

*The News from Nu Chapter Texas State Organization
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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

Ever since the Magi offered gifts to Baby Jesus on that first Christmas, people have been giving and receiving gifts in December. Most of them are wrapped in pretty paper and ribbons, but I think the best gifts given and received this year by Nu members have been those which have needed no fancy wrapping.

You have given freely of your time, love, and talents, so many have benefitted from your actions. Here is a recap of some of your generosity and those who received it: the children at DeZavala Elementary who accepted your books, your reading time and your Super Hero attire; all attendees at the Emily Ann Theatre and Gardens *Trail of Lights Festival* who admired and enjoyed your creative display; the local food bank where more festive items were donated besides the regular staples; the scholarship recipient, a future teacher and perhaps future member, who will use the money during her Student Teaching; and your gift of membership to several lovely ladies we have welcomed into our fold in the past few months. You are awesome! They say it is better to give than to receive. Do you agree? I do. It certainly gave me a warm feeling knowing that those we 'gifted' were happy and excited with what they received. I feel we made a

difference, however small, in their lives,. I hope your Christmas is filled with love, joy, happiness and good health. And, I hope you pass all those wishes along to others, too. Knowing you, I am sure you will.

Thank you for being in my life, what a wonderful gift you are to me. Merry Christmas.



Nu working together to accomplish great things!

Nu celebrated an Initiation and
Recommitment on
December 12, 2017



Ready for Initiation



Laura's initiation



Candle Lighting



Initiation Committee



Laura's candle inside Triangle



Committee is ready to initiate Laura.



Observing the Ceremony



Presenting the Rose



Laura is now a Nu sister!



Ceremony Completed!

Laura Zunker – Laura lives in New Braunfels. She earned her B.S. degree from UT at San Antonio in Interdisciplinary Studies, her M.A. degree in Educational Administration from A&M University in Kingsville, TX and her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership with Instructional Technology from Kingsville also. Laura is presently a Special Education Coordinator for San Marcos CISD. She is also an Adjunct Professor for online graduate courses in Special Education for Grand Canyon University in Phoenix Arizona.



Laura and Clarissa



Visiting



Tonda and Clarissa



Carol, Karen, and Tonda



Sandra and Laura



Alice



Lining up for dinner

Connie shared some of the pictures for this news letter. Remember that any of you who take pictures of any of our activities feel free to share them for the news letter. Just send them to nadynegartman@gmail.com.



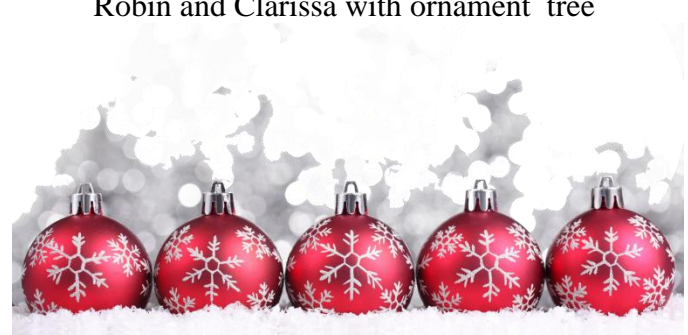
More visiting.



Robin and Clarissa with ornament tree



Nadyne



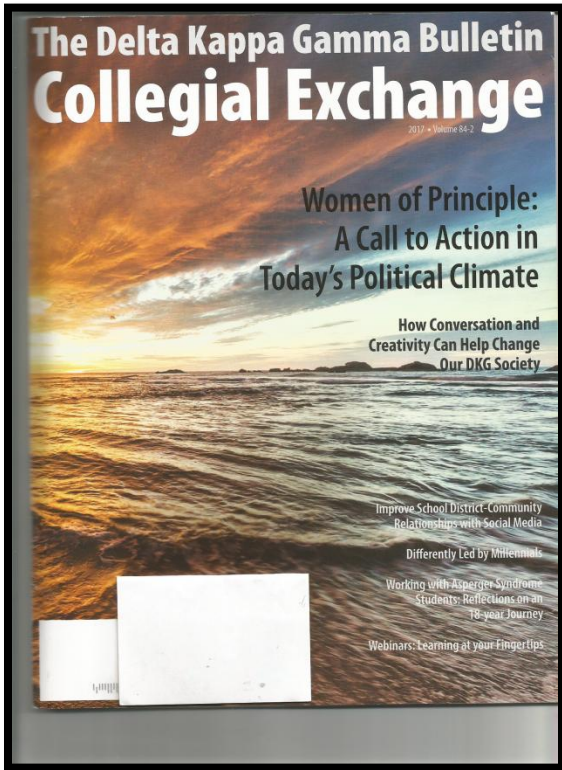
Dec. 12 meeting at the Holberg House was well attended by members and guests. The raffle basket donated by Gracie brought in \$80.00 for the Eula Lee Carter Fund. The basket was won by Connie. Barbara H. won the birthday of the month gift from Sandra. Fantastic fun evening.



Carol G. is ready.

Outstanding! Thank you so much for these pictures. I enjoyed my golf cart ride to the site, too! Sandra invited me to the Christmas meeting/dinner. I would really enjoy seeing all of you for a nice evening. When/where/time is it? Tonda and I talked briefly at the Wimberley Community Concert--she said she'd pick me up but I don't know the details. Thanks and Merry Christmas to you, too! La Verne Rydell

Wonderful reading from DKG sisters.



Sandra received the following note from Dr. ten Brink, president of Alpha Chapter, Austin.

“Dr. Barbara ten Brink, Dr. Evelyn Farmer, and Ms. Judy Reinhart accepted Nu Chapter’s holiday invitation to join them at the Emily Ann Theater and Gardens 20th Annual Trail of Lights Festival in Wimberley, Texas. Pictures include Barbara, Evelyn, and Judy with members of Nu Chapter, President Sandra Morales, Loretta Eiben, Karen Franco, Cheryl Blake, Carol Plassmann, Tonda Frady, Jenny Turney, Ruth Spear, Nadyne Gartman. The women served as the evening’s hostesses and manned their award winning exhibit, “DKG Leading Women Educators International.” The exhibit won Most Creative by the community and Most International by Dr. ten Brink. On the menu was Frito Pie, Smores, and hot chocolate. We had fun. The weather was perfect and the mood was joyous! Thank you, Nu Chapter!

*Nu Chapter chartered April 1930; serving Hays County” (Alpha Chapter News January 2018



Brenda and her grandson at Trail of Lights

Notes from former members!

Just wanted to congratulate the Delta Kappa Gamma chapter on receiving the most creative award at Emily Ann. I plan to see it. Merry Christmas!
Barbara Pevoto



Dr. ten Brink and Sandra

Mark your calendar!
89th TSO Convention Waco
June 14-16, 2018

DKG International Convention
July 16-20, 2018

J.W. Marriott Hotel, Austin

<http://www.dkgtexas.org/upcoming-events.html>



Don't forget to put this on your 2018 Calendar!
Kyle First Baptist Church 11:00 AM

Following is a list of those who have made their menu selection and those who have signed up to take a salad or dessert. Most have ordered the Sesame chicken, others as noted.

Those not yet signed up, but willing to take desserts, please let Karen Franco know at nfranco3@austin.rr.com

1. Sandra Morales, dessert
2. Nadyne Gartman, dessert
3. Carol Plassmann
4. Karen Franco, salad
5. Barbara Hollis, dessert
6. Cheryl Blake, dessert
7. Debra Zupancic, salad
8. Tonda Frady, salad
9. Jenny, Turney, salad
10. Bonnie Flammang, salad
11. Peggy Parker, dessert
12. Robin Estep, dessert (**VEGGIE** menu)
13. Carol Grim, dessert
14. Ruth Spear
15. Clarissa Talbert, dessert (**BEEF** menu)
16. Laura Zunker
17. Nelda Reyes, salad
18. Alice Castillo, dessert (**VEGGIE** menu)
19. Janis Brown, salad
20. Tanya Rhodes
21. Connie Martin-Thompson
22. Brenda Butler
23. Loretta Eiben
24. Dr. Jo Murphy, TSO guest
25. Dr. Stacey Arnold, TSO guest, (**BEEF** menu)

Menu selection: (Please let Sandra Morales wesanmor@gmail.com know selection by January 11, 2018). Make checks out to Nu Chapter, and send to Tonda Frady at P.O. Box 1992, Wimberley, Texas 78676 at your earliest convenience as we need to submit order and pay the caterer before the Social. Some paid at the December meeting—Thank You!

- # 1. Beef Vegetable with steamed rice and egg roll
- # 2. Sesame Chicken with steamed rice and egg roll
- # 3. Veggie Delight with steamed rice and egg roll

Texas Retired Teachers Foundation – Making a Difference

The Texas Retired Teachers Foundation (TRTF) is dedicated to assisting in the success of the next group of teachers and public education professionals in Texas. TRTF has created the Beginning Teacher Scholarship program.

Beginning Teacher Scholarships (\$750 each) are a great way for new teachers to pay for certification tests and classroom supplies. **In 2018 TRTF will give out 15 Beginning Teacher Scholarships.**

If you know of anyone who might fall into this category and who would like to apply, please share this news with them. To enter, go on line to “Texas Retired Teachers Foundation”, click on “Initiatives/TRTF”, click on the application. (Shared by Barbara Hollis)

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*Wishing one and all a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy
New Year*