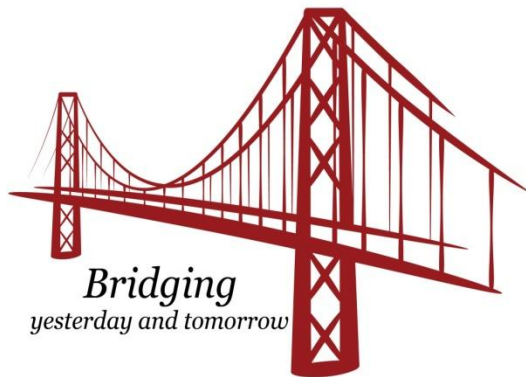


*The News from Nu Chapter Texas State Organization
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Straight from Sandra

A+ When people hear the word "teamwork" most associate it with what players in sports do to achieve a win. Recently, Nu Chapter members achieved their latest goal through their diligence, hard work and generosity. The dream of having a display at the *Emily Ann Theatre and Gardens* annual *Trail of Lights Festival* became a reality this past weekend when members, from the newest initiate (initiated last month) to the long time member (initiated fifty nine and a half years ago) worked together as one.

Upon arrival at the worksite, each accepted their assignment with grace and a great willingness to do their best. The transformation of the site (an area about ten by twelve feet) from a rocky, root laden plot to a gorgeous display (even if I do say so myself) took place on a beautiful day when eleven members and three non-members (including husbands) showed up to work.

Members donated all items used to create the display and also donated items that will be given away on Opening Night and on the night Nu hosts the refreshment booth. These items include, books for all ages, ornaments for children to color, maps, and tins of hot cocoa and roasting marshmallows. Members will also be handing out DKG brochures as well as Nu Chapter created pamphlets. Along with grace and dignity, Nu members showed that nothing is impossible—from raking mulch, dragging cedar posts, driving T-posts into the ground, sawing, hammering and gluing—to assembling



Christmas trees, stringing lights and decorating the entire area

All was transformed into a delightful display. Invite your family and friends to attend the festival where they can admire the fruits of your love and labor. Festival is open from November 25th to December 28th.

When you and your family witness what was achieved, you will see that Nu Chapter members know there is no "I" in teamwork. Way to go Nu! You deserve an A+.

Preparing for the big night! Nov. 28





**Tuesday, December 12, 2017,
104 Sendero Arbolado, Wimberley, Texas
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6:00 p.m.**

Holiday Potluck: All members hosting
Program: Recommitment of members
Initiation of New Members led by
Ceremonies and Membership Committees
Program Purpose: Fellowship and update of
“Trail of Lights”

Society Purpose: 1, 6
Project: White elephant Christmas ornament
Inspiration: Nelda Reyes
Music: Christmas
Raffle Basket: Gracie Rocha - benefitting
Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund
2018-20 Slate of Officers to be presented by
Nomination Committee

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Since I did not get a good picture of our
latest initiates in October, Connie was good
enough to share these photos. From left to
right they are Alice Castillo, Delia Cruz-
Fernandez, , Peggy Parker and Clarissa
Talbert



Reverse the name order!



Nu Chapter participates in honoring veterans
on November 10, at Goodnight School, San
Marcos. Connie became the leader for the
Veteran’s Day program when Cheryl retired.
Great job! Way to step up in DKG!



Sandra and Steve at Veteran’s Day
Ceremony



Sandra and the Strings Band
"Side by Side"



Sandra and Connie



Connie, Sandra, and Cheryl at Goodnight Veteran's
 Day Program



Merlene Peters, Cheryl Blake, and District 5
 Commander, Ronald Spalding

"On Sunday, April 9, 2017, I was awarded the Citizenship Education Award for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I have won at the local level which I will receive in May, but the one I received on Sunday was for District 5 of the VFW. By being the district winner, my name advances to the state level. This was presented to me for the work I do promoting our Veterans and the hard work that goes into the Veteran's program that I have been chairing for years.

I am pictured with District 5, Auxiliary President Merlene Peters and District 5 Commander, Ronald Spalding.

This award holds a special place in my heart as I remind my students each and every day that they are sitting in their classrooms and enjoy their freedoms because of those veterans and those who are currently serving in the military." (Cheryl Blake)

This article was used earlier in the Year, but since Cheryl was present for this year's program which Connie has stepped up to chair, I wanted to recognize her once more.(Editor)

Where's Annie?

The Executive Committee and State Personnel are very excited to introduce the new Annie for 2017-2018! In the past, chapters were encouraged to apply for the Annie Award. This year all TSO chapters are invited to participate in the Annie Extravaganza by submitting a program in a **slideshow for mat.**

Each chapter slideshow will be shown at various times during the Waco convention. By using this style of presentation all members attending the convention will have access to the creative and innovative program ideas developed by TSO members. After the convention the slideshow will be available on the TSO website.

The new Annie will be introduced in the Winter LSN. Instructions and a slideshow template will be available December 1 on the TSO website and the Programs and Service Projects website.

Where's Annie? Annie is in one of your chapter programs and we hope to see your Annie in Waco! The Programs and Service Projects Committee
Michelle Grandinetti, Chair 2017-2019



Wonder Woman, Clarissa Tolbert, Laurie Zunker and Nelda Reyes at DeZavala's "Super Heroes Day."

ASTE F GOES TO DEZA VALA!



DeZavala Elementary School accepting the \$1,500.00 ASTEF check for books for the students.

Nu Chapter presented the \$1,500.00 ASTEF check to DeZavala Elementary School in San Marcos where several of our members work. The presentation was attended by staff and volunteers who read to the students and helped each child choose his/her very own book to take home to keep.



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November Meeting
Nadyne Gartman

Nu Chapter had a wonderful meeting with Wimberley ladies serving a fantastic array of soups, such as potato soup, tortilla soup, shrimp gumbo, and fagioli soup. Served with crackers and cheeses. Dessert was cheese cake and brownies, all delicious. The program was most interesting and challenging as our own Kathy Martinez-Prather shared from her experience with cyber bullying in the schools and elsewhere. She updated us on recent legislation concerning parent's responsibility for their children's use of social media.

Nu has, or will have, initiated fourteen new members within the last twelve months since last October. These are some of the most enthusiastic young women I have met in a long time. They have stepped up to share in our programs, accepted places of responsibilities, been a part of decision making for the chapter, and many other ways.

We are becoming a very diversified chapter with classroom teachers from pre-k through high school, counselors, principals, higher ed professors, and retirees.



Kathy Martinez-Prather, Director of the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) at Texas State University, presented to Nu Chapter about school safety in our state. The TxSSC is tasked in [Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code](#) and the Governor's Homeland Security Strategic Plan with key school safety initiatives and mandates. Specifically, the TxSSC serves as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of safety and security information through research, training, and technical assistance for K-12 schools and junior colleges throughout the state of Texas. The TxSSC is charged with conducting school safety training and developing resources in areas such as: the development of positive school environments; specialized training for school-based law enforcement officers that focus on the non-traditional roles of police, assistance for districts in developing a

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 multi-hazard emergency operations plan, behavioral threat assessment, and model safety and security audit procedures for Texas schools. As a result, Texas has become a national leader in school safety practices and is relied upon for assistance and from jurisdictions throughout the nation.

(Please print and place this page in yearbook.)
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Patti Belknap, Theta Alpha, (Arlington-9), **second vice-president;**
Cindy Neander, Kappa Theta, (Flower Mound-16), **corresponding secretary;**
Judy Mezick, Iota Omega, (Plano-9), **recording secretary.**

11/14/17 November Meeting



Tee Shirts are still available. Here Debra and Robin and then Bonnie and Jenny show them off.



Madame President Sandra with Loretta and Cheryl.



Tonda serving soup!



Fashion footwear for Karen with Carol.



Paula with November birthday bag.



Enthusiastic Listeners



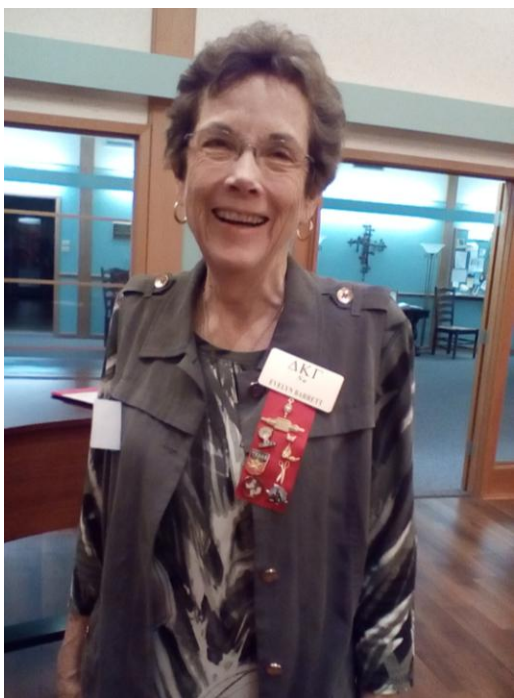
Emily Ann Trail of Lights Refreshments
Tanya and Connie



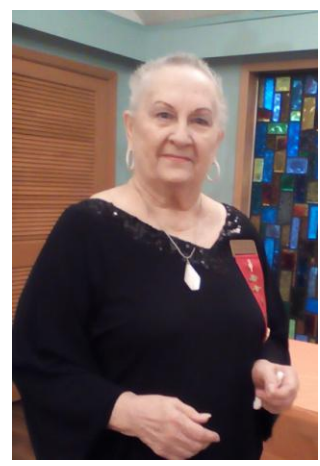
Ruth on time.



These ladies all got the same "memo". "Wear black."



Evelyn coming in.



Nadyne continued recovery.



Kathy giving a wonderful presentation on "Safety in the Schools".



Carol G., Cheryl, Carol, and Tonya

Carol G. won Bakeless raffle which raised \$113.00 for World Fellowship Scholarship Fund.



Jenny's beautiful smile.
Karen, Carol P., Peggy, & Jenny

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FYI

Badges are \$15.00 each and this includes postage. You have a choice of red or black ribbon. I will need the chapter name, the member name, and ribbon color choice. You can mail the order and check to me:

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