

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*  
*Texas State Organization*  
*The News from Nu Chapter*  
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Nu Chapter # 13 Area 7 Alpha State, Texas, Hays & Blanco County

**Motto:** "Bridging our present with our future"

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

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."

2017-2019 TSO Theme "Bridging yesterday and tomorrow"

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**The final meeting of 2019 was held at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church of San Marcos on May 14.**

The highlight of the evening was presenting the \$500.00 scholarship to Elizabeth Miranda.



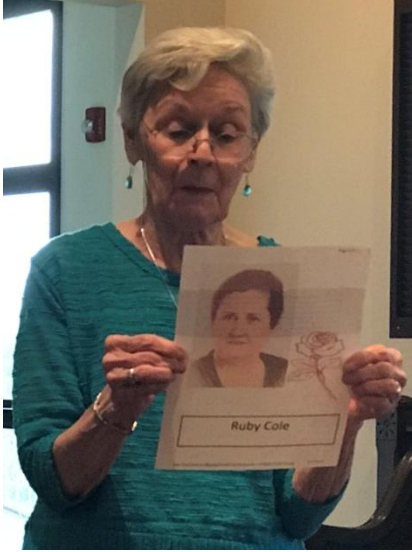
Nine editions of the newsletter were presented to the TSO Communications Committee with five required. The Nu News received commendations for content highlighting education, educators, and students' activities. Pictures were shared by the members throughout the previous year. Information concerning upcoming chapter meetings, state, and international conferences and conventions also made the news. Reminders from the TSO News and DKG Bulletins were also highlighted.



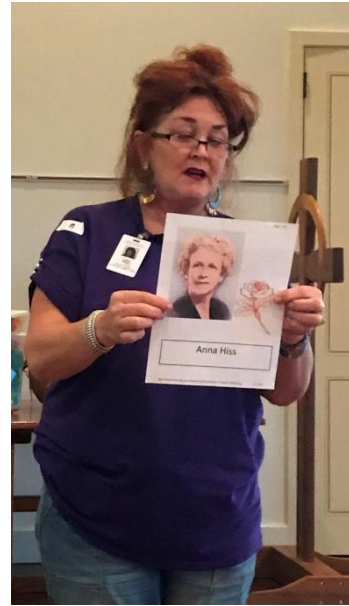
Cheryl and Miranda

## Celebrating Our Founders

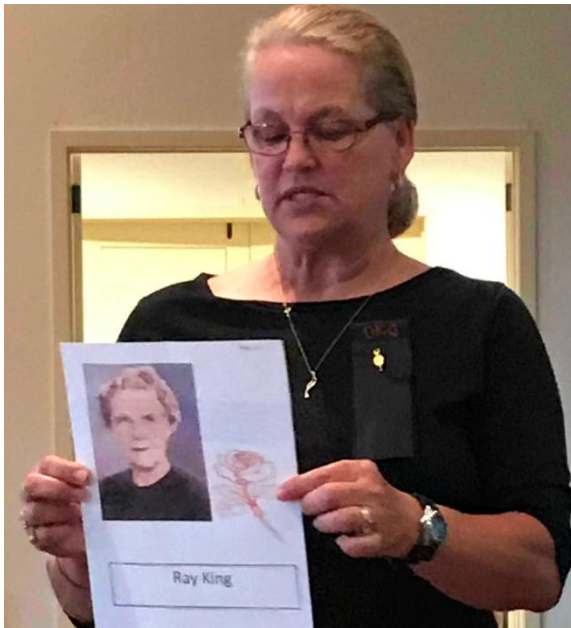
One of our traditions each year is to remember our founders. In 1929 twelve brave women met to organize **The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**. Members held pictures of the founders and gave a short bio of each. Connie took pictures as we honored them.



Carol honors Ruby Cole.



Connie honors Anna Hiss.



Cheryl honors Ray King.



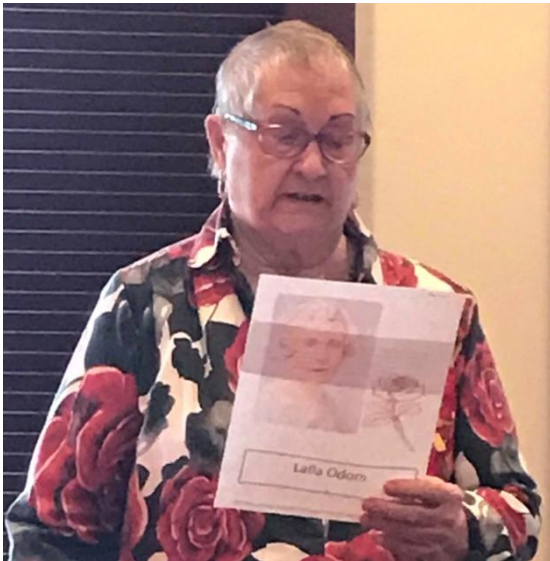
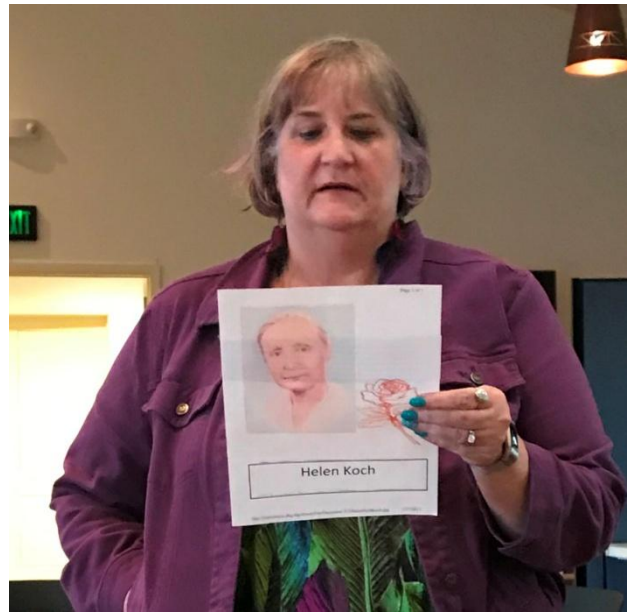
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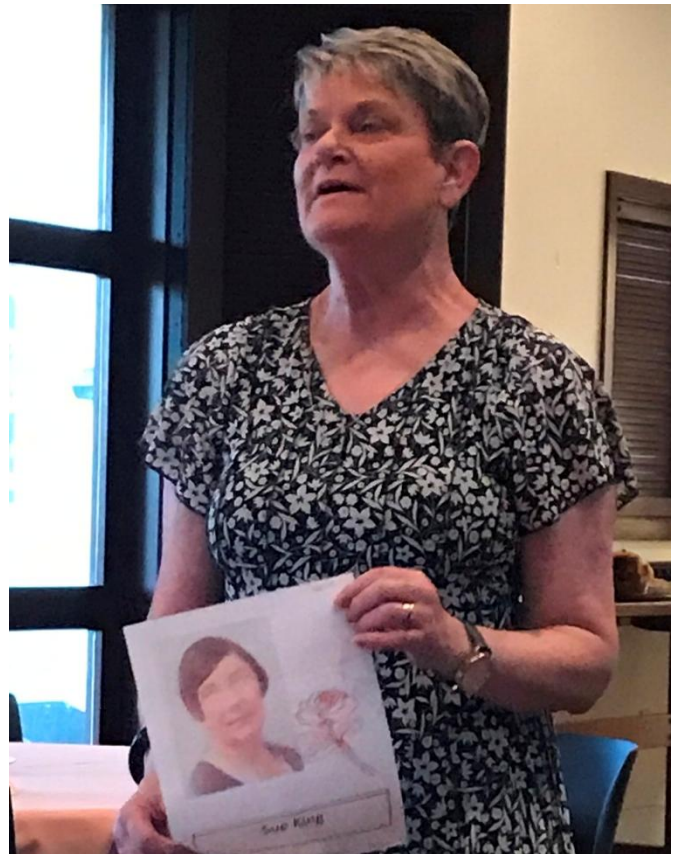
Tanya honors Cora Martin



Rebecca honors Helen Koch.



Nadyne honors Lalla Odom.

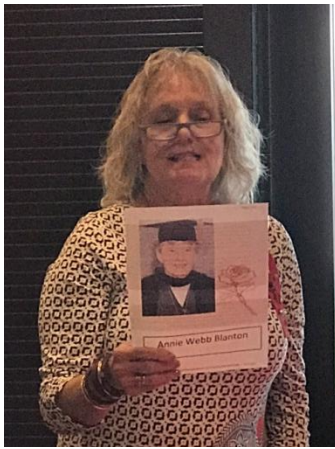


Tonda honors Sue King.



Sandra honors Lela Lee Williams.





Karen honoring Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.



Karen giving Legislative report.



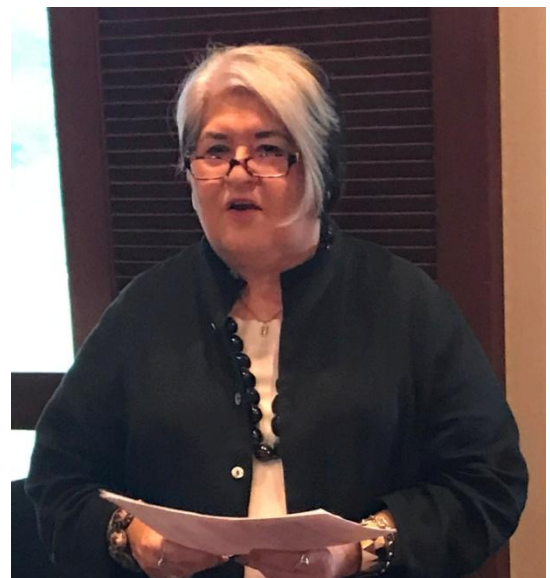
Carol, Nadyne, Peggy, Evelyn, and Tonda



Tanya and Loretta conducting business.



Alice, Gracie, and Karen



Gracie introducing the Founders

**We are celebrating the passage on Sunday of both bills in the Texas Legislature that concern TRS retirees! The passage of these bills provides for funding of our TRS pension fund to make it actuarially sound (making it possible for a possible cost of living raise in the future). It also provides a 13th check for all those TRS retirees who retired by December 31, 2018, up to \$2000, perhaps by the fall. (Barbara Hollis, SMARTS Legislative Chair)**

## Rebecca and Melynda Collaborate

On May 21st, two of our Nu members collaborated on a presentation to three high school classes in San Marcos. Rebecca Kroener invited Melynda Caudle to talk about Capital IDEA and careers in IT. The information focused on the benefits and services now available to graduating high school students in Hays county. The big idea is having students go to an orientation, determine if they qualify for services (there is an income test), and then get matched with a career navigator. Capital IDEA pays **all costs** for a two year degree across a number of specialties, including medical and IT, through Austin Community College. But more than paying for the costs this program includes ongoing and weekly support from the career navigator - the goal is not just starting college - it is finishing with a degree that will allow the graduate to start a career earning at least \$40K a year. The students were attentive and respectful and asked good questions. Rebecca said that some students who had not considered college an option approached her afterwards and seemed interested in the program.

Source for forms and answers:

<http://www.dkgtxas.org>

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Our patriot, Sandra, with her display. Thanks, Sandy.

“We went to the ceremony at Veterans’ Park at the Emily Ann Theatre and Gardens this morning. Very moving. The Lehman High School ROTC from Kyle assisted. The young bugler was awesome.

Spoke with Ann Rollings for a bit. Upgrades to Veterans’ Park will be made before Veterans’ Day. Several people are donating to the cause. Our friend, Steve U., is proceeding with the project. His son had done some work there for his Eagle Scout award. He died in a car accident a few days after graduation two years ago and the father is expanding the work/project”. Sandra

May 14, 2019

Nu Chapter of the Texas State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30p.m., St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, San Marcos, TX for a regularly scheduled meeting followed with socializing. President Tanya Rhodes and Secretary Cheryl Blake attended. A quorum was established.

**Members in Attendance:** Loretta Eiben, Cheryl Blake, , Nadyne Gartman, Peggy Parker, Carol Grimm, Connie Martin, Karen Franco, Tonda Frady, Alice Castillo, Grace Rocha, Tonya Rhodes, Sandra Morales, Rebecca Kroener, Ruth Spear, Evelyn Barrett, and Elizabeth Miranda, scholarship recipient.

President Rhodes welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and an inspirational reading followed by Franco. A pot luck meal was provided by the



Happy Birthday to June, July, and August.

### June

Connie 21<sup>st</sup>

### July

Wanda F. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sallye B. 29<sup>th</sup>

### August

Carol Grimm 7th  
Delores 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Pat Tingle 25th



members.

- President Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:10p.m.
- Recording Secretary Blake submitted the minutes of April 9, accepted as printed in the newsletter..
- Treasurer Tonda Frady submitted a treasurer's report. The current balance is \$2065.53. Frady reported that dues are due now. Members who need to still pay will be notified. Frady made a motion that \$600 be spent towards convention expenses, seconded by Rocha, approved.
- **Programs/Projects:** Eiben reported that she has finalized the ASTEF report. We did not submit a grant for this year, but are looking for ideas for next year. Martin suggested that we have a committee work on the grant in the future.
- **Communications:** Gartman reported that state officers have sent letters commenting on seeing teachers and students in action. Gartman also reported that she wants to include news of events and families.
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Legislature:** Franco stated that she will continue sending out emails of information.
  - **Scholarship:** Blake presented the scholarship award to Elizabeth Miranda.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**State Convention:** June 20-22 in Arlington, TX. Rhodes, Eiben, Morales, & Grimm are current members who will be attending. Eiben encouraged others to join in. Morales will be presenting at the Convention.

**Meetings:** A brief discussion was held on meeting days. Rhodes will send out a survey and the results will be discussed at the Executive Board meeting.

**Executive Board Meeting:** The meeting will be held in July after the convention, please share program ideas with Rhodes or Eiben.

**Prospective New Members:** Jan Moody and Lauren Kiesling, Martin made a motion to extend an initiation to both, seconded by Kroener, approved by members.

**Membership:** Members were updated on the status of members. Gartman and Morales reported that Wanda Frix is in Memory Care. Gartman made a motion that the chapter pay her reserve dues so that she can maintain her membership, seconded by Morales, motion approved. Former member, Maggie Bains recently passed. A Celebration of her Life will be held June 2 in Wimberely.

Members are encouraged to wear their DKG shirts and attend. Spear was honored by TRTA for her years of service. Morales thanked everyone for their prayers & thoughts.

**Birthdays:** March, April, & May birthdays were recognized.

**Raffle Basket:** no raffle was held.

**Miscellaneous Items:** Frady announced that an anonymous donation was made for the state scholarship. Eiben reported that she made a donation to Hefner in the name of Nu Chapter. Gartman shared an article from the "Collegiate Bulletin" and stated there is no official rules on placement of DKG pins.

**Program, Founder's Day:** Rocha lead the program.

**Adjournment:** President Rhodes adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Blake

Minutes prepared by Cheryl Blake, Nu Recording Secretary.

Tanya Rhodes, Nu President



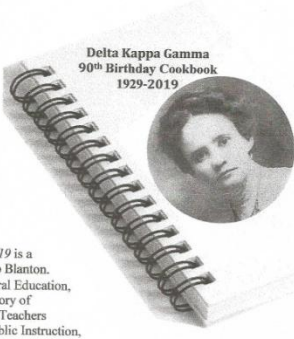
Mother's Day saw the three Gartman children come home to spend it with Nadyne and Thurman. Our son David, daughter Melynda, and youngest son, John from NM. They also celebrated my birthday.

**Hot Off the Presses and Grills!!**

Plan to buy your copy of

**Delta Kappa Gamma  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cookbook  
1929-2019**

by DKG Alpha Chapter  
Austin, Texas



Enjoy over 90 recipes from six chapters in Area 7 and pictures and history of our organization.

The DKG 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cookbook 1929-2019 is a celebration of our founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.

- We honor her career as Professor of Rural Education, Chairman of the Department of the History of Education, President of the Texas State Teachers Association, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, first Texas woman elected to public office.
- We wish to pay tribute to her vision to found The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International which promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. *Leading women educators. impacting education worldwide.*

Cost: **Delta Kappa Gamma 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cookbook** \$10.00

Please contact Dr. Mary Lou Clayton President, Alpha Chapter 2309 Sunny Slope Drive Austin, Texas 78703 512-589-7441 512-477-5196 MarylouBclayton@gmail.com	I wish to purchase _____ number of cookbooks x \$10.00 = \$ _____ (enclosed) Please make checks to Alpha Chapter. Name: DKG Chapter: Address: Phone: email I will pick up my cookbook. I am including \$5.00 for postage for each cookbook, \$15.00 total, to be mailed.
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Proceeds from the Delta Kappa Gamma 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cookbook will be given to The Refuge, DMST, Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, a long-term residential community and rehabilitation facility for minor girls who have been rescued out of sex trafficking.

I have a husband, Mike, and 3 grown daughters who keep me busy, but still have extra time on my hands that I would like to use to help schools and kids in need. I am interested in joining your organization to do just that, as well as for the camaraderie of other teachers. I am ready to be put to work.

My name is Lauren Kiesling and I am the Lead Counselor at Goodnight Middle School in San Marcos. My journey began in Pennsylvania where I grew up and went to college at the University of Pittsburgh. I moved to Texas in 2012 to earn my Master of Education in Counseling. After gaining my teaching experience in Houston, I made way to the beautiful hill country for a change of pace and scenery.

I was fortunate enough to meet Connie in my first week at Goodnight and she immediately took me under her wing showing me around the school and introducing me to DKG. I have so loved this opportunity to meet other women in education and learn through their experiences. I look forward to broadening my horizons, both professionally and personally, through this wonderful group of women.

**Allow me to introduce two ladies to whom we have extended membership:**

My name is Jan Moody and I was a special education teacher for 32 years at the high school and middle school levels. I have taught resource classes, co-taught, run a content mastery lab and a PLATO curriculum lab at Seagert Middle School in Seguin, Smithson Valley HS and Miller Middle School in San Marcos. I have been both department head and teacher of the year. I was involved at the district and state level with TCTA for several years.

I retired 4 years ago. Since then, I have kept 2 grandbabies the first year of their lives and taken care of ailing parents at the end of their lives. I volunteer at the Hays County Food Bank and for the Gabriel Project at our church, which helps mothers in crisis. My favorite thing about retirement is getting to sleep late (most days) and I love getting together with my teacher buddies for lunch, wine tasting and hiking adventures. I love the time I have to read, play the piano and any other thing I want to piddle around with. The freedom is grand.



“Lunch with my Theta Gamma sisters and other friends at the Art Center in Corpus Christi”.

Sandi and her friend Candy took a day trip to Corpus Christi this week to visit her former chapter.





Candy, Jessica, Sandi, Shannon and Norma, with dresses and trains of Queen and Princess of Buccaneer Days of Las Donas de la Corte, on display at the Art Center.

This photo depicts Belle from Beauty and the Beast. I took the shot of Shannon by it because of all the red roses. Shannon is Theta Gamma's Chapter President.



This is the final news letter for this year, 2018-19. I sincerely hope that you have enjoyed news of the state, international, and local chapter. Thank your sisters for sharing with us. There will be news "blasts" throughout the summer from our president as she begins to plan for next year. Be prepared to share your thoughts and ideas with your executive committee. Those of you planning to go to State and International, have a wonderful time, and bring us back lots of wonderful news and pictures. Nadyne (the Editor)



Sandi at marina on Shoreline Drive.

Two of the houses at Heritage Park in Corpus Christi. They were brought in from all over C.C. and placed here as a cultural center. House behind the clock is The Galvan House representing the Hispanic culture. It is at the center of the park. When I was in C.C. we had some of our chapter meetings there. Other houses represent Jewish, African American, German, etc., etc. communities.



The Lexington



