



Bridging
yesterday and tomorrow



The 4:15

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

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President's Message

By Lou McMillan, 2018-2020 Chapter President



I cannot believe our summer is almost over and our first meeting is fast approaching!

My summer has been full, fast, and fascinating!

It began with our great TSO Convention in Waco, continued with my new association and training with "New Friends, New Life" (Remember

and her intriguing, informative program last year on human trafficking?), and finished with an absolutely breathtaking three and a half weeks in Tanzania (northeast part of the African continent on the Indian Ocean).

After being home one week from my African adventure, I drove to San Antonio to spend four days with my daughter's family. My eldest granddaughter is marrying September 15 in San Antonio. I enjoyed a lovely party for her in Alpine, Texas (Big Bend country) hosted by her aunt, and another sweet lady who is a very close friend of the family's. I love this part of Texas! My son and his family have lived there for quite some time. And, my daughter and her family also lived there for many years until they recently moved to San Antonio. I will be going back for the wedding but will return in plenty of time to join all of you for our first meeting, Monday, September 17.

This has been one of the busiest summers for me in a long time but also one of the most exciting! See you in September! ♦

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Monday, September 17, 2018

Time and Agenda:

4:30 p.m. – Fellowship

5:00 p.m. – Program



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



(1) We, Elenora and Kathy, ask that

each chapter member—**except for the six members on the Social Arrangements Committee**—bring a salad.

(2) The six Social Arrangements Committee members—**Elenora Asbury, Susan Endicott, Mary Carol Hughes, Lou McMillan, Sherrie Negrete, Kathy Rodriguez**—will bring the desserts.



Leesa Cole,

Program Presenter,

"What's on the Bucket List for International and State"

Location:

Highland Park ISD's McCulloch Intermediate School, Assembly Rm
3555 Granada Ave., Dallas 75205

Parking: front of building, circular drive, or side of building

What to Bring?

Box Tops for Education coupons ♦ a prospective member ♦

Delta Omicron's The 4:15* Five-Star-Award/Seal-of-Merit Newsletter

To submit news, contact
Marylin Nease, editor

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

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

Chapter Officers' News...

2018-2020 Executive Board:

President: **Lou McMillan**
Vice President, Programs / Service Projects: **Katherine Grogan**
Vice President, Membership: **Melanie Rudebeck**
Recording Secretary: **Katrina Hallman**
Corresponding Secretary: **Leah Black**
Treasurer: **Leesa Cole**
Parliamentarian: **Kay Keeland**
Immediate Past President: **Mary White**

Programs and Service Projects

VP's Report

By *Katherine Grogan, Programs/Projects VP*

● September 17 Program



What's on Your Fall Bucket List?

Summer has faded, and it's time to think about autumn. At our September meeting, we'll brainstorm memories of our favorite fall activities and share with the group.

DKG Updates!

Leesa Cole, Delta Omicron and TSO treasurer, has some exciting updates for us. She'll review the following items:

1. The Society's name
2. Regional and international conferences
3. Membership changes
4. *DKG News* online

5. PACE
6. TSO's fall mini-grants
7. Membership dues
8. TSO Seminar applications
9. ASTEF's next weekender ♦

● 2018-2019 Meetings and Programs

Monday, September 17, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. Salad/Dessert Supper. **Members**, "Sharing Favorite Fall Activities." **Leesa Cole**, "What's on the Bucket List for International and State." (1,3,5,6)

Monday, October 15, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. "Destress with Laughter." (1,3,4,6,7)

Monday, November 12, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. "Rev up for the Holidays"—Holiday Cooking, Decorating, and Fashion. (1,3,6,7)

Saturday, December 15, 2018, 11 A.M.-1 P.M., Home of **Kathy Rodriguez**, "A Holiday Gathering" Luncheon and Tea. Auction: "Make It, Bake It, Sell It" (1,6)

Monday, January 14, 2019, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. "Living Heart Healthy." **Members**: New Year's Resolutions: What's Yours? (3,6)

Monday, February 11, 2019, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. "Helping Hope's Closet"—Bring Women's Clothes to Donate. (1,6,7)

Monday, March 18, 2019, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Marylin Nease, "Being a Caregiver." (1,6,7)

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 9:30 A.M., CCDC Spring Luncheon, Lakewood Country Club, 6430 Gaston. Theme: "Building Bridges with Blanton." (1,2,5,6)

Monday, May 20, 2019, 4:30/5 P.M., HPISD, McCulloch Intermediate School, 3555 Granada, Assembly Room. "A Time to Celebrate"—Observance of Society Founders Day and Chapter Birthday. "Reminiscing with **Carolyn Miller** and **Mary Louise Milliorn**." (1,2,3,6)

● 2018-2019 Service Projects

▶ CHAPTER:

- **All Hands on Deck for Hillier**—program (July 2014-July 2019) 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** - a project that serves the needs of the state convention community and unifies chapters across Texas in

Service Projects continued...

► 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 (October, 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 *Melanie Rudebeck, Membership VP*



Welcome to a new year of Delta Kappa Gamma. I am excited to be your membership chair for the next biennium!

Delta Kappa Gamma has meant a lot to me over the last 22 years. My mother, **Carolyn Miller**, invited me to be a member in 1996. At the time, we

would meet at SMU in our fancy, long dresses to be initiated. It was special to me to join my mother and her friends in DKG.

I have so enjoyed sharing the society with other key women educators. We have learned and laughed together over the years! It makes me proud to be an educator when we learn and grow at meetings and share our love of teaching.

It has also been fun for me to get to know some of my former teachers on a more personal level.

I hope that you will share your love of Delta Kappa Gamma with another teacher this year. We would enjoy having more teachers join our group.

Bring a friend to the Salad Supper on September 17, and she can learn more about our Society. ♦

Recording Secretary’s Report Minutes, May 21, 2018

By *Carolyn Power*
(Substituting for Recording Secretary
Susan Bell)



On May 21, 2018, twenty-three members of Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Room H020 at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship and 5:00 p.m. for the monthly meeting.

Opening:

Lou McMillan, president, called the meeting to order and welcomed members. Lou thanked the social arrangements committee chair, members, and hostesses for providing the birthday cake and refreshments. Lou reminded members to sign in for attendance at the meeting. She mentioned several chapter

sisters who are in need of support during difficult times with health issues and encouraged members to send cards of support. Lou asked for a moment of silence for these concerns. She asked members to contact **Becky Quigley**, Hillier Project Committee chair, if anyone is able to help provide breakfast for the Hillier School staff in early August.

Carolyn Miller, personal and professional enrichment committee chair, gave the inspiration using reflections from the book *I’ve Been Thinking* by Maria Shriver.

New Business:

Carolyn Miller presented [redacted] name as the chapter’s grant-in-aid recipient nominee. [redacted] is a college student at the University of Texas at Arlington in the Department of Modern Languages. She plans to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in French and become a teacher. The chapter voted to accept her as the recipient of this grant.

Jean Wallace, ceremonies committee chair, led the ceremony to install officers for the next biennium. **Lou McMillan** presented both the outgoing and incoming officers with individual roses as a token of appreciation for their service to Delta Omicron.

2018-2020 Executive Board—

President: **Lou McMillan**

1st Vice –President/Programs&Projects: **Katherine Grogan**

2nd Vice-President/Membership: **Melanie Rudebeck**

Recording Secretary: **Katrina Hallman**

Corresponding Secretary: **Leah Black**

Parliamentarian: **Kay Keeland**

Next, **Jean Wallace** led the Founders Day observance.

Old Business:

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the chapter newsletter.

The treasurer’s report was filed for audit.

Lou thanked all the members who are attending the state convention and the international convention this summer.

She also thanked members who donated snacks for “The New Friends, New Life” human trafficking classes, and she thanked members for the books they donated for the state convention’s unifying project.

Lou recognized **Kay Keeland**, **Jamie Callahan**, and **Margaret Arnold** for securing McCulloch Intermediate School for next year’s chapter meetings. Members received a schedule for next year’s meetings.

Kay Keeland, social arrangements committee member, reported on plans for summer field trips.

Lou thanked **Kathy Rodriguez** for agreeing to host our annual December holiday party at her home.

Program:

Marylin Nease presented the program: “A Conversation with **Grace Delatour**.” The members appreciated learning about Grace, her family background, her education, her teaching career, and her travels. Grace and Marylin received roses for this inspiring program.

Lou McMillan announced the Chapter Achievement Award recipients. These women will be honored at the September meeting. Lou presented a membership pin to **Janet Cundiff** for

fifty years of membership and service to Delta Kappa Gamma. She also presented twenty-five year membership pins to **Margaret Arnold**, **Mary Gill**, and **Barbara Harris**. Lou gave each honoree a rose.

Closing:

After asking if there was any other business to be considered and hearing none, Lou concluded the final meeting of the 2016-2018 biennium.

Chapter members sang "Happy Birthday" to Delta Omicron and were served birthday cake to celebrate the chapter's May 19, 1956, chartering. ♦



Treasurer's Report

By Leesa Cole, Treasurer

The checking account balance, as of August 31, 2018, was \$2,352.42.

Disbursements since May include the following: (1) small stipend to members and reimbursement to chapter president to attend the state conference in Waco, (2) chapter grant-in-aid award, (3) CCDC chapter dues, and (4) Area 9 Workshop registration fees, plus the chapter fee.

Dues to the Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund will be paid soon.

Keep your valuable DKG membership active by writing a check for your annual dues!

Membership dues for the 2018-2019 membership year should be paid no later than October 31, 2018.

Dues checks (made to Delta Omicron) will be accepted at the September and October meetings or can be mailed to Leesa Cole.

Active members' dues are \$100 and can be paid in full, or in two payments—half in September and half in October. These dues include required amounts due to International and State as well as funds that stay with the chapter.

TSO Headquarters must receive our dues no later than November 10 to enable HQ staff to submit International's portion in order for you to become an official 2018-2019 member.

Many thanks to outgoing finance committee members Marta Finlay and Kathy Rodriguez, who took time this summer to review our chapter's financial records with outgoing treasurer **Mary Gill**.

The chapter's 2018-2019 proposed budget was formed on another summer day by current finance committee members **Leesa Cole**, **Mary Gill**, and **Marta Finlay** with president **Lou McMillan**. The proposed budget will be available to all members at the September chapter meeting. **Sara Coleman** is also a member of the current finance committee.

The chapter's Form 15 Annual Treasurer Report has been filed with international, and **the 990N e-postcard (tax return)** has been filed with the IRS. ♦

Chapter Committee News...

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Communications Committee

By Marilyn Nease, Chair

Many thanks to **Leah Black**, corresponding secretary, for printing and mailing copies of this September newsletter—and of each month's newsletter—to our members who do not have computer access to email. ♦



Necrology Committee

Compiled by Marilyn Nease, Editor

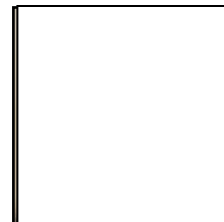


BA in English, Texas

Tech

Master's in Music, UT Austin

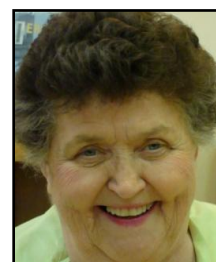
Taught music at Texas Tech, UT, Lubbock ISD, Dallas ISD's Obadiah Knight Elementary, HPISD's University Park Elementary



██████ shares, "I taught at University Park Elementary for several years while ██████ was the music teacher at that campus. ██████ was always very business-like at school, and she always had some great school programs. I seem to remember a Christmas program with all of the first-grade students that included a lot of sacred Christmas music. You could do that back then!"

██████ had several faculty Christmas parties in her home, and she seemed to enjoy entertaining the faculty.

"Also, ██████ had such a dry wit that it was not always evident until you got to know her a little." ♦



Wanda Spoonmore reports, "██████ and I had a dual connection: one was through the Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and the other was through Highland Park ISD."

When **Shirley Kochman** was Area 9 coordinator for DKG's Texas State Organization, she needed entertainment for a Saturday conference. Thus, the Notable Notes musical ensemble was formed. It was comprised of ladies who played musical instruments; most were DKG members and Highland Park ISD faculty members.

█████ was one of the Notable Notes' violinists. The violin was only a part of her talents as she would mesmerize the audience by playing beautiful melodies on an everyday saw. Yes, a saw, as in the tool to cut down a tree. She would position the saw just so-so, then move the blade up and down as she drew her violin bow across the smooth side of the blade.

Another of her fun instruments was a one-string bass fiddle made using a wash tub, a broom handle, and a long rubber band. When she was not playing the violin, the saw, or her homemade string bass, Doris might be found with an old-time whiskey jug playing a solo or with a small choir of jug players.

█████ was one of the most musically gifted ladies I have had the privilege to know. Although her main employment was public school music at University Park Elementary School in Highland Park ISD, █████ also gave of her time and talents to teach the adults she encountered. The adults, for some reason or another, had not learned many of the musical points they needed in order to function with other musicians. Patience was ever present with █████. She seemed to enjoy sharing her knowledge with those who had not been granted the same talents that were a way of life with █████. I know this for a fact as I was one of the adult recipients.

"What I have already written is only a small part of the wonderful talents █████ possessed. Her straight-face sense of humor was a delight, her dedication to a project was unselfish, and her ever ready willingness to help was always present. The minister at her memorial service talked about her life starting with the courtship and marriage of her parents and ending with stories about how █████ and █████ her husband, would entertain groups with material she had written. The memorial service was perfect and filled with great stories, many smiles, and confirmation that you had known a gentle, loving, and talented lady and had been enriched from having had her walk through your life.

"I consider █████ to be one of the treasures who walked through my life. It was a real privilege to know her." ♦

Chapter Committee News...

SOCIETY MISSION AND PURPOSES



Legislation Committee

By █████ Chair

Vote in November!

The November 6 election is probably the **MOST** important election for public schools and educators. It

seems that many members of the Texas Legislature belong to PACs that want to

- run schools as a business,
- take away educators' rights and healthcare, and
- change our defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan (401k).

A 401k has hidden fees and commissions, which will most likely drain your money. It is based on the Stock Market, and you may never know the exact amount of your monthly annuity. The 401k money will not go into our current retirement fund, and with the loss of this money, our defined benefit plan will probably start to dry up.

After Texas Legislators serve eight years (working 140 days every other year), they most likely are eligible for a defined benefit plan, which is based on a state judge's salary and a formula. They also qualify for free healthcare for the rest of their lives and may receive Social Security.

Please, vote and stand up for your rights. ♦

Be an Informed Voter!

Scholarship Committee



For Leah Black, Chair

Please, read the article about **Jaime Callahan's** recent TSO scholarship on page 9.

You, too, can be a scholarship winner—at the chapter, county, state, and/or international level of DKG! Talk with Jaime and **Leah Black** (chapter committee chair, 2018-2020) about the application process. ♦

Chapter Committee News...

CHAPTER'S SPECIAL COMMITTEES



Hillier School Project ● Back-to-School Breakfast

By Becky Quigley, Chair

Hillier School teachers started back to school Monday, August 13. Delta Omicron hosted a Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, August 16, at 8:30. We arrived between 7:30 and 8:00 to set up and

get ready.

I can tell you the teachers really appreciate our help and involvement in their school!

Chapter Volunteers:

Lou McMillan, Breakfast Casserole

Elenora Asbury, Homemade Breakfast Rolls
Katy Kunofsky, Quiche Lorraine (3)
Carrie Parsons, Coffeecake
Katherine Grogan, Fruit Bowl
Becky Quigley, Teacher Goodie Tankards
Carolyn Power, Bottled Water
Mary White, Large Bottles of Juice (2)
Leesa Cole, Paper Goods



I appreciate all the help these volunteers have given us these past several years, and so do the staff members at Hillier School! ♦

Fellowship Committee **Thank You, Kay!**

By Marilyn Nease, Editor



Many thanks go to **Kay Keeland**, Fellowship Committee member, for organizing our chapter's summer outings!

On three occasions members attended the Rejebian Book Review Series at Highland Park United Methodist Church, enjoying dinner, fellowship, and a book review.

On Wednesday, June 27, attendees heard a fascinating review of *The Reporter Who Knew Too Much: The Mysterious Death of What's My Line TV Star and Media Icon Dorothy Kilgallen* (written by Mark Shaw).

Chapter members attending on June 27 were **Kay Keeland, Sara Coleman, Marylin Nease, [REDACTED], Barbara Clinton, Shirley Kochman, and Lou McMillan.** Not pictured: **Carrie Parsons and Becky Quigley.**



Also, Kay arranged for a docent-guided tour of NorthPark followed by lunch at Corner Bakery on Friday, August 10. Attending were **Maureen Baker, guest Beth Nichols Ballard, Barbara Clinton, Sara Coleman, Mary Gill, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Marilyn Lamb, Carolyn Power, Mary Riddle, Kathy Rodriguez, Margaret Thompson, Mary White,** and two other guests.



On Wednesday, July 11, attendees listened to an informative review of the tell-all *Audition: A Memoir* (by Barbara Walters). Chapter members attending were [REDACTED] **Marylin Nease, Kay Keeland, Penni Lewis, Barbara Clinton, Shirley Kochman, and Carolyn Power.** Not pictured: **Jean Wallace.**



On Wednesday, August 1, attendees enjoyed [REDACTED] review of two books: *The New York Times Book of the Dead*, and *What Is Left Behind: Stories from Estate Sales*. [REDACTED] titled her presentation "Going Out in Style: A Celebrated Obit and a Profitable Estate Sale."



Chapter members attending were **Elenora Asbury, Katherine Grogan** and her two guests, and **Penni Lewis.**

Penni reports, "We had a wonderful time and laughed hysterically."





Thank you to **Kay Keeland** and **Mary White** for the photos of the NorthPark tour and Corner Bakery lunch.

Save the date for our next chapter outing:

Valley House Gallery (Free admission)
 Saturday, October 13, at 10:30 a.m.
 6616 Spring Valley

Lunch at La Madeline
 11:30 a.m.
 Corner of Preston and Forest ♦

Chapter Members' News...

Professional

● **We're Proud of Our Jaime Callahan!**

The article below is from Highland Park ISD Communications.

STEAM Instructional Coach named HPISD Curriculum Specialist and ESL Coordinator



Jaime Callahan, Ed.D., is Highland Park ISD's Curriculum Specialist and ESL Coordinator, after serving as a STEAM Instructional and Design Coach during the 2017-18 school year.

Dr. Callahan will now coordinate the district's program for English as a Second Language (ESL) for students in grades K-12. She will also lead HPISD teachers to improve student learning

through curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development.

Dr. Callahan joined MIS in 2006 as a fifth-grade science teacher, then moved to HPMS to teach eighth-grade science. Prior to her time in the district, she taught sixth-grade math and science at Irving ISD.

In 2016, Dr. Callahan published the article "Encouraging Retention of New Teachers Through Mentoring Strategies" in the *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*, a peer-reviewed academic journal. She was later honored for her article with the 2016-17 Member in Print Award by The Texas State Organization and Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Dr. Callahan holds a Doctorate of Educational Leadership from Dallas Baptist University, a Master of Education from Southern Methodist University and a Bachelor of Science from Texas State University.

Editor's Note: We're all delighted that DKG scholarships—Delta Omicron (once), Dallas County Coordinating Council (twice), and Texas State Organization (twice)—assisted Jaime with finances on her way to her doctorate!

Jaime's update: The second TSO 3-hour Scholarship was awarded to me to help offset the cost of a course I took this

summer called "The Principalship."

Because I obtained my doctorate, I am eligible to sit for my superintendent certification exam. In order to sit for the superintendent exam, however, one must be certified as a principal, and I was not. I was able to complete my requirements this summer and have obtained my principal certification. I am now eligible to prepare for and take the superintendent certification exam, which I will pursue this fall.

A BIG thank-you to Delta Kappa Gamma and the TSO scholarship committee for awarding me funds to assist me in my pursuit of the superintendent certification! ♦

Chapter Members' News...

Personal

● New York, New York!



Grace Delatour shares, "In July our son [redacted] and daughter-in-law [redacted] surprised [redacted] and me with a visit to Newburgh, New York, and New York City. Each day [redacted] arranged drivers and guides for us.

With the trip to Newburgh, our son wanted to take his 89-year-old dad back to the town of his childhood

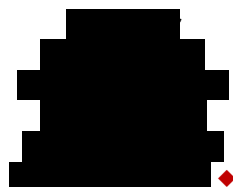
and youth. It was great to see homes, churches, businesses, schools, parks, cemeteries of parents and grandparents, and many other places that [redacted] remembered. [redacted] was 11 years old the last time he was in Newburgh, so it was a wonderful visit for each of us.

In New York City, we visited the Ground Zero Memorial, and adjacent to it is the 9/11 Museum, which has three levels below the ground. It is remarkable how the planners have captured the day's happenings. Also, they have built two tall buildings within the area as memorials to the towers.

We took the Circle-Line Liberty Cruise around part of the island of Manhattan, where we got views of the Statue of Liberty, the many bridges, and the very tall buildings. It was a bright sunny day, which was great for seeing all the activity on the river as well as on the shore. Visiting New York and walking in Central Park brought back many memories for [redacted] and me.

The week was a lifetime experience that we never thought would happen again. ♦

More Member News: Birthdays, Birthdays!



Chapter News...

Meeting, 5/21/18, Photo Highlights



Lou McMillan leads us.



Carolyn Miller inspires us.



Wanda Spoonmore helps install new officers Lou McMillan, Katherine Grogan, Melanie Rudebeck, and Leesa Cole.



Jean Wallace continues the installation ceremony.



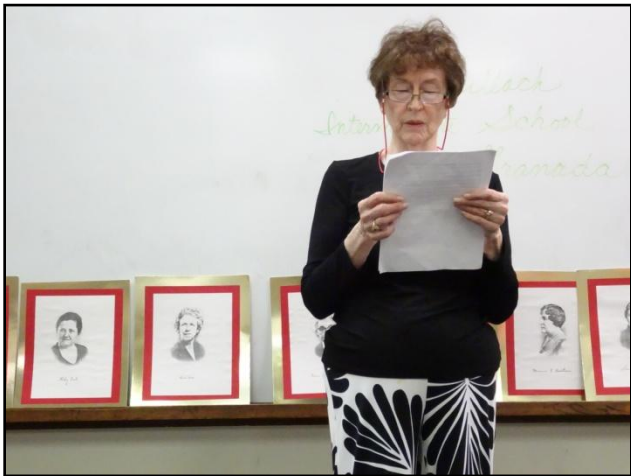
Lou McMillan assists in the ceremony honoring our Founders.



Outgoing and incoming officers receive a rose. We thank you for your leadership and service!



Kay Keeland tells us about the summer's chapter outings she's arranged for us. Thank you, Kay!



Jean Wallace leads our Founders Day observance.



We celebrate our chapter's chartering in 1956.



Thank you to our Social Arrangements Committee!



Lou McMillan recognizes 50-year member Janet Cundiff with a certificate and pin. Congratulations, Janet!



Lou McMillan recognizes 25-year members Margaret Arnold, Barbara Harris, and Mary Gill with certificates and pins. Congratulations, ladies!





Delta Omicron = "Genuine spiritual fellowship!" ♦

Coordinating Council of Dallas County News...

Save the Date: The Coordinating Council of Dallas County's Annual Spring Luncheon will be Saturday, April 6, 2019, at Lakewood Country Club.
Theme: Building Bridges with Blanton." ♦

Area 9 News...



Area 9 Coordinator Jennifer Bernabo ♦

- (3) Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
- (4) Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide. ♦

TSO Headquarters Personnel



Cheryl Crawford
TSO Executive Secretary ♦

Texas State Organization News...

TSO Website
www.dkgtxas.org ♦



Diane Moose, TSO Webmaster



Leesa Cole
TSO Treasurer ♦



Deborah Thomas
TSO Executive Assistant ♦



**Lone Star News,
Fall 2018 Edition**
[Fall 2018 Lone Star News](#) (PDF)
Carol McMillan, TSO
Editor/Photographer ♦

TSO President, Theme, and Goals, 2017-2019

Dr. Jo Murphy

Theme:

Bridging yesterday and tomorrow



Biennium Goals:

- (1) Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
- (2) Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities.

TSO's ASTEF



Alpha State Texas
Educational Foundation
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Q: What is ASTEF's mission?

A: Impacting Education by Impacting Educators!

Q: How does ASTEF carry out its mission?

A: Through funding (1) scholarships and (2) leadership events, which support the professional and personal growth of Texas women educators, and through funding (3) projects, which promote educational excellence for Texas students. ♦

TSO Committee, 2017-2019



From Area 9, Delta Omicron:
Carolyn Miller, member,
Bylaws Committee ♦

TSO Committee, 2017-2019



From Area 9, Delta Omicron:
Marilyn Nease, chair,
Headquarters Committee ♦

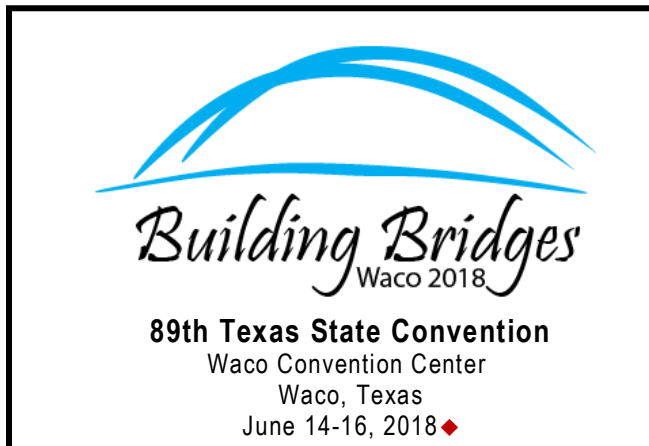
TSO Committee, 2017-2019



From Area 9, Delta Omicron:
Carolyn Power, member,
Research Committee ♦

TSO Projects

- **Week of Caring**, February, March 2019
- **Unifying Project**, May, June 2019 ♦



DELTA OMICRON AT WACO CONVENTION

Delta Omicron members **Leesa Cole, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan**, **Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marilyn Nease, Kathy Rodriguez, Wanda Spoonmore**, and **Mary White** joined 800+ women educators

from around the state of Texas June 14-16 in Waco for the 89th annual Texas State Organization Convention.

Guest speakers included Dean Leah Teague of the Baylor University School of Law, metalworker Jimmy Don Holmes of the TV series *Fixer Upper*, International DKG Representative June Bowers, and motivational speaker and author Wendy Corbett.

More than 20 breakout sessions provided participants with cutting-edge knowledge on communications/technology, educational excellence, empowering women, legislative advocacy, leadership, and much more.



Marilyn Nease reports, "Friday afternoon I attended two informative breakout sessions:

(1) 'Is It Mean, Rude, or Bullying?' provided tools and strategies educators can use to help students identify the difference between rude, mean, and bullying behaviors.

(2) In 'Being a Caregiver,' past state president Marilyn Gregory reviewed documents a caregiver needs to know about, and stressed the importance of a caregiver's taking care of herself while she cares for her loved one."

At Friday's TSO Business Session, attendees donated \$6,646.78 to help replenish DKG International's Emergency Fund, which came to the aid of Texas members whose homes and/or classrooms had been impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

At the ASTEF Annual Meeting, \$38,030 was awarded to 22 chapter ASTEF projects for the 2018-2019 school year.

For 2018 Unifying Project, members donated over 1,900 new books to the nonprofit organization Storybook Christmas. ♦

Delta Omicron's Recognitions at WACO Convention

- ★ TSO \$1,000 Graduate Scholarship, **Jaime Callahan**
- ★ Media Award, *Dallas Morning News* for Excellence in Education News, **Marilyn Nease**
- ★ Five-Star Newsletter, *The 4:15*, **Marilyn Nease**
- ★ Chapter Yearbook, Early Bird & Exemplary Awards, **Marilyn Nease**
- ★ Annie Program, Extravaganza Presentation, "Knots of Love," **Barbara Clinton and Denise Barker**
- ★ Society Compliant TSO Chapter Website, **Carolyn Power**
- ★ ASTEF, **Chapter** Donation to Scholarships, Triple Honors
- ★ ASTEF, **Chapter** Donation to Leadership, Leadership Trailblazers
- ★ ASTEF, **Chapter** Donation to Projects, Projects Builders
- ★ ASTEF, Individual and Group Contributors:
 - ♦ Silver Level—**Wanda Spoonmore**;
 - ♦ Bronze Level—**Delta Omicron Chapter, Leesa Cole, Lou McMillan**;
 - ♦ Friend Level—**Carolyn Miller, Marilyn Nease, Mary White** ♦

WACO—Thursday's General Session:



Marilyn Nease accepts the award for *The Dallas Morning News*: the Media Award for Excellence in Education News.



Above:
Mary Gill,
Marta
Finlay

Left:
Wanda
Spoonmore

Friday: Denim and Diamonds Banquet



Lou McMillan

Friday: Denim and Diamonds Banquet continued...



Wanda Spoonmore



Carol McMillan,
TSO Editor/
Photographer

State Leaders:



Dr. Jo Murphy, TSO President



Mary Gill, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease



Leesa Cole, TSO Treasurer

Our Special Friends:



past Delta Omicron member Mary
Armstrong Lindsay

Wanda Spoonmore
with Past State
President Dr. Vicki T.
Davis



Southwest Regional News...

The Southwest Region's next conference will convene July 17-20, 2019, in Costa Mesa, California.

Texas is one of 22 member states in the Southwest Region.

The five DKG regions are the Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and European. ♦

International News...



Website

www.dkg.org ♦

Purposes

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has seven basic *purposes* that govern its program of work and study. The activities of each level of the Society implement the *purposes* of the Society. <https://www.dkg.org/content/purposes> ♦

Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide ♦

Projects

● Schools for Africa (SfA) usforumdkg.org

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● Support Early-career Educators (SEE)

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President and Theme, 2018-2020

Cathy P. Daugherty
*DKG—Leading Women Educators
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Get Connected (Newsletter of the International Communications and Publicity Committee)

[Get Connected September/October 2018](#) ♦

2018 International Convention (hosted by Texas)

July 16-20, 2018

JW Marriott Austin

Austin, Texas

Convention Chair, JoAnn Brooks

DELTA OMICRON AT AUSTIN CONVENTION



Carolyn Power reports, "Of the three DKG International Conventions I have attended, the keynote speakers this time were by far the best ever. Don't get me wrong. International keynote speakers are always fantastic. These were uniquely gifted. Benjamin Zander, conducts the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra. The

convention program said, 'He inspires.' That was an understatement. Naida Lopez, principal of what had been the lowest performing school in New York City, told of her journey to improve scores and lives.

"Breakout sessions were fun and a great place to discuss DKG and education with women from around the world.

"Proposed amendments to the Constitution and International Standing Rules were the heart of the week. We were 2,000 women with different points of view, yet we basically agreed on almost all issues.

"**Leesa Cole, Penni Lewis, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Wanda Spoonmore, and I** = laughter, memories, and appreciation of why DKG has a great future." ♦

Penni Lewis shares, "Besides the usual things that make for a good convention, I especially enjoyed meeting some ladies from Japan at Thursday morning's Southwest Regional breakfast and then going to a program they were involved with about a doll sharing project started before WWII between students in the US and Japan.



“Atsuko Ando’s breakout session was titled ‘The Blue-eyed Doll: An Ambassador of Peace.’ Atsuko said she wanted everyone to ‘learn the beautiful story of blue-eyed friendship dolls sent to Japan by an American missionary in 1926 to foster peace between Japan and America.’ Atsuko added, ‘I wanted to share this poignant story with DKG sisters around the world to develop understanding and appreciation of getting along globally and to spark conversations of peace and goodwill.’” ♦



Carolyn Miller reports, “Here is my summary of what I think our members would most like to know about revisions to the DKG Constitution and International Standing Rules:

(1) We are still DKG. However, we may only be referred to by our geographic names. For example, we are no longer Alpha State. We are Texas.

(2) The financial year has changed. It is now July 1-June 30. This means that we will have to pay dues for this year now and then again in the spring. **Leesa Cole** has an idea to make this easier.

(3) College students majoring in education may become members, although they may not hold offices until they are employed in the profession.” ♦



Marylin Nease shares, “The keynote speakers Benjamin Zander and Nadia Lopez gave the best presentations I’ve ever heard—personal, informative, inspiring.

I recommend their books: Zander, *The Art of Possibility*; Lopez, *The Bridge to Brilliance*.

Also, I...

✓ **enjoyed first-time experiences:** riding a Megabus from Dallas to Austin and back, taking four Uber rides in Austin.

✓ **attended four breakout sessions:** presented by three Texans and one Canadian.

✓ **loved special dinners:** with chapter friends **Penni L, Carolyn M, Carolyn P, and Wanda S:** [REDACTED]

✓ **had chance encounters:** (1) at the Southwest Regional breakfast, I sat next to my cousin’s husband’s second grade teacher from Llano, Texas; (2) at the Celebration banquet, I sat next to one of my husband’s 1985 Corpus Christi classmates in the National Science Foundation’s Summer Institute for Elementary Science Teachers at A&M.

✓ **enjoyed sightseeing excursions:** to the Texas Capitol and Governor’s Mansion with **Penni L.** ♦

Highlights from the 2018 International Convention (Condensed from DKG News, Nov/Dec 2018 (page 7)

- Approximately **2,000** attended.
- More than **600** people toured the Society Headquarters with Texas volunteers serving as docents.
- More than **122 proposed amendments** to the DKG Constitution and Standing Rules were considered.

- The remote **voting devices** allowed us to know voting results in seconds
- **The fifth general meeting ran over more than two hours** in order to complete consideration of the proposed amendments.
- **\$32,580** was collected for the Emergency Fund.
- The **meals** were d-e-l-i-c-i-o-u-s. ♦

Monday, July 16, Opening Night, Texas Night



What are Wanda Spoonmore and Marylin Nease studying?



Carolyn Power





Carolyn Miller

Thursday, July 19



Thursday—Reiko Sumi, Japan, (singer *extraordinaire*) and Carolyn Power

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Thursday afternoon, [redacted] Penni Lewis, and Marylin Nease in the House Chamber at the Texas State Capitol



Thursday night dinner at Manuel's



Carolyn Miller and Wanda Spoonmore walking to our hotel from Manuel's ♦