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

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President's Pen

By Lou McMillan, 2016-2018 President

Dear Delta Omicron Chapter Members,

I would like to say how excited I am about this next year with you, my DKG colleagues!

Our officers and committees have

worked so hard getting ready for the 2016-2017 term!

We started in June with our new executive board having lunch and getting to "meet and greet" one another. Those attending were Jaime Callahan, Susan Bell, Barbara Clinton, and I.

On July 7 at La Madeleine, **Barbara Clinton** and I met with her committee members able to attend: **Denise Barker, Susan Bell, Mary Gill,** and **Carolyn Power**. Excellent programs are coming up!

On July 26 the technology committee met at La Madeleine to plan how to assist with the chapter's website and yearbook. Committee chair is **Carolyn Power**. Attending with Carolyn were **Elenora Asbury, Leesa Cole, Lakesha Collins, Marylin Nease,** and I.

Also, we had an ASTEF luncheon at my home on July 27 with the lively, enthusiastic Hillier committee: **Becky Quigley**, the chair; and her committee members, **Ginger Gustovich**, **Katy Kunofsky**, and **Carrie Parsons**. Our mentor and major supporter, **Marylin Nease**, was there to advise and report. We are so fortunate to have a "Marylin Nease" on board!

Last, our 2016-2018 Executive Board met again on August 26 to review and make adjustments to our budget. Hats off to fantastic treasurer **Mary Gill**, 1st VP **Barbara Clinton**, and Past President **Mary White** for all the hard work they put into revising our budget.

I'm the most fortunate president ever to have such a wonderful group of energetic and enthusiastic ladies helping make this next year so special for Delta Omicron!

See you September 19!

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Chapter Meeting News Monday, September 19, 2016

Time and Agenda:

4:30 p.m. – Fellowship and Food 5 p.m. – Program

Program Presenter:

Kimberly Johnson, Texas Woman's University, Blagg-Huey Library, Special Collections Her Topic: "The History of the Women's Organizational Movement in Texas"



Social Arrangements:

Committee Chair – **Sherrie Negrete** Committee Members – **Elenora Asbury, Susan Endicott, Elyse Griffin, Mary Carol Hughes**

Margaret Arnold-Nancy Johnson, please bring a salad or sandwiches to serve 4 Kay Keeland-Mary White, please bring a dessert to serve 4

Location:

Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Room 229, On the Hillier / east side of HPPC (w/an elevator available) 3821 University Blvd., Dallas 75205

What to bring to our September 19 meeting: (1) See info above for group assignments for salads and desserts. (2) Your membership dues to Mary Gill, treasurer. (3) Box Tops for Education coupons for Hillier School. (4) A guest/potential member to visit our chapter.

Delta Omicron's The 4:15*

Five-Star-Award 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: <u>http://deltaomicrontexas.weebly.com/</u> Chapter Webmaster: **Carolyn Power** Chapter Webwatcher: **Marylin Nease**

Chapter News... Part 1 - <u>Officers</u>

2016-2018 Executive Board:

President: Lou McMillan Vice President, Programs / Service Projects: Barbara Clinton Vice President, Membership: Jaime Callahan Recording Secretary: Susan Bell Corresponding Secretary: Ashraf Mobh Treasurer: Mary Gill Parliamentarian: Kay Keeland Immediate Past President: Mary White

Programs and Service Projects VP's

Report

By Barbara Clinton, Programs/Projects VP

Committee Meets/Responds Members of the programs



committee met in July to review the results of our "Needs Assessment for Chapter Programs" completed by twenty members last spring. The top four areas of greatest interest were (1) Inclusion and getting to know our members. (2) Creativity and the arts. (3) Support for early-career educators.

(4) Excellence in education.

We selected programs with this information in mind and look forward to learning and being inspired together.

September 19 Program

Kimberly Johnson, Director of the Woman's Collections and Archivist of Texas Woman's University, will speak to us in September. Kimberly travels throughout the state to discuss preserving women's history. Her presentation, "The History of the Women's Organizational Movement in Texas," will remind us how Texas women's organizations have transformed the state in numerous ways and have a long tradition of raising the awareness of social and civic issues impacting families and communities.

This program will spotlight how organizations (including Delta Kappa Gamma) have positively influenced others. We hope that this program will remind our members of the many opportunities we are afforded in Delta Omicron to continue making a difference in our community and world.

2016-2017 Service Projects

► CHAPTER:

•All Hands on Deck for Hillier – ASTEF-funded program at Hillier School to support early-career educators, support students with diagnosed learning differences, and support the principal (August-May)

•Denton State-Supported Living Center - donation of monetary gifts (December)

► TSO:

•Week of Caring - chapters statewide develop service projects in local communities (February, March)

•Unifying Project - project that serves needs of state convention community, unifies chapters across Texas in service (May, June)

▶ INTERNATIONAL:

•Schools for Africa (SfA), a UNICEF and DKG international project (adopted in 2010) to "transform lives through education" on the African continent, with special focus on girls, orphans, and vulnerable children (November)

•Support Early-career Educators (SEE), DKG international project (adopted in 2012) to strengthen the profession by empowering beginning teachers via mentoring and practical support from experienced teachers (August-May) ■

Membership VP's Report

By Jaime Callahan, Membership VP



Membership Engagement

I read an article that Lou McMillan sent me regarding membership engagement and would like to borrow from the words of Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid, 2014-2016 international president. Dr. Schmid expressed a need for membership engagement in the Jan/Feb 2015 volume of *DKG News*.

I believe membership goals for Delta Omicron should include activities and information that are meaningful, motivational, and memorable. Membership within this amazing group of women should be inspiring and inclusive of all members. When we choose to respond to the needs of all of our members with rich and relevant programs, we will attract other educators who come to DKG seeking opportunities to make a difference in the field of education, as well as learn to grow as professionals by meeting the challenges of our very important work.

Recording Secretary's Report



By Susan Bell, Recording Secretary • May 16, 2016, Minutes

The Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. at Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Thirty-five members were present. Priscilla Oliphint, Carrie

Parsons, Carolyn Power, and **Linda Tokoly** provided refreshments. A thank-you also goes to **Kay Keeland**, social committee chair, for organizing the fellowship-and-food time.

The meeting begins...

President **Mary White** called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. **Barbara Clinton**, corresponding secretary, read a thank-you note from Mary White to the chapter. **Margaret Arnold**, membership committee member, gave a thoughtful inspiration, and **Penni Lewis**, music committee member, provided engaging music.

Members approved the minutes as printed in the chapter newsletter. **Mary Gill**, treasurer, reported on the chapter's account balance and recent activity. As there were no questions, the report will be filed for audit.

Celebrations:

May is the month of many celebrations for Delta Omicron.

Marta Finlay, achievement awards committee chair, presented chapter achievement awards to Kay Keeland and Denise Barker. Carolyn Power received her DKG 25-year membership pin.

Marylin Nease, communications and publicity committee chair, announced that *The Dallas Morning News* will be honored at state convention with DKG's Media Award for Excellence in Coverage of Education News. Marylin collected and submitted a log of *DMN*'s education articles and columns during the 2015-2016 school year and submitted them with her nomination of *DMN* to the Texas State Organization's communications and publicity committee chair. We thank Marylin for her diligence.

Ashraf Mobh, scholarship committee chair, presented the chapter scholarship to Jaime Callahan. Our congratulations go to Jaime for her hard work as she continues her doctoral studies.

Lou McMillan, program and projects chair, announced that Denise Barker's program on professional dress, "Fun with Scarves," has received the Annie Award for Excellence in Chapter Programs and will be honored at state convention.

Maureen Baker was initiated into DKG membership. Mary White; Joy Burger, ceremonies committee member; and Kay Keeland, membership committee chair, conducted the initiation ceremony, with assistance from Carolyn Miller, who recommended Maureen for membership.

Program:

Lou McMillan introduced our program. Our organization is 87 years old. To honor our DKG Founders, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Katy Kunofsky, and Becky Quigley presented information about each of the twelve Founders. As happens many times in May, a 50-year member (or one approaching 50 years) is interviewed by another member with longevity. This year **Wanda Spoonmore**, a 52-year DKG member, interviewed **Jean Wallace**, a 48-year DKG member. Jean entertained members with many interesting personal and professional stories.

Grant-in-aid, Past Presidents' Remarks, Officers Installation..

Mary White presented the chapter's grant-in-aid to **Market**, who will use it toward her master's degree at Stephen F. Austin University.

Our Delta Ömicron Chapter is now 60 years old. To mark the chapter's birthday, each past president was presented with a red rose. The past presidents attending included Grace Delatour, Shirley Kochman, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Power, Kathy Rodriguez, Wanda Spoonmore, and Jean Wallace. We are so proud of these ladies and their leadership.

Mary White thanked her 2014-2016 officers and then led the installation of the 2016-2018 officers: Lou McMillan, president; Barbara Clinton, programs/projects vice president; Jaime Callahan, membership vice president; Susan Bell, recording secretary; and Ashraf Mobh, corresponding secretary.

Unfinished Business:

Delta Omicron will continue the ASTEF/Hillier project for 2016-2017. **Marylin Nease** has submitted an application to ASTEF for grant money for the coming school year.

Linda Tokoly, legislation committee chair, reminded members that TRS-Care is having financial issues, and our contacts with our legislators need to continue about that, as well as about our pension plan.

Mary White reminded members of the Area 9 workshop in Ennis on September 17 and encouraged carpooling. \$12 needs to be paid to Delta Omicron's treasurer if attending.

Lou McMillan gave many thanks to members for their donations for this year's TSO Unifying Project, which is part of the state convention in Frisco June 23-25. Fourteen members are already registered to attend. Lou also thanked members for their donations to help stuff convention tote bags. International convention will be in Nashville July 5-9. Wanda Spoonmore and Marylin Nease will be attending.

Mary White urged us to high-five the people around us and wish them a happy summer. The meeting adjourned with the singing of "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song." ■



Treasurer's Report

By Mary Gill, Treasurer On September 7, 2016, Delta Omicron had \$3,131.94 in its account. Please bring your 2016-2017 membership dues to our first meeting. Final deadline is our October meeting. \$100 active, \$50 reserve—check

written to Delta Omicron.

Chapter News continued... Part 2 – <u>Committees</u>: <u>Society Business</u>

Communications and Publicity Committee • Thank You to Committee Members By Marylin Nease, Committee Chair

Thank you to **Chris Brunner** for keeping our non-email members

informed. Each month Chris prints and mails *The 4:15* to our six members without email.



A thank-you also goes to **Mary** Louise Milliorn for making phone calls to members without email. ■

• *Editor's Note:* Periodically *The 4:15* will feature articles of special interest to members. These articles will be about the Society, the chapter, professional issues, women's issues, and human interests.

This month's article is about the chapter.



By Mary White, 2014-2016 Chapter President

Mary White, Immediate Past President of Delta Omicron, reflects on her experiences as our leader.

The end of the 2012-2014 biennium was fast approaching when I received a call from our chapter's nominations committee, asking whether I would serve as the 2014-2016 president of Delta Omicron. I accepted the nomination, and members voted on my nomination, along with the rest of the proposed slate of officers, at the February meeting.

As reality set in, I realized that I should seriously start paying attention to the ebb and flow of the meetings! Actually, I found that the chapter rules went a long way in leading me in the right direction. Along the way, I found the DKG and TSO websites to be a wealth of information as well. Imagine that! I learned about forms 6, 11, 15, 16, 18, 18A, 81, 82, 83, and 110, to name a few, and all the many projects that we help sponsor as an organization.

Although there were challenging times, there were many more joyful moments. It is so true that in giving one receives the most wonderful blessings, especially when working with all the lovely Delta Omicron ladies. You have patiently grown me in my knowledge of and my love for Delta Kappa Gamma.

When you are asked to serve, I urge you to step up and just say "yes." The rewards are priceless!

Membership Committee

Data

May Attendance

Attendance at our May 16 meeting was 35 members.



Our chapter has three members with more

than 50 years of membership, seven with 40-49 years, six with 30-39 years, 10 with 20-29 years, 12 with 10-19 years, and 20 with nine or fewer years of DKG membership.

We have 21 members employed full-time in education, and 37 members semi- or fully retired (including one reserve member and one honorary member).

Total membership is 58, with 56 active status, one reserve status, and one honorary status. ■

Part 2 – <u>Committees</u>: <u>Society Mission / Purposes</u>



Scholarship Committee By Leesa Cole, Committee Chair TSO Fall Mini-Grant – Apply before October 31.

You will want to explore this funding opportunity *if*

• you have been a DKG member since at least June 2011,

• you are actively teaching and could use a grant to help you attend a

special workshop or training that will support you professionally or you are conducting research and will incur some expenditures, and

 your workshop, training, or research will occur between Nov. 1, 2016, and Oct. 31, 2017.

The grant will pay up to \$750 and requires an application and two letters of recommendation.

Contact Leesa Cole, scholarship chair, for more details or if you have questions about this funding opportunity. http://www.dkgtexas.org/state-scholarships.html

Part 2 – <u>Committees</u>:

Special ASTEF/Hillier Project

Committee

• 2016-2017 ASTEF Project: All Hands on Deck for Hillier, Year Three

By Becky Quigley, Committee Chair Our Hillier project has begun its third year with a breakfast and brochure.



The August 16 start-of-the-school-year breakfast was a success, and everyone REALLY appreciated the \$200 Visa cards from ASTEF and the teacher goody bags put together by **Carrie Parsons**.

The Visa cards, funded with a \$2,600 Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) stipend awarded at Frisco's 2016 TSO Convention, will empower Hillier's teachers to use their professional judgment when they select non-consumable teaching materials from Educator Publishing Services, Lakeshore, Staples, and Teachers Pay Teachers. This part of our chapter project aims to support and encourage Hillier's 13 educators (3 of them early-career teachers).

Many thanks for providing and/or hostessing the breakfast go to Elenora Asbury, Jaime Callahan,

Katy Kunofsky, Carrie Parsons, and Margaret Thompson. Have a terrific 2016-2017 school year, Hillier School!

Chapter members, please be sure to review the 2016-2017 brochure telling more about our Hillier project and the opportunities for us to participate. Our goal is 100% member participation. Let's all find the opportunity that works best for us and become part of this meaningful project. ■

Do you know? The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International's second project, Support Early-career Educators (SEE), was adopted at the 2012 international convention in New York City.



Chapter News continued... Part 3 – <u>Members' News</u>

Members' Professional News

• 2016 Park Cities TAG Teacher of the Year: Ashraf Mobh

Our **Ashraf Mobh** teaches fourth graders at Highland Park ISD's Armstrong Elementary School.



In May HPISD parents honored her as PC-TAG Teacher of the Year. Why? In short, for her understanding of gifted students'

needs and her ability to transform her understanding into effective teaching.

Follow this link for details and photos:

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Congratulations, Ashraf!

• DKG Gallery of Fine Arts: New Work Published http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKG_Gallery_of_Fine_Arts. aspx

Will You...?

By Marylin Nease

"Will you give a eulogy at my funeral?" asks. "Yes, but remember I'm older than you, so you may need to give mine first," I reply.

We've just completed my mother-in-law's memorial service, where I gave a eulogy. Our thoughts are on mortality, including our own.

It's been eight years since **asked** asked me that question. A few times I've pondered the possibility but quickly shifted to comfortable topics. Whether I could lose my sister and then stand up and deliver her eulogy, I don't know. But I'd try—if life and death should happen to work out in that order for the two of us. I'd want to keep my word and honor her life.

What would I say about my sister if she, though 20 months younger, should die first?

I could start by telling how I happened to be giving her eulogy in the first place: how, when, and where she asked me. That should merit a chuckle from my audience. I could also remind them of how she used to pose the two of us in front of people we'd just met and, grinning, ask, "Which one of us is younger?" I could add, "Coincidentally, the answer is 'She was younger.' I was supposed to go first."

Growing up, we shared a bedroom with our other two sisters-she and I are the middle ones, but my fondest memories are those we've made as adults.

Once in our thirties, she and my youngest sister teased me what I felt was one time too many. I complained. meaning no harm, told me, "Put on your big-girl panties, and deal with it." That's sound advice for life as an adult. I've remembered her words and repeated them to myself when I needed to hear them again.

Since the 1980s, we've carpooled several times a year from Texas to Oklahoma to visit family. When our parents had Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, she and I traveled together oftentalking for hours and growing closer.

From 2005-2012, we ran/walked half-marathons, always together, always talking. Because of her hip and my heart, we gave up the distances. Now it's 5Ks, still side by side, or

and volunteers at her grandchildren's school.

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to hurry and catch up.

Gradually, we've become more alike. Years ago, we selected the same dress-shopping separately in two cities. She returned hers. Now, we sometimes dress alike on purpose when we host family reunions. Her career was in mortgage banking; mine, in teaching. I didn't move into her field, but she now subs What I've most admired the last few years is her sunny disposition. Despite receiving a health diagnosis that would shake most people, she remains cheerful. I haven't asked, but perhaps she decided to follow her long-ago advice: "Put on your big-girl panties, and deal with it."

is my younger sister. I'm glad she's still Yes. teaching me. For now we'll enjoy the present. Our eulogies can wait.



before our most recent 5K, February 27, 2016

Holiday Concert



Wanda Spoonmore (front right) plays bassoon in a Town North Band patriotic concert at NorthPark Mall on July 3.



Marylin Nease, and Shirley Kochman enjoy the concert. Not pictured: Kay Keeland.

Recent Retirement



Maureen Baker shares. "This summer has been a regular summer for me with the exception of my vacation to Europe. The cruise was terrific. I love Viking Cruises.

"Now I can sleep until I wake up, swim whenever I feel like it, and read in between.

"When my friends returned to school, I was busy with other friends,

and I continue to walk around my house saying, 'This is too good to be true!"

Doctoral Congratulations!



Elyse Griffin reports, "I defended my dissertation on Monday, July 18, and am officially finished!"

Members' Personal News



Colorado Cool Lou Brown shares, "We enjoyed

Durango! When took their walk each morning, the temperature was in the 50's. We rode bikes one day along a trail by the Animas River, went on beautiful hikes, and took a white water raft trip with a guide."

Fellowship and Food at Dimassi's

On Saturday, August 20, ten chapter members met at noon at Dimassi's Mediterranean Kitchen for a buffet lunch and lots of visitina.

Attending were Maureen Baker, Sara Coleman, Bonnie Ethridge, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Power, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, Jean Wallace, and Mary White.



Marylin Nease shares, "I enjoyed sampling the variety of delicious dishes, and I especially loved the fellowship. Good restaurant choice, Wanda! Thanks

for arranging our gathering!" Jean Wallace reports, "I had fun

catching up on the fun people had this summer. The group always puts me in a good mood."



Carolyn Power shares, "Lunch at Dimassi's Saturday was lots of fun. I enjoyed the fellowship and the food. This was my first visit, and I found lots of choices I liked. I tried three new foods and liked two of them. The best part of the event was the fellowship with chapter members. I always enjoy listening to



Wanda tell stories from her childhood, and after listening to Sara tell about teaching in high school, I decided she should write a book. Maureen, our new member, told all about her trip to Europe. Most of us just shared events that were going on in our lives currently. I always leave one of our luncheons with a smile on my face and appreciation in my heart for being with women educators like these."

Maureen Baker reports, "I thought of the luncheon as an informal gathering of ladies in a relaxed environment with a large variety of choices for lunch. I enjoyed the flow of conversations and exchanges of information. I also was delighted to hear Marylin had climbed



Neuschwanstein, too. Maybe I'll wear my T-shirt someday! We all have so many common experiences to share, and having this time to share while we broke bread was a delight."



Mary White shares, "How wonderful to see some of my chapter friends. What a variety in the buffet, and everything was delicious. It is a great all-you-caneat husband restaurant! Thank you, Wanda, for planning this outing!"

Carolyn Miller reports, "On a rainy, dreary

Saturday, it was fun to gather with our Delta Omicron sisters for lunch at a new place. Thank you to Wanda for organizing

us."



Wanda

Spoonmore shares, "The gathering for lunch was a Three-D day: Delightful, Delicious and Definite-

- 1. Delightful visiting with interesting Delta Omicron colleagues,
- 2. Delicious and plentiful food,
- 3. Definite that we should do this often."

Elvse Griffin shares. "I am sad to miss out on our first chapter meeting! We have a family outing

that evening, all the way in Allen. Please tell everyone hello.

"My school year is off to a wonderful start, and my stress level is back to wonderful now that graduation has come and gone.

"Baby Boy will be here in December, but still has no name. "I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in October!"





Elenora Asbury shares, "our only grandchild, will be three in late November. She's very verbal and lots of

"Her parents,

were giving some Kombucha to try. (I didn't know what it was. Now that I do, 'Yuk!') "After eating the blob on top of the fermented tea, said, 'Mmm, good berries.' "See, she likes it.' "The said to said, 'Well, that's her prerogative."

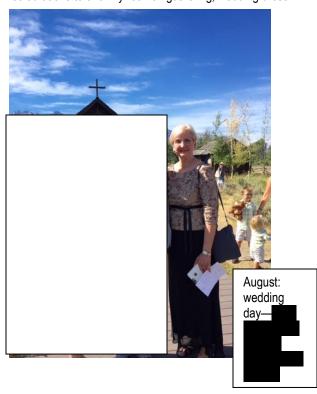
"and said, 'No, I can't say that! I'm just a little kid!"

Becky Quigley shares, "Unfortunately, I will be on my Mediterranean cruise on Monday, September 19, and will be unable to attend our first chapter meeting.

"I'm sorry that I will miss seeing everyone, but I will be back for our October meeting." \blacksquare

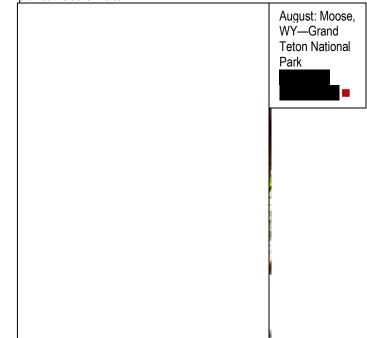
Mary Gill reports, "Canada from Victoria/Vancouver to Toronto/Niagra Falls via motor coach and rail; Montclair, New Jersey; South Dakota's Black Hills; Santa Barbara, California; and Jackson Hole, Wyoming are the destinations I have been fortunate to have visited since May!

"All of the trips were for family occasions from birthday celebrations to a family reunion gathering, wedding dress



alterations by a favorite cousin for my daughter-in-law, and, last, my son's wedding in Jackson Hole on August 20!

"My family in New Jersey has moved to Austin, so now I plan to visit them often!"



• Happy Summer Birthdays!

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

Tuby: Nancy Johnson, 11; Margaret Thompson, 12; Barbara Harris, 13; Lakesha Collins, 20; Leesa Cole, 22; Chris Brunner, 26

August: Katy Kunofsky, 6; Tincy Miller, 8; Linda Tokoly, 9; Grace Delatour, 13

September: Bonnie Ethridge, 7; Ashraf Mobh, 7; Judy Caporaletti, 10; Margaret Arnold, 12; Mary Riddle, 12; Priscilla Oliphint, 20; Barbara Clinton, 22;

May 16, 2016, Meeting Photo Album



Margaret Arnold and Leesa Cole



Marta Finlay and Ashraf Mobh



Grace Delatour and Kathy Rodriguez



Nancy Johnson and Katy Kunofsky

DKG Purpose 1: "Genuine Spiritual Fellowship"



Marilyn Lamb and Mary Riddle



Becky Quigley and Carrie Parsons



Barbara Clinton and Margaret Thompson



L-R: Kay Keeland, Susan Bell, Denise Barker



L-R: Mary Louise Milliorn, Wanda Spoonmore, Jean Wallace



Shirley Kochman and Carolyn Power



L-R: Bonnie Ethridge, Mary White, and Joy Burger



Sara Coleman and Judy Caporaletti



Mary Carol Hughes and Maureen Baker





Sherrie Negrete and Jaime Callahan



L-R: The meeting opens with Barbara Clinton's reading of Mary White's thank-you note and Margaret Armstrong's inspiration.



L-R: Denise Barker and Kay Keeland receive our chapter's 2016 achievement awards. Marta Finlay makes the presentations.



Mary White presents Carolyn Power with a 25-year membership pin.





L: Marylin Nease explains DKG's Media Recognition Award. R: Ashraf Mobh presents our 2016 chapter scholarship to Jaime Callahan.



Dearest Delta Omicron Sisters, Thank you very much for awarding me the chapter scholarship of \$100. I am excited to start the summer semester, which includes a scholarly trip to Washington, D.C. Your kindness is much appreciated! With love, Jaime Callahan



L-R: Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Becky Quigley, and Katy Kunofsky lead our ceremony honoring DKG's 12 Founders.



We thank you, Lou, for arranging our programs the past two years. We congratulate you for the Annie Awards for Excellence in Chapter Programs you and your programs committee received for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. We look forward to your biennium as our 2016-2018 chapter president. ©



L-R: New member Maureen Baker at her initiation ceremony, led by Mary White, Kay Keeland, Joy Burger, Carolyn Miller.



Display of DKG's 12 Founders: part of Founders ceremony

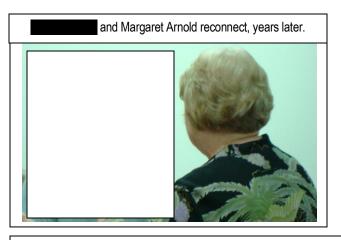


Jean Wallace (left), being interviewed by Wanda Spoonmore, listens to Wanda's next question.



(left) receives Delta Omicron's 2016 grant-inaid. Mary White presents the chapter's award.

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Honoring our presidents.... Our presidents share memories....





Grace Delatour, 1988-90

Carolyn Miller, 1994-96



Marylin Nease, 1996-98



Mary White, 2014-16



Wanda Spoonmore, 2012-14





Thank you to our chapter presidents for their leadership and service!



Mary White leads the installation of 2016-2018 officers.



Thank you, legislation committee chair, for once again informing us about what's happening in Austin related to education. We appreciate your dedication and advocacy on the behalf of educators and students!

Tips from Leesa Cole, TSO HQ Gaining full access to the DKG international website

DKG international is providing more Society information

digitally to members. This online availability can make info access for members easier-if we know how to log on.

But oops! Have you noticed that many areas of the international website now have "members only" access?

To log in, you need your member number and the generic password that everyone uses in the beginning.

You will spot a "My DKG" area that allows members to update their personal and professional information as needed.

Chapter presidents, TSO HQ staff, and international staff will find it very helpful to have current member information at their fingertips.

For more details, refer to the documents that Marylin Nease emails to members in September and that Leesa Cole will make available at the September chapter meeting. And, at the October meeting, Leesa will provide hands-on assistance as needed.

We would love to have all of our chapter members update their information this fall.

Dallas County News

• 2017 Spring Luncheon

Save the date: April 1, 2017, Fellowship/9:30 a.m., Program/10 a.m., Lakewood Country Club, CCDC Spring Luncheon, with speaker Marilyn Gregory, TSO president.



Luncheon ticket: \$30.00 Menu: Tomato and Mozzarella Salad, Baby Spinach, Pesto Dressing Chicken Parmesan, Angel Hair Pasta, Buttered Broccoli Chocolate Mousse Cake

SAVE THE DATE for the Annual Coordinating Council of Dallas County Luncheon

Please plan to spend your April Fool's Day with us!

More details to follow.





Area 9 News

Heart to Heart

Hello, My Dear Ladies in Area 9, We are ready to get going with a new biennium for our chapters! I am so excited to see the last half of my biennium get started. We have 26 chapters in our area! My desire and hope

is to come see everyone this year.

Our first big adventure and platform is our Area Workshop! I look forward to seeing you at the workshop. We have many of

our ladies presenting and sharing with you. We will be getting the program together online so you can check it out before you get to Ennis. Stav tuned for directions!

Our 2016 Texas State Convention was so great, and our area did an outstanding job of working at all different levels. Thanks to Judy Mezick and Mary Claire Welch from our area for an outstanding job in working tons and tons of hours to make the convention so successful!

In July I traveled to Nashville, along with 121 other Texans, to attend the 2016 International Convention. It was an awesome experience, and all through the year I will share with you what I learned and experienced from the convention.

In the meantime, let's get ready for a wonderful time in Ennis on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

See you then. Cathy Criner Area 9 Coordinator

Area 9 Workshop

September 17, 2016, Ennis High School. Theme: "Heart () to Heart."

ENNIS HIGH SCHOOL is located at 2301 Ensign Road, Ennis 75119

Here is the agenda for the morning:

- 8:00-9:00 Registration.....food, shopping included
- 9:20-10:10 Opening Session
- 10:15-11:00 First Breakout Sessions
- 11:00-11:15 Time for restroom breaks and more food and shopping
- 11:15-12:00 Second Breakout Sessions
- 12:00-12:15 Time for restroom breaks and more food and shopping
- 12:15-1:00 Closing Session

We will have a list of area restaurants where you can enjoy an afternoon meal with your chapter and other chapters as well. There are three restaurants in downtown Ennis, and they are excellent.

Cathy



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