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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!



President's Message

It's looking like fall!

What are your favorite things about this season? Is it the cooler weather? Bringing out the sweaters? Maybe it's the pumpkin spice lattes?

I am amazed at all the different kinds of Halloween candies that are already in the stores: the candy corns, the mallow-cream pumpkin candy, and all those snack-sized chocolates!

Decorating the inside and outside of our homes is also fun: the pumpkins, little bales of hay, gourds, chrysanthemums, and scarecrows.

It's also time to rev up for the holidays.

Whatever your likes are this season, make it yours and have some fun.



Chapter Website:

<https://deltaomicrontexas.weebly.com/>

Carolyn Power, Webmaster

Pres/Katherine Grogan

1st VPs/Elenora Asbury
& Kathy Rodriguez

2nd VPs/
& Margaret
Thompson

Rec Sec/Margie Rohde

Cor Sec/Susan Endicott

Treas/Leesa Cole

Parl/Julie Turnbow

Im P Pres/Lou McMillan

**Save these dates
for our
business/program
meetings:**

Sept. 21

Oct. 19

Nov. 16

Dec. 5

Jan. 11

Feb. 15

Mar. 8

Apr. 3

May 17

Program/Project News: Mon., Oct. 19, 5:00 p.m., Zoom

Program Part 1: Elenora Asbury, "Fall DIY Pumpkins"
(Need: mega roll of bathroom tissue & 18" piece of cloth/scarf, etc.)

Program Part 2: "Showcasing Crafty Delta Omicrons"
International and Chapter Project: Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE), Supporting Teachers
(DKG Purposes 1, 6, 7)



PROJECT NEWS



Q&A with Kay Keeland, Community Service Projects Coordinator

Q. How did you hear about _____ ?

A. I learned about the school when I was researching volunteer opportunities where I could help children. Working with needy children is a passion I have. Educating these children is the key to their survival and breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Q. What are your goals with this chapter project?

A. My goals are to encourage and show gratitude to the 30 educators who are teaching these precious children. A second goal is to help meet the immediate needs of the children so they can thrive, learn, and grow. _____ serves 200 children a day, and we need to help them in this time of need.

To learn more about _____ [click on this link.](#)

Kay has led us in two other community service projects this fall: North Texas Food Bank, and Hammers for Veterans. Committee members are Vicky Hamilton, Liza Leggett, _____ and Mary White.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



It has been so good to see many of you at our meetings this fall! We would like nothing more than to see new faces visiting our business/program meetings and fellowship meetings!

_____ and Margaret are looking forward to inviting fellow teachers to our group. Use the separate "Prospect Card" attached with this newsletter. Complete the card, and email to Margaret if you have a friend or coworker to bring to a meeting or field trip. It's important to send the form back to

Margaret Thompson at _____ so guests can be sent our Zoom link. Please consider helping our wonderful organization in this way.

Also, we need your help with a **phone tree**. Emails are wonderful tools for sending messages, but there is nothing like a phone call from a person – a real breathing, talking, and friendly member of our group calling you each month. Please contact _____ to serve on this committee – we need at least 12 people! Her email is _____

We look forward to seeing you at our Oct. 19 meeting!

Margaret Thompson

Happy October Birthday!

Melanie Rudebeck, 6
Susan Endicott, 14
Wanda Spoonmore, 16
Lou McMillan, 27
Jean Wallace, 27

Members' DKG Decade Anniversaries

50 years & More = Shirley Kochman (1963), Wanda Spoonmore (1964), Janet Cundiff (1968), Jean Wallace (1970)
30 years = Leesa Cole
20 years = _____
10 years = Joy Burger, Dr. Elyse Griffin



Delta Omicron, Chapter Meeting Minutes, September 21, 2020

Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, DKG Society International, met on Monday, September 21, 2020, via Zoom. Attending were 32 members: Sherri Allinder, Elenora Asbury, Maureen Baker, Delores Bates, Susan Bell, Barbara Clinton, Leesa Cole, Sara Coleman, Grace Delatour, Cindy Dominguez, Marta Finlay, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Mary Carol Hughes, Kay Keeland, Liza Leggett, Penni Lewis, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Jan Nance, Marilyn Nease, Carrie Parsons, Carolyn Power, Becky Quigley, Mary Riddle, Margie Rohde, Katherine Rodriguez, Marilyn Smith, Margaret Thompson, and Jean Wallace.

Nine guests attended from Mu Omicron

Also attending were Rose-Mary Rumbley, our speaker for the meeting, and her daughter

OPENING:

Katherine Grogan, President, called the meeting to order at 4:41 p.m. Maureen Baker, Personal and Professional Enrichment, read an article about the effects of laughter on the body. Laughter increases dopamine, which then acts as a mood-altering drug, affecting all parts of the body.

BUSINESS:

Members reviewed the August 17, 2020, meeting **minutes**, and one change was made. Sherri Allinder and Katherine Grogan assembled gift bags for our chapter's working teachers. Sherri Allinder, Leesa Cole, Katherine Grogan, and Margaret Thompson delivered the gift bags. Then, members approved the minutes.

Leesa Cole, Treasurer, gave the **treasurer's report**. The current bank balance is \$5,722.99, although \$717.02 belongs to Area 9. So, the real balance for Delta Omicron is \$5,005.97. Several budgeted items were not expended for 2019-2020 because of COVID-19 restrictions. Anticipated income for July through September is membership dues for 2020-2021. Upcoming expenses for September include reimbursements to chapter presidents, dues and fees to TSO, and dues to CCDC and the Cora McFarland Scholarship Fund. The proposed **budget** for 2020-2021 was developed in August by the Finance Committee and sent via email to all members for their consideration prior to the September 21 meeting. Members discussed numerous items. **(1)** The \$975.00 listed under Area 9 was because Marilyn Nease is Area 9 Coordinator; these funds actually belong to Area 9 and were in and out of the chapter account. **(2)** Postage was increased because of increased mailings over the summer. **(3)** Miscellaneous expenses included the teacher items obtained for our chapter's working teachers over the summer. Then, the members approved the budget for 2020-2021.

Elenora Asbury, Programs and Projects Co-Vice President, requested that the vote on 2020-2021 **programs** be postponed because she and Katherine Rodriguez were still working on programs. Katherine Grogan agreed.

Margaret Thompson, **Membership** Co-Vice President, stated that _____ had surgery and was unable to attend this meeting. Margaret requested that any members who wanted to invite a guest would first send an email to her so that she could send a Zoom link to that guest for the meeting. Margaret also presented a get-acquainted quiz on facts members had previously shared about themselves at a Zoom fellowship meeting. The three members presented were Penni Lewis, daughter of a Texas Legislature member in the 1960s; Margie Rohde, mother of twins; and Katherine Grogan, daughter of a Czech immigrant.



CURRENT PROJECTS:

Kay Keeland, **Community Service Projects**, shared many details about the (a) Homeless children aged 4-12 attend this school, and there are a lot of needs. The children receive mental health counseling and food three times/day. Kay suggested that the chapter support both the teachers and the children. Kay mentioned goody bags for the teachers. The school holds a Christmas bazaar for the parents so that they can obtain free gifts for their children. Decorating the gymnasium and wrapping gifts would be two ways to support this event at the school. Members agreed to participate in this project. Katherine Grogan, President, also shared (b) Hammers for Veterans. This project would allow scouts to put flags on veterans' graves. Hammers cost \$6 a piece; Katherine suggested that the chapter donate 12 hammers. Katherine would distribute the hammers. Members also agreed to this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kay Keeland, **Fellowship**, invited everyone to attend a field trip to the Dallas Arboretum on October 9, 2020. Members will meet at Northway Christian Church at 9:30 a.m. and carpool to the arboretum. The restaurants at the arboretum are open, so members can enjoy lunch there after touring the arboretum. Kay needs to know the number of members who wish to attend by Wednesday, September 23. Members should send checks to Kay, and she will purchase tickets online in advance of the field trip.

PROGRAM:

Educational Excellence Committee members presented information about laughter to lead into the program.

Legislation, reminded all members that it is crucial (not a laughing matter) to vote this fall. She explained absentee voting requirements as well as problems that have occurred with mail-in voting. Linda stated that getting information on the rent on the office tower used in Austin for teacher retirement programs and other TRTA business remains difficult.

Barbara Clinton, **Women in the Arts**, showed the members several funny works of art. The pictures included: Vincent Van Gogh's ear; *Spoonbridge and Cherry*, a sculpture in a garden; a picture of Wegman's dogs dressed up as people; and a still life of an apple painting a bowl of people (found in the *London Times*).

Marylin Nease, **Research**, discussed laughter's benefits to physical health, such as boosting immunity; to mental health, such as relieving stress; and to social health, such as strengthening relationships. She also showed a laughter-producing, goofy-faced stuffed toy that says "Whatever!" and "Yada, yada, yada!" when squeezed.

Carolyn Power, **Global Awareness**, shared memories of when she attended a United Nations event where activities of UNICEF were discussed. A legal document about the rights of children reminded attendees at the event that in some parts of the world, children must work, but affirmed the right of children to play. Children need play to grow and develop fully. Delta Kappa Gamma supports the rights of children. Carolyn also showed an "I love UN" pin she got at the United Nations event.

Penni Lewis, **Music**, played the song "When You're Smiling."

Rose-Mary Rumbley, a renowned speaker, actor, and drama and speech teacher, gave a **talk on laughter**. Rose-Mary Rumbley received her bachelor's, master's and PhD from the University of North Texas.

Rose-Mary's birthday was September 14, and she said her daughter gave her a book on clutter. The book included the Collyer brothers' story. Although their parents had been wealthy, the brothers



collected/hoarded literally tons of stuff. The authorities had to dig the brothers out of their four-story mansion when they died because they were so surrounded by clutter! The city demolished the mansion and made the lot into a pocket park in New York City.

Rose-Mary also remembered a souvenir her husband brought back from his father's house after he died. The item was a lamp with the Virgin Mary on the base and a picture of the Atlantic Ocean in a storm on the shade. She sent a picture of the lamp to a newspaper's ugliest souvenir contest; the lamp won.

She recalled life before air conditioning, too, and how as a child, she used to open the door of the refrigerator and stand in front of it to cool off.

Next, Rose-Mary recounted her experiences with Dallas Baptist University when she taught drama. Rose-Mary gave Dallas Baptist no money when she produced her play, but she let them keep the ticket money and money from ads in the program made for the show. Rose-Mary was horrified on discovering a full-page program ad for Jack Daniels! But all ended well because, apparently, the ad somehow had a link with Harvey Penland, a prominent figure in Baylor history and namesake for Baylor's Penland Hall dorm.

Finally, she related her experiences at a West Dallas school where she volunteers. She met the book club and read a letter to the editor. The kindergarten teachers talked so long that a little boy raised his arms toward the sky and exclaimed, "When is this over!"

The members thoroughly enjoyed Rose-Mary Rumbley as usual.

CLOSING:

Kay Keeland, **Fellowship**, drew names for the door prizes. Margaret Thompson and Sara Coleman won. Members sang "The DKG Song." Katherine Grogan adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.



Margie Rohde
Recording Secretary



Delta Omicron, Executive Board Meeting Minutes, October 3, 2020

The Executive Board of Delta Omicron Chapter, Dallas, Texas, DKG Society International, met via Zoom on Saturday, October 3, 2020. Attending were Katherine Grogan, President; Elenora Asbury, and Kathy Rodriguez, Co-Vice Presidents for Programs and Projects; and Margaret Thompson, Co-Vice Presidents for Membership; Margie Rohde, Recording Secretary; Susan Endicott, Corresponding Secretary; Julie Turnbow, Parliamentarian; Lou McMillan, Immediate Past President; Marylin Nease, Communications and Publicity Committee Chair; and Kay Keeland, Community Service Projects Committee Coordinator. Leesa Cole, Treasurer, had another meeting at this time and could not attend.

Katherine **called the meeting to order** at 10:36 a.m.

Programs:

- (a) Elenora Asbury stated that there needs to be a **change in the program** for this month. will give a brief Legislation Committee report rather than a whole program on legislation. Elenora

plans to do a **program on DIY fall projects** with various members contributing. Elenora will demonstrate how to make a decorative pumpkin using fabric to cover a toilet roll. Liza Leggett and Mary Gill both quilt; Katherine will call Liza, and Elenora will call Mary to see if they can demonstrate any crafts or projects. Judy Culbertson and Dr. Dawna Walsh are both art teachers. Lou will call Judy, and Elenora will call Dawna to see if they can demonstrate anything or if they might have finished products they wish to show.

(b) _____ will present a **talk on _____** for the November meeting.

(c) Elenora stated that she had sent a **donation in Rose-Mary Rumbley's name** to the West Dallas school where Rose-Mary taught for years as a thank you for Rose-Mary presenting a talk on laughter at the September meeting. Katherine also made a donation to ASTEF in Rose-Mary Rumbley's name.

(d) Marylin plans to host another **fellowship meeting on October 9**; members will discuss interesting vacations taken in the past.

(e) Elenora will send a **list of proposed programs** to Katherine, Marylin, and Margie.



Membership:

(a) Margaret asked that membership be put **on the agenda for the October meeting**.

(b) Kay suggested **waiving local chapter fees**, since all meetings are on Zoom, not in-person, as a way to encourage younger teachers to join the chapter.

(c) Marylin shared that in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, community members have adopted 1,000 teachers, and she wondered if retired chapter members could **adopt our chapter's working teachers and prospective working teachers**, thereby encouraging them to join the chapter. Julie Turnbow said our chapter has 16 working-teacher members, and she will send a list to Margaret.

(d) Members discussed **changing meeting start time to 5:00 p.m.** so that more working members or prospective members could attend. Margaret made a motion to change the time, and _____ seconded the motion. Initially members wanted the new time only until regular meetings resumed. Elenora amended the motion, stating that the new time for meetings would continue until further notice.

(e) The chapter has **64 members: 62 active members, one reserve member, and one honorary member**.

(f) Katherine asked about the chapter's group email list. Marylin explained that she usually keeps members who move out of the Delta Omicron area on the group email list because they sometimes rejoin later. Katherine asked whether these non-members could be put on a social email list. Marylin later agreed to Katherine's request that the chapter's group email list will be for currently paid members only.

(g) Margaret hopes to contact SMU soon about **recruiting some juniors or seniors who are studying education**. They would only need to pay \$25/year.

(h) _____ suggested that Margaret **market the chapter as a professional organization** or that new members be paired with existing members who could help new teachers get started. Members discussed sending flyers to specific districts in the chapter's geographic area. Margaret asked that either her or _____ name and contact info be on any flyer so that she could ensure any visitor received the link to the Zoom meeting.

(i) Julie suggested that a **special fund be established to pay for dues or banquet meals of members facing financial difficulties**. Katherine will talk with Leesa about how such a fund might be established. Marylin stated that another chapter has a "THAT" fund (for another purpose), standing for "teachers helping another teacher." Julie made a motion that this idea be discussed at the October meeting, and Margaret seconded the motion.



Corresponding Secretary: Susan Endicott stated she continues to send out correspondence, but she has no current member news or concerns to share.

Area 9 Workshop: Marylin received many positive responses on the Area 9 Workshop. Katherine congratulated Marylin on the success of the workshop. Marylin encouraged members to watch recordings of sessions that they had missed or could not fit into their schedule. Margie shared that she had watched several sessions and downloaded several informative handouts. Marylin suggested that the session on ASTEF project ideas will be especially helpful if our chapter decides to apply for a project stipend. All presenters in that session had received grants from ASTEF for their projects. Marylin suggested that members

who watched sessions could share their impressions of the workshop in the newsletter.

New Business:

(a) Sara Coleman cannot continue as **Ceremonies Chair**; Katherine asked for a volunteer. No one volunteered.

(b) The chapter needs to review the **ceremonies suitcase**, as many old papers exist in the suitcase. Marylin suggested that Katherine involve the archives committee in any review or decision to throw out papers.

(c) Members agreed that if the **Holiday Brunch** is cancelled, the chapter should hold a fellowship meeting via Zoom instead.

(d) Wanda Spoonmore told Katherine that she no longer wants the chapter to do the **Hammers for Veterans project**, as Melanie Rudebeck's scouts voted not to participate. However, Melanie still wants to do this project to honor veterans in the future. Members agreed to continue to obtain 12 hammers, and Katherine will hold on to these for the present.

Community Service Project:

(a) Kay Keeland stated that members have donated \$140 so far for the

(b) On October 30 members will take **goody bags to the 30 teachers** at the school, and members will receive a **tour of the school**.

(c) For Christmas, members will **decorate the gymnasium and donate gifts** so that parents can select gifts for their children.

(d) Kay also plans to **ask Rose-Mary Rumbley to tape a video of her reading books** with lots of pictures, which can then be sent out to parents to share with their children.

(e) Marylin will send another **email to members encouraging members to donate**, listing supplies needed, and listing dates when members of the Community Service Committee can pick up supplies at the Northway Christian Church. Supplies such as manipulatives may be compiled later for the classrooms.

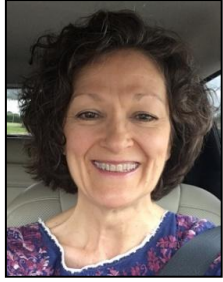
Katherine **adjourned the meeting** at 11:55 a.m.



Margie Rohde
Recording Secretary



Treasurer's Report, October 2, 2020



Bank balance as of 9/30/2020 is \$5,422.21

Area 9 portion of this balance is \$717.02

Delta Omicron portion is \$4,705.19

Income July-Sept.

Budgeted: Membership dues for 3 members (not included in reported balance)

Expenses July-Sept.

Budgeted: Reimbursements to outgoing & incoming chapter presidents

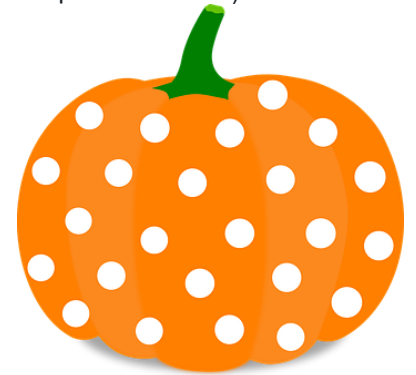
Anticipated income Oct.

Budgeted: Balance of 1 dues payment

Anticipated expenses Oct.

Budgeted: Dues to International, Dues & Fees to TSO (3 members)

CCDC Chapter Fee & CCDC McFarland Scholarship Fee



The proposed budget for 2020-21 was approved at the Sept. 21, 2020, Zoom meeting. A final copy has been shared with members via email.

Finance Committee: Chairs: Marta Finlay and Mary Gill; Members: Sherri Allinder, Julie Turnbow, Leesa Cole (treasurer) and Katherine Grogan (president).

64 members are paid in full through June 2021: 62 active, 1 reserve, and 1 honorary.

Leesa Cole

Legislation Committee

Early voting WILL start October 13, 2020, which allows more time for voting than the traditional October 19, 2020. The election is November 3, 2020. Vote and make sure that your voice is heard.

Please research the candidates you are considering. Make sure they support

- **Public schools,**

- **Teachers,**
- **Teacher pensions, and**
- **Teacher healthcare.**

Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) priorities for the 2021 Texas Legislature are to

- **Preserve the funding plan enacted during the 86th Legislature (SB12),**
- **Maintain the contribution for TRS-Care retiree health insurance,**
- **Adopt the TRS Sunset Report and additional TRTA recommendations, and**
- **Ensure earned Social Security benefits are paid to retirees.**

PLEASE VOTE!

KEY Guidance Is in DKG's Governing Documents



As our local, state, and national election season continues, now is a key time to review the guidance of our DKG Society International, specifically that found in *Guidelines for State Personnel*.
[Guidelines for State Personnel](#)

3.2.4 Legislation Committee. Updated 6-24-2014; 04/30/2017; 10/24/2018

3.2.4.1 General Information. The legislation committee encourages members to initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of **education and of women educators (Purpose #4)**. The committee shall inform the members of **current economic, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society (Purpose #7)**. It is under the umbrella of the educational excellence committee.

3.2.4.3 Duties and Responsibilities.

F. Encourage chapters to participate in programs that promote **professional growth of women educators** through legislation

G. Encourage chapters to support programs and legislation that promote **the personal well-being, intellectual growth and global awareness of women educators**

H. **Committee shall adhere to International Standing Rules and adopted guidelines in all work because of possible effect on our legal designation as a non-profit organization**

1) Engaging in legislative activity is one means of implementing the Purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma

2) For tax purposes, Delta Kappa Gamma is classified as a professional society within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (6) of Internal Revenue Code

a. Internal Revenue Service defines a professional society as an association of persons having some common professional interest

b. Any Delta Kappa Gamma legislative activity must be related to the Society's common professional interest—improving professional conditions, promoting higher professional standards, and promoting professional advancement of its members

c. The common professional interest of the Society is education

3) All levels of Delta Kappa Gamma must function under provisions set forth in Section 501 (c) (6) of Internal Revenue Code

4) The tax-exempt status of Delta Kappa Gamma can be jeopardized by legislative activity that is not germane to the purposes of the Society

5) Legislative programs at each level must be developed within the framework of guidelines determined by the Society



Professional News, McAllen Convention, Delta Omicron Chapter's Recognitions

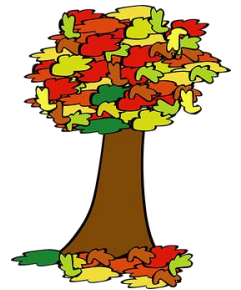
Eula Lee Carter Fund, contribution

Five-Star Newsletter

- Membership, Tudor Rose (increase)
- Yearbook, Early Bird & Exemplary
- Compliant Website
- ASTE F Scholarships, Double Honors (\$2 per member)
- ASTE F Leadership, Trailblazers (\$2 per member)
- ASTE F Projects, Builders (\$2 per member)
- ASTE F Individual and Group Contributors
 - Silver (\$500-1499) Wanda Spoonmore
 - Bronze (\$100-499) Leesa Cole
 - Friend (\$25-100) Katherine Grogan, Lou McMillan, Carolyn Miller, Marylin Nease



Source: TSO, Presidents' Kit, Digital McAllen Convention Program <https://www.dkqtexas.org/>



Personal News

Backyard Birding

by Katherine Grogan

and I are passionate birders, and we love to go around the world and view the different kinds of birds. Since the pandemic, we have been put on hold for travelling.

So, we have looked outside our windows where we have bird feeders and are amazed at what we see.

We have recently been visited by a juvenile Cooper's hawk. He is dangerous for doves but absolutely beautiful. He lets me get really close to take pictures. We have to be very careful of our small Yorkie pet however.

We also have Canadian geese stop over early in the morning lately. They forage on the ground and later take a dip in the lake behind our house. We see mallard ducks, cormorants, egrets, and herons.

Birding is an enjoyable pastime.



Fall at the Dallas Arboretum = Delta Omicron Fellowship Fun, 10/9/20!



Kay Keeland: "The pumpkins were so fabulous!" Kay Keeland, Melanie Rudebeck, Shirley Kochman Carolyn Miller, Mary Carol Hughes



L-R: Lou McMillan, Penni Lewis, Guest , Guest , Mary Carol Hughes, Mary White, Margie Rohde, Guest , Carolyn Miller, Shirley Kochman, Kay Keeland.

Delta Omicron's Zoom Fellowship Fun, 10/9/20

In this era of pandemic “staycations,” our conversation theme was “What was your favorite vacation?”

As we took turns sharing stories of favorite trips, we traveled in memory to West Texas, Big Bend Country, Disney World, Hawaii, the Panama Canal, Europe’s many countries, China, Russia, and home again. Oh, the memories we shared as we got to know each other better!

Sharing travel tales were Maureen Baker, Delores Bates, Judy Caporaletti, Mary Gill, Katherine Grogan, Lou McMillan, Mary Louise Milliorn, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Power, Margie Rohde, and Margaret Thompson.



AREA 9

Area 9 Workshop, Saturday, September 19

“I learned a TON of stuff at the workshop last Saturday!” reported

Area workshops—18 of them in Texas—are held in August and September at the start of each biennium to orient incoming officers and committee chairs, as well as members, to their new chapter roles.

Sixteen Delta Omicron members attended the Area 9 Workshop via Zoom. Like we were in search of information and fresh ideas. Following are takeaways from several of Delta Omicron’s attendees.



Lou McMillan shares, “The session I attended was presented by Carolyn Power and two others. The content was ‘Nominations and Secretaries.’ As my position as Immediate Past President includes being Chair of the Nominations Committee, I found Carolyn’s program very informative and helpful. This is an area of our Society I had not educated myself in as much as I should have. After listening to Carolyn’s program, I feel so much more at ease with my new position, and I look forward to executing my duties in 2021-2022.”



Marylin Nease reports, “In the ‘Presidents’ session, I thought about the diversity of experience among our 27 presidents. Some are first-time presidents, some are second-biennium presidents, some are returning presidents from years ago, three are returning presidents serving multiple biennia in a row, and four are serving as co-presidents. Each president has invaluable perspective and experience to share. During Q&A time, I witnessed collaboration in action as presidents took turns sharing ideas and learning from each other. Powerful!”



Susan Endicott shares, “I was part of the ‘Programs’ workshop, and two things stood out for me. First, always make sure to get input from your members; they are full of ideas and talent. So why not use them to bring programs that are relevant to all? Second, use the DKG websites! I forget to go on these sites, but from what I understand, they are full of ideas from chapters all over the state and nation that are relevant to all of us.

“The session on ‘Secretaries’ was all about the job description for each. Sometimes being playful with correspondence is good and shows life is life!”



Margie Rohde reports, “I attended several sessions via Zoom on Saturday, September 19, and then watched several recorded sessions later. All were helpful to me, especially the ‘Nominations and Secretaries’ session. I found most of the handouts very useful and downloaded many of the ones associated with the sessions I watched.

“It was clear that a lot of work went into organizing the Area 9 Workshop. Congratulations to Marylin and all the presenters!”

Delta Omicron’s hosts and presenters: Leesa Cole, Marylin Nease, Carolyn Miller, and Carolyn Power.

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

TSO Headquarters

<https://www.dkgtexas.org/contact-us.html>

TSO Executive Committee

<https://www.dkgtexas.org/executive-committee.html>

TSO Newsletter

[Fall 2020 Lone Star News](#) (latest edition)

Alpha State Texas Education Foundation (ASTE F)

[Leadership Seminar](#) (Applications due Oct. 15, 2020)



[Individual ASTEF Contribution Form](#)

[Chapter or Group ASTEF Contribution Form](#)

[ASTE F Information for Yearbook](#) (What is ASTEF?)

[2020 Mini-Grant Fall Guidelines](#) [2020 Mini-Grant Fall Application](#) (due Nov. 1, 2020)

Technology Committee

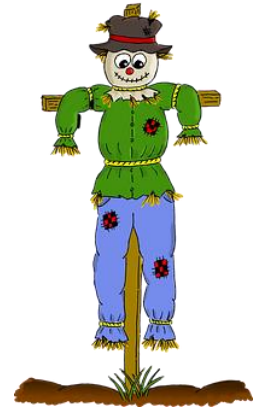
[Socialize While You Isolate](#)

Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat 2021

[2021 STAR Application](#) (Due November 1, 2020)

92nd Texas State Convention

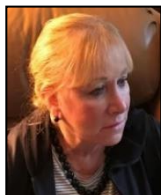
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June 17-19, 2021



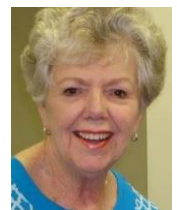
INTERNATIONAL <https://www.dkg.org/>

Virtual US Forum Webinar, Sept. 29

Several Delta Omicron Chapter members recently attended the US Forum webinar via Zoom. Below are responses from two of them. **Carolyn Power** is our TSO Liaison to the US Forum and diligently publicized the webinar via TSO's officers and area coordinators.



Sherri Allinder reports, "The people on the panel were from different areas of the country. They were very adamant about teachers' rights. They advised us to familiarize ourselves with candidates for office in our state. They also encouraged lobbying for teachers' rights at state conventions."



Katherine Grogan shares, “The US Forum webinar was a first for me. The topic was ‘Advocacy Works.’ The speakers were passionate about their presentations and talked in detail about what different parts of the country were doing. I especially liked the speaker named Kathy. I recommend these webinars because you can chat and ask questions.



“Also, I was so interested in what other states do with their retired teachers and DKG, especially Florida. Here is a badge their members wear, for example, when lobbying at their state capitol.”



What is the US Forum’s mission? “The [United States Forum](#) supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women educators. We provide U.S. members of DKG with relevant information on pending issues and legislator contact numbers to enable more effective advocacy.”

Does DKG offer other forums? Yes, the Canadian, European, and Latin American forums. [Forum Info](#)

Communications and Marketing Committee

[Get Connected July/August 2020](#) (Membership recruitment tips)

Conventions/Conferences

Virtual Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 7-10, 2020, Digital Highlights ([click on the link](#))
[https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2020 International convention/Non Mem 2020 Virtual Event.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2020%20International%20convention/Non%20Mem%202020%20Virtual%20Event.aspx)

Portland, Oregon, July 7-10, 2021
San Antonio, Texas, July 21-24, 2021
Tampere, Finland, July 28-31, 2021



Invitation to DKG Members and Guests—Saturday, October 24!

Please join the launch of the **DKG Facebook Speaker Series featuring women who make a difference.**

It is our pleasure to invite you to the first one-hour webinar featuring **Gail Wettstone Goolsby**—the 2020 DKG Educators Book Award recipient and author of *Unveiled Truth, Lessons I Learned Leading the International School of Kabul*.

Gail Goolsby, a Delta Kappa Gamma member, holds master’s degrees in Professional Counseling and Educational Leadership. She has over 25 years’ educational experience as a teacher, school counselor, and principal, including the K-12 American School in Afghanistan.

As a counselor and ICF certified life coach, Gail helps clients *learn to live well*. Gail and her pastor husband have been married 42 years and have three grown children, two sons-in-law, and four granddaughters. They live where the wind blows over the prairie in south-central Kansas.

When: This one-hour ZOOM webinar is **Saturday, October 24, 2020, 11:00 a.m. CST.**

Registration: Registration is open to everyone, but space is limited to 100. We will keep a waitlist for additional scheduled webinars with Gail. The deadline to register is **Tuesday, October 20**. All registrants will receive the meeting invitation by **Wednesday, October 21**. Please click on the following link to register: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0ljiwuKGzcsip3Uzsnmqf26C6P-gZJxh32hKPT0Q6cz8A/viewform>

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