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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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In honor of Chinese New Year and

Tri-Chapter Social FBC-KYLE

Straight from Sandra

Happy New Year! Using a Chinese theme, Nu started 2018 by hosting the Tri-Chapter Social on January 20th. Forty-nine ladies registered for the fun-filled event. The Special Social Committee did a fantastic job of organizing it and all Nu members helped make it a wonderful experience. You ladies are the best!



Herbs for Health



Year of the Dog

You now have two more chances for showing how fantastic you are by helping out in February and March. At our February 12th meeting, we will be creating "Welcome to Texas" cards which will be handed out to all attendees at the DKG International Convention in July. Materials will be provided, but if you have something special in your craft box, feel free to share with the others. Your Wimberley sisters will be hosting this meeting.

And, as a follow-up in our community activities, you have an opportunity to make some children happy by attending an event at DeZavala in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd. Our DeZavala contact, Nelda Reyes and our ASTEF leader, Loretta Eiben, will explain more at the February meeting.

Let's make 2018 a *NU* year to remember! Encourage new friendships, new beginnings and much more. Remember the lines from one of Dr. Seuss' books---"Oh! The places you'll go!" Then, do it!

In the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church of Kyle, where the tables were decorated with items denoting the Chinese New Year of the Dog, and highlighting herbs of different kinds in honor of our guest speaker, Sara Holland from the Hill Country Herb Society, guests and members from Alpha Theta, New Braunfels, president Mary Griffin; Theta Kappa, Seguin, president Anna Bergstrom; and Nu Chapter enjoyed a catered meal of sweet and sour chicken with egg roll and rice and a lovely salad. A beef dish and a vegetable dish were also offered to those who chose. *The Hays City Cuisine* catered the meal. Nu members provided the salad and the wonderful desserts which were finger food friendly.

The herbs from the tables were door prizes for several lucky winners, as well as chop sticks, fans, and "lucky" coins. Red, black, and silver confetti also sprinkled the tables which were covered in white cloths. The Decorations Committee went all out to carry out the chosen theme. It was lovely, as several guests commented.



Sara Holland, “the Herb Lady” from the Hill Country Herb Society was a delightful speaker as she shared many different herbs and their uses with us. Our tables were decorated with herbs in Chinese bags to carry out the theme “Year of the Dog”.



Tri Chapter Social guests Theta Kappa, Seguin

Monday, February 12, 2018 Wimberley Village Library, Wimberley, Texas

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6:00 p.m.
 Sandwiches: Wimberley ladies hosting
 *Program: *Quilts of Valor* (Due to scheduling conflict this program will be rescheduled.)
 Instead, we will make welcome cards for the International Convention Attendees. Bring your creative or artistic ideas and help make our international guests feel welcome!
 Society Purpose: 1, 4, 7
 Project: Sandra, Cheryl, and Loretta will furnish card making supplies or you may bring your own.
 Inspiration: Cheryl Blake
 Music: Patriotic
 Vote on officers
 Raffle Basket: Debra Zupancic benefitting State Scholarships



Maxine, Carol, Loretta and Karen



Ruth and Dr. Jo Murphy, TSO President



Nelda and Debra

Nelda has been inducted to serve as a member of IDA (International Dyslexia Association) branch from Austin.



Sandra and Debra



Desserts brought by sisters



Cheryl and Robin



Carol and Nadyne

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www.nuchaptertxdkg.weebly.com

Nadyne, Sandra, & Tonda

OFFICIAL 2018 FLAG FLYING DAYS

January 1 -- New Year's Day
January 15 -- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday
February 12 -- Abraham Lincoln's birthday
February 14 -- Ash Wednesday, Valentine's Day
February 19 -- President's Day, Orthodox Lent begins
February 22 -- **George Washington's** birthday
April 1 -- Easter Sunday
April 19 -- Patriot's Day
May 4 -- National Day of Prayer
May 13 -- Mother's Day
May 15 -- Peace Officer's Day (flag at half-staff sunrise to sunset)
May 19 -- **Armed Forces Day**
May 28 -- Memorial Day (flag at half-staff until noon)
June 14 -- Flag Day
June 17-- Father's Day
July 4 -- Independence Day
July 27 -- Korean War Veteran's Day
September 3 -- **Labor Day**
September 9 -- Grandparent's Day
September 11 -- Patriot Day (flag at half-staff sunrise to sunset)
September 17 -- Constitution Day
September 30 -- Gold Star Mothers' Day
October 7 -- Firefighters Memorial Day (flag at half-staff)
October 8 -- **Columbus Day**
November 11 -- **Veterans Day**
November 22 -- Thanksgiving Day
December 7 -- Pearl Harbor Day (flag at half-staff sunrise to sunset)
December 25 -- Christmas Day
**Also election days
(US Forum January, 2018)



Cheryl "Ah - So!" with Ruth in background.



Dr. Jo's sister, Bonnie, and Tonya



Guests



Peggy and Alice

**89th Texas State Organization
Convention
Waco Convention Center
Waco, TX June 14-16, 2018**

**Quick Check of Things you WILL SEE and
Things You WILL NOT SEE in Waco!**

You will see:

- Exciting CPE sessions that can be accessed up to 2 weeks after the convention
- Speed Training for all chapter jobs
- Fun ASTEF events with opportunities to learn and win!
- ASTEF project awards for development in classrooms, chapters and communities
- Vendors excited to sell you their wares
- A new event: "Saturday Morning Brunch"

You will not see:

- Pre-convention parties (events will not begin until Thursday, June 14, 2018)
- Annie Boards (everything will be digital)
- A Birthday Luncheon
- Any down time (every minute will be packed full of important learning and information) (Copied from TSO)

Sandra and Nadyne have reserved a double queen bed room for the convention June 14-16, 2018. If you want to share rooms let us know. Marriot Courtyard on Washington, Waco.

We have reserved a double queen room at the JW Marriott, Austin, for the International Convention starting July 16-21,2018.

These dates will be here before you know it!

Bienvenidos! Willkommen! Howdy!

Texas will be hosting the DKG International Convention this July in Austin. All Texas chapters have been asked to prepare "Welcome to Texas" cards which will be placed in attendee's registration packets. New members will have a chance to create some at the February meeting. Materials will be provided by Loretta, Cheryl and Sandra, but if you have something in your craft box you think could be used, feel free to bring it with you when we meet at the Wimberley Village Library on Monday, February 12th.

This project will be in lieu of the original program, "Quilts for Valor." The quilters have a scheduling conflict. So, now is your chance to show your creative side as we prepare cards for our international guests.

Dear Registration Volunteer,

The International Convention in Austin is getting closer, and Registration Chair, Jerrie Dooley, is beginning the process of assigning registration times for you to work.

Please let me know by February 3rd the days you will be attending the convention.

If you are going to be involved in other facets of the convention, i.e. choir, presenting a session, etc., please let me know that as well. I know you may not, at this time, know the time, but we can make note of this in our scheduling.

Also those of you in the city of Austin, Jerrie is needing 6 to start registration Monday morning at 7:00 am and 2 or 3 to hand out totes and programs. **Please let me know that as well by February 3rd.**

We, as Texans, are a proud and courteous group, and what better way to show that off than helping with registration.

Thank you, and I look forward to meeting you in person.
Carol Rose carosetx@gmail.com

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

By Barbara Hollis

As we begin the new year of 2018, we also need to turn our attention to this being an election year in the Texas Legislature. The representative seat for District 45 will be vacated by Jason Isaac. Those running for that position are as follows:

DEMOCRAT: Rebecca Bell-Metereau, Les Carnes, Erin Zwiener

REPUBLICAN: Amy Akers, Naomi Narvaiz, Amber Pearce, Ken Strange, Austin Talley.

PLEASE, vote in the primary election in March (or vote early) to help decide who your particular nominee will be in November. To date with under a 20% turnout in Texas primaries, teachers' and retired teachers' track records are not good. Let's help to improve that in our area.

In 2018, the Texas legislators already have their "homework" assignments for the 86th legislative session in 2019. One of those is to question defined benefits that we already receive as retirees, and defined contributions, which many of them are leaning towards.

Three vital questions for these candidates which affect both current teachers and retirees are:

1. Does this person support a defined benefit plan for all current and future TRS retirees?
2. Does this person support providing reasonable, affordable healthcare to current and retired teachers and school personnel?
3. What will this person do as my legislator to ensure that the insurance plan for current teachers and the TRS pension fund and TRS-Care health insurance program are preserved and improved?

Once again, we as educators, both active and retired, need to be involved in political issues that concern us.

You might ask some of us who were so drastically affected by the changes in the TRS insurance plan what they think of TRS! Premiums more than doubled, deductible tripled, and service unsatisfactory! Who let us down?

FEBRUARY IS ASTEF GIVING MONTH! DON'T FORGET!

The calendar is closing in on February. What do you think of when you think February? We hope that your thoughts on February brings to mind ASTEF Giving Month.

This marks the third year that ASTEF has set aside February as a time for members to open their hearts and support ASTEF by making a 100% tax deductible donation.

Chapters and members are asked to plan a time to learn more about ASTEF during the month. The ASTEF website has many resources for you to use. Simply go to astef.org and look under the Resource Tab. Under this tap there are two sources of information packed with ideas. One is directly under the Resource tab and is labeled Resources for Chapters. The other is revealed when clicking on Foundation Focus. Both pages include things like Power Points, songs, skits, printed information, and more.

Members are encouraged to not only learn about ASTEF, TSO's Educational Foundation, but to also consider making a donation. One can donate by credit card using the Donate Now button on the website or printing and mailing a contribution form. Forms can be found under the Forms tab located on the website. There is one for chapters and one for individual use. Donations greater than \$25 will be recognized in the Convention Program in Waco.

An added feature this year is an Online Auction which will begin on February 14 and end on February 28. Items include Kendra Scott jewelry, James Avery gift card, Hobby Lobby gift card, two Bernini designer handbags, a special bell and charm from the Bell Man a popular convention vendor, a framed and matted watercolor, a hand-crafted Mesquite lazy Susan, a travel experience, and more. Check out the website for more information and how to place your winning bid.

A gift to ASTEF is a gift that keeps on giving as it goes back to funding Scholarships, Leadership, and Projects that impact Texas educators and students. Help make the mercury rise on the donation thermometer found on the website beginning February 1 and spread the word about the great things happening with "Our" Foundation.



JANUARY 2018

Alice Castillo	4
Ruth Spear	10
Nancy McCarley	13

FEBRUARY 2018

Loretta Eiben	28th
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2018-2020 Biennium Slate of Officers for DKG Nu Chapter

- President- Tanya Rhodes**
- 1st Vice President- Loretta Eiben**
- 2nd Vice President - Karen Franco**
- Recording Secretary- Cheryl Blake**
- Corresponding Secretary- Carol Plassmann**

2018-2020 Nominating Committee

- Gracie Rocha- Chairperson**
- Clem Cantu**
- Connie Martin**

The above slate will be voted on in the February meeting.

After the election of officers the Treasurer & Parliamentarian will be appointed by the incoming president. Traditionally, Nu's out going president is appointed to position of Parliamentarian

