



Nu Chapter News

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Texas State Organization**

Goal: "Reaching out to create fellowship by expanding our membership to like minded educators and strengthening community involvement"

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Volunteering at the Wimberley Trail of Lights is always festive!

Bev Still, Pat Ricks, Loretta Eiben, Chris Winek, and Robin Estep serve hot chocolate.

Service Project at Trail of Lights

The December 14, 2023 Wimberley Trail of Lights Service Project was great fun for everyone involved. Nu Chapter members served hot chocolate to the very young and the very "young at heart" (adding cool water to the piping hot chocolate for the little ones!!). There was enough of a chill in the air that visitors enjoyed roasting marshmallows and making s'mores by the fire.



**2023-2025
TSO Theme:
SOAR
to New Heights**

S seek new members & opportunities

O pen your heart, mind, & attitude

A ct to serve & share

R each to renew, respond, and relate

DKG Promotes professional & personal growth of women educators & excellence in education.

Vision Statement:
"Leading women educators impacting education worldwide."

SAVE THE DATES

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Tri-Chapter Social

Seguin, TX

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APRIL 15

Regular Meeting

San Marcos Library

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MAY 20

Regular Meeting

San Marcos Library

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

MEETING UPDATE

The Christmas Party provided an opportunity for an informal meeting update.

Co-Presidents Linda Brown and Tonda Frady announced a change in the program for the May meeting. The yearbook says the Program for May is "The Future of Texas Water"; this program has been moved to the fall of 2024.

Hard copies of the yearbook were distributed so that members could make plans for meeting dates accordingly. Thanks to Tonda for making those available for everyone.

Treasurer Connie Martin collected money from members who plan to attend the Tri-Chapter Social on January 20, 2024 in Seguin. Our new Area 7 Coordinator, Genia Klein, is planning to attend.

If you wish to attend but missed the December Christmas Party, please call or text Connie immediately since she will be mailing the check for the entire Nu chapter's attendees immediately after the new year.

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Reported by editor Deb Zupancic



2024 Tri-Chapter Social

The Theta Kappa Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International cordially invites you to the 2024 Tri-Chapter Social on January 20th, 11:30 a.m., at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, 416 Dolle Ave, Seguin, TX 78155

Program

Local educator Thalia Stautzenberger will relate the history of the old Juan Seguin Elementary School through segregation and beyond. Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church Pastor Megan Elliott will share how the campus became a church, revitalization efforts with this historically significant building, and how the congregation's mission is unfolding. At the conclusion of the social, guests will also be invited to stop at the Backyard, 225 N. Saunders St., a social venue located in another old school building.

Menu and other details

Lasagna, salad, bread, tea, water, desserts and door prizes provided by Theta Kappa Chapter

Cost: \$15 per person

Please RSVP through your chapter in time for the chapter total to be emailed on or before the January 13 headcount deadline to diane.gesick@gmail.com

RECIPE CORNER FROM TONDA: PECAN CRANBERRY SALAD

- 1 - 15 oz. Can crushed pineapple, drained, 1 cup of juice reserved
- 1 cup water
- 1 - 3 oz. Package orange gelatin dessert mix
- 1 - 3 oz. Package cherry gelatin dessert mix
- 1 - 16 oz. Can whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 1 - 6 oz. Can frozen orange juice concentrate
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1/2 cup chopped celery (optional)

Combine the pineapple juice (from the can) and the water in a small saucepan; bring to a boil and remove from heat. Pour the juice mixture into a large bowl and add the gelatin dessert mixes; stir until dissolved. Add the drained pineapple, cranberry sauce, orange juice concentrate, nuts, and celery, and mix well. Spray a 6-cup mold with nonstick cooking spray. Pour the gelatin mixture into the mold and refrigerate until firm.

Christmas Party

Nu secretary Cheryl Blake was kind enough to **Deck All Her Halls** and invite members to her home on Monday, December 4 to celebrate the Holidays. Everyone brought a scrumptious dish to share and a gift to exchange.



Thank you Connie for sharing photos!

Trail of Lights

Thursday, December 14 was a fun night in Wimberley at the Emily Ann Trail of Lights. More than 8 acres of trails wind through the hills covered in sparking light displays sponsored by various businesses and organizations from the Wimberley area. Volunteers such as Nu Chapter serve hot cocoa and marshmallows to visitors every night leading up to Christmas.



Thanks to Bev Still for taking photos!

From Bev Still

The party at Cheryl's beautiful - and beautifully decorated - home was a wonderful reminder of what gifts our friends are. One of my favorite parts was watching Connie - gorgeous, as always - anticipate being the last to select a gift. She's truly a "10" by all standards. I'll always remember, and always be grateful for, the love that characterized the Christmas party. Thank you, amazing DKG friends for everything, and most of all for your friendship.

MORE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

Cheryl is SO Happy!



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- 3...
- STEAL!**



Cheryl can't believe Connie is stealing her gift!



Connie can't stop laughing that she was #10!



From Sandra Morales:

I don't know if you have already heard this terribly sad news about the passing of Past State President, Nancy Newton. Nancy was a dear friend and a mentor to me and I, along with many in our organization will miss her. Some of you will remember her visits to Nu Chapter during one of our Area Workshops and our Tri-Chapter Social in San Marcos. Photo: At a luncheon in Cleburne, 2017. Nancy Newton is in the denim vest.



Tidbits and Activities!

DECEMBER 2023



From Deb Zupancic

Deb & Gary traveled to Paris. 6 nights. 6 days. Metro. Food. Nonstop fun. Nonstop rain. Eiffel. Louvre. Notre Dame. Sainte Chapelle. Rive Gauche walking in the footsteps of Hemingway,

F. Scott, and Picasso: Our hotel was literally 100 feet around the corner from Picasso's Studio. Oui. One of Gary's bucket list items was to ride the "fast train." We traveled roundtrip from Paris to Strasbourg for dinner at 195 mph!

From Chris Winek

New Grandson! Riley Joseph was born on November 27, 2023. He weighed 7lb. And 9oz. He is 21 inches long!



From Connie Martin

Connie Martin and her Comal County Royalty Court performs at the Seguin Christmas parade.



From Tonda Frady

Tonda with friends Ginny and Ellen in Nashville; Tonda at the Biltmore Estate. Tonda's good news: Nephew, Ross Mason, earned his degree in Business management. He manages a Nike Shoe store in Detroit.



From Ginger Chiles

Check it out! The Nu Chapter info is online in either location-plus there is lots of info on the state website.

<https://nuchaptertxdkg.weebly.com>

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Under about us

Chapter websites

Send Deb your Tidbits!

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NU CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Society Business:

Achievement Awards-Chris Winek

Archives-Lauren Kiesling

Ceremonies-Linda Brown and Robin Estep

Chapter Rules-Linda Brown, Ginger Chiles, Tonda Frady, Debra Zupancic

Finance- Linda Brown, Tonda, Frady, and Connie Martin

Membership-Tonda Frady and Connie Martin

Nominations-Brenda Bulter, Connie Martin, Sandra Morales, Deb Zupancic

Educational Excellence Committees

Music-Sandra Morales

Personal and Professional Enrichment-Sandra Morales and Pat Ricks

Programs/Services-Loretta Eiben and Tonda Frady

Social-Brenda Butler and Tonda Frady

Yearbook -Cheryl Blake and Ginger Chiles

Education Services

Newsletter/Communications-Bev Still and Debra Zupancic

Global Awareness/World Fellowship-Peggie Parker and Pat Ricks

Legislation-Linda Brown and Kathy Carriker

Scholarship-Brenda Butler, Alice Castillo and Chris Winek

Website-Ginger Chiles and Tanya Rhodes

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