

# The 4:15\*

Delta Omicron Chapter, #111, Dallas, Dallas County, Area 9, Texas State Organization, DKG Society International

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

**Vision Statement:** Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



Texas State Organization

Seek new members & opportunities  
Open your heart, mind, & attitude  
Act to serve & share  
Reach to renew, respond, & relate



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\*The 4:15? Delta is the 4<sup>th</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet and Omicron is the 15<sup>th</sup>. On a good day, 4:15 is the time we leave school and head to a Delta Omicron meeting!

## Co-Presidents' Message



Melanie

Dear Delta Omicron Members,

**Welcome back!** Kay and I are so excited about this year. We have many wonderful programs planned and are very thankful that Katherine Grogan agreed to take on the office of vice president for programs for our chapter. It's going to be a great year.

**I had so much fun in McAllen** learning about our Society and seeing old friends. Marylin and I shared a room and enjoyed getting to know each other better. I will be sharing more about my convention experience at our Sept. meeting. At McAllen and from Janie

Wigley, 2023-25 Area 9 Coordinator, we've also learned about the Northeast Regional Area Workshop (Sat., June 22, 2024, place nearby TBD), so we hope that many of you can join us! It will be like a mini-convention. Leesa will give us more NRAW info at our Sept. meeting. And, our 2025 state convention will be close in Denton.

**If you have a friend who you think would be a good fit for membership**, invite her to a meeting or an outing so that she can see what we are all about! We would love to welcome some new members this year.

**Looking forward to seeing you all** and catching up on what you did this summer! Stay cool.



Kay

*Melanie Rudebeck and Kay Keeland  
Co-Presidents*

Co-Pres/Kay Keeland & Melanie Rudebeck  
1<sup>st</sup> VP/Katherine Grogan  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Margaret Thompson  
Rec Sec/Margie Rohde  
Cor Sec/Linda Tokoly  
Treas/Leesa Cole  
Parl/Betty Sue Welch  
Im P Pres/Katherine Grogan

**Chapter Website:**  
[link to chapter website](#)  
Liza Leggett, Webmaster

**Meeting Location Info:** Highland Park Presbyterian Church, 3821 University Blvd., Dallas, **third floor, room L**. Enter parking garage from Shannon Lane on church's west side. Take elevator to third floor.

**Thank you** to our Sept. refreshments hostesses: Margaret Arnold, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Kathy Rodriguez, Melanie Rudebeck, Margaret Thompson, Betty Sue Welch.

# CHAPTER: PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, REGIONAL AREA WORKSHOP & CONVENTION NEWS

## AGENDA (WORKING DRAFT): Delta Omicron meeting, Sept. 18, 2023

### I. Opening

- A. Call to order: Kay Keeland & Melanie Rudebeck
- B. Inspiration: Margaret Arnold
- C. Welcome to guests: Margaret Thompson & Lou McMillan

### II. Program

- A. Ice breaker: Katherine Grogan
- B. Introduction: Katherine Grogan
- C. McAllen convention: Marylin Nease (Fellowship = Membership), Melanie Rudebeck (Convention Reflections), & Leesa Cole (Regional Area Workshops)

### III. Business

- A. Newsletter - volunteers to print & mail: Marylin Nease
- B. Treasurer's report: Marta Finlay
- C. Chapter project - The Community School of the Park Cities: Kay Keeland
- D. Refreshments: Betty Sue Welch

### IV. Announcements: Oct. 16 meeting, etc.

### V. Adjournment – DKG Song: Penni Lewis

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## 2023-24 Meeting Dates & Programs

**Sept. 19, 2023** – See agenda above.

**Oct. 16, 2023** – Renae Perry, The Senior Source <https://theseniorsource.org/>

**Nov. 20, 2023** – Greek Isles, \$28, Dinner & Induction, Melanie Rudebeck's reflections on her Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) scholarship & educational adventure in Costa Rica

**Dec. 2, 2023** – Holiday Brunch & Fellowship, home of Dr. Dawna Walsh

**Jan. 8, 2024** – Janie Wigley, Area 9 coordinator

**Feb. 12, 2024** – Jill Rumbley-Beam, entertainer

**Mar. 18, 2024** – Margaret Arnold's Education Memories; Delta Omicron Committees Activity

**Apr. TBD, 2024** – Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC) luncheon

**May 20, 2024** – DKG Founders presentation, Delta Omicron birthday celebration and awards, Installation of 2024-26 chapter officers



Katherine Grogan, 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Programs

### 2023-2024 Projects:

**Chapter** – Community School of PC (Oct/Nov/Mar). Denton State-Supported Living Center (Dec).  
**Coordinating Council of Dallas County (CCDC)** – Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund (Apr).  
**TSO/State** – ASTEF (Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation) (Feb). Unifying Project (May/June).  
**International** - Schools for Africa (SFA) (Jan). Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) (Oct/Nov/Mar).

### 2024 Northeast Regional Area Workshop:

Dallas locale TBD,  
June 22, 2024

### 2024 International Convention:

National Harbor, Maryland  
July 9-13, 2024

## CHAPTER: MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Margaret Thompson, Membership VP



**Welcome** to the new school year and another fun and interesting year in Delta Kappa Gamma. This past summer, you may have met women teachers who might be interested in visiting our chapter. **Remember our purposes...**

- To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
- To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
- To advance the professional interest and position of women in education
- To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and of women educators
- To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries
- To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
- To inform the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

**Please consider bringing a teacher who you think would benefit and enjoy our Society.** I wish to thank Kay Keeland and Lou McMillan for recommending teachers they met this summer. I'll be happy to introduce at least one of them at our first meeting! See you there!



## MEET OUR GOLDEN MEMBERS

**Delta Omicron is proud and honored to have four 50+ year members:**



**L-R:** Shirley Kochman, inducted 1963; Wanda Spoonmore, 1964; Janet Cundiff, 1968; Jean Wallace, 1970

**Happy June Birthday!** Marilyn Smith, 7 ☼ Liza Leggett, 12 ☼ Carolyn Miller, 12 ☼ Penni Lewis, 13 ☼ Maureen Baker, 21 ☼ Susan Bell, 22 ☼ Marilyn Lamb, 30 ☼

**Happy July Birthday!** Kay Lutes, 6 ☼ Nancy Johnson, 11 ☼ Margaret Thompson, 12 ☼ Barbara Harris, 13 ☼ Leesa Cole, 22 ☼ Delores Bates, 26 ☼

**Happy August Birthday!** Judy Culbertson, 6 ☼ Katy Kunofsky, 6 ☼ Tincy Miller, 8 ☼ Linda Tokoly, 9 ☼ Dr. Dawna Walsh, 11 ☼ Grace Delatour, 13 ☼ Suzanne Babcock, 24 ☼

**Happy September Birthday!** Judy Caporaletti, 10 ☼ Margaret Arnold, 12 ☼ Mary Riddle, 15 ☼ Gena Gardiner, 21 ☼ Barbara Clinton, 22 ☼





### MEMBERS' PROFESSIONAL NEWS

**Dr. Elyse Griffin** announces, "I am an assistant principal at Whitt Elementary in Wylie ISD. I am having a blast getting to know our staff and sweet kiddos. "And the bonus news is that my bigs went with me!"



### MEMBERS' PERSONAL NEWS

**Penni Lewis** reported on Aug. 20, "The first of August, a friend drove with me to Corpus Christi, where my grandfather was pastor for seventeen years at the First Baptist Church. I wanted to take an engraved tea set that the church had given my grandparents to be placed in the church parlor that is named in their honor."



**Katherine Grogan** shared on Aug. 26, "James and I went on an amazing trip to the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park with 20 fellow travelers. We hiked a lot, went birding, saw wildlife (moose, elk, osprey, bears, mountain sheep, mountain goats), went white water river rafting, and went to a huge icefield. We totally enjoyed the cool weather. "On a personal note, we were exhausted for two days when we got back to Texas."



Left: Lake Louise, Banff, Alberta, Canada      Right: White water rafting

**Mary White** reported on Aug. 28, "Everyone is doing well. Grandchildren started school, so I am free every day until 2:30, at which time I leave to pick them up. "Playing bridge today and tomorrow. Love my church friends. Everyone is friendly, and the traffic is great!" "My latest news is that my grandson, Hunter, just got engaged this weekend! So happy about that!"



**Margaret Thompson** shared on Aug. 28, "We took a long weekend in July to visit our son in Washington, D.C. We had a great time eating delicious food and taking a walking tour of Dupont Circle, which included Ambassador Row. Before we left for the airport, our son took us to lunch and for a tour at the Department of State, where he will be posted for the next two years. It has been so good to have him stateside for a change!

"The rest of the summer has been so hot we haven't done much traveling. I hope to go to Chicago to visit my sister in late Sept. She has moved to a new condominium near the city, and I'm excited to see it!"

**Carolyn Power** updates us, "On July 27<sup>th</sup>, I had my third total-knee replacement surgery. I was home before noon the next day and have been making steady progress with some ups and downs.

"Thoughtfulness is the word I have to say about your consideration for the needs of others (meaning me). I always think cards are nice, but when cards, phone calls, emails, text messages, goody bags, flowers, offers of meals, and did I mention cards, cards, cards, and more cards come my way in such meaningful abundance, it makes me want to get back to our chapter ASAP. Thank you, dear friends."





What fun we had eating, fellowshiping, and learning at the **2023 Rejebian Series** this past June and July at Highland Park United Methodist Church! <https://www.hpumc.org/library/rejebian>

Chapter attendees were Suzanne Babcock, Judy Caporaletti, Sara Coleman, Judy Culbertson, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Lou McMillan, Jan Nance, Marylin Nease, Carrie Parsons, Carolyn Power, Becky Quigley, and Margaret Thompson.

## DELTA OMICRON MEETING MINUTES, MAY 15, 2023

**Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, Texas State Organization, DKG International, met on Mon., May 15, 2023, in room K at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.**

**Attending were 25 members:** Margaret Arnold, Elenora Asbury, Suzanne Babcock, Delores Bates, Joyanne Burger, Judy Caporaletti, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Marta Finlay, Katherine Grogan, Mary Carol Hughes, Kay Keeland, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Dr. Jan Nance, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Power, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Melanie Rudebeck, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, Dr. Dawna Walsh, and Betty Sue Welch.

**Two guests attended:** Kathy Sutton and Cordelia Venechanos. Kathy is a member of Delta Rho chapter, and Cordelia is Joyanne's twin sister. Both have visited before.



**Margie Rohde**  
Recording Secretary

### OPENING:

Melanie Rudebeck, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Margaret Arnold, Personal and Professional Enrichment, gave the inspiration. She talked about her memories of teaching English in high school and especially what she learned from Bruce, a student with special learning challenges.** To satisfy Margaret's requirements for a project on William Shakespeare, Bruce built a model of the Globe Theater, where Shakespeare performed his plays. **Margaret learned three things from teaching Bruce: 1.) All students have a gift; 2.) everyone has gifts; and 3.) we need to use our gifts to help others.**

### PROGRAM:

**1.) Dr. Jan Nance, Ceremonies Committee Chair, introduced Marylin Nease, Ceremonies Committee member. Marylin discussed the Founders of DKG. Twelve ladies founded DKG in 1929. Marylin shared other events that happened in 1929. For example, Black Tuesday, when the stock market crashed, occurred on October, 1929, and led to the Great Depression. Many young people waited to get married that year due to money worries. Also foam rubber was invented, and frozen foods first appeared in grocery stores. Marylin passed out crossword puzzles to members to inform them about Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, the leader of the Founders. Members enjoyed working on the puzzle. Marylin concluded by stating that Dr. Blanton would be proud of what DKG has accomplished since its founding.**

*Left:* Carolyn Power, Betty Sue Welch  
*Right:* Margaret Arnold, Lou McMillan, Dr. Jan Nance

**2.) Jan then introduced each of the presenters who led celebrations related to Delta Omicron's 67<sup>th</sup> birthday.**





**Wanda Spoonmore, a 59-year member of Delta Omicron Chapter, discussed chapter history. Delta Omicron Chapter was organized by Dr. Eula Lee Carter and Miss Phyllis Ellis on May 19, 1956. Wanda directed members to history recorded and updated annually in the chapter yearbook. For instance, listed are numerous awards and honors that members of the chapter have received. Examples follow. Marilyn Nease and Shirley Kochman received state achievement awards. Five books have been published by members, including one cookbook. Carolyn Power remembered being encouraged to fill out forms on programs the chapter hosted, which were then recognized by state. Marilyn Nease has won numerous awards for both the newsletter and the chapter yearbook. She also nominated the *Dallas Morning News* for a state media award for its overall coverage of**

**education news. Shirley Kochman and Kay Keeland have won scholarship awards from the state. Wanda won the state Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence in the past. Wanda remembered that in the past there were limits on who and how many could join DKG, but now there are no limits on the number nominated per year, and five years of teaching are no longer required.**

**3.) Members applauded Betty Sue Welch, Social Arrangements Committee, and the hostesses for this meeting for the refreshments. Delta Omicron birthday cake was served.**



**4.) Penni Lewis, Music Committee chair, led the members in singing "Happy Birthday" to Delta Omicron and DKG.**



**5.) Kay Keeland, Co-President, shared information about Shirley Kochman who was to be honored during the meeting. Shirley was ill and unable to attend. Shirley is a 60-year member of DKG, first in Eta Zeta Chapter and then in Delta Omicron. Shirley was a charter member of Eta Zeta Chapter. In the 1970s, TSO flew Shirley, a violinist, to El Paso to perform "Impossible Dream" for a leader who loved that song and was being honored at the state convention. Kay has known Shirley since Kay was six, when Shirley was her school counselor. Kay shared that Shirley frequently said, "To each his own." Shirley is always positive and often reminded Kay to be glad about her life. Leesa Cole, TSO secretary/treasurer, shared that a painting of a rose created in Shirley's honor hangs in the state headquarters office.**



**6.) Wanda Spoonmore gave a eulogy in memory of Mary Louise Milliorn, a 48-year member of Delta Kappa Gamma who recently died. She was a member of Delta Sigma and then transferred to Delta Omicron. Mary Louise taught Social Studies at Highland Park Middle School. Her husband was Jim Bob; together they had three sons and many grandchildren. Mary Louise was a night person, as is Wanda, so they often talked on the phone late in the evening. Later in life in retirement, she worked as an ESL teacher. Both she and her husband were active in the Baptist church, first at First Baptist downtown and later at Park Cities Baptist. She loved dining out. She played the piano. Wanda remembered that Mary Louise and she shared a lot of laughter. Mary Louise was 93 when she died; she will be missed.**



**7.) Margaret Thompson, Second Vice President for Membership, interviewed Delores Bates, a 47-year member of DKG. Delores grew up in Elgin, Texas, a small town east of Austin. Delores remembers Elgin as a very nurturing community. Her first husband was a pilot,**



and they moved around with his service assignments. Delores taught in Florida and later finished college when the couple was transferred back to Texas. Her first husband died while they were stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. Her second husband was also in the military and served in Vietnam. Delores remembered that her induction into DKG had to be postponed because she needed to go to Hawaii on the same date to see her husband for R&R. She was inducted into DKG later and served as president of the Duncanville chapter, Kappa Upsilon. After retiring from teaching, Delores had a private counseling practice for ten years. Now she lives in Dallas and is enjoying being close to her son.



**8.) Kay Keeland and Melanie Rudebeck, Co-Presidents, reviewed Delta Omicron's 2022-2023 accomplishments.** Kay stated that she was pleased with the attendance at chapter meetings. \$120 was donated to the ASTEF Scholarship Fund. \$50 was donated to ASTEF in memory of Mary Louise Milliorn. Members donated \$706 to the Denton State Supported Living Center in December and \$240 to Schools for Africa in January. Kay thanked Wanda Spoonmore, Fellowship Committee chair, for all her efforts in arranging luncheons for members. She also thanked Liza Leggett and Margaret Arnold for copying and mailing newsletters to members who have requested hard copies. Kay thanked Katherine Grogan for

assembling and donating a basket of goodies from Delta Omicron for the CCDC luncheon's scholarship fundraiser. Kay announced that 120 books were donated to the Foster Care Closet to hand out to children. Kay concluded that she and Melanie feel that the chapter has grown this past year.

**9.) Leesa Cole, TSO secretary/treasurer, shared the recognitions that Delta Omicron has received from the state this year.** These recognitions will be announced and recorded in the convention program, which becomes part of the 2021-2023 biennium history. Most of these recognitions include a ribbon for the chapter president to affix to her convention badge as additional recognition.

**Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) recognitions**

*Chapter contributions to ASTEF*

- Scholarship Fund @ \$2 per member (part of chapter budget)
- Scholarship Fund Chapter Contributor for 10+ years
- Leadership Fund @ \$2 per member (part of chapter budget)
- Projects Fund @ \$2 per member (part of chapter budget)

*Individual donors to ASTEF*

- Silver level, \$500-\$1,499: Wanda Spoonmore
- Bronze level, \$100-\$499: Leesa Cole, Marylin Nease, Delta Omicron (chapter speakers' honoraria)
- Friend level, \$25-\$99: Denise Barker, Cindy Braley, Carolyn Miller



**TSO Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund recognition**

Chapter contribution (part of chapter budget)

**Membership recognition**

Rosebud Award for maintaining chapter membership, 3/1/22-3/1/23, Margaret Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

**Communications & Publicity recognitions**

- DKG Compliant Website*, Liza Leggett, webmaster; Carolyn Power, past webmaster
- 5 Star Newsletter Award*, Marylin Nease, editor
- Media Award: Excellence in Overall Coverage of Education News*, DMN, submitted by Marylin Nease
- Member in Print Award*: Marylin Nease, for works published in online DKG Fine Arts Gallery
- Playwriting: "Daddy and Huck Finn" & Personal Essay: "A Sickbed Memory"

**Yearbook recognitions**

Early Bird Award & Exemplary Award, Marylin Nease, editor



10.) Dr. Jan Nance thanked past and present chapter presidents. They are Shirley Kochman (Eta Zeta); Jean Wallace and Kathy Rodriguez (Delta Sigma); Delores Bates (Kappa Upsilon); and Grace Delatour, Carolyn Miller, Marilyn Nease, Melanie Rudebeck, Carolyn Power, Wanda Spoonmore, Mary White, Lou McMillan, Katherine Grogan, Kay Keeland (all Delta Omicron); and Kathy Sutton, Delta Rho.



11.) Margie Rohde, Achievement Award Committee member, announced that Marta Finlay and Mary Gill, Finance Committee Co-Chairs, were the 2022-2023 Chapter Achievement Award winners. Both ladies have been Finance Committee Co-Chairs for many years and have assisted Leesa Cole tremendously. Marta was presented with a pin; Marta offered to give Mary her pin, as Mary was helping her mother and unable to attend the meeting.



**BUSINESS:**

1.) Marta Finlay gave the treasurer's report for Leesa Cole. The bank balance as of April 20, 2023, was \$5,328.76. Income for March and April included dues and CCDC

luncheon reservations. Expenses for March and April included Second Vice President reimbursement, speaker honorarium to ASTEF, and CCDC Luncheon reservations. Eighteen members attended the CCDC Luncheon. Anticipated expenses for April and May include dues payments to State and International. Marta reminded members that the deadline for dues payment is May 30. Dues are \$90 for active members and \$50 for reserve members. \$195 in gift cards was sent to ASTEF for the Mystery Mania game in McAllen.

- 2.) Margaret Thompson, Second Vice President for Membership, gave a brief membership report. She stated that Cindy Braley and Denise Barker decided to transfer to a chapter closer to their homes. Susan Endicott has decided to not renew because she is dealing with many family issues. She is also writing a book.
- 3.) Kay Keeland announced that Katherine Grogan and Marilyn Smith have agreed to assume the position of First Co-Vice Presidents for Programs and Projects.
- 4.) Kay reminded members that the State Convention is June 14-17 in McAllen.
- 5.) Joyanne Burger distributed handouts on resources for healthy living and encouraged members to remember to lift small weights to keep our bones strong.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Door prizes were won by Elenora Asbury, Carolyn Miller, and Dr. Dawna Walsh. Members sang the DKG song. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

*Margie Rohde*  
Recording Secretary

*Kay Keeland*  
Co-President

*Melanie Rudebeck*  
Co-President

*Post-meeting fellowship:  
Katherine Grogan & chapter  
guest Kathy Sutton having fun  
sharing memories from their  
cheerleading days*





## **TREASURER'S REPORT for Sept. 2023**

by Leesa Cole, Treasurer



**Bank balance as of 8/30/2023: \$2,556.83**

### **Income May-Aug. 2023**

Budgeted: Dues for 55 members: \$4,620 (48 Active, 6 Reserve, 1 State Honorary)  
\*\*\$1,567.20 chapter income from dues  
\*\*\$90 was added to the chapter speaker fund from members' \$10 donation in dues payment. Thank you!

### **Expenses May-Aug. 2023**

Budgeted: Dues to International  
Dues and fees to TSO  
President reimbursement: McAllen Convention  
Member stipend: McAllen Convention  
ASTEF contribution: Milliorn memorial  
Ceremonies chair reimbursement

**Heads-up reminder:** At our Sept. 18 chapter meeting, our finance committee will present its proposed 2023-24 chapter budget. Delta Omicron members will discuss and vote on the proposed budget.

*The proposed budget is one of two documents you received in the same email on Mon., Sept. 11. Let's all read the budget, prepare any questions or concerns, and be ready to vote.*

### **Anticipated income Sept.**

Budgeted: Dues from new members

### **Anticipated expenses Sept.**

Budgeted: Chapter donation to Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund  
Chapter fee to CCDC  
Membership chair reimbursement

- The August balance closes out all income and expenses for 2022-23 and begins the budget for 2023-24.
- Finance Committee and Chapter Presidents met 8/5/23 to form the proposed budget.
- Chapter members received a copy of the proposed budget via email prior to the Sept. meeting from Marilyn Nease, communication chair.
- Chapter discussion and vote to occur during the Sept. meeting.
- Detailed monthly financial reports have been submitted to the recording secretary, chapter presidents, and finance chairs.
- Form 15 annual treasurer's report has been filed with TSO HQ.
- 990n ePostcard annual filing has been submitted to the IRS.
- All membership forms have been submitted to Int'l for members who have dropped, reinstated, or transferred.



# Texas State Organization

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### → TSO 2023 Convention

#### Marylin Nease's Highlights & Reflections on the TSO Convention, McAllen, June 15-17, 2023



Melanie, Mary, Marylin

- Renewing friendships and making new ones. What fun to catch up with Mary and Bill Lindsay! Mary's a former Delta Omicron member.
- Learning in breakout sessions about the Enneagram personality assessment, about cross-brain exercises to promote memory and focus, and about plans to convert



Marylin, Leesa, Melanie

future conventions into regional, multi-area events every other year (*more info coming from Leesa Cole at Sept. meeting*).

- Helping present in the TSO Membership Committee's "best practices" breakout session.
- Attending Saturday morning's Celebration of Life and Remembrance service, where our 48-year member Mary Louise Milliorn was remembered for her "dedication, laughter, and wisdom."
- Helping (as a TSO Membership Committee member) honor the nine 50-year and 50-plus year members attending the Saturday reception and the Celebration Lunch.
- Witnessing the highly effective leadership of our 2021-23 state president, Shalan Inmon. She's friendly and kind, funny and light-hearted, knowledgeable and efficient, all qualities that set the perfect tone for convention fellowship and business.
- Appreciating the convention's host areas and chapters for their dedication and creativity. They did an outstanding job of making the convention festive and fun for attendees.



Melanie, Marylin

- Enjoying a bonus activity: We had down time before our delayed flight home, so Melanie and I and two others Ubered to a city library converted from a Walmart. It's a wonderful redo with no resemblance to a Walmart except the huge footprint. Tons of books, videos, and activity options were



Dallas Cowboys showcased at McAllen Airport

being enjoyed by happy people of all ages. We loved our visit and were so impressed. I learned later on Google that it's the largest, single-story library in the nation!

- Wow! Well done, McAllen!

### → 2023-25 TSO Leadership Names, Faces, & Roles We Need to Know



**Bonnie Moore**  
President



**Leesa Cole**  
Executive  
Secretary & State  
Treasurer



**Janie Wigley**  
Area 9  
Coordinator



**Mary Claire Welch**  
Chair, Coordinating  
Council of Dallas  
County (CCDC)

### → TSO Conventions

- 95th Annual Convention: June 23-26, 2025, Embassy Suites and Convention Center, Denton
- 96th Annual Convention: June 15-18, 2027, Embassy Suites and Conference Center, San Marcos

### → TSO STAR 2024 Registration Now Open

Registration can be accessed on the [Forms](#) page. Mark your calendar: February 16-18, 2024, Camp Allen.



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### → DKG International Conventions and Conferences

- **2024 Convention:** National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)
- **2026 Convention:** Aurora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies)

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