



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, 2016-2018 Chapter President



It is hard for me to realize the new DKG year has actually begun, and we are on our way to another year of fun, facts, and fellowship.

I want to thank everyone for the successful and entertaining meeting on September 18. What a terrific way to start the year!

First, kudos to **Margaret Thompson** and her HPPC staff for setting up the room so perfectly.

Next, thanks go to **Sherrie Negrete** and **Kay Keeland** for making arrangements for our salad-and-dessert supper and for the lovely decorations. Also, our gratitude goes to all of you who provided our delightful meal. Absolutely delicious!

And, we appreciate you, **Barbara Clinton**, for the fellowship and fun we enjoyed while sharing our summer experiences around the tables. What a great way to get to know one another better!

Also, Barbara asked our very own **Leesa Cole** to provide us with excellent info about our DKG and TSO web sites. We are so very grateful to you, Leesa. This information is key to our chapter's continued success, not only in Area 9, but also throughout Texas and the world.

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Monday, October 16, 2017

Time and Agenda:

4:30 p.m. – Fellowship and Food
5:00 p.m. – Program



Barbara Clinton, Program Chair
Presenter, Rep. Lance Gooden, Texas House, District 4



Sherrie Negrete, Social Arrangements Chair

Hostesses: Margaret Arnold, Elenora Asbury, Barbara Clinton, Katy Kunofsky, Kay Lutes, Melanie Rudebeck, Sarah Beth Uhles

Location:

Highland Park Presbyterian Church, H020
3821 University Blvd., Dallas 75205

What to Bring?

Dues (\$100, check to Delta Omicron); Box Tops for Education coupons for Hillier project; Books, DVDs, CDs for fundraiser; a prospective member ♦

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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 News...

Part 1 – Officers



2016-2018 Executive Board:

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

President's Message continued...

Jaime Callahan, we appreciate your hard work in helping us gather new members into our Delta Omicron Chapter. You have made it fun and exciting, and your plan has already presented us with some terrific prospects.

Next, our heartfelt appreciation goes to **Wanda Spoonmore** and **Marta Finlay** for all of your hard work planning and executing our very successful fundraiser. What a fun and exciting way to raise \$100.00! Kudos to Wanda, Marta, and all of you who participated in this successful project!

I will close this letter by congratulating everyone who contributed to our "Campus Helping Hands" project by voting to send \$300.00 from our chapter account, and raising another \$100.00 by your participation in our white elephant fundraiser. Because of you, Delta Omicron was able to send \$400.00 to help a school campus recover from Hurricane Harvey. As soon as we receive details about the campus our chapter's gift is assisting, I will let you know.

What a way to start the 2017-2018 year! Love you, sisters! ♦

Programs and Service Projects

VP's Report

By Barbara Clinton, Programs/Projects VP

● October 16 Program



State Representative Lance Gooden will speak on legislative issues from the 2017 session and on possible future legislation of interest to current and retired Texas educators.

Rep. Gooden is a Terrell native and currently serves District 4 in the Texas House of Representatives.

He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in government and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

An eighth-grade school field trip to Austin inspired Rep. Gooden to consider a future in the state legislature.

He also has family inspirations. His parents are retired Texas teachers, and his grandmother was a teacher in Arkansas. In addition, his aunt, **Leah Black**, is a Delta Omicron member and retired Texas educator. ♦

● 2017-2018 Meetings and Programs

Monday, September 18, 2017, 4:30/5 P.M., Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Alexander Chapel, Room 229 (east/Hillier School side of HPPC campus), Salad/Dessert Supper, **Members**, "Sharing Summer Activities." **Leesa Cole**, "DKG and You." (1,3,5,6)

Monday, October 16, 2017, 4:30/5 P.M., HPPC, Room H020 (basement), Representative Lance Gooden, "TRS Care's Legislative Session Roller Coaster." (3,4,6,7)

Monday, November 13, 2017, 5 P.M., HPPC, "**Wanda Spoonmore**, "Why?" Church Parlor, Initiation Dinner. (1,2,3,6)

Saturday, December 9, 2017, 11 A.M.-1 P.M., Home of **Elenora Asbury**, "A Holiday Gathering." Bring a favorite Christmas ornament to tell about. (1,6)

Monday, January 22, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPPC, Room H020, Bonnie Moore, "Clued into Effective Communication." (3,6)

Monday, February 19, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPPC, Room H020, **Denise Barker**, "No-Sew Throws." (1,6)

Monday, March 19, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPPC, Room H020, Dr. Irie Session, "New Friends, New Life - Human Trafficking in Texas." Also, Dr. Jo Murphy and Jennifer Bernabo. (6,7)

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 10:00 A.M., CCDC Spring Luncheon, Lakewood Country Club. Theme: "Valuing the Past—Embracing the Future."

Monday, May 21, 2018, 4:30/5 P.M., HPPC, Room H020, Observance of Society Founders Day and Chapter Birthday; **Marylin Nease**, "Interview of **Grace Delatour**." (1,2,3,6)

● 2017-2018 Service Projects

▶ CHAPTER:

•**All Hands on Deck for Hillier** –program (July 2014-July 2018) at Hillier School to support early-career educators, support students with diagnosed learning differences, and support the principal (August-May)

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

▶ TSO:

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

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

▶ INTERNATIONAL:

•**Schools for Africa (SfA)**, a UNICEF and DKG international project (adopted in 2010) to “transform lives through education” on the African continent, with special focus on girls, orphans, and vulnerable children (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 Jaime Callahan, Membership VP



Thank you to all of the members who brought guests or submitted a prospect card for new members during our September meeting! We met two delightful ladies at the September 18 meeting: **Denise Barker's** guest was [REDACTED], and **Carolyn Miller's** guest was [REDACTED].

I am excited that we will have the opportunity to vote on several new members at our October 16 meeting.

If you would like to recommend someone for membership, please email me their contact information (name, address, email, phone number). ♦



Recording Secretary's Report Minutes, September 18, 2017

By Susan Bell, Recording Secretary

The Delta Omicron Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met Monday, September 18, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. in Alexander

Chapel at Highland Park Presbyterian Church for a salad supper, business meeting, and program.

Lou McMillan, chapter president, gave a warm welcome to all members. Two visitors and 34 members attended. Our visitors were [REDACTED] guest of **Denise Barker**, and [REDACTED] guest of **Carolyn Miller**.

Lou thanked **Sheri Negrete** and **Kay Keeland** of the social arrangements committee and their team of September hostesses for providing the wonderful food. Hostesses were **Leah Black, Leesa Cole, Marta Finlay, Marilyn Lamb, Jan Nance, Carrie Parsons, [REDACTED]** and **Margaret Thompson**.

Lou also thanked members for giving their yearly dues to **Mary Gill**, treasurer, as well as for taking care of other items on the “What to Bring?” list.

Barbara Clinton, first vice president, introduced “Sharing Summer Activities” and urged members to discuss their summers and catch up while dining.

After eating, members listened to **Wanda Spoonmore**, fundraising chair, express her thanks to members for the white elephant fundraising items they had brought. Wanda urged members to buy their playing cards for \$1 in preparation for winning a white elephant later in the meeting.

Jaime Callahan, second vice president, discussed new member recruitment and passed out prospect cards.

Lou McMillan asked whether there were any additions or corrections to the minutes printed in the newsletter. There were none, and she declared the minutes approved.

New Business:

President McMillan discussed the possible allocation of funds to Campus Helping Hands, a part of TSO's Hurricane Harvey Plan of Action. Lou had contacted Dr. Jo Murphy, 2017-2019 TSO president, to discuss the plan. Lou explained the concern for teachers not even having school supplies to do their job due to Hurricane Harvey. Lou proposed that Delta Omicron donate \$300.00 to the plan's Campus Helping Hands project from our chapter's treasury. **Mary Gill**, treasurer, stated that the funds were available in the chapter's bank account. Members voted approval for the proposal.

Wanda Spoonmore, fundraising chair, discussed possible recipients of our September fundraising money: TSO's Campus Helping Hands, as well as ASTEF, which supports projects around Texas such as our Hillier School for the past three years. Chapter members approved the funds going to the Campus Helping Hands part of TSO's Hurricane Harvey Plan of Action.

Carrie Parsons, Hillier School project committee member, discussed The Hillier School being for children with learning differences and our project to support Hillier's students, teachers, and principal, for example, with a back-to-school breakfast in August for Hillier's staff.

Marylin Nease, communications and publicity chair, asked for volunteers to print and mail copies of the chapter newsletter to four members who do not use computers. She will send out a group email seeking volunteers.

Program:

Barbara Clinton, program chair, introduced **Leesa Cole**, TSO treasurer. Leesa provided members with an informative

talk: "Delta Kappa Gamma and You!" She discussed "perks" of being in this organization, for example, talking about how members can obtain insurance through DKG, as well as go on cruises, and have access to the DKG International store. She also discussed Texas State and our involvement with relief efforts for members and schools impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Further, Leesa explained how the publication *Get Connected* can help members with technology issues. She also reported that there have been some changes regarding the PACE award, which will be suspended for this year so that leaders can study what to do for the future. Leesa stated that lifelong learning is a trademark of our organization and showed where on the state web site members can access scholarship information. She reported, too, that our own **Marilyn Nease** is chairing the TSO Headquarters committee this biennium.

Fundraising:

Wanda Spoonmore and **Marta Finlay** of the fundraising committee led the fundraiser. Members with winning playing cards selected their prizes from member-donated white elephant items. Everyone had fun, and the activity raised an additional \$100.00 for the Campus Helping Hands part of TSO's Hurricane Harvey Plan of Action, for a total of \$400.00 going to this worthy cause.

The meeting closed with members singing "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song." ♦



Treasurer's Report

By Mary Gill, Treasurer

Thanks to the 31 members who paid their dues at our September meeting, our balance on October 3 was \$4,480.37.

I hope to start receiving more dues checks in the mail. I would love to get our dues in ahead of the October deadline.

Membership dues are \$100.00. Please write your check to Delta Omicron, and mail it to me or bring it to our October 16 meeting. ♦

Chapter News...

Part 2 - Committees: Chapter Business



Communications Committee

By Marilyn Nease, Chair

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

This month's article is a human interest one. This personal essay is part seven in an ongoing series exploring the impact of one family member's illness on the family as a whole.

One and All

By Marilyn Nease, Editor



**Part 7: July 28-30, 2017
Everyday Normal**

Daisies and Fireflies

"Will you trim the Shasta daisies?" my sister [redacted] asks, then adds, "I trimmed them recently, but they need it again."

"Of course. Tell me where your clippers are," I answer. Clippers in hand, I head to [redacted]'s west flowerbed, deadheading first her daisies, then her cannas and day lilies, too, until dusk.

Satisfied, I join my three sisters [redacted] in the swing overlooking the south pasture. We rock, talk, and watch the flickering lights of fireflies. The stars and moon glow in the sky's overturned bowl.

[redacted] comes out of the house, puts his hands on [redacted]'s shoulders, and says, "Just checking to see what you all are doing." We five talk a bit. He senses we're still in "sister time" and says again, "I was just checking," before returning to the house. Frequent visits during the past months of [redacted]'s diagnosis and treatment for lung cancer have made the five of us more in tune with each other. We sisters talk a little longer, then, head inside to rest.

A Drain and Two Markets

Yesterday morning [redacted] had a liter of fluid drained from below her left lung. Today, breathing better, she's eager to shop at a farmers' market in Tulsa.

[redacted] drives. [redacted] rides in the front seat. The other three of us ride in the pickup's back seat. And we're on the road again.

At the street market, we shop booths with baked goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, probiotic foods, nuts, plants, cheeses, ice creams, and snow cones. We store our purchases in ice chests and go to our next stop.

At Trader Joe's we shop again for our remaining weekend meals, collaborating on ideas—sweet Italian sausage to go with roasted vegetables; plus, spinach, strawberries, blueberries, feta cheese, and balsamic dressing for [redacted]'s salad.

We make two more stops, then drive home by way of Edna, a town almost gone. Remaining are a church and a set of concrete steps now missing their schoolhouse. Edna stirs our curiosity because it was our mother's name, too.

Home again, we find nephews [redacted] have come and gone, leaving zucchini bread, garden vegetables, and peach cake.

Scrambling Eggs and Mopping Floors

The next day, our last day together, is a flurry of activities. I scramble eggs, and we eat them with zucchini bread. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] dig volunteer hibiscus plants, [REDACTED] weeds the garden, [REDACTED] mops, [REDACTED] and I make lunch, and so forth. We complete as many tasks as possible before our time is up.

At mid-afternoon, [REDACTED] and I clean up, load up, and say goodbye, ready to drive back across the state on our way home.

Riding, we think about the weekend's activities—swinging, talking, laughing, cooking, eating, shopping, cleaning, gardening, traveling—routines marking normal, everyday living. Grateful to have arrived at normality in the midst of cancer's disruption, we feel fortunate indeed.

To be continued... ♦

● Members Volunteer to Keep Everyone in Touch



Dr. Catherine Donahue, Dr. Elyse Griffin, [REDACTED], Penni Lewis, Wanda Spoonmore, [REDACTED] and Mary White have volunteered to print and mail chapter newsletters to our members who do not use computers and so are unable to receive the newsletters by email.

Many thanks go to **Penni Lewis** for September's printing and mailing to four members! Also, to **Mary White** for volunteering to print and mail to one member October-May, and to **Wanda Spoonmore** for printing and mailing to three members in October.

Now, we need two more volunteers, one for March and one for April/May. Please contact **Marilyn Nease** if you can help keep our ladies in touch. ♦

Chapter News...

Part 2 - Committees: Society Mission and Purposes



Legislation Committee



By [REDACTED] Chair

Tim Lee, executive director of Texas Retired Teachers Association, has stressed over and over that active and retired educators need to join TRTA. We need numbers to make the legislature take us seriously.

Many people are having their spouse and family members join as

associate members.

You do not have to attend meetings, assume any responsibilities, or be retired to join.

PLEASE FIGHT for your healthcare and defined benefit pension plan.

How to obtain a TRTA Membership Form?

Go to [TRTA.org](http://www.trta.org). Click on "Forms" in the top blue bar, and click on "Membership Forms" in the blue drop down. Under "Membership Forms" click on "2017-2018 Membership Enrollment Form." ♦

Scholarship Committee



By Leesa Cole, Chair

● Fall's TSO Mini-Grant with Corrected Deadline

It's time to apply for the TSO Fall Mini-Grant!

This grant is for all teachers—currently teaching as well as retired.

If you have a learning opportunity coming up within the next year, you should look at the application and

guidelines to see if works for you. Or, take a shortcut and contact me; I'll gladly help you.

Guidelines and application are on the DKG Texas site / Scholarships page <http://www.dkgtexas.org/state-scholarships.html>.

Recent awardees were able to take a smart tour to Scandinavia and attended conferences (leadership, choral directors, and intercultural languages).

Deadline to apply: Nov. 1, 2017.

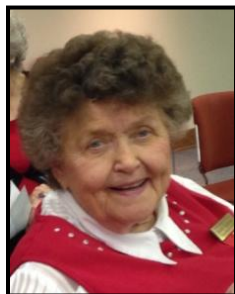
Take a look, and call me if you have questions. ♦

Chapter News...

Part 2 - Committees: Special



Fundraising Committee



By Wanda Spoonmore, Chair
Thanks for September's Success

Thank you for the successful and fun white elephant fundraising event held during the September meeting. Members raised the sum of \$100.00. As per your vote, the entire amount, along with \$300.00 from the chapter treasury, has been sent to the TSO Hurricane Harvey Relief

Plan of Action to assist affected Texas schools with their specific needs. We have already received a thank-you email from Cooke Johnson, chairman of the Campus Helping Hands project.

Now for October: Books, DVDs, CDs

Our October fundraiser will be the type where you bring books, DVDs, and CDs for other members to buy for \$1.00. Again, we will take a vote to determine the destination of the funds, either ASTEF or the TSO Helping Hands project. So along with books, DVDs, and CDs, bring money to buy one or more. All for a great cause.

Future Fundraising

We will do more fundraising activities at the January and February meetings. ♦

Hillier Project Committee

● After-school Tutoring



✓ **Lou's Three Wednesdays at Hillier**

Lou McMillan reports, "One of the experiences I really anticipated this September was being back tutoring with my students at The Hillier School. Another year older and another year taller they are!

"It was so good to see them again and learn about all the fun things they

did over the summer. Playing ice hockey in Minnesota, spending a week at camp, and doing other exciting activities.

"However, what made me smile the most was discovering they kept up their reading during the summer. We do make a difference!

"If you are not already an after-school tutor at Hillier, please consider giving an hour a week to listen to these precious children read. It is so worthwhile, and the benefits it reaps are unbelievable for these students, and will be gratifying for you, too.

"Thank you to all our volunteers!" ♦



✓ **Marilyn's Two Tuesdays and a Thursday at Hillier**

Who: Marilyn Nease

What: Volunteering as an after-school tutor for our chapter project

Where: The Hillier School, HPPC

When: Tues., Sept. 19; Thurs., Sept. 28; Tues., Oct. 3

Why: Helping kids learn to read

better, and having fun doing it. Best part: watching them make connections! "Oh, that's like that other word!"

How:

(1) On Sept. 19, listening to my fifth-grade girl read one book: *Ivy & Bean, Book 1*.

And, to my fourth-grade girl read two books: *The Haunting of Holt Mansion* and *Frankly, I Never Wanted to Kiss Anybody (The Story of the Frog Prince as Told by the Frog)*.

(2) On Sept. 28, listening to my fifth-grade girl read two books: *The Rip Tide* and *The Long Road Home*.

And, to my fourth-grade girl read seven books: *David Goes to School*; *Tam Has a Nap*; *Ned is Bad*; *A Great Break*; *Sim and the Bat*; *Ned, the Cat*; and *Believe Me, Goldilocks Rocks (The Story of the Three Bears as Told by Baby Bear)*.

(3) On Oct. 3, listening to my returning fourth grader read four books: *Honestly, Red Riding Hood Was Rotten! (The Story of Little Red Riding Hood as Told by the Wolf)*; *David Goes to School*; *Tam Has a Nap*; and *Believe Me, Goldilocks Rocks (The Story of the Three Bears as Told by Baby Bear)*.

And, to my new fourth-grade girl read six chapters in *Mercy Watson Fights Crime*.

(4) Spending 30 minutes with each child each week. ♦

Chapter News...

Part 3 – Member News: Professional



Mary White shares, "Dear Delta Omicron Sisters, I will not be able to attend most of our meetings this year. I have taken an after-school tutoring job Monday-Thursday, from 2:45-6:00 p.m.

"Just wanted to let you know in case someone misses me...haha!

"I know that I will miss seeing you all. I will still be available for

chapter field trips, lunches, and our Christmas gathering!

"My love to everyone." ♦

Chapter News...

Part 3 – Member News: Personal



Left to right: **Marta Finlay, Barbara Clinton, and Mary Gill.** Marta reports, "It was a great opening day at the 2017 State Fair of Texas! Rain didn't slow us down!" ♦

Chapter News...

Part 4 – Chapter Meeting, September 18, 2017, Photo Highlights



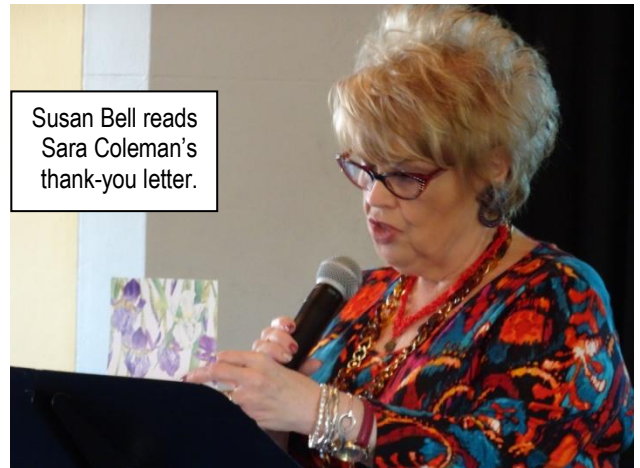
Lou
McMillan
welcomes
everyone.



Carolyn
Miller
shares an
inspiration.



Jaime
Callahan
talks
about new
member
prospect
cards.



Susan Bell reads
Sara Coleman's
thank-you letter.



Wanda
Spoonmore
discusses
possible
recipients of
money from
a white
elephant
fundraiser.



Mary Gill receives members' dues.



Leah Black, Mary Gill, [redacted]



Susan Bell takes minutes.



Carolyn Power, Barbara Harris



Sara Coleman and Grace Delatour



Margaret Arnold, Kay Keeland



Margaret Thompson, Katy Kunofsky, Becky Quigley, Carrie Parsons



Carolyn Miller, [redacted] Leesa Cole



Jean Wallace, Wanda Spoonmore



Catherine Donahue, Jan Nance, Marilyn Lamb



Janet Cundiff



Leah Black and the rest of us thank our September hostesses!



Shirley Kochman, Sherrie Negrete, Elenora Asbury



Shirley Kochman, Margaret Arnold, Leesa Cole, Marta Finlay



Jan Nance, Denise Barker



Mary Gill, Mary Riddle, Marilyn Lamb, Carolyn Miller



Carolyn Miller, Grace Delatour, Susan Bell, Jan Nance



Mary Gill "shows and tells" about her summer memento during dining/sharing time



Susan Bell, [redacted]



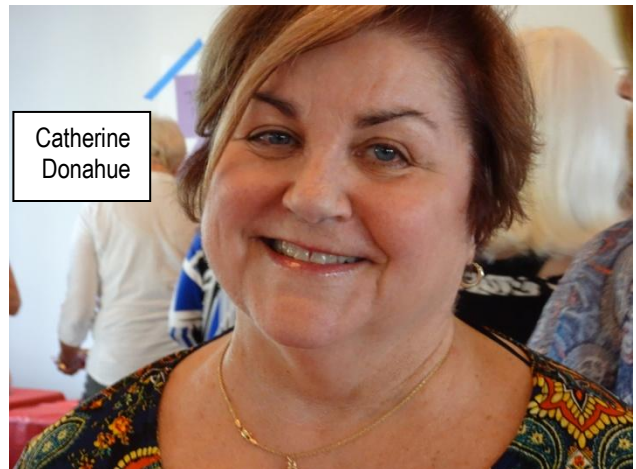
Sherrie Negrete slices the cake.



Marylin Nease and Marilyn Lamb



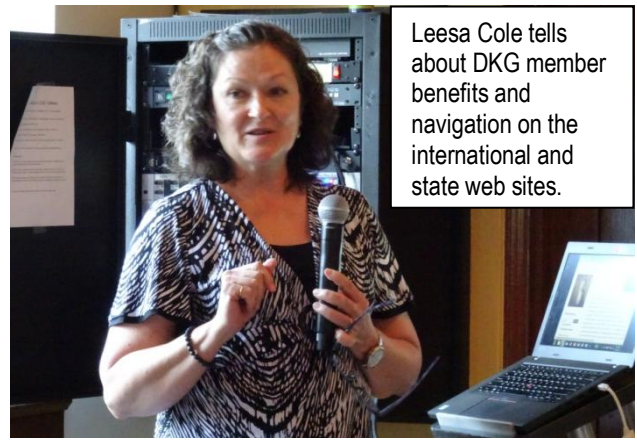
Leah Black and Marta Finlay



Catherine Donahue



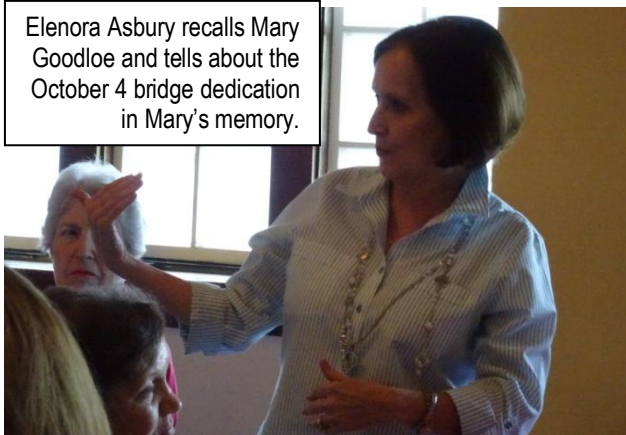
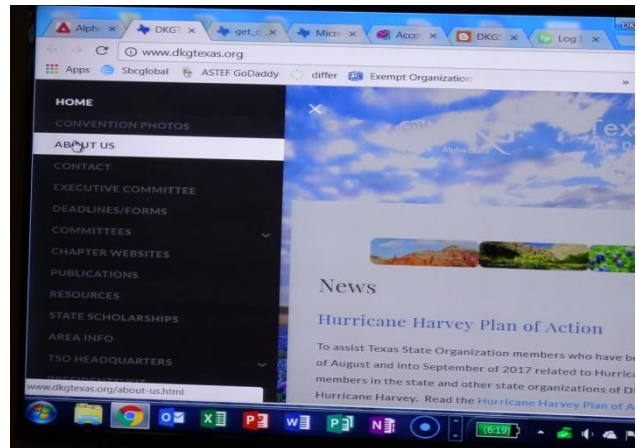
Carrie Parsons, Margaret Thompson



Leesa Cole tells about DKG member benefits and navigation on the international and state web sites.



Mary Gill discusses our chapter's finances.



Elenora Asbury recalls Mary Goodloe and tells about the October 4 bridge dedication in Mary's memory.



Wanda Spoonmore draws and announces cards for the white elephant fundraiser.

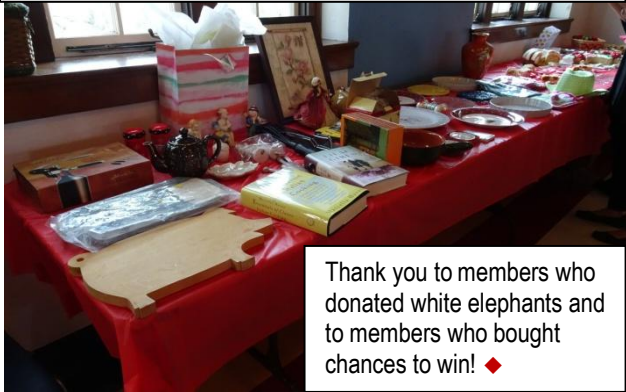


Barbara Clinton introduces our program presenter, Leesa Cole.



A sampling of the white elephants, which winning card holders can choose from!

The view from the other end of the white elephant table!



Thank you to members who donated white elephants and to members who bought chances to win! ♦

Coordinating Council of Dallas County News...

The CCDC Spring Luncheon is April 7, 2018, at the Lakewood Country Club. 10:00 a.m.
Theme: Valuing the Past—Embracing the Future. ♦

Texas State Organization News...

Hurricane Relief

By Leesa Cole, TSO Treasurer



Anyone want to be a member-to-member encourager to a fellow Texas member impacted by Hurricane Harvey?

One part of TSO's Hurricane Harvey Plan of Action offers members the opportunity to gift \$80 toward another member's chapter dues and to send notes of

encouragement several times during the year. Up to three members can go together to pay the \$80 and take turns encouraging their member.

The form is now linked to the DKG Texas web site. It's listed first on the home page and is an interactive form.

I can collect forms and money at the October meeting if Delta Omicron members want to participate.

Earlier in October I worked with Michelle Grandinetti, TSO membership chair. At that time Michelle had about 60 members in need and no one to be their encourager or pay their dues. More money and encouragers may come in during October

since the word has gotten out better and chapters are on their second meeting.

[Member to Member Form](#) (MS Word Form) ♦

TSO Website

www.dkgtxas.org ♦

Lone Star News, Fall 2017 Edition

[Lone Star News Fall 2017](#) (PDF) ♦



TSO President and Theme, 2017-2019

Dr. Jo Murphy
Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow ♦

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:
Marilyn Nease, chair,
Headquarters Committee

● Will You Volunteer at HQ? Annie Needs You!

TSO Headquarters has three employees: Cheryl Crawford, state executive secretary; **Leesa Cole**, state treasurer; and Deborah Thomas, state executive assistant.

When needed at HQ, DKG members volunteer to assist TSO's employees in completing Texas State business. On any given day, a volunteer might help with shredding, entering data, word processing to update forms or create labels, filing,

mail processing, documenting info for treasurer forms and yearbooks, and assisting phone callers.

HQ's employees especially need and appreciate volunteers in October and November, when chapter dues pour in!

In the photo below, Delta Omicron's **Mary Gill** works at the volunteer computer station on September 20.

Mary urges, "Please carve out a few hours and head to the TSO office to help our great organization. Recently, I spent a



few hours filling out expense reports for upcoming meetings. Leesa, Cheryl, and Deborah will be there to show you exactly how and what you can do to help. They especially can use help when the chapter dues start coming in. Take your lunch, and enjoy getting to know Cheryl, Leesa, and Deborah better. They are wonderful!"

Other Delta Omicron members who have volunteered at HQ so far this year are **Carolyn Miller** and **Marylin Nease**.

Carolyn Miller reports, "On Tuesday, September 26, I spent three hours volunteering at TSO headquarters. I typed envelopes to send our state honorary members their 2017-18 membership cards. It was fun to type addresses for people like Laura Bush, Rose Mary Rumbley, Eddie Bernice Johnson, and Tincy Miller and get them stamped and ready to mail. I also did stacks of shredding. **Leesa Cole** and Cheryl Crawford were working that day, and we enjoyed eating our sack lunches and talking about the fun memories we had from our July 2017 Southwest Regional Conference in Hawaii. It was a fun day!"



Volunteers from other chapters so far include Ann Butcher, Billienelle Currie, Cynthia DeVies, Michelle Grandinetti, Tish Mulkey, Pam Ponnors, and Betty Vines.

Interested in being a part of what's happening at HQ? Let **Marylin Nease** know you want to volunteer. ♦

TSO Committee, 2017-2019



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

● Using Research for "Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow"

Committee Goals

One goal of the state research committee is to promote contributions to DKG publications.

Dr. Barbara Baethe, committee chair, reports, "One member has suggested that we incorporate research about the traditions of the Society to support President Jo Murphy's goals. Things have changed since our members rode a train to all-day meetings several miles away from where they lived, wearing hats, gloves, and their Sunday best."

My Personal Goal

I find Dr. Murphy's theme, "Bridging yesterday and tomorrow," inspiring. The young women that we have been able to enlist in Delta Omicron have not given the usual response to joining DKG. I usually hear a reply like: "I don't have a moment to spare for anything else, membership dues are pretty high for me, and I get lots of staff development in my school district." Linking these newer members to women of our past is essential if we are to keep DKG growing. I would love to hear feedback from our younger members about why they have chosen to join DKG.

I hope we can submit articles to *Lone Star News* that will incorporate a pair of stories: one from a member with years of experience, and one from a member with a few years of experience. ♦

TSO Projects

- **Week of Caring**, February, March 2018
- **Unifying Project**, May, June 2018: ♦

TSO Coming Events

Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat 2018

Camp Allen, Navasota, TX
January 13-15, 2018

89th Texas State Convention

Waco Convention Center
Waco, Texas
June 14-16, 2018 ♦

Southwest Regional News...

Texas is one of 22 member states in the Southwest Region, each represented by a banner in the photo from this summer's conference. The Southwest Region's next conference will convene in July 2019.



Regional conferences and international conventions meet in alternate years.

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

Delta Omicron members attending the July 4-7, 2017, Southwest Regional Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, were **Maureen Baker, Leesa Cole, Lou McMillan, and Carolyn Miller.**



Maureen Baker and Carolyn Miller wait for a session to begin at the 2017 Southwest Regional Conference in Hawaii. ♦

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
<https://www.dkg.org/content/schools-africa-0>
- Support Early-career Educators (SEE)
<https://www.dkg.org/content/see-support-early-career-educators> ♦



President and Theme, 2016-2018

Carolyn Pittman
DKG—Leading Women Educators ♦

2018 International Convention (hosted by Texas)

July 16-20, 2018
JW Marriott Austin
Austin, Texas
Convention Chair, JoAnn Brooks

Follow this link for a five-minute video all about our coming convention in Austin!

http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2016_International_Convention/2018_Austin_International_Convention.aspx?WebsiteKey=f2a9f9b2-97e4-46ea-a2f2-6b3771b0cb9d

2018 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TIMES



Coming soon: the first issue of the 2018 *International Convention Times* newsletter! ♦

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