



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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Nu Chapter participated in the Tri-Chapter Social in Seguin, TX on January 20, 2024. Front Row: Bev Still, Linda Brown, Loretta Eiben, Sandra Morales; Back Row: Cheryl Blake, Connie Martin, Ginger Chiles, Robin Estep, and Deb Zupancic

From the Co-Presidents

We hope that 2024 will be a wonderful year for all our sisters.

A special Happy Birthday to our Nu chapter sisters who have a February birthday: Alice Castillo, Pat Ricks, Peggy Parker and Loretta Eiben. May you have many more happy celebrations in the years to come. [Continued on page 2]



**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

Watch for an officer ballot in an email soon, so that we can complete our voting by the March 15 deadline!

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APRIL 15

Regular Meeting
San Marcos Library
5:30 pm

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MAY 20

Regular Meeting
San Marcos Library
5:30 pm

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS, CONTINUED

We would like to thank our Nominations Committee: Brenda Butler, Connie Martin, Sandra Morales, and Debra Zupancic for all their hard work and dedication to Nu Chapter. We are excited about the slate of officers for 2024-26. A special thanks to all members who have accepted a position to help lead our Chapter. We know you will do an outstanding job.

The January Tri-Chapter meeting hosted by Theta Kappa in Sequin was well attended by Nu Chapter.

The program shared the history of the old Juan Sequin School (through segregation and beyond) and what the Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church (which now owns part of the old Juan Sequin building) has done to revitalize the historically significant building. Lunch was a delicious spinach lasagna. Some of our members even won door prizes.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Tonda and Linda

RECIPE CORNER FROM BETH GERHARDT, THETA KAPPA CHAPTER: TIRAMISU [SERVES 12]

Step #1 – Make the Mascarpone Cheese- makes 1 pound

8 ounce pkg. cream cheese, at room temperature

1 cup heavy whipping cream

Directions:

1. For the mascarpone cheese, beat the cream cheese and heavy whipping cream in a stand mixer until smooth and creamy.
2. Put into a separate bowl to hold until ready to mix the filling.

Step #2 – Make the Espresso Syrup

1/3 cup water

1/2 cup sugar

1 cup strong brewed regular coffee

Directions:

1. Brew about 4 cups of strong regular coffee.
2. Combine the water and sugar in a small saucepan.
3. Bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally to dissolve the sugar.
4. Remove from the heat, cool, and add the coffee.

#3 – Make the Filling

1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

1/3 cup sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 pound mascarpone cheese, the entire recipe from above

Directions:

For the filling, whip the cream with the sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Fold the cream into the softened mascarpone.

#4 – Assemble the Tiramisu

1 large Sara Lee pound cake cut into 1/2 inch slices (about 20 slices)

Espresso syrup

Mascarpone filling

Grated dark chocolate

Directions:

1. To assemble, quickly dip half of the sliced pound cake in the espresso syrup, not allowing them to soak up too much syrup.
2. Layer them in the bottom of a half-sized hotel pan or 9”X13” pan.
3. Spread half of the filling on top. Layer the remaining pound cake slices, dipped in the syrup, on top and cover with the remaining filling, spreading the top smooth using a metal spatula.
4. Cover the top with the grated dark chocolate.
5. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 24 hours before serving.

Tri-Chapter Social

The Theta Kappa Chapter of DKG hosted the 2024 Tri-Chapter Social on January 20 at Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Seguin, Texas. The program included a presentation by local educator Thalia Stautzenberger who shared the history of the old Juan Seguin Elementary School through segregation and beyond.

Thalia’s father was instrumental in developing a safe environment for Seguin Hispanics to achieve an education. Afterwards, Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church Pastor Megan Elliott explained how the school became a church and elaborated on the efforts of the congregation to revitalize and expand the property. A wonderful meal was provided – see page 2 for Beth’s Tiramisu recipe! – and many door prizes were awarded.



Connie Martin shows off a door prize.



Chapter Presidents take a group photo in front of one of the beautiful banners in the Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church:

L to R: Nu Co-President Linda Brown, Theta Kappa Co-President Dawn McMillan, Area 7 Coordinator Genia Klein, and Theta Kappa Co-President Beth Parker.

Nu Chapter’s former President Sandra Morales (center) invited her niece Brenda Woelful (right) and her friend, Klarissa Barbatto (left) to attend the Tri-Chapter Social. Both women are new to teaching in the San Antonio area.



Tri-Chapter Social

Klarissa Barbatto shows off her Starbucks gift card door prize.



All too happy to help out, Area 7 Co-ordinator Genia Klein offers to take the Nu Chapter group photo.



Deb Zupancic's door prize was CHOCOLATE! In the background is Beth Gerhardt, who made the lasagna from scratch, and was kind enough to share her Tiramisu recipe.



Sandra Morales displays the meal dinner plate. Sandra surprised her niece, Brenda Woelful, with a gift basket and notes of encouragement and advice for a new teacher.



**Texas State Organization
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Nu Chapter
Tri-Chapter Social hosted by Theta Kappa
Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church, Seguin, TX
January 20, 2024**

Nu Chapter of the Texas State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Saturday, January 20 at 11:30a.m., Seguin, TX for a Tri Chapter social followed with socializing. Co-President Linda Brown and Secretary Cheryl Blake were in attendance.

Members in Attendance: Loretta Eiben, Cheryl Blake, Debra Zupancic, Linda Brown, Beverly Still, Ginger Chiles, Connie Martin, and Sandra Morales, along with two guests of Morales

Theta Kappa welcomed all with introductions. Morales was recognized as a long time member.

A delicious meal was served to all in attendance.

Guest Speaker, Thalia Stautzenberger was introduced and gave the history of the building which was at one time the school for Hispanic children, Juan Seguin School.

Second Speaker, Pastor Megan D. Elliot (pastor of Spirit of Joy); she gave the history of how the Lutheran church acquired the property and the improvements that have been made.

Door prizes were won by many including members of Nu Chapter...Zupancic, Clarissa (Morales' guest), Brown, Martin, Morales, and Still.

Adjournment: 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Blake

Minutes prepared by Cheryl Blake

Nu Recording Secretary

Tonda Frady & Linda Brown

Nu Co-Presidents

The following members have accepted the nominations for officers:

Slate of Officers for Nu, 2024-2026

President: Loretta Eiben

1st Vice-President: Linda Brown

2nd Vice-President: Robin Estep

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Blake

Corresponding Secretary: Tonda Frady

Nominations Committee Members for 2024-2026: Chair, Sandra Morales; Brenda Butler; Pat Ricks; Alternate, Chris Winek

**Watch for a ballot in an email soon, so that we can complete our voting
by the March 15 deadline!**



From Pat Ricks

Pat's daughter (Heather on the left) and son-in-law allowed her to tag along on a trip to Key West in January. They toured the Hemingway House, the Truman Little White House, the lighthouse and ate at lots of great restaurants!

From Deb Zupancic

FYI: Deb is tutoring again and soon will be headed to FL to begin the downsizing of Mom and Dad to go to assisted living... Please resend anything you might think I'm ignoring... I'm not ignoring you on purpose, I promise!

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://nuchapterxdkg.weebly.com>

<https://www.dkgtexas.org/>

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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