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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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Marylin Nease, editor

September 16, 2019

President's Message

By Lou McMillan, 2018-2020 Chapter President



It's hard to believe another school year has begun, and Monday, September 16, is right around the corner for our first meeting.

I want you all to know I am really looking forward to this year because we are going to be welcoming many new members!

This summer has been filled with many fun and exciting social events, thanks to **Wanda Spoonmore** and **Kay Keeland** from our Fellowship Committee. We've also had chapter committee meetings where we've enjoyed planning new activities, programs, and ways to support our chapter projects.

Many of you have given of your time and energy this summer to make our chapter and Society programs more exciting and beneficial to our community and our state.

Now, let's put our plans into action. See you in September! Blessings to you all. ♦

Chapter Meeting News

Monday, September 16, 2019

Time and Agenda:

4:30 p.m. - Fellowship
4:45 p.m. - Meeting, Part 1
5:00-5:30 p.m. - Salad Supper



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

Sept. hostesses, p. 11.



5:30 p.m. - Meeting, Part 2

Program: Marylin Nease and Melanie Rudebeck, "YOU Are the Key to Membership Growth"



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Location: Park Cities Baptist Church, 3933 Northwest Parkway, Activities Parlor, 2nd Floor. Park on Pickwick Lane (ch's west side)

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What to Bring? prospective member or prospect's name ♦

Delta Omicron's The 4:15*

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

To submit news, contact
Marylin Nease, editor

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

Chapter Website: <http://deltaomicrontexas.weebly.com/>

Chapter Webmaster: **Carolyn Power**

Chapter Webwatcher: **Marylin Nease**

Chapter Officers' News...

2018-2020 Executive Board:

President: **Lou McMillan**

Vice President, Programs / Service Projects: **Katherine Grogan**

Vice President, Membership: **Melanie Rudebeck**

Recording Secretary: [REDACTED]

Corresponding Secretary: **Leah Black**

Treasurer: **Leesa Cole**

Parliamentarian: **Kay Keeland**

Immediate Past President: **Mary White**

Programs/Service Projects Info

For Katherine Grogan, Programs/Projects VP



● SEPT. 16 Program: **YOU Are the Key to Membership Growth**

Marylin Nease, Area 9 Coordinator, and **Melanie Rudebeck**, Delta Omicron's Vice President for Membership, will guide members through key questions about their own

membership in DKG before leading members through the "Membership Recruitment Plan."

Question #1: Why are you a DKG member?

Question #2: Which DKG Purpose speaks to you the most?

Question #3: Who was the person you most recently recommended for membership?

Question #4: What educator are you recommending tonight?

Question #5: What do you want her to know about DKG? ♦

● 2019-2020 Meetings and Programs

NOTE: Sept. 16 meet at Park Cities Baptist Church, 3933 Northwest Parkway, 2nd floor Activities Parlor. Park on Pickwick Lane (west side of church).

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, 4:30/4:45 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, 4:30/4:45 p.m.

Julie Turnbow Martin "Tales from a Collin College Developmental Math Professor." Induction Ceremony. (1-2-3-6)

Saturday, December 7, 2019, 11:00 am -1:00 pm.

Home of Elenora Asbury. Brunch and Fellowship.
Chapter Project: Denton State-Supported Living Center. (1, 6)

Monday, January 13, 2020, 4:30/4:45 p.m.

[REDACTED] "Having Fun with Yoga." **International Project:** Support Early-career Educators (SEE). (1-2-3-4-6)

Monday, February 17, 2020, 4:30/4:45 p.m.

Rose-Mary Rumbley, "February Fun." **ASTEFGiving Month.** (1, 6)

Monday, March 16, 2020, 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)

May 18, 2020 Monday 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) ♦

2019-2020 PROJECTS:

Chapter - TBD (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).◆

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

Membership Info

By Melanie Rudebeck, Membership VP



● A Letter to Members

Dear Members of Delta Omicron,
Hope that you all had a great summer! Mine was super busy, but fun. My boys got to do all sorts of fun camps and travel. I had a busy summer at work, but am excited for the new school year with new beginnings. Even

though change is hard, it is worth the effort and the learning that comes with it.

Speaking of change, we have a new state president with new initiatives. Patti Belknap is our new president, and she has decided that membership is one of our top priorities. So, I will be encouraging each one of you to invite a friend or prospective member to a meeting this year. I know that once they come and meet all of our members, they will be sure to join.

We have such a great chapter! Let's all come together to share our wonderful group with others.

See you soon!

Melanie Rudebeck
Membership Chair ◆

We Welcome Three Members!

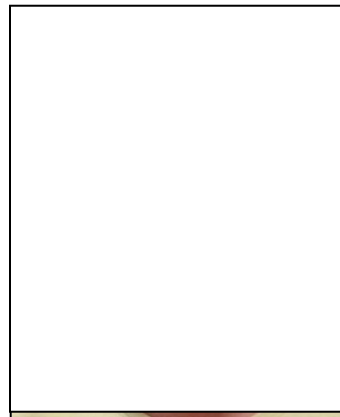
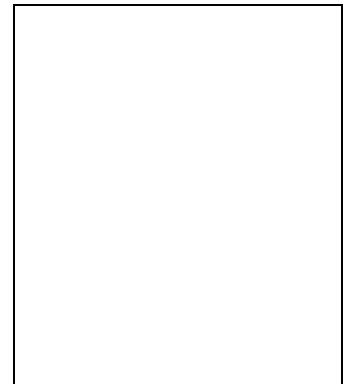


Meet New Member
[Redacted]
sponsored by Lou McMillan



To be inducted 2019

**Meet [Redacted],
Transfer Member**



**Meet [Redacted]
Transfer Member**



YEARLONG involvement in recruiting, mentoring, and leading.
2019-2021 Biennial Goal #3, Patti Belknap, TSO President ◆

Recording Secretary's Report

By Margaret Arnold and Maureen Baker



● Minutes, May 20, 2019

Members Present - 31, Guests - 1

Members: Margaret Arnold, Maureen Baker, Leah Black, Joy Burger, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Catherine Donahue, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Barbara Harris, Janet Hogg, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Mary Louise Milliorn, Marilyn Nease, Carrie Parsons, Carolyn Power, Becky Quigley, Mary Riddle, Margie Rohde, Kathy Rodriguez, Melanie Rudebeck, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, [REDACTED], Jean Wallace.

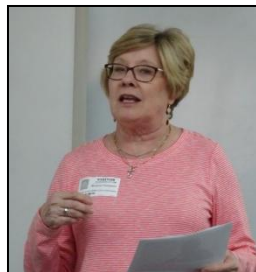
Guest: [REDACTED]



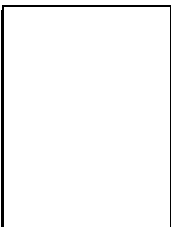
Welcome: Lou McMillan, president, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Announcement: Lou thanked the hostesses for the refreshments and beautiful arrangements.

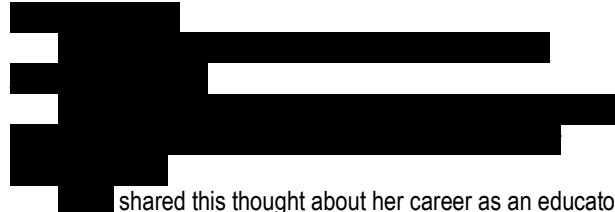
Inspiration: Margaret Thompson, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee shared inspirational thoughts from Les Brown, motivational speaker.



Introduction of Guest:



Lou McMillan introduced [REDACTED] who told us of her career path as a teacher, curriculum writer, and principal.



[REDACTED] shared this thought about her career as an educator, "Through the years I've taught, 'I have planted trees under whose shade I will never sit.'" (Greek proverb)

Minutes: Members approved the March minutes as printed in the chapter newsletter.

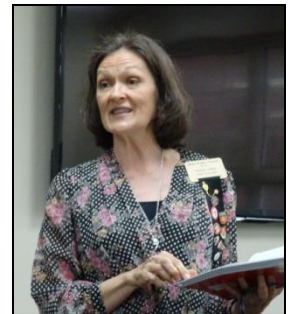
Treasurer's Report: Leesa Cole

(1) \$4,751.03 is our balance.

(2) The new portal for chapter treasurers to use will be fine.

(3) Out of 58 members in our chapter, only 13 still need to pay dues.

(4) Chapter members donated \$165 for CASA, which is the Unifying Project for the 2019 TSO Convention in Arlington.

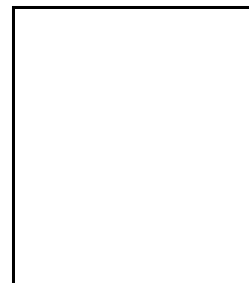


Old Business:

Lou thanked the Chapter Rules Committee for their work updating Delta Omicron's rules: Jean Wallace (chair), Shirley Kochman, Carolyn Miller, Marta Finlay.

New Business:

(1) Katrina Hallman has resigned as recording secretary. Lou McMillan asked for someone to volunteer for the officer role.



(2) [REDACTED], legislative committee chair, gave an update. All bills still in committee, if not passed next week, will die. It will be two years before the legislature meets again.

(3) Carolyn Power, TSO liaison for the US Forum, added an update about [REDACTED] and about SB 12 (Retired Teachers' Security Bill).





(4) Hillier Project committee chair **Becky Quigley** announced that **Katy Kunofsky**, **Carrie Parsons**, and she will deliver sweet treats for Hillier School's teachers at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

PROGRAM in Seven Parts:



(1) Spotlight on Shirley Kochman, 56-year member

Marilyn Nease, TSO Headquarters Committee chair, displayed a watercolor of a red rose that [redacted], a past Delta Omicron president, painted in honor of **Shirley Kochman**. The painting was given to TSO Headquarters and is on display there.

Shirley was TSO Music Committee chair in 1969-71 and State Achievement Award recipient in 1972. Phyllis Ellis, past TSO president, flew Shirley to the state convention in El Paso to play a violin tribute ("The Impossible Dream") to Dr. Eula Lee Carter, Honorary DKG Founder, who lived 1892-1981. Dr. Carter organized 202 chapters, including Delta Omicron (which she organized with Phyllis Ellis in 1956), and led the Society to become an international organization when she steered DKG's expansion into Mexico.

Marilyn also told a "just for fun" story from **Shirley Kochman's** time as Area 6 (now Area 9) Coordinator in the 1970s. Shirley was driving home just before dark after visiting a chapter south of Dallas. She was dressed in a formal gown, as was DKG tradition then. An officer stopped her for speeding, ordering her to step out of her car with her hands in the air. After he listened to Shirley's story about hurrying to get home before dark, he decided against giving her a ticket.

Shirley said that Delta Omicron has good leadership. **Lou McMillan** pointed out that, in the 2019-2021 biennium, **Marilyn Nease** will be Area 9 Coordinator, **Carolyn Miller** will be a TSO Headquarters Committee member and Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) chair, and **Carolyn Power** will serve as Texas Liaison to the US Forum.

(2) Recognizing Presidents of Delta Omicron, Delta Sigma: Members recognized past presidents **Carolyn Miller**, **Marilyn Nease**, **Carolyn Power**, **Kathy Rodriguez**, **Melanie Rudebeck**, **Wanda Spoonmore**, **Jean Wallace**, and current president **Lou McMillan**.

(3) Honoring Our Founders:

Ceremonies Committee chair **Barbara Clinton** and her assistants—**Carolyn Miller**, **Carolyn Power**, **Mary Gill**, **Margaret Thompson**, **Sara Coleman**—paid tribute to DKG's Founders.



(4) Chapter Achievement Award:

Margaret Arnold, Achievement Award Committee chair, announced this year's recipient, **Leesa Cole**, in recognition of Leesa's many contributions to DKG, including serving as treasurer of Delta Omicron and TSO.



(5) Celebrating DKG's 90th & Delta Omicron's 63rd Birthday:

Sara Coleman, Ceremonies Committee co-chair, brought a beautiful birthday cake. Volunteers helped serve the cake, and members enjoyed it during the final part of the program.



(6) Interview with Mary Louise Milliorn, 44-year Member:

Marylin Nease interviewed **Mary Louise Milliorn**, who now lives at The Forum and declared, "I will never cook again!" A sense of humor is one of Mary Louise's trademarks.



She is an only child.

She attended Sunset High School in Dallas ISD and Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Mary Louise taught social studies in Highland Park ISD for 38 years; plus, she substituted for two years, so she taught 40 years total.

She transferred her membership to Delta Omicron in 2008, when Delta Sigma dissolved.

Earlier in her life, she married Bob Milliorn, and they have three sons, six granddaughters and one grandson. She met Bob buying a second hand car in downtown Dallas. She and Bob have been married 62 years.

Mary Louise taught Sunday school and traveled with the church choir. She loves England with its ancient places like Stonehenge, but she was disappointed in Russia.

One of her favorite teaching success stories is about encouraging a student to believe she was good in math and then to see that student grow in confidence to the point that she majored in math in college.

Matthew Stafford, quarterback for the Detroit Lions, was one of Mary Louise's students.

These are just a few interview highlights that entertained Delta Omicron members, who gathered around Mary Louise afterward to ask more questions and have more conversation.



(7) Group Photo:

After our evening of celebrating DKG's Founders, our chapter, and our members, everyone gathered for a group photo. Thank you, **Joy Burger**, for being our photographer.



Members sang "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song," and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. ♦

Treasurer's Report

By Leesa Cole, Treasurer



Leesa's report will be at the end of this newsletter's Part 2.

She's a busy, busy woman. Thank you for all you do, Leesa! ♦

Chapter Committee News...

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Communications and Publicity Committee

By Marylin 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. ♦

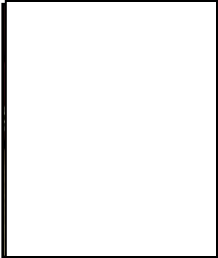


Chapter Committee News...

SOCIETY MISSION AND PURPOSES

Legislation Committee

By [redacted] Chair



13th Check and More

Some retired educators have received a letter from the Teacher Retirement System (TRTA) stating the amount each individual will receive for the 13th check. These checks are to be mailed in September.

TRTA is working toward a goal of 100,000 members, and we are almost there. Current TRTA members can ask a friend or colleague to join TRTA, and you will both be entered to win a \$100 gift card. In total, there's \$600 up for grabs for the three pairs who win. Your friend must be a new member or not a member within the last three years.

Tim Lee, Executive Director of TRTA, will be visiting many of the local units across the state in the fall. You do not have to be a member of the local unit in order to attend the meeting. The spring schedule will come out later. These are the areas for the fall schedule that are close to Dallas---

MESQUITE RTA MEETING, Wednesday, September 12th

RICHARDSON RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL

MEETING, Thursday, October 17th

These are very informative meetings. ♦



In our first summer outing, we enjoyed lunch and fellowship at J.J.'s Café on **June 14, 2019**.

Front L-R: Carolyn Miller, Margaret Thompson, [redacted]

Row 2: Mary Gill, Shirley Kochman, Kay Keeland, [redacted]

Row 3: Marta Finlay, [redacted] Marylin Nease, Wanda Spoonmore, Susan Bell, Barbara Harris, Sara Coleman.

Not pictured Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan. ♦



On July 17, 2019, we began by enjoying fellowship and a catered dinner.

Then, we were ready for the evening's Rejebian Series book review.

L-R: Shirley Kochman, Jean Wallace, Marylin Nease, Penni Lewis, Kay Keeland, Marta Finlay. A thank-you to Marta's daughter for being our photographer. ♦

Chapter Committee News...

CHAPTER'S SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Fellowship Committee

Wanda Spoonmore and Kay Keeland, Co-Chairs



Delta Omicron

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"Genuine spiritual fellowship!"

(DKG Purpose #1)

Here we are on **July 19, 2019**, at the Dallas Museum of Art enjoying fellowship and waiting for lunch before viewing the Dior Exhibit.

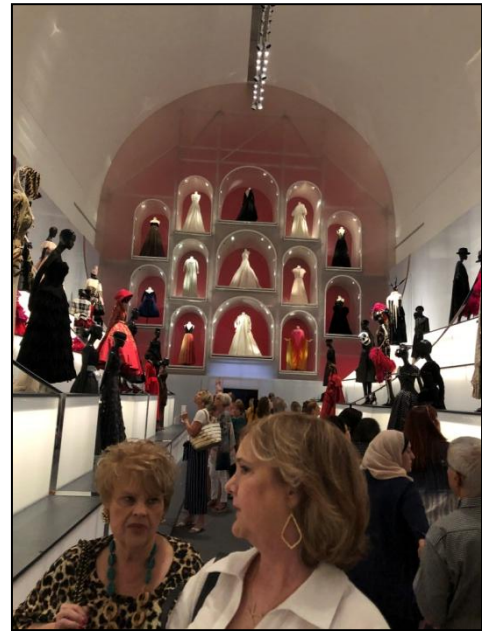
Clockwise from left: Katherine Grogan, Maureen Baker, Susan Bell, Carolyn Miller, Wanda Spoonmore, Shirley Kochman, Kay Keeland, **Linda Tokoly**, Margie Rohde, Lou McMillan



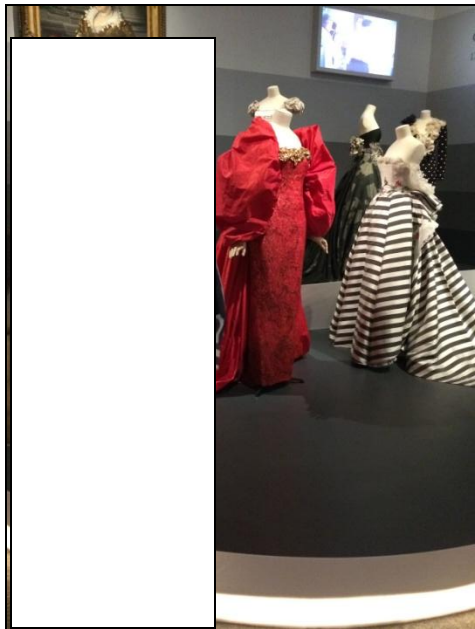
L-R: Maureen Baker, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, **Linda Tokoly**, Katherine Grogan, Carolyn Miller, Lou McMillan, Marylin Nease.



Katherine and Maureen



Susan Bell and Kay Keeland trade opinions.



[Redacted] and her shirt are right in line with Dior's fashion!



Top left: Katherine Grogan
Below left: Maureen Baker, Katherine Grogan, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller
Below right: Marylin Nease, Shirley Kochman, Carolyn Miller



On July 25, 2019, nineteen of us enjoyed food and fellowship at Woodlands American Grill.
 Where, oh, where are the two photos of our happy group?
 The mystery remains. 😊



Barbara Harris, Penni Lewis, [redacted]



On July 31, 2019, we enjoyed dinner, fellowship, and Rose-Mary Rumbley's review of The Library Book as the final event of this year's Rejebian Series.

Clockwise from left: Kay Keeland, Mary Gill, Marta Finlay, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Power, [redacted] Jean Wallace, Margie Rohde, Marylin Nease, Katherine Grogan.



Carolyn Power, Margie Rohde, Shirley Kochman, Wanda Spoonmore, Katherine Grogan, Katherine's guest [redacted]

On August 21, 2019, we gathered at the Chocolate Angel in Richardson for food and fellowship.

Not pictured: Marylin Nease, Margaret Thompson, [redacted] and Katherine's guest [redacted]



Marta Finlay, Lou McMillan, Barbara Clinton, Susan Bell, Carolyn Miller

*Thank you,
 Kay and Wanda,
 for arranging Delta Omicron's
 fun summer outings! ♦*

Hillier School Project Committee



Katy Kunofsky, Carrie Parsons, Becky Quigley delivered end-of-the-school-year treats to the faculty and staff of Hillier School.

Social Arrangements Committee

● Hostesses for 2019 Meetings

Note: If you are unable to serve as a hostess for your listed month, please arrange with another member to trade months, and let **Kathy Rodriguez**, committee co-chair, know.

September: *Hostesses for salad/dessert supper-all members bring a favorite salad.*

October: *Hostesses-Margaret Arnold, Elenora Asbury, Maureen Baker, [REDACTED] Susan Bell, Leah Black, Lou Brown, Joy Burger, Jaime Callahan, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole.*

November: *Catered dinner.*

December: *Hostesses-Sara Coleman, Janet Cundiff, [REDACTED] Grace Delatour, Catherine Donahue, Susan Endicott, Marta Finlay, [REDACTED] Mary Gill, Elyse Griffin, Katherine Grogan, [REDACTED]*

January: *Hostesses-Katrina Hallman, Barbara Harris, Janet Hogg, Mary Carol Hughes, Nancy Johnson, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Katy Kunofsky, Marilyn Lamb, Penni Lewis, [REDACTED].*

February: *Hostesses-Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Mary Louise Milliorn, Ashraf Mobh, Janet Nance, Marilyn Nease, Sherrie Negrete, Carrie Parsons, Carolyn Power, Becky Quigley.*

March: *Hostesses-Talbots.*

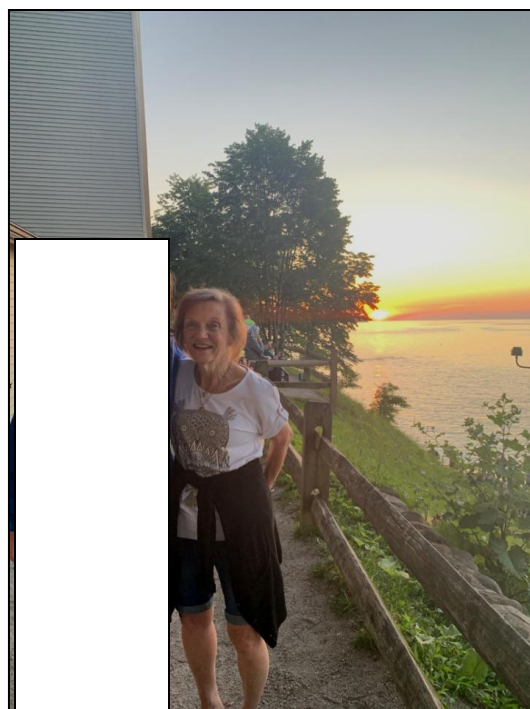
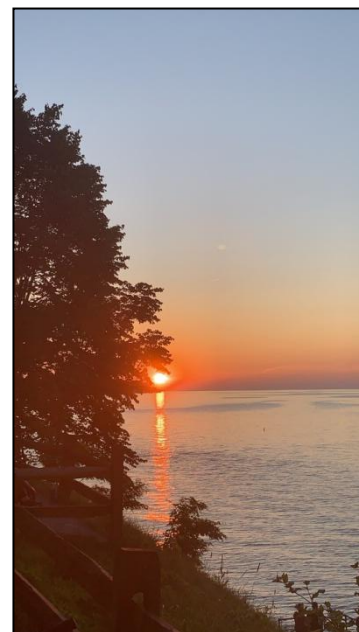
May: *Hostesses-Margie Rohde, Mary Riddle, Kathy Rodriguez, Melanie Rudebeck, Marilyn Smith, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, [REDACTED] Patsy Vaughn, Jean Wallace, Dawna Walsh, Mary White. ♦*

Chapter Members' News...

● Travel News

Penni Lewis reports, "When not spending time with DKG friends, I went to visit close friends in Cleveland to celebrate the college graduations of their triplets.

The photos are of us watching the sun go down over Lake Erie. ♦





Carolyn Power reports, "Several chapter members took a trip to Fort Worth to see the Monet Exhibit at the Kimbell Art Museum: Penni Lewis, Carolyn Power, Margie Rohde, Barbara Clinton, and retired teacher friend Judi Hoefle. ♦"



Susan Endicott shares, "We've had a busy summer. Doug and I traveled to Seattle, Washington, and then went on a cruise to Alaska with his family. What a beautiful country we live in! We hiked and went on a train ride through the area where people came for the Gold Rush. We saw hundreds of bald eagles and saw whales, dolphins, sharks, bears, and goats. The flora was lush and lovely."

We have been to California twice and loved the respite from hot weather here.

Of course, I've been to Arkansas, and we now have our sweet niece Ashley living with us. Her opportunities here are so much better, and we are thrilled. Her cat, Lucy, also lives with us, and this is a BIG thing for Uncle Doug. A testament to how much he loves Ash.

So a very busy summer! As I'm answering your email now, we are sitting in Hot Springs on Lake Hamilton at our dear friends' place. The morning is calm, beautiful, and relaxing.

See you in September! ♦



**Happy, Happy
September Birthdays!**

Margaret Arnold, 12
Barbara Clinton, 22

Ashraf Mobh, 7
Mary Riddle, 15 ♦

Chapter News...

Photo Highlights, Chapter Meeting, May 20, 2019, Food and Fellowship:



Becky Quigley,
Margaret Thompson,
Jean Wallace



Leah Black,
Penni Lewis



Lou McMillan

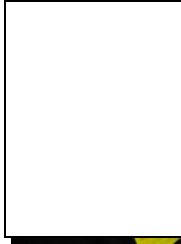
Wanda Spoonmore, Mary Louise Milliorn



Melanie Rudebeck,
Carolyn Miller



Mary Gill,
Barbara Clinton



Mary Riddle

Leesa Cole, Barbara Harris



Joy Burger



Marylin Nease, Katherine Grogan

Margaret Thompson, Kathy Rodriguez



Carolyn Power, Catherine Donahue



Lou McMillan, Maureen Baker



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Margaret Arnold



Carolyn Miller, Carrie Parsons, Becky Quigley



Maureen Baker, Katherine Arnold, Janet Hogg



Sara Coleman



Mary Gill, Barbara Clinton, Marta Finlay



Margie Rohde, Carolyn Power, Catherine Donahue

