



The News from Nu Chapter
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision Statement: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

2016-2018 International Theme "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide"

2017-2019 TSO Theme "Bridging yesterday and tomorrow"

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Straight from Sandra

"Bridging yesterday and tomorrow" The beginning of this Nu year, bridges two state presidents---Marilyn Gregory and Dr. Jo Murphy. Immediate Past President Marilyn lead us with **HEART** and made us all realize that we, the members, *are* the heart of our society. New TSO President Dr. Jo, with her **"Bridging yesterday and tomorrow"** theme, reminds us that what we did in the past will impact our future.

We should also remember that today is very important to the success of the future. It is after all, **'the bridge'** that will bring us together, stronger than ever.

As I begin the last year of my biennium as your Chapter President, I look forward to our new leaders and I can't wait to see where they will take us as they move our society forward. Change is exciting and daunting at times, but always a learning a experience. Let us all learn from each other as we look for new ways to help enrich our organization.

Achievement Award
Sandra Morales, Nu President
Cindy Neander and Carolyn Waller



As the crowd waited with bated breath to see who this year's winners would be they heard of the many achievements our sisters had accomplished to be recommended for this highest honor of the Texas State Organization of DKG. As they listened they wondered who the recipient would be! When the name of our own president, **Sandra Morales**, was announced, a gasp was heard from those Nu Chapter members in the audience.



ASTEFAWARD

Friday, August 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.
DeZavala School, San Marcos, for
presenting the ASTEF check to them.

Tuesday, September 19 5:30 Meal
Meeting 6:00

Kyle First Baptist Church 400 W.
Center

Salad Supper: Chapter Officers hosting
Program Purpose: To inform members of
purposes of NU, TSO, and DKG

Annual Chapter Project: School supplies
for sisters still in classroom

Society Purpose: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7,

Inspiration: Peggy Hillburn

Special Guests: AC Dr. Stacey Arnold and

Int. Convention Co-Chair: Laura Packard

Music: "Getting to Know You" Sandra and
Loretta

Raffle Basket: Dolores Cruz benefitting
Leadership Seminar

QUESTION??

**Why does the chapter strive so hard to
win all "these ribbons"? Is it just to be
able to show up others who don't have
them? NO!**

**It is to show how diligently our sisters
have worked to meet criteria set by the
State and International. A lot of work
goes into earning each ribbon, from the
president who must organize the activities
to the "just a member" who contributes
by her attendance and participation.
Personally, each time our chapter name is
called at Convention I swell with a little
more pride that "my sisters" have been
willing to put out the extra effort to earn
"these ribbons"! Nadyne Gartman**



This past June, at the State Convention in Houston, we were awarded another ASTEF stipend! **The principal at DeZavala, Ms. Elena Villanueva, has accepted our new stipend of \$1,500.00, and we will make a presentation of the monies on Friday, August 25th at eight o'clock in the morning during their faculty meeting.** At present, we have one member at DeZavala and one of our candidates for our October initiation works there, too. DeZavala is located at 600 Staples Rd, off HWY 123 in San Marcos.

From the Awards Committee
Nu Chapter received many prestigious awards at the State Convention in June. Included were the PACE for chapter excellence, 5 Star Newsletter and Seal of Merit, Exemplary Yearbook Early Bird Award, Certified Chapter Websites, Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund Contributing Chapter, Leadership Seminar, Scholarship and ASTEF Donation, and Tudor Rose for increase in membership. All of the above were capped off by the receipt of a \$1,500.00 ASTEF grant! The crowning award was when Sandra received the TSO Achievement Award! Way to go, Nu!



“Summer Adventure”
Gracie Roche

This summer I had the privilege of attending the Delta Kappa Gamma Society’s eighty-eighth state convention in Houston, Texas. While I have attend many professional and several religious conventions this was the first Society convention I have ever attended. It was very much like a professional convention with many extra special events to experience.

Because it was my first Society convention, I had to attend the “First Timers” session. The title says it all; three energetic presenters gave us the basics of the conference, informed and entertained us as well. The three main ideas related to us were that the convention was to “Inspire, Empower, and Hook” us as new members of the society. I can attest that the convention did all three for me.

I was inspired by all the work and deeds so many women in so many chapters achieved. I was able to chat/visit with women from all over the state. I was able to speak to many that are still threading through daily teaching jobs and giving it all they have. I was impressed by the continuous work of the retired educators still giving of their time to promote learning for all ages.

Empowered? Oh, yes, again by the one thousand plus women still loving education, learning and sharing their gifts with others. So much still needs to be done in education and give many opportunities to continue to learn. I attended a session with a presenter from Germany telling us about an art program for emigrants and the difference it has made in the lives of the families arriving from other countries.

Hooked!! Of Course! Hooked really tight to the membership and service of Delta Kappa Gamma. Hooked to attend another convention to meet more educators to hear more about great projects that are making a difference for someone. Ultimately, hooked to be a part of an international organization that originated in Texas that continues to open paths for new teachers and seasoned educators.

Thank you, Nu Chapter, for giving me the opportunity and getting fueled with passion for learning. It was wonderful to attend the special event where our Chapter and President, Sandra Morales, was honored and recognized. Meeting new people and making connections was an added touch to the whole experience.



Tonda will be accepting Your dues at the first meeting in September.



Ruth Spear, 59 yr. member honored at State Convention in Houston in June.



President Dr. Jo Murphy's Goals

1. Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
2. Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
3. Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
4. Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide



Area 7 Presidents Nu President on left.



PACE Award Winners
Can you find Sandra?

Congratulations from Wes



ASTEFL CHECKS



Going to the banquet!

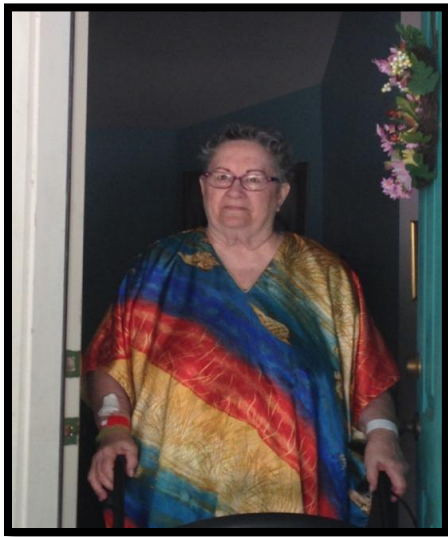
Loretta, Sandra, Gracie, and Ruth



Before the tears started!



A look back at our first ASTEF



My first trip home from hospital after beginning my summer of chemo and other related treatments. Thank you for all of the prayers and good wishes for my recovery. Nadyne

The News may seem a little scatterbrained this edition, but you can blame it on the chemo! Please remember to get your news in to me before the 20th of each month in order for our sisters to know what's going on in our world. Your editor, Nadyne.



Introducing Dr. Stacey Arnold, Area 7 Coordinator

During this year, I will do my best to assist you as you work toward strengthening your chapter by building membership, participating in community outreach activities, and supporting your current members. I encourage you to think outside of the box as you work toward your chapter goals. I look forward to visiting your chapter and seeing firsthand all the wonderful things you are doing. (From AC Letter Area 7)



Keypin Reminder

For those of you not currently having a Delta Kappa Gamma keypin, go to the following: **Award Concepts** link, <http://acgreek.com/greek/home.php> the official site when purchasing items for DKG, where you may order one. Once in the site, type in Delta Kappa Gamma, where it says, "Find Your Organization." In the Online Store, open the "Pins and Badges" section. There are four keypins, from which to select, available in different sizes and prices. All members are required to have a keypin.

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