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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



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



President's Message

I am thankful for many things during this pandemic.

I'm glad our chapter is staying connected via ZOOM, both socially with our Area 9 Coordinator, Marylin, as the host, and with our programs and business meetings.

I'm thankful for all the committee chairs and committee members who said "yes" to leading and serving. That's the DKG attitude! I know you will do a terrific job.

I'm grateful for all the phone calls to touch base and get advice on what to do next. Delta Omicron members are so generous and thoughtful, and that's such a great feeling.

I miss all your smiles, hugs and high fives, but I know we will celebrate face to face soon.

Program News: Rose-Mary Rumbley, *LAUGHTER*, Sept. 21, 2020, 4:30 p.m. on Zoom

Susan Endicott shares, "My husband and I wake up laughing and go to bed with laughter echoing from our day. It's always been a part of who we are...and the best medicine for our times of trials and sadness. Even the toughest times we've had have ended with a smile and laughter in our eyes. We are both the optimists with glasses half full. **We like to see the brighter side of life** because the alternative is not an option for us." 😊 😊 😊

More about laughter is on the final page of this newsletter!

To my dear Sisters in Delta Omicron,

It has been such an honor for me to represent you as president these last four years in one of the very best chapters in Delta Kappa Gamma! You all have been so supportive and helpful in a myriad of ways, and I am the one who has received so many blessings from working with such an outstanding group of women educators.

Just recently I have discovered that my wonderful Delta Omicron chapter has been extremely gracious in remembering my presidency with some very impressive gifts.

Last week, our new president, Katherine Grogan, presented me with a gorgeous Waterford crystal vase filled with beautiful red roses, a very generous gift card, and a beautiful silver letter opener...all because of the generosity of all of you! I cannot tell you how honored I felt, and how fortunate I am to be a part of such a loving, caring group of ladies whom I consider some of my very dearest friends!

I look so forward to the day when we all can be together again, and be able to continue our common goal of providing aid and friendship to all those deserving early-career educators who will be joining us in Delta Omicron in the years to come. And, especially under the guidance of our excellent new 2020-2022 Executive Board headed by a very capable Katherine Grogan!

Much love to you all, and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Stay safe,

Lou



Lou's "We appreciate you" gifts from all members:

- \$100.00 gift card to Central Market
- Waterford vase 10"
- 18 red roses
- Letter opener engraved with her name and DKG 2016-2020



Katherine Grogan,
Lou McMillan



Friday, July 10, 2020, Carolyn Miller, Katherine Grogan, Lou McMillan,
Margaret Thompson, Leesa Cole, Mary White



Sherri Allinder and Katherine Grogan are under the masks! 8/15/20

You Matter!

Delta Omicron members delivered teacher bags to their members going back into the classroom. Inside the bags were school supplies and a Starbucks gift card that said, "Thanks a latte for being an awesome teacher. Here's a little gift to espresso our gratitude!"

Delta Omicron Project: Supporting Our Chapter's Working Educators



What a great day! Thanks, Delta Omicron members, for all of your generous contributions to North Texas Food Bank.

Today Katherine Grogan, Sherri Allinder, Vicky Hamilton, and I (Kay Keeland) delivered to NTFB right at \$1,000 in food and cash donations.

The NTFB staff could not have been more thankful for these greatly needed donations. Many thanks!

Bless you, ❤️
DO Community Service Projects
Kay Keeland
Vicky Hamilton
Mary White
Linda Tokoly
Liza Leggett

August 20, 2020



Delta Omicron's Community Service Project: North Texas Food Bank
Pictured: Katherine Grogan, Vicky Hamilton, Kay Keeland, Sherri Allinder

We're Thinking of Marilyn Lamb and



Remembering

was a very special man.

A few years ago, I was very fortunate to be invited to go on a spring bluebonnet-searching trip. was our driver. That sweet man took us ALL over Ellis County searching for the very best places to find the best fields of our state flower. He was patient, kind, and determined to do his best to please his sweet wife and her DKG sisters!

What a beautiful memory

gave us all!

In loving memory,

Lou McMillan

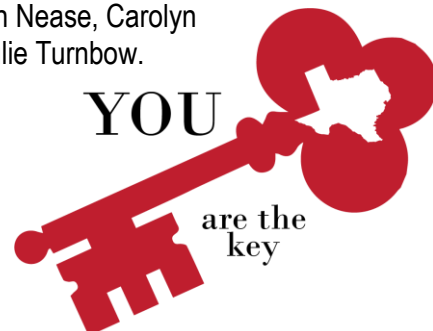


Area 9 Workshop

Do you need to learn about or get fresh ideas for your officer role or committee chair/member role? Then, attend Area 9 Workshop, Sat., Sept. 19, 2020, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. via Zoom. Your home, your chair, and your device! *Easy!*

Signed up already from Area 9 are 186 KEY women educators! ***Registered so far from Delta Omicron*** are Sherri Allinder, Elenora Asbury, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Susan Endicott, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Power, Margie Rohde, Margaret Thompson, and Julie Turnbow.

Join us! [Registration Link](#)



Membership News

It's so good to be back seeing everyone (albeit on Zoom) after this long quarantine!

We have been busy planning how to get to know everyone better in Delta Omicron over the last month. It's important all members have access to our meetings on Zoom, either by Computer, iPad, or iPhone so you can "come" to all our gatherings and meetings this coming year. If you would like help with getting the Zoom application on your equipment, please email Margaret Thompson at

To stay in touch, we are creating a phone tree committee – if you have the time, you would only need to contact a few members each month to remind them of our meetings. Please contact to serve on this committee – we need at least 12 people! Her email is

Another goal this year is to contact SMU and invite young women (Juniors and Senior Education majors) from SMU to join our society. We are the perfect organization to provide mentors to these future teachers. If you have someone you would like to invite to a meeting, please complete the form below and email it to Margaret at She will forward our link for Zoom meetings to the prospect and let the sponsor know when the invitation is out.

It was fun at the last chapter meeting to see who remembered what some of our sisters talked about in August at our Zoom Fellowship. You never know...there may be another quiz on the horizon!

Margaret Thompson &

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Lou McMillan reports, "My thoughts about Zoom are varied.

"It is amazing technology. So hard to believe it even exists! One of 'the pluses' of this Covid-19 season. I think it must be much like the first time our ancestors sent a telegraph or talked on the telephone!

"But it can never take the place of fellowship in person. In truth, I don't think any modern technology can! So, I look forward to the day when we can be together in person, even if it's with a face mask and six feet of distancing!"

Susan Endicott shares, "I enjoy the meetings on Zoom because it is nice to see FACES again. I think sometimes it's confusing when there is so much to say and little time for sharing. It's the same when we are on Zoom with family and friends."

Professional News

Starting School Then and Now—

I started school at Hyer Elementary in first grade. I had gone to preschool and kindergarten at HPPC Day School, where my mother, Carolyn Miller, taught. It was so fun that I knew all of my teachers well.

My first-grade teacher was _____, and I still remember her as one of my favorite teachers. She was so kind and helpful. I was shy as a child, and she made me feel so comfortable at school.

One of my other memories of a favorite teacher was Mrs. Mary Strom as my fourth-grade teacher. It has been wonderful to keep in touch with Mrs. Strom all of these years. Both of these teachers are/were members of Delta Kappa Gamma.

My younger son is in fourth grade this year, and I hope he has as great a year as I did that year. **I thought of Mrs. Strom as he was starting school last week virtually. Times sure have changed!**

I am thankful that I have relationships with so many of my teachers through DKG.

Melanie Rudebeck



Starting school each year was always a time for renewal for me. New ideas, new decorations, new students, new teams.

My classroom was all about team work. Desks/tables were set up for students to work in teams, and each six weeks the teams were different so we could all get to know each other and our styles for learning.

Everything was new and fresh, and it inspired me to come up with new ways to help my students learn and use their best ideas to keep growing in their knowledge.

I'm guessing this school year is not much different for our teachers. The "new" may include ALL the things they have to do to help students with the social distancing...cleaning, wearing of masks. I'm sure the team work will be different in its way, but team work nonetheless because, being social beings, children love to share, give, laugh, grow together.

There was anxiety attached to each beginning of a school year, and I do bet that is probably the biggest difference for our teachers this year...the added anxiety of a health concern I did not have to go through with a group of children.

I'm praying our schools are safe for EVERYONE. I pray also that as a routine is set for each classroom of students and teachers, the anxiety diminishes, and the learning and growing outpace the worry. But I know as a teacher, the "worry" never left. We're always seeking ways to help and keep each child on track.

So, I'll continue to pray for all our sweet teachers, children, and schools.

Susan Endicott

Employment Changes—

I have taken a job two days a week tutoring two girls in Southlake. They would have been in daycare, but now I am their preschool. I was delighted when their parents took them to the Fort Worth Zoo for one's birthday. That would have been our preschool field trip.

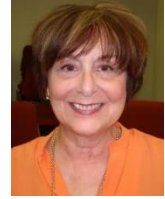
Maureen Baker



I am so excited to share that **this year I will be teaching PreK-3 at The Highland Park Presbyterian Day School, four mornings/week.** I will be able to continue working at The Hillier School office in the afternoons and on Fridays.

I retired from The Children's Center last spring as the Fine Motor Specialist. **I plan to continue tutoring a limited number of children preschool-2nd grade.** I'm trying to limit my exposure as I am high risk. The few "littles" I'm working with are staying at home, and their parents are super careful.

Carrie Parsons



I was a volunteer at TSO Headquarters for 2 ½ years. **I never gave a second thought to my volunteer position turning into a part-time job, but it did.** I work with two fabulous ladies, Deborah Thomas, TSO Treasurer, and Leesa Cole, TSO Executive Secretary.

My daily activities are answering the phone, opening the mail, and working on Excel and QuickBooks. I input ASTEF monies, make contribution cards, and create the biennium yearbooks for state presidents. I am currently working on the Red Book, which is a DKG resume of all members.

There is always something fun to do at Headquarters, so my job is a lot of fun.

Katherine Grogan



I have accepted a position as assistant principal at two elementary schools in Southlake. For several years I've wanted to go into administration. When Covid-19 closed schools and I began teaching virtually, I decided to fill out several applications for districts near my home. Now, I am excited to have a job in administration.

Ashraf Mobh

I am blessed to have a tutoring job on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:00.

Mary White



Happy retirement wishes to you,

Margaret Arnold

Mary Carol Hughes



Personal News



After a four-month break from the State Department, our son left for in mid-July to work at the Embassy there for two years. I don't know if we'll be going to see him. Covid-19 has shut the country down, so even Lee had to fly to the country via US transport since Americans are not allowed to fly there!

We were able to see Lee a few times, but never touched him because he had to stay quarantined to interact with his girlfriend's nephews...long story there.

Our summer has been busy with a new dog, Peggy Sue, that we adopted in April. Daily walks get us off the couch.

Margaret Thompson

Delta Omicron, Chapter Meeting Minutes, June 15, 2020

Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, DKG Society International, met via Zoom on Monday, June 15, 2020, via Zoom. Attending were 30 members. One guest attended:

OPENING:

Lou McMillan, President, called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. Lou thanked all the outgoing officers for their service. Kay Keeland introduced a new prospective member: . She has taught tennis for 50 years!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

Barbara Clinton, Ceremonies Committee, conducted the installation of new officers for 2020-2022. New officers are as follows: Katherine Grogan, President; Elenora Asbury and Kathy Rodriguez, Co-1st Vice Presidents for Programs and Service Projects; and Margaret Thompson, Co-2nd Vice Presidents for Membership; Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary; Susan Endicott, Corresponding Secretary; Leesa Cole, Treasurer; and Julie Turnbow, Parliamentarian.

INSPIRATION:

Margaret Thompson, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee, shared an inspirational reading on courage by Harry Truman. He said that courage is an outward symbol of leadership. Problems in life drive us to seek courage.

MEMBER INTERVIEW:

Marylin Nease, Communications and Publicity Committee, interviewed **Carolyn Miller**, a 45-year member of DKG. Highlights follow.

Carolyn attended the University of Texas in Austin, graduating in 1962. She taught Spanish at Lamar Junior High in Austin, but shortly after returned to Dallas and taught French at Thomas Jefferson High School, 1962-1966, and one of those years she taught both French and Spanish. She also taught Spanish at Highland Park High School, 1979-1980. Carolyn earned a Masters in Early Childhood Education at

Texas A & M – Commerce. From 1992-2002 she was the director of the Weekday School at University Park Methodist Church.

Carolyn said, “It might look like I couldn’t keep a job, but I kept getting good offers I couldn’t turn down. I only taught one year at Highland Park High School because Melanie and _____ didn’t want me to be teaching there while they were students, and Melanie was starting high school the next year and the following year. Luckily, I discovered along the way in my teaching career that I was best when working with young children and helping their parents early on with interventions for behavior issues, speech problems, and so forth.”

In 1962 Carolyn married _____. They had met in high school and continued dating in college. Their first daughter, Melanie, was born in October 1966, and _____ was born in May 1968.

Carolyn ended by speaking about how much being in DKG and forming DKG friendships has meant to her. She also shared with pride the names of the many women she has recommended for Delta Omicron and DKG membership.

CHAPTER BIRTHDAY:

Susan Bell, Ceremonies Committee, led members in singing “This Is the Birthday” as we toasted Delta Omicron’s 64th birthday.

HONORING OUR 50+ YEAR MEMBERS

Carolyn Power, Webmaster, interviewed four 50+ year members on their memories of DKG as we celebrated our DKG Society International Founders. Three members’ memories were relayed by Marylin Nease, as they could not join us today.

Jean Wallace was recommended for membership in Delta Sigma Chapter by _____, and Jean remembered a very elaborate DKG initiation ceremony held at Dallas Woman’s Club.

Janet Cundiff was recommended for membership in Delta Sigma Chapter by her principal _____ at William Brown Miller Elementary School in Dallas ISD. Janet felt honored because her principal was an exacting woman whom Janet admired. Janet would love to ask her now, “Are you proud of me, of what I’ve done, and of how I did it?”

Wanda Spoonmore does not know who recommended her because secrecy surrounded recommendations back then, but she spoke of the many great friendships she’s made in DKG. She also shared her memories of performing in the Notable Notes at the 75th DKG International Convention held in Dallas.

Finally, Carolyn talked with **Shirley Kochman**, who said she initially joined Eta Zeta Chapter as a charter member before transferring years later to Delta Omicron. Shirley felt her DKG membership had affected her teaching in a positive way.

CLOSING:

Members sang “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song,” and the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



Margie Rohde
Recording Secretary

Delta Omicron, Executive Board Meeting Minutes, August 1, 2020

The Executive Board of Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, DKG Society International, met via Zoom on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Attending were Katherine Grogan, President; Elenora Asbury and Kathy Rodriguez, Co-Vice Presidents for Programs and Projects; Margaret Thompson, Co-Vice President for Membership; Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary; Susan Endicott, Corresponding Secretary; Leesa Cole, Treasurer; Julie Turnbow, Parliamentarian; Lou McMillan, Immediate Past President; and Marilyn Nease, Communications and Publicity Committee Chair. All board members were present except Co-Vice President for Membership. Katherine Grogan will get in touch with her to share what happened at this meeting.

Katherine **called the meeting to order** at 10:05 a.m.

Katherine presented her proposed **calendar dates for the chapter's 2020-2021 meetings**. After discussion, board members unanimously accepted the following calendar:

August 17	Monday	4:30 p.m.	
September 21	Monday	4:30 p.m.	
October 19	Monday	4:30 p.m.	
November 16	Monday	4:30 p.m.	
December 5	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Holiday Brunch?
January 11	Monday	4:30 p.m.	
February 15	Monday	4:30 p.m.	
March 8	Monday	4:30 p.m.	
April 3	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	CCDC Luncheon?
May 17	Monday	4:30 p.m.	

All meetings will be via Zoom. The only possible change will be if the date of the luncheon changes. Katherine will check with Carolyn Miller, Coordinating Council of Dallas County Chair, as Carolyn leads the event's planning.

Members next discussed **the need to help members learn how to attend Zoom meetings**. Margaret Thompson will update a call list used for the May chapter fellowship meeting. Board members can use the call list to contact chapter members and offer to practice with them before the next meeting. Board members will report back to Margaret.

Members then considered **program ideas**. Julie Turnbow offered to present an August 17 program on the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote. Rose-Mary Rumbley has agreed to do a program on laughter. The date of this program is not yet decided. Elenora Asbury and Kathy Rodriguez would like to do a meeting where members share books that they have read over the summer. Marilyn Nease suggested that our chapter try using the Texas State Organization plan of involving the Educational Excellence committees in program planning and presenting. The committees would participate in program subjects where they have relevance. The EE committees are Global Awareness (Carolyn Power), Legislation, Music (Penni Lewis), Personal and Professional Enrichment (Janet Hogg), Research (Marilyn Nease), and Women in the Arts (Barbara Clinton). Katherine suggested that an artist, might be an interesting speaker. Katherine will send out an updated list of chairs and members of the various committees, including Personal and Professional Enrichment, our committee responsible for inspirations read at the beginning of each meeting

Leesa Cole gave the **treasurer's report**. There is \$5,722.49 in the bank, although \$712.02 belongs to Area 9. Thus, the actual chapter balance is \$5,005.47. Delta Omicron has 65 members, but five members have not paid their dues despite reminders. If they do not pay by 10/1/20, they will be dropped as members. We hope that they will pay their dues and continue their membership.

Margaret Thompson talked about her **ideas to recruit new members**. She hopes to recruit collegiate members and is thinking about setting up some sort of mentoring relationships with chapter members. Leesa told Margaret that student members pay only \$50, and that \$20 of that money goes to international, and \$7 goes to state. Board members agreed that we will have to be creative in recruiting new members, given that our meetings are on Zoom. Leesa suggested that if Margaret has any ideas that involve money, she should consult with the Finance Committee. Leesa and Margaret agreed to work together on membership. Members also briefly discussed how to do orientation of new members on Zoom.

Marylin Nease reviewed the **Area 9 Workshop** to be held on September 19 via Zoom, and she urged all officers and committee chairs to sign up. Currently, 11 Delta Omicron members are registered for the workshop. 120 total people from Area 9 are registered so far. Members can attend sessions of interest as well as those which deal with their office or committee. The more ideas attendees get from the sessions, the more information they can share with the chapter.

Katherine discussed the **Alliance Stamp Ministry**. A ministry of Nancy Newton, a Past State President, this organization sorts, trims, and sells used stamps to stamp collectors. They use the money raised to make Spanish-language Christian books, "Sunday School" lessons and texts for children in Mexico, Central America, and South America. They have raised \$8,000 in the first five months or so. It is important to leave a margin of ¼ to ½ inch around the stamps when cutting them out of the envelope. If members can bring in cancelled stamps, Katherine will see that they get to right person.

Chapter member Kay Keeland has expressed an interest in doing some **community service projects**. After some discussion on how to best use Kay's skills, board members decided to invite her to the next board meeting to further explore her ideas. Marylin suggested that Kay might chair a subcommittee under the Programs and Service Projects Committee, which Elenora and Kathy chair as co-vice presidents.

Katherine offered to supply **door prizes for Zoom meetings**. Her plans are to purchase gift cards and to invite two members per meeting to lunch with her. The Fellowship Committee would administer the door prize program. Katherine also hopes to have icebreaker activities at the start of each Zoom meeting as members are signing in.

Guidelines call for two **board meetings each school year**, one in fall and one in spring. Members decided to hold another board meeting on 10/3/20 at 10:00 a.m. as well as to hold a board meeting in the spring. An important topic of the next board meeting will be how to bring new members into the chapter, especially whether it would be better to bring new members into Delta Omicron in the spring rather than the fall and how much new members should pay if they join in the fall given that they would have to pay full membership again in the spring.

The board **meeting adjourned** at 11:30 a.m.

Margie Rohde

Recording Secretary

Delta Omicron, Chapter Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2020

Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, DKG Society International, met on Monday, August 17, 2020, via Zoom. Attending were 24 members: Sherri Allinder, Elenora Asbury, Maureen Baker, Susan Bell, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Grace Delatour, Susan Endicott, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Barbara Harris, Kay Keeland, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Power, Margie Rohde, Margaret Thompson, Julie Turnbow, and Mary White.

OPENING:

Katherine Grogan, President, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. Maureen Baker, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee, presented an inspiration titled "Joy of Persevering." Maureen talked about accepting the deserts (difficulties) in life as well as the joys and about persevering always.

BUSINESS:

Members approved the February 2020 meeting **minutes** as printed in the March newsletter.

Carolyn Power, 2018-2020 **Nominations Committee**, reminded members that the 2020-2022 Nominations Committee needed to be approved. Carolyn stated that Lou McMillan had been nominated to chair the Nominations Committee, and the nominated members of the committee were Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Ginger Gustovich, Melanie Rudebeck, and Wanda Spoonmore. Chapter members made, seconded, and approved the motion to elect this committee.

Leesa Cole, Treasurer, gave the **treasurer's report**. The current bank balance is \$5,722.99, although \$721.02 is money belonging to Area 9. This money was collected for Patti Belknap's reception originally scheduled for March, but postponed until October, 2020. Since Marylin Nease is the Coordinator for Area 9, the money goes through our chapter account. So, the real balance for Delta Omicron is \$5,005.47. Approximately \$3,000 of budgeted expenses, such as for convention hotel and travel expenses, were not incurred because of the COVID shutdown. Dues were paid to International and to TSO for 59 members: 58 active members @ \$3,491.60, 1 reserve member @ \$27.20, and 1 honorary member @\$0 (no yearly dues assessed). There are currently 65 members with five unpaid, who will be removed from the roster if they don't pay by 10/1/20. We hope that these members will pay their dues. Our local bank lobby will be reopening this week, and Leesa and Katherine will update account signers. The Finance Committee, co-chaired by Marta Finlay and Mary Gill, will meet 8/28/20 to form a proposed budget for 2020-2021, and chapter members will vote on this proposed budget at the September meeting. Leesa filed required reports in July: Form 15 Annual Treasurer's Report to TSO and IRS 990N ePostcard to the IRS.

Margaret Thompson, **Membership** Co-Vice President, presented a get-acquainted quiz on facts members shared about themselves at the Zoom fellowship meeting on 8/10/20. The three members presented were Elenora Asbury, a dyslexia specialist; Mary Gill, owner of a cockapoo puppy, and Judy Culbertson, teacher at The Winston School who lovingly described her students as "genius little devils."

Two current **projects** were next on the agenda. **(a)** Leesa Cole and Katherine Grogan assembled teacher gift bags and helped deliver them to the homes of our chapter's working teachers last week. **(b)** Kay Keeland, Community Service Projects, stated that members had donated \$240 for North Texas Food Bank so far. Kay and members of her committee will be at Northway Christian Church on Tuesday from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. to pick up food and money donations from members. Members are encouraged to check an email from Katherine Grogan listing foods the food bank especially needs.

Elenora Asbury, **Programs** and Projects Co-Vice President, announced that Rose-Mary Rumbley will talk about laughter at the September meeting, and that **Legislation Committee**, will talk at the October meeting about the upcoming elections.

PROGRAM:

Educational Excellence Committee members presented information about women's suffrage to lead into our program.

Legislation, showed a ballot from 1920. She stated that the Democrats had trouble getting a candidate and finally settled on a dark horse, James M. Cox, who was Woodrow Wilson's son-in-law. A Socialist Party nominee was even on the ticket. The winner was Warren G. Harding, a Republican whose slogan was "Return to Normalcy."

Barbara Clinton, **Women in the Arts**, showed slides about women suffragists. One of the first in Texas was Minnie F. Cunningham, who was a librarian and earned a pharmacist degree. She led suffragists throughout Texas. Another was Jane McCallum, who fought for women's education. The colors of the movement were purple, white, and gold. Suffragists wore white to symbolize purity and high mindedness.

Marylin Nease, **Research**, gave the members a series of facts about voting and numbers of women in elected offices. The percentage of eligible women voting is higher than that of eligible men voting. 23.2% of the U.S. House of Representatives members are now women. 26% of the U.S. Senate are women. 18% of our 50 states have female governors. 0% of our U.S. Presidents and Vice Presidents have been women.

Carolyn Power, **Global Awareness**, reminded members that one of the seven purposes of DKG is to inform members of social, education, and legislative issues. She also sends out a newsletter from the US Forum to keep members informed, and she stated that there will be a free webinar on 9/29 at 6 p.m. She encouraged members who have opinions on what is currently happening in schools to participate in the webinar. She also reminded members about our DKG International project Schools for Africa that assists schools in 21 African countries.

Penni Lewis, **Music**, shared a song from *Mary Poppins*—"Sister Suffragettes."

Julie Turnbow, chapter parliamentarian and Professor of Mathematics at Collin College, presented a talk on "**100 Years of Women's Suffrage in the U.S.**" Although women did not get the right to vote until the 19th Amendment was ratified on 8/18/1920, New Jersey gave women the right to vote in 1776 if they met certain conditions. In 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Stanton organized one of the first women's rights conventions. Susan B. Anthony later joined in the movement. At that time society wanted women to be submissive and to concern themselves solely with their family's needs. Wyoming was the first state to grant women the right to vote while it was still a territory in 1870. Wyoming also had the first woman governor in Nellie Ross in 1925. The 19th Amendment was approved by Congress on June 3, 1919. It then had to be ratified by 36 states. The southern states did not ratify the 19th Amendment. Tennessee was the 36th state. Many Southern states continued to have a poll tax until 1964 as a means to limit blacks and women from voting. Many Southern states also had other restrictions such as requiring women to recite portions of the Constitution correctly before they could vote. Mississippi, in fact, did not officially ratify the 19th Amendment until 1984! Penni Lewis shared her father's experiences when he was in the Texas Legislature in the 1960s and stated that she believed the restrictive rules were eventually overruled by federal legislation in the mid-1960s. Finally, Julie stated that three women have run for vice president of the United States, and two women have run for president.

CLOSING:

Kay Keeland, **Fellowship**, drew names for door prizes; Elenora Asbury and Mary Gill won. Members sang "The DKG Song," and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Margie Rohde

Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Bank balance as of 8/27/2020 is \$5722.99. This closes out all income and expense for 2019-20 and begins the budget for 2020-21.

Area 9 portion of this balance is \$717.02.

Delta Omicron portion is \$5005.97.

Several budgeted items were not expended for 2019-20 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Income March-June

- Budgeted - membership dues for 2020-21
- Other - CCDC luncheon reservations
- Area 9 - chapter donations for state president's reception

Expenses March-June

- Budgeted - dues to International / dues and fees to TSO; postage and copying reimbursements
- Other - CCDC luncheon refunds and donation to Cora McFarland scholarship fund
- Area 9 - reimbursements for state president's reception

Anticipated income July-September

- Budgeted - membership dues for 2020-21

Upcoming expenses September

- Budgeted - reimbursements to chapter presidents; dues to International / dues and fees to TSO; dues to CCDC and Cora McFarland Scholarship

The Finance Committee developed the **proposed budget for 2020-21** in August and sent it via email to all members for their consideration prior to the Sept. 21 meeting. Members will vote on the budget during the meeting.

Direct questions / comments about the proposed budget to the Finance Committee: Chairs Marta Finlay, Mary Gill; Members Sherri Allinder, Julie Turnbow, Leesa Cole (treasurer) and Katherine Grogan (president).

Leesa Cole

Legislative News, 9-7-20

This year one-punch, straight-ticket voting is no longer an option in Texas. That means we will have to carefully research each candidate on the ballot. Remember Empower Texans still has candidates on the ballot. It is imperative that everyone vote this year because the outcome of this election may decide the future of our country.

Please remember these dates:

Oct. 5, 2020 - Last day to register to vote

Oct. 23, 2020 - Vote by mail application due

Oct. 13-30, 2020 - Early voting

Nov. 3, 2020 - Election Day

Discussions continue about the potential expansion of TRS offices into other parts of the state, including possibly opening a satellite office in El Paso. **Providing better access to retirement counselors was a recommendation by the Sunset Advisory Commission.** Understanding why TRS needs satellite

offices across the state is difficult, especially since each school district has their own retirement counselors and Zoom meetings are so prevalent now. We can download forms from a computer, too.

TRS also wants to employ additional investment managers to make the total approximately 270. Discussions go on about additional space such as at 816 Congress, building an entirely new complex, and using satellite offices across the state. Think more rent or mortgages, more salaries, and additional office supplies. **This might be a time to start contacting our legislators** to let them know what is going on: TRS is still spending our pension money.

Sibling Mischief

I have several stories I could tell of all the ways my sisters and I created mischief as children and teenagers, but this one I am sharing is fairly recent.

Daddy passed away in 1979 (age 67), and Mama passed away in 2012 (age 98).

Mama had kept some of Daddy's ashes for herself. When she died, my sisters and I combined their ashes. Our parents were together again in spirit. This was in 2013.

We girls decided we would cover all their favorite places from their courtship through all their married years together. This included many places in Dallas and in Waxahachie (Mom's birthplace). Daddy was born in Galveston, but his parents came to Dallas for better job opportunities when my father was quite young. Dad graduated from North Dallas High School and went on to Texas A&M. Mama graduated from Oak Cliff High (now Adamson) and went on to SMU. They married in September 1939. They were married for 39 years.

My sisters and I finally ended up in Greenway Parks (where we all were raised), throwing the remainder of their ashes over the fence of our home (now occupied by complete strangers)...and then running away as fast as we could before anyone caught us!

Lou McMillan

A Quick Reminder about Thursday's Zoom Fellowship Meeting

Be ready for a **one-minute** sibling sharing. Specifically, how many siblings do you have? Add anything else you want about your siblings--maybe a funny memory--just to lead into our Sept. 21 Rose-Mary Rumbley program about laughter. But keep it to **one minute or so**. That way everyone will have a chance to share. What, you have no siblings? Maybe tell us about a real or imaginary playmate or a favorite doll from childhood?

Heads-up: Margaret Thompson will take notes and have a quick "Get to Know Each Other" quiz for us at our Sept. 21 meeting. 😊

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