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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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Marylin Nease, editor

*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!

Co-Presidents' Message



Melanie

Dear Delta Omicron Members,

Note: Kay wrote Sept.'s message. Wow! I cannot believe I am co-president of such a great chapter.

This summer has been a whirlwind for me, learning so much about DKG and getting to know our members. I realize it does take a village to run this chapter. It is such an honor to be a part of Delta Omicron.

Melanie and I have a great year planned for all of you. **Remember the more we put into something, the more we get out of it.**

In June, Melanie and I started off by going to the **state convention in Lubbock**. I met so many DKG members from other chapters. And boy, I picked their brains and got many great ideas. Each evening, I loved going to dinner with our chapter's attendees and recapping the day's events and having fun. Convention is a must! I never before realized all DKG has to offer us.

The more I learn, the prouder I am of our chapter. Because of you, we have an outstanding chapter.

One of the hardest tasks I've been required to complete so far was the "Chapter Self-Assessment" and the "Chapter Wellness Check," which are tools to help us find our strengths and weaknesses so we can set goals. Well, we rank 5 (the top score) on 18 out of 20 questions. Amazing! Makes me smile! **Our two goals are, first,** to help members and non-members be aware of the scholarships we offer **and,**

second, to increase our early-career educator memberships. Melanie and I will need all your help to reach these goals. Our early-career educators need support and mentoring, and, **together, we can do this.**

Don't keep DKG a secret. Let's spread the word about what DKG has to offer. We need you! Melanie and I are here for you! Thanks for all your support.

Forever grateful,

Kay & Melanie



Kay

Co-Pres/Kay Keeland & Melanie Rudebeck
Co-1st VPs/Denise Barker & Cindy Braley
2nd VP/Margaret Thompson
Rec Sec/Margie Rohde
Cor Sec/
Treas/Leesa Cole
Parl/Betty Sue Welch
Im P Pres/Katherine Grogan

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

Next meeting: Mon., Sept. 19, 4:30/5:00 p.m., HPPC, room K and Zoom.
Program: Rose-Mary Rumbley, "Humanity Faces Calamity: How the Brain Affects Us, and the Epidemic of Pain Pills." See FYI Heads-up Note, p. 14.
(DKG Purposes 1, 3, 6)

CHAPTER: PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND CONVENTION/CONFERENCES NEWS

Prog/Proj
VP Cindy
Braley



Mon., Sept. 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m., Highland Park Presbyterian Church (HPPC) & Zoom.

Program: Rose-Mary Rumbley (Historian, Actress, Storyteller), "Humanity Faces Calamity—How the Brain Affects Us, and the Epidemic of Pain Pills."
Recommitment Ceremony led by Ceremonies Committee. (1, 2, 3, 7)



Prog/Proj VP
Denise Barker

Mon., Oct. 17, 2022, 5:00 p.m., HPPC & Zoom. Chapter Project intro: Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) [International Project #2](#) / Leslie Kajs, Dallas Foster Closet. [Dallas Foster Closet](#)
Program: Shalan Inmon (TSO President). (1, 3, 6, 7)

Mon., Nov. 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m., Greek Isles Grill & Taverna. Program: New Member Induction Dinner, w/ Music by Penni Lewis. **Chapter Project:** Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) [International Project #2](#) : Books for Dallas Foster Closet. [Dallas Foster Closet](#) (1, 2, 6, 7)

Sat., Dec. 10, 2022, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Elenora Asbury's Home. Program: Holiday Brunch and Fellowship. **Chapter Project:** Monetary gifts for Denton State-Supported Living Center. [DSSLC](#) (1, 6, 7)

Mon., Jan. 23, 2023, 5:00 p.m., HPPC & Zoom. Program: Class Act Tap Company (Jill Rumbley Beam Dancers). **International Project:** Schools for Africa (SFA) [International Project #1](#), Monetary gifts honoring/remembering an educator. (1, 6, 7)

***Mon., Feb. 13, 2023, 5:00 p.m., HPPC & Zoom. Program:** (HPISD Retired Principal), "Education Update." **Project:** TSO's ASTEF February Giving Month. <https://www.astef.org/> (1, 4, 6, 7)

***Mon., Mar. 20, 2023, 5:00 p.m., HPPC & Zoom. Program:** Jeanette Rhyan (Theta Chi, Area 10), Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) Overview [STAR](#) and Heart Handwarmer Craft Activity. **Guest:** AC9 Liz Garrett. **Chapter Project:** [Dallas Foster Closet](#), donate items from list [Dallas Foster Closet](#) (1, 6, 7)

Sat., Apr. TBD, 2023, 9:30 a.m., Prestonwood Country Club. Program: Coordinating Council of Dallas County: Spring Luncheon. **CCDC Project:** Donation of chapter basket for Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund's Silent Auction. [Coordinating Councils](#) (1, 2, 3, 5, 6)

***Mon., May 15, 2023, 5:00 p.m., HPPC & Zoom. Program: Ceremonies to (1) Honor Our DKG Founders & (2) Celebrate Our Chapter—a) Birthday, b) 25- & 50-year Members, c) Member Interview, d) Chapter Scholarship & Grant-in-aid, e) Achievement Award, and f) Necrology (if needed). TSO Project:** McAllen Convention's Unifying Project. [McAllen Convention](#) (1, 2, 3, 5, 6)

2022-2023 Projects:

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

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

2023 Convention: TSO, McAllen, June 14-17
2023 Conferences: Detroit, Michigan, July 11-16; Phoenix, Arizona, July 18-22; Tampere, Finland, July 26-29

CHAPTER: MEMBERSHIP NEWS by Margaret Thompson, Membership VP



Hopefully, you have been thinking of **special women teachers who have an interest in DKG**. Please let me know names and contact info, and I will send them some general information and try to meet them.

I was able to meet **new member Janet Melton** for lunch this summer. She is already involved with our chapter. I can't wait to get her officially inducted into Delta Omicron Chapter this fall!

Once again, I am asking for **updates to your biographical information**. Roughly half of our membership has responded to my requests. Thank you if you have been able to do this. Below, I have attached a link to this form for you to complete and return to me via email,

I will continue to bring forms to our meetings for you to complete should you not be able to do this online. Another option is for you to call me at _____, and I can fill out your form for you over the phone. If you're unsure whether you have updated your info, feel free to phone me. [Form 82 Chapter Member Biographical Data Sheet \(Chapter Use Only\)](#)

See you at our first meeting!

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER



Q&A with JANET MELTON

A favorite teaching memory is at my retirement party. Lots of parents and students came. One student came up to me and hugged and hugged me and said, "I'm going to miss you!"

My family: My husband and I have six grandkids—two in Anna, three in McKinney, and one in the old part of Lake Highlands. They are ages 2-8. Believe it or not, I sometimes have all of them with us at once. We have so much fun!

In my free time, I like to ride bikes with my husband. We just take off in the neighborhood. We do try to avoid any incline, or at least to have the incline be downhill at the end of our ride. 😊

MEET OUR GOLDEN MEMBERS

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



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

Co-President Melanie Rudebeck shares, "Jean Wallace was the librarian when I attended Hyer Elementary. I always liked going to the library. She was patient and made the library a welcoming place for kids to come and read. I remember her as very good at her job and someone I looked forward to being with at school."

MEMBERS ON MEMBERSHIP: What's your "why" for being in DKG? Our answers are what we need to communicate to potential members!



Sara Coleman shares, "The people are the number one thing in Delta Omicron and DKG. All the people I've met in this group are nice, and they are all competent in their DKG jobs.

"DKG is one of my favorite activities! Through the years I've been in several groups that I've stayed with, and it's always because of the people who will help you if you need anything."

Laughing, Sara adds, "They're so nice that they'll even give you a ride if you can't drive because your daughter won't give you your car back." 😊

"Besides being a very thoughtful group of women, DKG is a place where I always learn a lot—from the programs, field trips, and area workshops.

"So, when it comes to my 'why' for being in DKG, the first thing I think of is that I enjoy the people, and the second thing is that I like learning things."

**Happy Birthday!
August**

Janet Melton, 5

Katy Kunofsky, 6
Tincy Miller, 8
Dr. Dawna Walsh, 11
Grace Delatour, 13

**Happy Birthday!
September**

Margaret Arnold, 12
Mary Riddle, 15

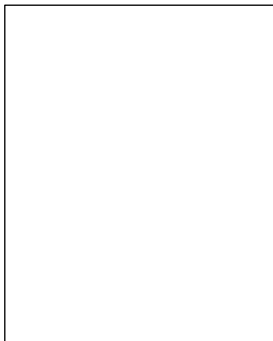
Barbara Clinton, 22

Melanie Rudebeck shares, "I love our meetings because we get to network with other educators. The conventions are fun to see the bigger picture of what we do in DKG. It takes everyone for our chapter to run smoothly. Looking forward to serving with Kay."



MEMBERS: PROFESSIONAL NEWS

Katrina Hallman reports,



Nancy Johnson



MEMBERS: PERSONAL NEWS



Katherine Grogan reports on *Getting Away from the Texas Heat.*

Go to Iceland! The August temperatures ranged from 37- 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

I flew to Dublin, Ireland, this summer and later got on an Azamara cruise ship to Iceland. I selected this cruise line because they offered the most port stops around the island. We went to very small villages of 400 inhabitants, to small towns, and to Reykjavik, the capital with a population of 150,000. It was a vacation I will always remember.

Iceland is a beautiful country with very friendly people, no crime, and no litter anywhere we went.

I hiked almost every day on our excursions from the ship. We saw beautiful waterfalls. Many hikes, with rocks and uneven paths, took forty-five minutes to an hour to reach the top. The hikes were always worth it! The countryside of this island is so pristine and beautiful.

On other excursions, we saw Icelandic horses, including in a horse show. These horses can do five gaits instead of the three gaits found more commonly in horses.

We saw turf houses, lots of sheep, whales, and a special concert from Iceland's famous violinist and songwriter Greta Salome. The Icelandic people love their skinny lamb hot dogs and are always eating ice cream.

Iceland is passionate about the legend of trolls. They will not move any large rocks because of the superstition.





Lou Brown reports, "I'm sorry to miss the September meeting. We'll be in Frisco at football game. Hard to believe our grandson is a teenager already!"

Margaret Thompson shares, "The highlight of our (oh, so hot) summer was to welcome our son, [redacted]! We were able to share several meals with him and catch up [redacted]. A visit to our country's capital is definitely in our plans in 2023. Hopefully, we'll be able to stay at the townhouse he bought and visit a few more museums! I finally gave up the Covid long hair and am back to short, which everyone prefers so far. Can't wait to see my Delta Omicron sisters in September!"

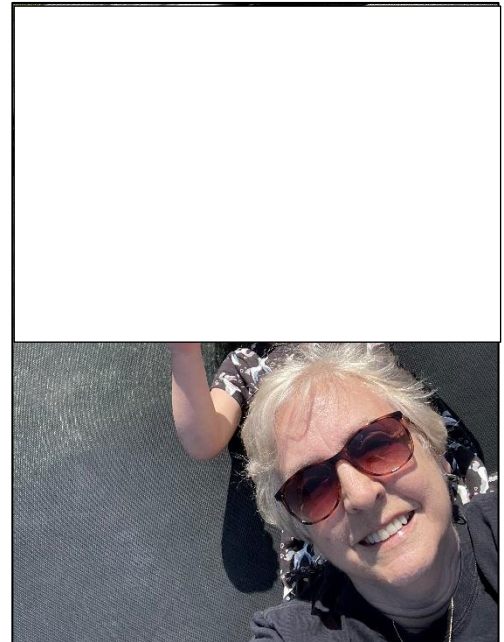
Mary Gill shares, "The 21-hour drive to Victor, Idaho, was long but uneventful. Pippa slept, and I listened to two audio books!

"I'm having a wonderful time

We've explored Jackson Hole, driven through Teton National Park, and enjoyed the Visitor Center; and, daily, in the backyard at home, we jump on the trampoline, feed the chickens, water the garden, and play!

"Sunday, Sept. 4, I'll say goodbye until next time and drive to Custer, SD, for my annual visit with cousins. I'll complete my visit in Yankton, SD,

"See you in October!"



DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES, MAY 16, 2022



by Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary

Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, Texas State Organization, DKG International, met on Monday, May 16, 2022, in room K at Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

Attending in person were 31 members: Margaret Arnold, Elenora Asbury, Maureen Baker, Delores Bates, Susan Bell, Cindy Braley, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Grace Delatour, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Mary Carol Hughes, Kay Keeland, Marilyn Lamb, Liza Leggett, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marilyn Nease, Carolyn Power, Mary Riddle, Kathy Rodriguez, Margie Rohde, Melanie Rudebeck, Marilyn Smith, Wanda Spoonmore, Margaret Thompson, Dawna Walsh, and Betty Sue Welch. **Attending via Zoom** was Jean Wallace. **One guest attended:** Janet Melton, who was a teaching assistant in special education at Highland Park Middle School for 16 years.

OPENING:

Katherine Grogan, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Wanda Spoonmore, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee chair, gave the inspiration on **Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, Founder of DKG on May 11, 1929**. Wanda shared Annie's words from one of her books: "Everything that helps to wear away age-old prejudices contributes toward the advancement of women and of humanity."



PROGRAM:

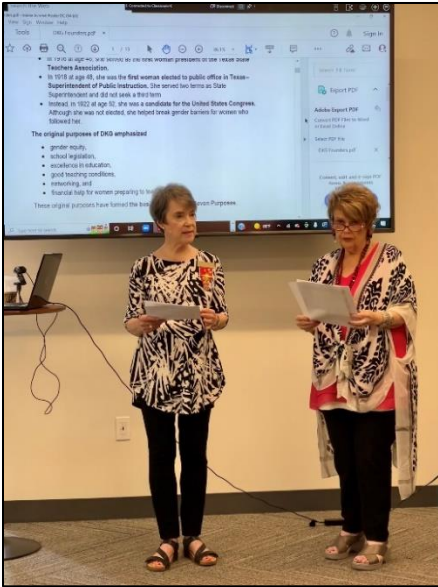
1. Carolyn Miller, Necrology Committee chair, remembered member Vicky Hamilton, who died May 1, 2022. Carolyn stated that Vicky represented all that DKG stands for and that her life will be reflected in our memories of Vicky.

Wanda Spoonmore, a longtime friend and colleague, shared a moving summary of Vicky's life. First, Wanda recalled Vicky's May 6 funeral at North Cities Pentecostal Church, which was led by four ministers, including one who was her nephew. Wanda said, **most of all, Vicky was dedicated to her career as a seventh-grade math teacher**. She always arrived early and stayed late so that her students could receive tutoring. Vicky taught for 43 years and was teacher of the year

in the late 1990s. Wanda stated that Vicky always had her back, and she always had Vicky's.

Wanda recalled attending Vicky's wedding and visiting her in the hospital two years later when Vicky's son was born. Wanda and Vicky ate out often. They took an SMU summer course together. **Wanda stated that Vicky was not a "fair weather friend,"** and many members of her church, family, and professional life came to the visitation on Thursday night, May 5, and expressed how much Vicky meant to them.





2. Katherine Grogan, President; Susan Bell, Ceremonies Committee member; and Marylin Nease, Communications and Publicity Committee chair, presented a talk on the 12 Founders of DKG. Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, founded DKG with the goals of supporting women educators, encouraging excellence in education, and improving working conditions. She was the first woman president of the Texas State Teachers Association and in 1918 was elected the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. DKG was her dream, and the organization grew thanks to her drive. Dr. Blanton lived from August 1870 to October 1945. The eleven other Founders include Mamie Sue Bastian, Ruby Cole, Mabel Grizzard, Dr. Anna Hiss, Ray King, Sue King, Dr. Helen Koch, Ruby Terrill Lomax, Dr. Cora M. Martin, Lalla M. Odom, and Lela Lee Williams. [Founders' bios and photos](#)



3. Margaret Arnold, Ceremonies Committee member, recognized members of our chapter who've served as president of a DKG chapter. Delta Omicron presidents are Grace Delatour, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease, Melanie Rudebeck, Carolyn Power, Wanda Spoonmore, Mary White, Lou McMillan, and Katherine Grogan. In Delta Sigma, Kathy Rodriguez and Jean Wallace were presidents. Shirley Kochman was president of Eta Zeta. Delores Bates was president of Kappa Upsilon. Cindy Braley, Co-First Vice President for Programs and Projects for 2022-24, took a picture of these members.

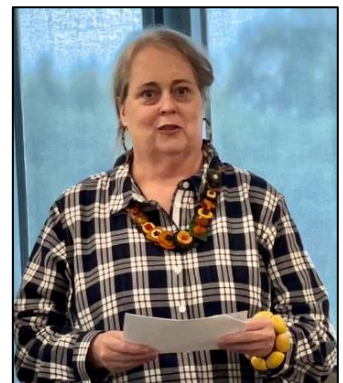


4. Katherine Grogan recognized 50+ year members. Wanda Spoonmore was present, and Jean Wallace attended via Zoom. Cindy Braley took a picture. Unable to attend were Janet Cundiff and Shirley Kochman.



5. Margaret Arnold, Achievement Awards Committee member, announced the Chapter Achievement Award for 2020-22. Katherine Grogan received the award for her leadership and commitment to the chapter during the years of the pandemic.

6. Liza Leggett, Ceremonies Committee chair, shared some history of Delta Omicron in honor of the chapter's 66th birthday. Delta Omicron was chartered in Dallas on May 19, 1956. The chapter was organized by Dr. Eula Lee Carter and Miss Phyllis Ellis. Dr. Carter was an honorary DKG Founder, TSO President from 1934 to 1938, and TSO Secretary from 1936 to 1950. Miss Ellis was TSO President and Southwest Regional Director from 1948 to 1950 and TSO Secretary from 1950 to 1978.



7. Penni Lewis, Music Committee chair, played "Happy Birthday" on her flute, and members sang "Happy Birthday" to Delta Omicron Chapter. Kay Keeland cut the birthday cake and served members with assistance from the May hostesses.



8. Katherine Grogan recognized the 2020-22 Executive Board: Elenora Asbury and Kathy Rodriguez, Co-First Vice Presidents for Programs and Projects; Margaret Thompson, 2nd Vice President for Membership; Margie Rohde,



Recording Secretary; Susan Endicott, Corresponding Secretary, who was not present; Leesa Cole, Treasurer; Julie Turnbow, Parliamentarian, who was not present; Lou McMillan, Immediate Past President, and herself. Cindy Braley took a picture. **Margaret Thompson presented Katherine with a gift from the Executive Board**, a lovely bowl.

9. Katherine Grogan introduced the officers for 2022-24: Kay Keeland and Melanie Rudebeck, Co-Presidents; Denise Barker and Cindy Braley, Co-1st Vice Presidents for Programs and Projects; Margaret Thompson, 2nd Vice President for Membership; Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; Leesa Cole, Treasurer; and Betty Sue Welch, Parliamentarian. **Lou McMillan conducted the installation ceremony** with assistance from Katherine, Elenora Asbury, and Kathy Rodriguez. Kay was presented with a president's pin that had belonged to a former president. Melanie, having served as president before, already has a president's pin.



REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

1. **The minutes were approved** as amended and printed in the newsletter.

2. **Leesa Cole, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report.** She reminded **new officers and committee chairs** that they **are expected to attend the Area 9 Workshop in September 2022.** The cost of the workshop is \$12 if paid by May 30 and \$15 after May 30. She also mentioned that she had **submitted Vicky Hamilton's name to TSO** so that she could be honored at the June convention in Lubbock during the Celebration of Life ceremony. **Income for March included** 27 paid memberships and one Schools for Africa contribution. **The bank balance for March 31, 2022,** was \$5,673.01. There were 18 paid reservations to the CCDC Luncheon. **Expenses in March** included Area 9 Workshop chapter fee, reimbursement of the president for memorial flowers, and a memorial contribution to ASTEF. The Schools for Africa contribution and the CCDC reservations were in and out. **Anticipated income for April, May, and June** included more membership dues and Area 9 Workshop registrations. **Anticipated expenses for April, May, and June** include dues to International and TSO, convention stipend of \$250 to be split among members attending the convention, reimbursement of chapter presidents for state convention, reimbursement of corresponding secretary for mailings, and reimbursement of chapter presidents for international convention. Leesa asked members to notify her if they are registered to attend the state convention in June.

3. **Katherine asked if there were any illnesses that needed to be mentioned.** Wanda Spoonmore stated that
Marylin Nease mentioned that **Sara Coleman** is now home from the hospital and is doing better.

4. **Margaret Thompson, 2nd Vice President for Membership, reminded members that she still needs biographical sheets** filled out for some members. She read off the names of members who have completed the sheet and handed out more sheets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Katherine stated that **Mary White has requested to become a reserve member** since she lives in Kansas now. Members approved the request unanimously.

2. **Summer social activities are being planned,** and emails will be sent to members.

3. **Gift cards are requested for Shelby's Bridge** (the Unifying Project or charity sponsored by the 2022 state convention). Gift cards can be given to Marta Finlay, Finance Committee Co-Chair.

4. **Gift cards for ASTEF's Mystery Mania fundraiser** at convention can be given to Leesa Cole.

5. **Katherine thanked** hostesses for the meeting's refreshments, Delores Bates and Marilyn Smith for the decorations on the tables, and Marylin Nease and Kay Keeland for their support and guidance during her presidency. She also thanked Sara Coleman and Kay Keeland for getting the birthday cake for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Katherine projected the words of the **DKG song** on the video screen, and members sang along. **The meeting adjourned** at 6:05 p.m.

DELTA OMICRON EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 11, 2022

The Executive Board of Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas State Organization, DKG International, met at Chocolate Angel Restaurant on June 11, 2022.

Attending were Kay Keeland and Melanie Rudebeck, Co-Presidents; Denise Barker and Cindy Braley, Co-1st Vice Presidents for Programs and Projects; Margaret Thompson, 2nd Vice President for Membership; Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary;

Corresponding Secretary; Betty Sue Welch, Parliamentarian; Marta Finlay and Mary Gill,

Finance Committee co-chairs; and Katherine Grogan, Immediate Past President. **Unable to attend were** Marylin Nease, Communications and Publicity Committee chair, and Leesa Cole, Treasurer.

Kay Keeland **called the meeting to order** at 11:50 a.m. Kay and Melanie welcomed everyone.

Agenda topics included chapter meetings' place and time, committee assignments, programs, membership, and the Nov. induction dinner.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.



INDUCTION DINNER
Nov. 14, 2022
Greek Isles Grill & Taverna
Guests 30ppl

Buffet:
Greek Salad
Beeftakia
Blackened Tilapia
Grilled Veggies
Tea & Coffee included

Per Person \$19 + \$4 gratuity = \$23

Thank you,
Chris Kostas, Greek Isles
5934 Royal Lane, Suite 120
Preston/Royal SW quadrant, faces W

Thank you, Wanda Spoonmore, for making
the arrangements with Greek Isles.

TREASURER'S REPORT for Sept. 2022

by Leesa Cole, Treasurer



Bank balance as of 8/30/2022: \$3,184.88

Income June-Aug. 2022

Budgeted: Dues 62 of 63 (1 honorary doesn't pay)

Expenses June-Aug. 2022

Budgeted: Dues to International
Dues and fees to TSO
President reimbursement: Lubbock Convention
Member split stipend: Lubbock Convention
1st VP reimbursement: New Orleans Int'l Convention
Corr. Sec. reimbursement: newsletter mailings Jan.-May

Anticipated income Sept.

Budgeted: Dues from new members

Anticipated expenses Sept.

Budgeted: Chapter donation to Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund
Chapter fee to CCDC
President reimbursement: Zoom account
Honorarium to speaker



Finance Items:

- The Aug. balance closes out all income & expenses for 2021-22 & begins the budget for 2022-23.
- Finance Committee: Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Kay Keeland, & Leesa Cole met 8/6/22 to form the proposed budget.
- Prior to the Sept. meeting, chapter members received a copy of the proposed budget via email from Marylin Nease, communications chair.
- Chapter discussion and vote to occur during the Sept. meeting.
- Detailed monthly financial reports have been submitted to the recording secretary, chapter president, and finance chairs.
- Bank signatures have been updated adding Kay Keeland as a signer and removing Katherine Grogan.
- Bank statements converted to paperless to avoid monthly fee.
- Form 15 annual treasurer's report has been filed with TSO HQ.
- 990n ePostcard annual filing has been submitted to the IRS.

ALL COMMITTEES NEWS

Committee chairs met with our co-presidents at El Fenix on Sat., Aug. 27, for lunch, fellowship, and teambuilding. **Thank you to Kay Keeland for making our lunch arrangements.**

Attending were Melanie Rudebeck and Kay Keeland, co-presidents; Wanda Spoonmore, Chapter Rules, Nominations, and Fellowship; Dr. Jan Nance, Ceremonies; Marylin Nease, Communications and

Publicity and Yearbook; Margaret Thompson, Membership; Carolyn Miller, Necrology; Liza Leggett, Technology and Webmaster; Betty Sue Welch, Legislation and Social Arrangements; Penni Lewis, Music; Margaret Arnold, Personal and Professional Enrichment; Mary Carol Hughes, Research; Dr. Dawna Walsh, Women in the Arts; Delores Bates, Scholarship and Decorations; Marilyn Smith, Decorations.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

by Marilyn Nease for Co-Chairs Janet Melton and Wanda Spoonmore



Members enjoy getting together for fellowship and fun! **Look at our summer outings.**

Outing #1 On Wed., May 4, 12:00-2:00, sixteen members gathered at **Greek Isles Grill & Taverna**. Many thanks to **Wanda Spoonmore** for arranging our luncheon.

Front row, l-r,
Susan Bell, Penni Lewis, Margaret Thompson, Marilyn Nease.

Standing, l-r, Cindy Braley, Denise Barker, Shirley Kochman, Katherine Grogan, Mary Carol Hughes, Lou McMillan, Kay Keeland, Barbara Clinton, Wanda Spoonmore, Delores Bates.



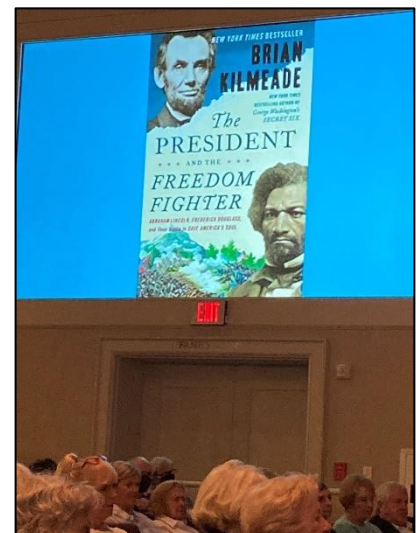
Outing #2 On six Wed. evenings in June and July, members enjoyed catered dinners (5:30-7:00) and Rejebian Book Series presentations (7:00-8:00) at Highland Park United Methodist Church. This summer was the Rejebian family's 66th year to underwrite and present this remarkable educational opportunity.

The book reviews we attended were about Frederick Law Olmstead (landscape architect), Winston Churchill, the Salem witch trials, Queen Elizabeth II, Texas culture, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, and George III.

Our attendees included Denise Barker, Cindy Braley, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Mary Carol Hughes, Kay Keeland, Shirley Kochman, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Janet Melton, Carolyn Miller, Dr. Jan Nance, Marilyn Nease, Carrie Parsons, Becky Quigley,

Thank you to Kay Keeland for arranging our outings.

Marilyn Nease reports, "My favorite book and reviewer? *The Heretic's Daughter*, reviewed by the author, Kathleen Kent (historical fiction set during Salem witch trials; the author's ancestor 10 generations back, Martha Carrier, is a central character)." Marilyn adds, "My favorite Rejebian speaker overall? Rose-Mary Rumbley – an hour of delightful fun and laughter!"





Outing #3 On Thurs., Aug. 25, 9:45-1:15, members met at NorthPark Center for a guided tour of artwork followed by lunch at Corner Bakery.

Margaret Thompson reports, "Had a great time...loved the tour."

Sara Coleman shares, "What a great way to spend my day! I enjoyed the tour and had a good time visiting with Cindy Braley during lunch and getting to know her."

Marylin Nease reports, "Our NorthPark tour guide shared her love of art and her wealth of art knowledge, and our group responded with excellent questions and comments. Our fun continued with food and fellowship at Corner Bakery."

Many thanks to Janet Melton to arranging our tour and lunch.



Thank you to Wanda Spoonmore for arranging for the setup of our table for 10 and our group photo.



Sitting, l-r, Betty Sue Welch, Margaret Thompson, Carolyn Miller, Carolyn Power.

Standing, l-r, Wanda Spoonmore, Marylin Nease, Susan Bell, Cindy Braley, Mary Carol Hughes, Sara Coleman.



More Art Info:

<https://northparkcenter.com/gallery/>



SAVE
THE
DATE

More Fellowship Committee Opportunities for Fun, Coming Soon

Save the following dates for Dutch Treat Luncheons with your Delta Omicron colleagues:

- **Wed., Sept. 28, 2022, 12:30 p.m.**, Olive Garden, 9079 Vantage Point Dr., Dallas 75243
- **Thurs., Oct. 13, 2022, 12:30 p.m.**, Outback Steakhouse, 9049 Vantage Point Dr., Dallas 75243

Yes, both are located on Vantage Point Dr., *which you can access from Greenville Ave., not LBJ (635).*

Order from the menu. Both restaurants have special lunch menus. **Thank you, Wanda, for arranging it all!**

WOMEN IN THE ARTS COMMITTEE



by Dr. Dawna Walsh, Committee Chair

Calling all Delta Omicron creatives! **You are invited to be a part of the Delta Kappa Gamma Gallery of Fine Arts!** This is an online publication and display of DKG members' creative works. **Categories include:** Literary / Writing; Performance Arts; and Two- and Three-Dimensional Visual Arts.

Additional information, guidelines, and an application form may be found at www.dkg.org Scroll down on the home page to Art Gallery. Submissions must be received by Thurs., Sept. 15.

FYI Heads-up: We ALL love Rose-Mary Rumbley! Come to our meeting at 4:30. Stop by the table near the food to sign a birthday and thank you card for her. We will give it to her at the end of her talk.

Marilyn Nease is a winner in CC Young's 2022 Spirit Is Ageless Writing and Art Contest. Her poem "With Me Still" earned 1st Place Poetry & Prose: Community Member, and Best in Show - Writing: Community Member. Marilyn shares, "Thank you, Dawna, for publicizing this contest!"

AREA 9



2022 Area 9 Workshop

Who: Attendees from Area 9's 22 chapters in Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Grayson, Kaufman, & Rockwall counties.

Delta Omicron: *Delores Bates, Sara Coleman, Katherine Grogan (presenter), Kay Keeland (presenter), Marilyn Nease (presenter), Carolyn Power, Margie Rohde, Melanie Rudebeck, Margaret Thompson, Dr. Dawna Walsh, Betty Sue Welch.*

What: Area 9 Workshop: "Journey! Let the Adventure Begin!"

Where: Cooper Junior High School, 101 Hensley Lane, Wylie, Collin County

When: Sat., Sept. 10, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Why: Training for presidents, secretaries, and treasurers. **Varied instructive topics for other members:** Membership RRR (Recruit, Retain, Reinstate), Out of the Box—Creative Programs, Achievement Awards, ASTEF, Leadership Seminar, Service Projects & Field Trips, Scholarships, Newsletters & Yearbooks, Legislation, Fun Meetings & Ice Breakers, Help Every Living Person/An Awareness Program, What's Your App? Plus, **topics and info for everyone** via QR Codes.

How: General sessions, breakout sessions, gallery walk presentations, vendors, networking, fellowship, refreshments, ceremonies and recognitions, orchestral performances, singing, and more.

**Thank you, Liz Garrett,
2021-23 Area 9
Coordinator!**





Margaret Thompson reports, “It was a great morning!”

Sara Coleman shares, “After the workshop, I was tired, but I had a good time and met some really nice DKG women.”

Marylin Nease reports, “I enjoyed presenting ideas to recruit, retain, and reinstate members with my co-presenter, Lori Villarreal from Nu Gamma, Wylie. Our engaged attendees (almost 30 in each of two sessions) asked questions and offered ideas, too. We learned a lot of membership tips from each other.

“Also, I loved watching Liz Garrett’s chapter members cheerfully working hard to help her make Area 9 Workshop a big success—and it was. That’s leadership! Go, Liz!

“Carpooling with Kay Keeland, Sara Coleman, and Betty Sue Welch was fun, too, and I loved the chance to get to know ‘new-ish’ member Betty Sue better!”



Margie Rohde shares, “I enjoyed the workshop and getting together with DKG sisters for lunch afterwards.

“With all the tables set up in the hall for the gallery walk presentations, I was able to sample more workshop topics than I might have otherwise.

“My new fall wreath is already hanging on my front door. I won it in the drawing for door prizes.”

Delores Bates reports, “I was a door prize winner, too! I won a digital scale for the kitchen.”

Kay Keeland shares, “The gallery walk was a whole new experience for me: engaging and a great way to learn. I liked getting to meet so many members and meeting their needs for what they wanted to know about our chapter’s projects and outings. As a presenter, I learned and came away with lots of new contacts and ideas. I enjoyed every minute of the gallery walk.”

Katherine Grogan reports, “Kay and I enjoyed sharing with a lot of members about our service projects and field trips. They had lots of questions, and we answered them.

“I also felt very welcomed by the Wylie mayor and the Wiley ISD superintendent.

“I treasured seeing several friends I hadn’t seen in over two years. We caught up and made plans for lunch. Friendships are a special blessing after COVID kept us homebound.”



Delta Omicron is 66 years old!

Carolyn Power reports, “I enjoyed learning new information, fellowshipping with chapter friends, and especially celebrating the roll call of chapters in our Area 9 by date of their origin. Who knew how old these chapters were?”

TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION <https://www.dkgtexas.org/>



→ 2021-23 State President

Shalan Inmon's biennium theme? **JOURNEY: Which Way Will You Go?**

Her biennium goals? **Nurture** - Develop relationships with current and new members.

Serve - Give of your time to others. **Educate** -

Promote the purposes and mission of DKG to others. **Wonder** - Dream, ask, reflect.



→ Forms/Dates/Info to Note:

- **Leadership Seminar**-Feb. 24-26, 2023 (Denton). **Apply by Oct. 15.**
- **Nominations for State Elected Officers** due Jan. 1, 2023.
- **Applications for State Committee Chairs/Committees** due Feb. 1.
- **State Scholarships:** <https://www.dkgtexas.org/scholarship-committee.html>

→ 2023 STAR (Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat): Registration Open

Registration for the STAR event is now open and can be accessed at [this link](#). Mark your calendar for Jan. 13-15, 2023 at Camp Allen. The registration link is also located on the [Women in Arts Committee](#) page.

→ TSO Conventions

- **2022 Lubbock Convention:** See June 2022 chapter newsletter for report.
- **2023 Convention: McAllen, June 14-17 — Save the Dates!**

INTERNATIONAL <https://www.dkg.org/>

→ International Conventions and Conferences

- **2022 New Orleans Convention:** See July 2022 chapter newsletter for report.
- **2023 Conferences:** Detroit, MI; July 11-16; Phoenix, AZ, July 18-22; Tampere, Finland, July 26-29
- **2024 Convention: National Harbor, Maryland** (Gaylord National, D.C. Area)
- **2026 Convention: Aurora, Colorado** (Gaylord Rockies)

→ Gallery of Fine Arts

- Fall 2022 submissions deadline: Aug. 15-Sept. 15. **Info:** <https://gallery.dkg.org/>

→ How Can Each One of Us Help Our Chapter Be Successful?

The responsibility for the well-being of the chapter rests with ALL its members. **What can YOU do?**

- Be supportive of your new leaders **by being open to new methods and ideas.**
- **Help leaders to grow** and develop in their new roles.
- **Be willing to serve on committees** as requested by your leadership team.
- **Support and thank leaders** for their service to your chapter.

You will be a part of a team working together for the good of the chapter.

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