, "February Fun." **ASTEF Giving Month.** (1, 6)

Monday, March 16, 2020, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Talbots, 19720 Preston Road. "Spring Fashion Show with [REDACTED]." **TSO Project:** Week of Caring. (1, 6)

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9:30 a.m. Lakewood Country Club, 6430 Gaston. Coordinating Council of Dallas County: Annual Spring Luncheon. (1-2-5-6)

Monday, May 18, 2020, 4:00/4:30 p.m. Ceremonies to Honor Our Founders, Celebrate Our Chapter's Birthday, and Announce Chapter Scholarship, Grant-in-aid, and Achievement Award. Marylin Nease, "An Interview with Almost Golden Member Carolyn Miller." **TSO Project:** Unifying Project for McAllen Convention. (1-2-3-5-6)

ENGAGEMENT in purposeful programs and projects to increase member involvement. 2019-2021 Biennial Goal #2, Patti Belknap, TSO President

2019-2020 Projects:

Chapter - Supporting Teachers (October-May), also Denton State-Supported Living Center (December).

TSO - Week of Caring (March), also Unifying Project (May).

International - Schools for Africa, SfA (October), also Support Early-career Educators, SEE (January).

Membership Vice President's Report



Hello, Delta Omicron,

I hope you all have fun plans to spend time with family and friends this Thanksgiving.

We have been busy in our membership this past month! We held an orientation in October for a group of four ladies who accepted our invitation to membership, and we had another orientation Sunday, November 10, for three more candidates. It is so nice to get to know our new members.

We will induct seven key women educators into our chapter on November 18! Thank you to everyone for recommending such a great group of incoming members.

Please, continue to invite friends to our meetings. YOU are the key!

Introducing Our Seven Inductees

Sherrri Allinder (Recommended by Katherine Grogan)



My career in education:

I taught 23 years at Pearce High School in Richardson ISD, where I had business education classes and served as chairman of the Business Education Department. I also served as cheerleading sponsor for eight years.

Family:

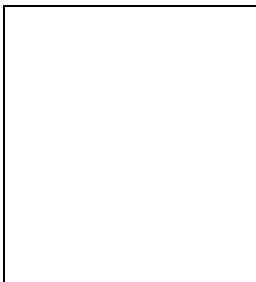
My husband [REDACTED] and I have been married for 48 years. We have two children and four grandchildren.

Things people might not know about me:

I take beginning flute lessons and beginning accounting at Collin College.



(Recommended by Lou McMillan)



My career in education:

I taught art to children with learning differences in private schools [REDACTED]. I taught all art classes for grades one through eight.

Family:

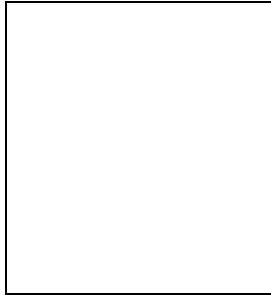
I am the mother of two daughters and four grandchildren—three boys and one girl.

Things people might not know about me:

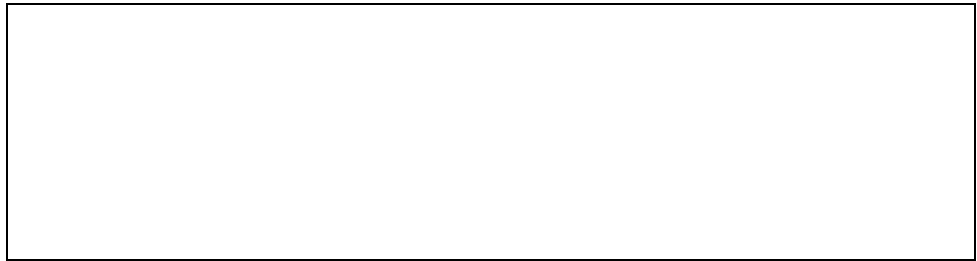
I do a lot of mosaics. In fact, my pantry has no food in it, but it's filled with mosaic tiles.



(Recommended by Lou McMillan)

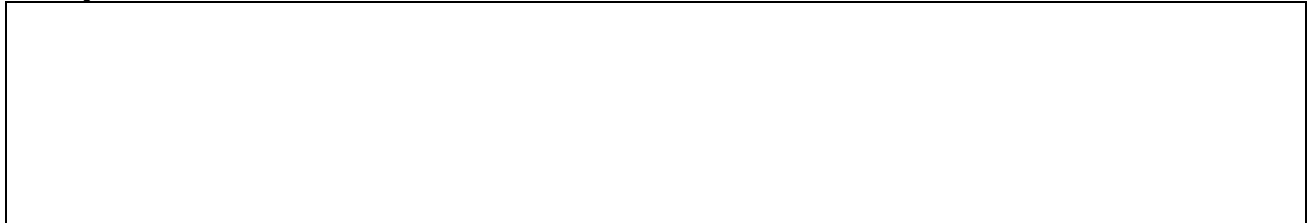


My career in education:



This Greek proverb could apply to my years as an educator, "I have planted trees under whose shade I will never sit."

Family:



Things people might not know about me:

- My hobby is fishing. I even bait my own hook.
- Also, I enjoy helping with costuming, makeup, and production of church dramas and have written and produced a July 4th program, "We Love You Uncle Sam," which was presented in my home church.

Thank you [redacted] for donating plasticware to our chapter for fellowship time. Kathy Rodriguez, Social Arrangements Committee co-chair, happily accepted the gift at our September 16 meeting and proclaimed it, "Enough for all year!"



Cindy Dominguez (Recommended by Marylin Nease)

My career in education:

I've been an educator for almost 38 years--nine as an elementary teacher and 28 1/2 as an elementary, middle, and high school counselor. While at Dallas ISD, I worked at thirteen campuses through the years.

My whole career in education has been full of fun, laughter, hard work, amazingly great memories, and a lot of wonderful magic!

Family:

I've been married to my husband [redacted] for over 47 years, and we're both retired. We have three children [redacted] and three grandkids---[redacted]. They all bring such joy to my life! We're all so happy and excited to welcome the new twins!

Things people might not know about me:

I worked in the business world before I became an educator and had a great job in the Public Relations Department at St. Paul Hospital. There I worked for the doctors and interns and took pictures of the newborns. It was a fast-paced and fun job that really prepared me for a job in education.

Also, when I was fifty, I did a marathon in six hours and 25 minutes--speed walking.

Liza Leggett (Recommended by Kay Keeland)



My career in education:

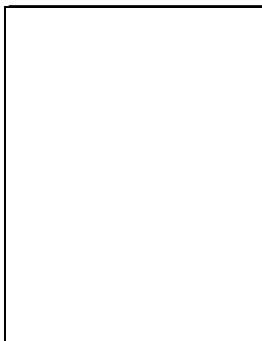
I started teaching in 1995 after having worked in the office at [redacted] since 1992. (I made copies, answered the phone, and got the substitutes back in the day before there was an automated system; teachers called me and I called substitutes.) I've taught Home Economics and for the last five to six years Keyboarding and Computer Applications. I've also been the adviser to Student Council since 2002.

Family:

I am single. My sister has five children (two boys and three girls) who live near me, and we are close. My friends are also my family.

Things people might not know about me:

I enjoy fiber arts, quilting, and embroidery. I hook rugs, and this year I won a second place ribbon at the State Fair of Texas.



[redacted] (Recommended by Lou McMillan)

[redacted] will be spotlighted in our next newsletter. ☺



Julie Turnbow (Recommended by Katherine Grogan)

Julie will be spotlighted in our next newsletter. ☺

Introducing Our Two Transfer Members



(Transferred from Kappa Upsilon Chapter, Inducted 1976)



My career in education:

I was an elementary school counselor in [redacted] when I retired. Before that, I taught 7th grade English and other grades. I had 38 years with public schools.

Family:

Things people might not know about me:

After I retired from education, I continued to work as a licensed professional counselor at my private office for 10 years. I only really retired in 2013 to be a caregiver for my husband.

Marilyn Smith (Transferred from Kappa Upsilon Chapter, Inducted 2001)



My career in education:

I taught 6th, 7th, and 8th grade English and 7th and 8th grade Typing/Keyboarding for 40 years at Reed Middle School in the Duncanville ISD. I substituted for another six years for a total of 46 years in education.

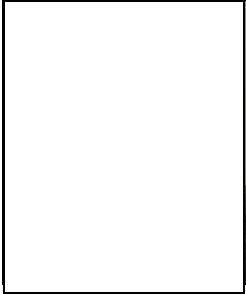
Family:

Things people might not know about me:

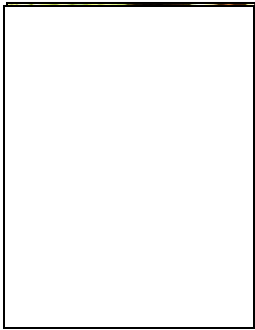
I love to read, watch old movies, and spend time with friends and family.

Nobody knows that I tried out for the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders in the '60s. Obviously, I didn't make it. That's why I kept it a secret. I guess it isn't a secret anymore.

Introducing Our Two Reinstated Members



█ will be spotlighted in our next newsletter. ☺



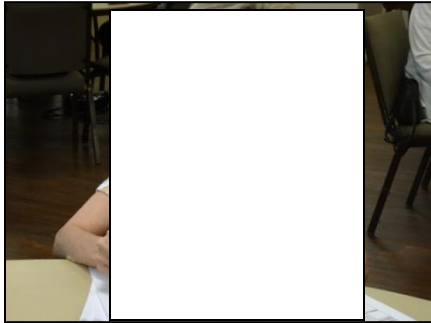
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Who can identify these members?



Recording Secretary's Report

By [REDACTED]



Minutes, Oct. 21, 2019, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

27 members attending: Sherri Allinder, Elenora Asbury, Maureen Baker, [REDACTED] Lou Brown, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, [REDACTED] Grace Delatour, Marta Finlay, Katherine Grogan, Janet Hogg, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Marilyn Lamb, Carolyn Miller, Marilyn Nease, Carolyn Power, Becky Quigley, Mary Riddle, Kathy Rodriguez, Melanie Rudebeck, Marilyn Smith, Margaret Thompson, [REDACTED] Jean Wallace

4 guests attending: [REDACTED] Cindy

Dominguez, [REDACTED]



Welcome:

Katherine Grogan, first vice president, programs and projects, conducted the meeting in place of Lou McMillan, president, who was unable to attend because of tornado damage to her home.

Katherine welcomed members and guests.



Inspiration:

Maureen Baker, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee, shared the inspiration.

Business Meeting

(1) Minutes: Members approved the minutes from the September 16, 2019, meeting as printed in the October chapter newsletter.



(2) Treasurer's Report:

Leesa Cole, treasurer, reported that the fee for our meeting room at Northway Christian Church has been paid for September and October. [REDACTED]

Leesa presented the chapter's proposed 2019-2020 budget. **Margaret Thompson** moved that members approve the proposed budget, and **Jean Wallace** seconded the motion. Members voted approval.

(3) Announcements

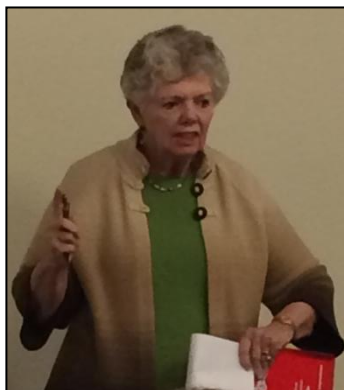
(a) The Induction Dinner will be on November 18, 2019, at the Northway Christian Church. The cost of the dinner is \$25. If you have not paid, please mail **Leesa Cole** a check made out to Delta Omicron.

We have seven ladies to be inducted: **Sherri Allinder**, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] **Cindy Dominguez**, **Liza Leggett**, [REDACTED] and **Julie Turnbow**.

(b) We have two transfers: [REDACTED] and **Marilyn Smith**.

(c) We have two reinstatements: [REDACTED].

(d) The chapter's holiday brunch will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019, at Elenora Asbury's home from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



(4) The United States Forum:

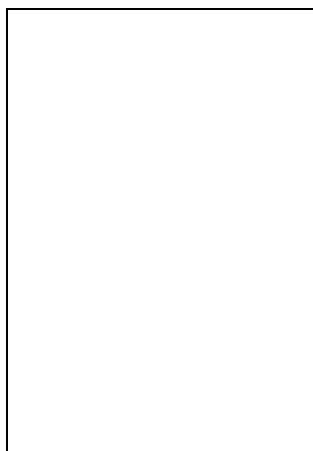
Carolyn Power, Texas Liaison to the US Forum, explained that the Forum is an assembly for an open discussion: a gathering of members from national and other geographic areas to discuss topics of common concern.

She distributed information about The National Legislative Seminar in Arlington, Virginia, on March 15-18, 2020.

(5) Global Awareness Committee: [REDACTED] Global Awareness Committee chair, gave a Power Point presentation explaining DKG's international project Schools for Africa. Needs for the schools were discussed such as inadequate school buildings, lack of gender-separate bathrooms, safe water and improved sanitation facilities, and life-skills education, including HIV prevention, health, and nutrition. Members of Delta Omicron donated \$235 to give to UNICEF to help fund the Schools for Africa project.

(6) Chapter Projects: **Katherine Grogan**, Programs and Projects vice president, passed out forms to get ideas that Delta Omicron members might want to pursue to help others or ideas for fundraisers.

(7) Nominations Committee: **Carolyn Power**, committee chair, passed out a form and asked members to sign showing their interest in serving as an officer and/or on committees for the next two years.



Program:

Carolyn Miller introduced our speaker, [REDACTED].

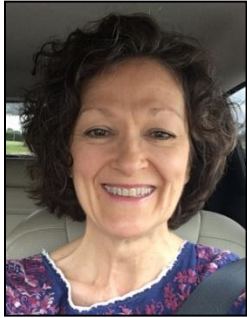
[REDACTED] is the founder of Vickery Meadow Summer Reading Academy and Outgrowth Program.

Using a Power Point presentation and her observations about the reading program, [REDACTED] explained the origin of the Academy at McShan Elementary School in Dallas ISD, as well as its tremendous successes, thanks in large part to many dedicated volunteers of all ages.

Closing – Members sang "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song." The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

By Leesa Cole, Treasurer



Balance: The checking account balance as of October 31, 2019, was \$3,566.54.

Income and expenses: No deposits were made since the last report, and the only expense was the reorder of chapter checks.

Upcoming financial activity: **November income** will include Schools for Africa member contributions, dues from new and reinstated members, and reservation checks for the November induction/dinner.

November expenses will include payments to Northway Christian Church for the October and November meetings, budgeted and collected contributions to UNICEF's/DKG's Schools for Africa project, the caterer for the induction dinner, and dues to International /dues + fees to TSO for members added this fall.

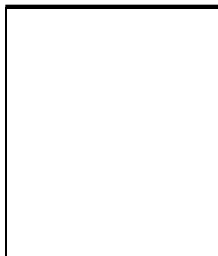
Communications and Publicity Committee



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.

Legislation Committee



By [REDACTED] Chair

Update on WEP

Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) visited all 36 offices of Texas congressional representatives in Washington, as well as meeting with Sen. Ted Cruz and Sen. John Cornyn's staff. TRTA's goal is to get Congress involved in moving forward with the Windfall Elimination Reform (WEP).

Start calling your congressional representatives and asking them to advance the WEP legislation put forth by Rep. Richard Neal (HB 4540) and Rep. Kevin Brady (HB 3934).

Update on TRS-Care Funding

The funding for TRS-Care has been based on aggregate teacher payroll and not on rising medical costs. Teacher payroll has remained relatively flat, which has caused monetary shortfalls.

During the 86th Legislative Session, TRTA worked with numerous elected officials to improve TRS-Care. Bills were filed to help fund TRS-Care, but all died in committee.

TRTA was able to secure an additional \$231 million for the program, which kept retiree premiums from

increasing. TRS is expecting another shortfall in the hundreds of millions of dollars by the time the next legislative session begins in January 2021.

Member News



Margaret Thompson (center) and [REDACTED] (right) on November 1, 2019, having a wonderful time in Maui playing bridge on the beach with [REDACTED] fellow DKG Kappa Upsilon friends from Duncanville

Into the Forest We Went

By Marylin Nease

On Saturday, November 2, 2019, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., **Katherine Grogan** and I (**Marylin Nease**) attended “Into the Great Trinity Forest.” The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture and *The Dallas Morning News* presented the event at the Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC), located about six miles southeast of downtown Dallas.



The Great Trinity Forest is a 6,000 acre tract along the Trinity River and is the largest urban hardwood forest in the country.

The following is an excerpt from a *DMN*-published column [REDACTED] wrote: “In the Great Trinity Forest, it’s the color that overwhelms at first—the fecund, verdant green that fills the gaze in all directions and swallows you whole. Then, the smell, of peat and petrichlor. Then, the sound of branches swaying and leaves rustling and water rushing and the occasional crunch of something moving, unseen, in the tangles and shadows.”

Katherine and I began our TRAC adventure with an hour of slide shows and speakers giving background information to our group of 150 listeners. They spoke not only about this particular forest but also about the importance of trees, healthy nature, and conservation worldwide. The speakers included [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

Next came multiple TRAC guides leading small groups of us outside along parts of the Ned and Genie Fritz Forest Buckeye Trail, teaching us with expert commentary, inviting us to enjoy and appreciate nature, and answering our questions.

Then, Katherine and I went to Bonton Farms Market and Café. We shared a table with two ladies who grew up in the area and attended Dallas ISD's Lincoln High School. They now live in Lancaster, one a teacher and the other a bank administrator, and still attend church in Bonton. Like us, this was their first visit to Bonton Café.

[REDACTED] joined us for lunch.

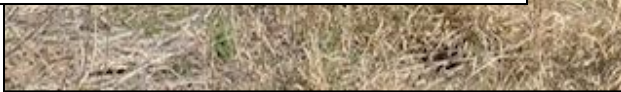
All in all, Katherine and I enjoyed our Bonton Cafe food and conversation—and our adventure into the Great Trinity Forest! Thank you, **Katherine Grogan**, for your photos.







Above: A “wing” of the bird-shaped TRAC building
Below: Daddy Long Legs on our guide’s jacket
Right: Salvia after fall’s first frost



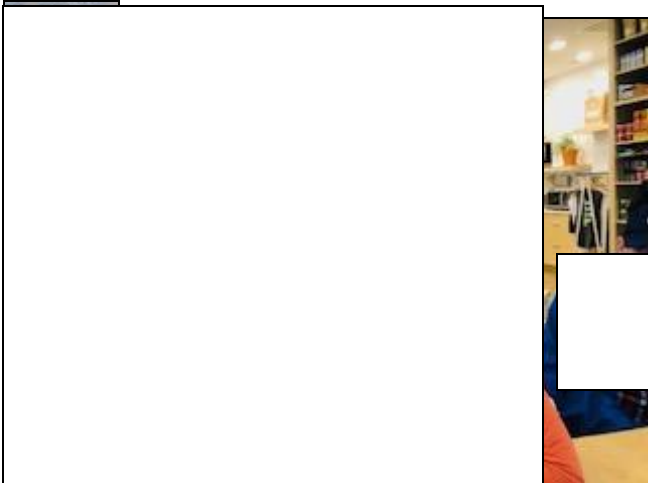
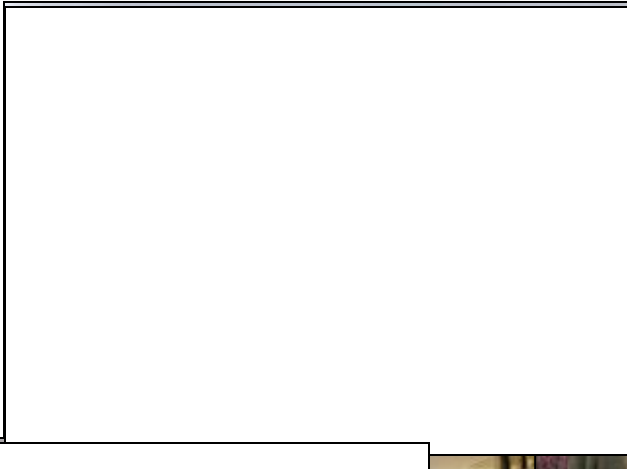
Tour of Dallas

By Marylin Nease

On Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., **Mary Gill**, [REDACTED] and I (**Marylin Nease**) boarded a chartered bus and took a guided tour of Dallas. [REDACTED] led the tour and provided commentary along the route and at stops along the way.

#1, A Stop: Bonton Farms and Buckeye Trail

From listening to an inspirational and informative talk about Bonton Farms, Market, and Café by the founder, [REDACTED]; to enjoying the café's biscuits with honey butter; to taking a walk up, over, and down the nearby Trinity River levee for a walk on the Buckeye Trail into the Great Trinity River Forest—our first stop was a great beginning.



#2, A Drive: South Dallas, Including the South Boulevard-Park Row Historic District

██████ took us on a drive through this historic neighborhood, pointing out his grandparents' house, where his father grew up. We learned the neighborhood has 100+ houses built mostly by Jewish families from 1910 to 1935.

#3, A Drive: Disappearing Neighborhoods

This drive through South Dallas showed us vacant lot after vacant lot after vacant lot, where homes and neighborhoods used to be. The houses were bulldozed through the years, and years ago, generally for land-development/"business" reasons, and no housing has replaced them.

All that remains are empty lots and no families in once vibrant neighborhoods.



#4, A Drive and a Stop: Fair Park

Next, we drove through Fair Park and heard its history ██████.

Then, ██████ took us to the Cotton Bowl. There, we walked down the players' tunnel, pretending we were OK/TX athletes about to play the annual game. We strolled around the football field, enjoying a different perspective than that from the more usual stadium seat above.

We also listened to ██████ who shared the Cotton Bowl's history, OK/TX tales, and news of upcoming events to be held at the venue.

#5, A Stop: Jimmy's Food Store

Here, we enjoyed lunch at an Italian grocery/restaurant owned and operated through the years by three generations of the same family.

4901 Bryan St, Dallas, TX 75206

#6, A Drive and a Stop: Harry Hines Boulevard and Hines Park

Next, ██████ took us along Harry Hines Boulevard and shared its history—on our way to Hines Park on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River.



There, we listened to ██████ tell us about the history of the area and efforts to clean and restore it. We walked trails down to the river and saw how the Trinity has eroded the river's bank, taking away much of a sidewalk trail built five years ago.

Altogether, Hines Park with its Frasier Dam Recreation Area is a beautiful sanctuary filled with birds, water, trees, and peace. After decades of illegal dumping and disregard, the park and trails are being brought back to life, thanks to generous donors and the work of volunteers—all for the public's enjoyment.

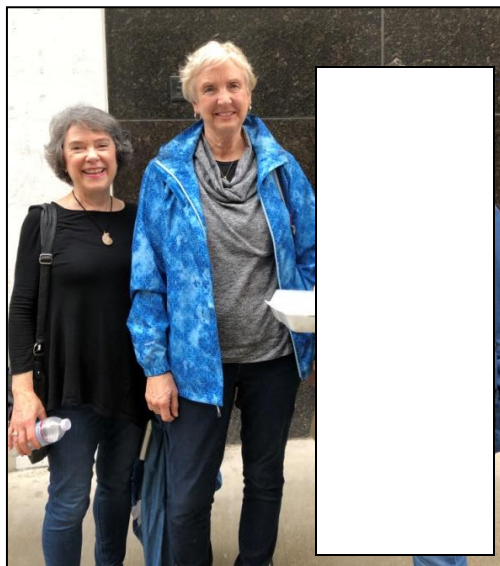


#7, A Drive: Tornado-ravaged Northwest Dallas

At the request of fellow bus riders who don't live in tornado-damaged Northwest Dallas, [redacted] took us on a tour stretching from I-35 along Walnut Hill Lane to the Dallas North Tollway. The destruction still stuns two weeks later as the cleanup continues.

In summary, [redacted] Mary, and I had a full day of stepping on and off a bus to explore places we mostly hadn't been before, and of learning Dallas history [redacted], whose family has lived in Dallas for four generations. [redacted] loves Dallas and sees the city as a collection of small towns and neighborhoods, a place that we who live here need to explore, learn about, treasure, and preserve. [redacted] advises that the best way to honor our city and to move it forward is to get to know our city's neighborhoods and the people who live there.

Thank you, **Mary Gill**, for your photos. "What a great day we had!" said Mary the following day. And, we did!



The Dallas Morning News offers special rewards to its subscribers. **Marylin Nease, Mary Gill**, and I decided to take one of these rewards, [redacted] "Tour of Dallas." We had a delightful day filled with fun and information about Dallas that most citizens do not know, even after living here most of their lives.

We went to Bonton Farms, ate biscuits with fabulous honey butter, and walked on a trail near the Trinity River. After this, we saw other neighborhoods, ate lunch at Jimmy's Food Store, and went to the Cotton Bowl. Then, we traveled to more trails and picnic areas cleared by volunteers working for Groundwork.

[redacted] was a very informative and entertaining tour guide. I would recommend other opportunities presented by the *DMN*. – By [redacted]



Happy November Birthdays!

Elyse Griffin, 11
Joy Burger, 17
Leah Black, 22
Katherine Grogan, 30

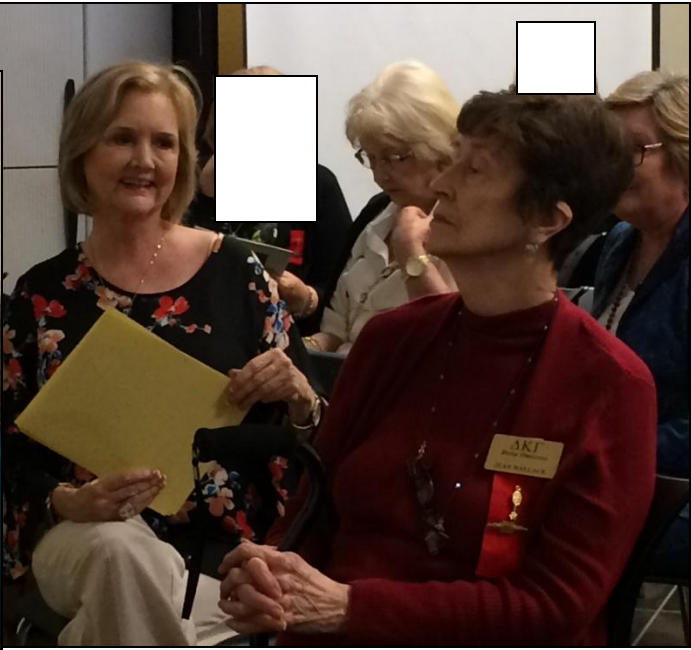
2018-2020 Executive Board:

President: **Lou McMillan**
Vice President, Programs / Service Projects: **Katherine Grogan**
Vice President, Membership: **Melanie Rudebeck**
Recording Secretary: [REDACTED]
Corresponding Secretary: **Leah Black**
Treasurer: **Leesa Cole**
Parliamentarian: **Kay Keeland**

Chapter Website: <http://deltaomicrontexas.weebly.com/>
Chapter Webmaster: **Carolyn Power**
Chapter Webwatcher: **Marylin Nease**

Photo Highlights, Chapter Meeting, October 21, 2019





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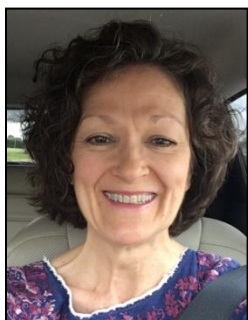
Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) News



Save the Date!
 By Carolyn Miller, 2019-2021 CCDC Chair
 Our CCDC luncheon will be **April 4, 2020**, at Lakewood Country Club.
 Let's have the largest group in attendance again this year!

CCDC Cora McFarland Scholarship Committee News

By Leesa Cole, Delta Omicron Representative



CCDC Cora McFarland Scholarship Application Deadline Is March 1

If you have learning opportunities coming up for which you could use some financial assistance, the Coordinating Council of Dallas County offers the Cora McFarland scholarship to Dallas County members.

Contact Leesa Cole if you are interested in applying or if you have questions about qualifying.

CCDC Cora McFarland Coordinator Applications Due January 25

This coordinator position is a three-year commitment and will begin July 1, 2020.

Major responsibilities include (1) communicating with and coordinating the McFarland chapter representatives so they can interview scholarship applicants, (2) managing the finances, and (3) receiving and vetting scholarship applications.

Current chair Chris Dudek will be happy to answer questions. Contact her at [REDACTED]

Leesa or Chris can supply you with an application if you are interested in this rewarding position.

Area 9 News



By Marilyn Nease, 2019-2021 Area 9 Coordinator

Six Dates to Save

- ✓ **Saturday, March 7, 2020, Area 9 Field Trip** to the Dallas Museum of Art
- ✓ **Saturday, March 28, 2020, Dallas, Area 9 Reception** honoring 2019-2021 TSO President **Patti Belknap**
- ✓ **June 17-19, 2020, TSO Convention**, McAllen
- ✓ **July 7-11, 2020, International Convention**, Philadelphia
- ✓ **Saturday, September 19, 2020, Area 9 Workshop**, Region 10 ESC, Richardson
- ✓ **June 16-18, 2021, TSO Convention**, Denton

Three Key Points for Area 9 in 2019-2021

(1) Membership Growth—We **ALL** must recruit, reinstate, and retain members **ALL year long, every year**. We **ALL** must be thinking about educators we will invite to membership, former members we will invite to reinstate, and ways to retain our members.

(2) Reception for Patti Belknap—Our 2019-2021 state president is from Area 9. Our 25 Area 9 chapters will host a reception to honor and celebrate Patti as our TSO leader on **March 28, 2020**, in Dallas. More info will follow.

(3) Area 9 Workshop—Chapter presidents met August 10 to begin planning for our **September 19, 2020**, workshop. The workshop will be at the Region 10 Education Service Center in Richardson. More info later.

Texas State Organization News



Patti Belknap, 2019-2021 TSO President

Biennium Theme: YOU are the key.

Biennium Goals:

Knowledge of the Society's mission, purposes, and traditions.

Engagement in purposeful programs and projects to increase member involvement.

Yearlong involvement in recruiting, mentoring, and leading.

Support from officers, mentors, and others to increase stronger members and chapters.



Emma Joven
Area 9 Mentor

U. S. Forum Report



By Carolyn Power, Texas Liaison to the US Forum

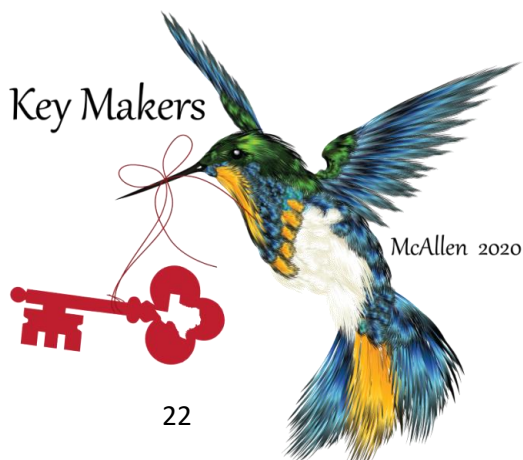
Thursday, June 18, 2019, I attended an International DKG conference in Costa Mesa, California. At the convention, the U. S. Forum's featured speaker was Opal Singleton. Ms. Singleton is the President and CEO of **Million Kids** and serves as the Training and Outreach Coordinator for the Riverside County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. She has trained more than 250,000 government and individual leaders about labor trafficking, child sex trafficking, sextortion, child pornography, and social media exploration. She often appears on television and talk radio shows across the

United States.

Her message to DKG members is to spread the word about the **Love Trap**. Please check the Million Kids website to see how she is training parents and educators about child sex trafficking.

www.millionkids.org

**TSO Convention,
June 17-19, 2020,
McAllen**



International News...



President and Theme, 2018-2020

Cathy P. Daugherty

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

***International Convention,
July 7-11, 2020,
Philadelphia, PA***



Delta Omicron's The 4:15*

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

To submit news, contact
Marylin Nease, editor

Why is *The 4:15* the title for our chapter's newsletter?

* *Delta* is the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet, and *Omicron* is the fifteenth letter.

* Also, on a good day, 4:15 is the time we leave school.

* Best of all, on a really good day, 4:15 is the time we head to a Delta Omicron meeting! ☺

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