



# The 4:15



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

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

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**Part 2: Dallas County, Area 9, Texas State Organization, and International News**

Part 1 of Sept. Issue: Chapter News (in a separate document)

## Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) News



### Save the Date!

By Carolyn Miller, 2019-2021 CCDC Chair

Our CCDC luncheon will be held on April 4, 2020, at Lakewood Country Club.

Let's have the largest group in attendance again this year! ♦

## Area 9 News



By Marilyn Nease, 2019-2021 Area 9 Coordinator

### Some Dates to Save

- ✓ Area 9 field trip to the Dallas Museum of Art, Saturday, March 7, 2020
- ✓ Area 9 Workshop, site TBD, Saturday, September 19, 2020
- ✓ TSO Convention, McAllen, June 17-19, 2020
- ✓ International Convention, Philadelphia, July 7-11, 2020
- ✓ TSO Convention, Denton, June 16-18, 2021 ♦

### What Did You Do in July?

I, along with other incoming ACs and state committee chairs, attended Leadership for State Personnel (LOSP) training in Arlington Monday-Wednesday, July 22-24.

Who were our teachers? Past state presidents, incoming state officers, state employees (executive secretary, treasurer, executive assistant, editor/photographer, webmaster), ASTEF leaders, and other state leaders, all with vast DKG knowledge

and effective leadership skills.

How fortunate we were to have these leaders teach us what we need to know in order for 2019-2021 to be a “forward moving ever,” successful biennium! ♦

### Three Key Points for 2019-2021

**(1) Membership Growth**—We ALL must recruit, retain, and reinstate members. Be thinking about educators you will invite to membership.

The next “Chapter Membership Snapshot” will be taken March 1 (no longer May 1), so start recruiting now.

**(2) Area 9 Workshop**—Chapter presidents met August 10 to begin planning for our September 19, 2020, workshop.

I have contacted Region 10 about using their facilities but have not received an answer.

I’ve also asked presidents in Plano, Frisco, and Forney schools to check with their districts so that I can follow up if we need a Plan B.

**(3) Reception for Patti Belknap**—Our 2019-2021 state president is from Area 9. We Area 9 chapters will host a reception to honor and celebrate Patti as our TSO leader.

Potential dates: March 28 or 29, April 18 or 19.

Lou McMillan, Delta Omicron president, has checked with Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas about using their parlor. The fee is reasonable; however, they reserve only six months out, so we won’t know until October whether we can reserve the parlor. Also, the reception will be on March 28 or April 18 if held at PCBC because the church does not rent its facilities for Sundays. Be thinking of a Plan B. ♦

### Delta Omicron’s The 4:15\*

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

To submit news, contact



\* Delta = the fourth letter of the Greek alphabet, and Omicron = the fifteenth letter; also, on a good day 4:15 = the time we leave school; best of all, on a really good day, 4:15 = the time we head to Delta Omicron; hence, *The 4:15* title for our chapter’s newsletter. ☺

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

## Texas State Organization News...

### TSO Leaders

#### Biennium Theme and Goals



Patti Belknap  
2019-2021 President

Over the past two biennia, we have put the emphasis on YOU, the members, as the Heart of the Society, and we have worked to help the membership Bridge yesterday and tomorrow. By now, you are probably asking, “Where do I fit?” The answer may be found in my theme: *YOU are the key*, which emphasizes the importance of each one of you in our organization.

You are the key to all that happens in this organization.

You are the one who said yes to membership.

You are the one who says yes to leadership opportunities both in the chapter and in the state.

You are the one who mentors new members.

Without YOU, TSO will not thrive.

*Unlock the door to cooperative strategic planning through*

- **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



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



## **TSO Convention, Arlington, June 20-22, 2019** **Congratulations to Delta Omicron for Earning These Honors at Convention!**



Wanda Spoonmore was recognized for 55 years of DKG membership! Proud friend Marylin Nease is at her side.

### **Communications Awards**

#### **Newsletter Five Star Award**

The 4:15 Chapter Newsletter

#### **Media Award for Overall Education News**

The Dallas Morning News, nominated by Delta Omicron

### **Yearbook Awards**

Early Bird, Exemplary

### **Programs: Annie Extravaganza Presentation**

Hope's Door New Beginning

### **Society-Compliant TSO Chapter Website**

### **Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund Donation**

### **Membership Award**

Tudor Rose Award (Increased)

### **ASTEF:**

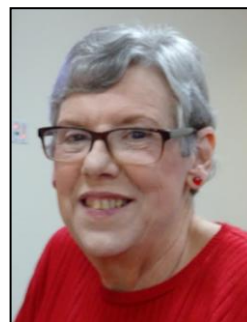
#### **Chapter Donation to**

**Scholarships**, \$2 per Member

**Leadership**, \$2 per Member

**Projects**, \$2 per Member ♦

## **Convention Reflections**



**Margie Rohde**, new member and first-time convention attendee, reports, "I enjoyed the two days Penni Lewis and I spent at the convention.

"We went to a number of art-strand breakout sessions, all of which were great. I especially liked the

session with Karla Morton, who also spoke at the Birthday Luncheon. At the breakout session that followed, she shared a number of her poems. I also liked the "Cup of Sugar" session done by the Pioneer Women. The only thing that would have improved that session is a larger room—Penni and I had to stand throughout the session.

"I enjoyed the Birthday Luncheon.

"All in all, I had fun at my first convention." ♦

Delta Omicron members attending the Arlington convention were **Leesa Cole, Katherine Grogan, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Power, Margie Rohde, Wanda Spoonmore.**



A favorite session for **Carolyn Miller** and **Lou McMillan** and many other convention attendees was the one that Elizabeth McCormick presented.

McCormick served in the US Army as a Black Hawk helicopter pilot and Chief Warrant Officer. She is also a Congressional Veteran Commendation recipient.

McCormick spoke on believing in ourselves in order to empower ourselves and make life what we want it to be.



**Katherine Grogan** liked this breakout session about quilting. She found herself admiring this butterfly quilt—“Each butterfly is different.”



**Marilyn Nease**, 2017-2019 TSO Headquarters Committee chair, spent lots of time near the Annie’s Attic tables in the vendors’ area. Committee members Ann Butcher, Kathleen Nichols, and Beverly Funk (incoming HQ Committee chair) made it a fun place to be.



**Katherine Grogan** also enjoyed the pioneer ladies’ (DKG ladies in costume) breakout session “Cup of Sugar.” She described it as “a funny tale about bartering in early Texas.”

Running into longtime friend and teaching colleague Kelli Whiteside in the vendors’ area added to **Marilyn Nease’s** convention fun. Kelli and Marilyn taught English in nearby classrooms at Trinity High School in Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD.



In addition, **Marylin Nease** attended two sessions for chapter presidents in preparation for her new role as 2019-2021 Area 9 Coordinator.

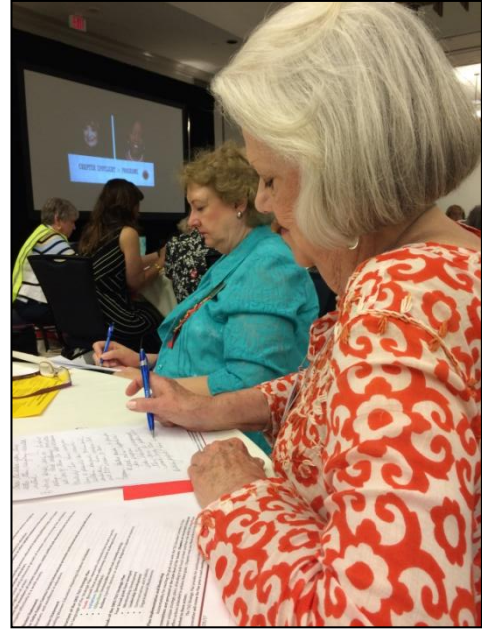
Marylin said, "I enjoyed learning about my incoming job and meeting some of the presidents and hearing their presentations in the training and get-acquainted sessions."

She also attended a breakout session titled "Educational Travel for Educators" and loved the teacher-presenters' humor.

Below, Marylin gets acquainted with some of the Area 9 chapter presidents.



Lou McMillan takes notes during one session of the chapter presidents' training.



Marylin Nease, Carolyn Miller, Wanda Spoonmore, and Leesa Cole wait for Friday night's general session to begin.



Delta Omicron members donated money to buy these gift cards to give to the convention's Unifying Project, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Tarrant County.





On Friday night Lou McMillan, third in line, waits her turn to be presented as an Area 9 chapter president.

Leesa Cole and Lou McMillan after the presidents' presentation ceremony



Below, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Miller, Leesa Cole, Wanda Spoonmore.



Katherine Grogan, Cheryl Crawford



Carolyn Miller, Carolyn Power, Marylin Nease, Wanda Spoonmore after Saturday night's Presidents and Founders Banquet.



Having fun at "dinner on our own" Thursday evening: front - Penni Lewis, Carolyn Miller, Lou McMillan, Wanda Spoonmore. Back - Marylin Nease, Margie Rohde.



Carolyn Miller serves as Guest Book greeter.



Beverly Funk (incoming HQ Committee chair) and Marilyn Nease (outgoing chair) make transition plans. ♦



Marilyn Nease accepts Media Award for *The Dallas Morning News*.

## International News...

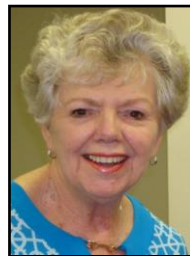


### President and Theme, 2018-2020

Cathy P. Daugherty  
*Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide* ♦

## International Conference Reflections

**Technology, Costa Mesa, California**  
**July 17-20, 2019**



By Carolyn Power

DKG Technology Conference  
 Costa Mesa, California  
 July 17-20, 2019



Lou McMillan, second row, second from right

Dear Delta Omicron Sisters,

Costa Mesa, California, was fun and friendly. After arriving at John Wayne Airport, I met a DKG acquaintance from the June TSO meeting in Arlington. We took the shuttle to the hotel, checked in, registered, and had lunch. Twice I have attended

DKG International meetings by myself, and both times I made many new friends.

There were 217 women at this conference. This may have been the smallest attendance of the five conferences held this summer. I never had to wait for an elevator and always could get into a breakout session.

The major reason I chose to attend this conference was my acceptance of the TSO position of Texas State U. S. Forum Liaison. Having been given a description of what that meant, I decided I needed to know exactly what I really was supposed to be doing. So glad I said yes to this new job. This is causing me to learn lots of new information. I plan to share some of this with our chapter at our October meeting.

At the training I participated in discussions and listened to experts discuss topics such as

- 12 ways your phone is changing you,
- How to keep your common sense when using social media,
- Research showing screen time is addictive,
- How teachers are using robots to teach, and
- Research showing a rise in young adults claiming to be lonely even when they have 250 online friends.

On Thursday night I was one of 150 DKG women who attended a performance of *The Phantom of the Opera* at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts. It was a sold-out crowd of 3,000. Fantastic performance.

I met four DKG women at the Newcomers Conference. These friends were all about 26 years old. They had been DKG members six months.

Thank you to Delta Omicron Chapter for helping pay for this trip. The conference was an inspirational one.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn ♦

**Arts and Humanities**  
**Asheville, North Carolina**  
**June 27-29, 2019**

By Marilyn Nease

Three reasons I attended this conference: I like learning new things, the arts and humanities are my cup of tea, and my friend of 50 years lives in nearby Hendersonville.

I invited [REDACTED] to attend the conference as my registered guest, and she not only housed [REDACTED]



and me but also drove the two of us to the conference each day.

[REDACTED] and I attended a variety of workshop sessions, such as presentations about Leonardo da Vinci's painting *The Last Supper*, literature set in the British Isles, reading for the love of reading, and international's Schools for Africa project. International's president, Cathy Daughtery, was the presenter for SfA and is the only DKG member to have traveled to Africa to see firsthand what a difference our joint project with UNICEF is making.



On Friday [REDACTED] and I also heard the Humanities Luncheon's keynote speaker, Dr. Kevan Frazier, talk about "all things Asheville." Dr. Frazier is an Asheville native and the Executive Director for Western



Carolina University's Asheville program located at Biltmore Park. He is the founder of Asheville by Foot, a local walking tour business, and the author of *Legendary Locals of Asheville*.

After the luncheon, [REDACTED] and I attended the US Forum presentation, which included Dr. Akil Ross, National Principal of the Year, sharing his personal story showing the power a community and educators have to transform a struggling student into a high performing one. A newspaper headline after he was announced as National Principal of the Year summed up his tale this way: "He flunked the third grade. Now he's the best high school principal in the nation."

The fourth and fifth reasons I like attending DKG conventions and conferences: meeting fellow educators and being inspired by presenters.

Many thanks to you, Delta Omicron sisters, for paying part of my expenses to this international conference!

Sincerely,  
Marylin ♦

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



## ***Addendum to Newsletter Part 1, Chapter News***



Betty Vines, Leesa Cole after Presidents and Founders Banquet, TSO Convention in Arlington

## ***Delta Omicron Chapter Treasurer's Report***

by Leesa Cole

**Balance** as of 8/30/2019 - \$3,455.99

This closes out all income and expense for 2018-2019 and begins the budget for 2019-2020.

**Income** May-August:

- Membership dues for 2019-2020

**Expenses** May-August *budgeted for 2018-2019:*

- Stipend shared among chapter members (7) attending Arlington Convention
- Chapter president reimbursed for travel to TSO Arlington Convention
- Chapter/TSO leaders (2) reimbursed to attend International Conferences as chapter president's designee (chapter members affirmed by vote in May)
- Purchase of key pins (6) for new members

**Expenses** May-August in the 2019-2020 budget:

- Dues and fees paid to International and State for 2019-2020

**Expenses** September in the 2019-2020 budget:

- Dues paid to Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) - \$25 chapter fee
- Cora McFarland dues @ \$1/member (increased this year from \$.60)

**NOTES:**

- **Proposed budget for 2019-2020** will be sent via email to all members prior to the September 16 meeting for consideration. *Members will vote on the budget at the meeting.*
- **Please email questions/comments to Leesa Cole**, who will then consult with the **Finance Committee: Mary Gill, Marta Finlay, and Sara Coleman.**
  - Questions emailed prior to the meeting will be addressed at the meeting *if time permits.*
  - Question cards will be available at the meeting to be addressed as needed (via email or at the meeting *if time permits*). ♦

**Agenda, September 16, 2019**

4:45pm-5:00 (15 min)  
**Welcome:** Lou McMillan  
**Introduce** new Area 9 Coordinator - Marilyn Nease  
**Introduce** new CCDC Chair - Carolyn Miller  
**Welcome guests and new members** - [REDACTED]  
 from Kappa Upsilon  
**Inspiration** - Margaret Thompson  
**Dinner** will be served.  
**Thank you** to our Social Arrangements Com. (Kathy Rodriguez, Elenora Asbury-Co-Chairs) (Members: Sherri Negrete, Mary Carol Hughes, Lou McMillan, Susan Endicott).

**Dinner - 5:00-5:30pm. (30 min)**

**Business meeting** begins at 5:30pm.  
**Approval of May 2019 Minutes (1 min)**  
**Treasurer's Report** - Leesa Cole - 5:30-5:40 (10 min)  
**Old/NewBusiness - Chapter Project - 5:40-6:00 (20 min).**  
 Becky Quigley, Margaret Thompson, Katy Kunofsky, [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] Carrie Parsons - Hillier School breakfast. New chapter project plans.  
 Pass out questionnaire for new chapter project. Will vote on new project at October meeting.

**Program - 6:00-6:20pm (20 min)**  
 Marilyn Nease, Melanie Rudebeck - Membership Recruitment Plan

**Closing - (6:25-6:30) - Sing "Delta Kappa Gamma Song."**  
**Adjournment**

**Delta Omicron Members with Perfect Attendance, 2018-2019**

- Marta Finlay  
 Mary Gill  
 Katherine Grogan  
 Lou McMillan  
 Marilyn Nease  
 Carolyn Power  
 Margie Rohde  
 Kathy Rodriguez  
 Melanie Rudebeck  
 Margaret Thompson ♦

- Missed Only Once**  
 Maureen Baker  
 Leesa Cole  
 Penni Lewis  
 Carolyn Miller ♦



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