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The News from Nu Chapter



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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"

2015-2017 TSO Theme "The Heart of the Society is Its Members"

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Straight from Sandra



Marilyn Gregory's theme for this biennium emphasizes HEART and tells us that The Heart of Our Society is its Members. Each letter has special meaning and today, I want to highlight "R," which stands for Reflection. I think this is a good month for that.

This past year has given us a lot of material for reflecting, starting with the startling loss of nine members due to transfers. Some had been Nu members for many years, others, for just a short time—still, we were sorry to see them go. We miss them but also wish them well and are happy to report that most did transfer their membership to other chapters.

June, was a busy month for us. Several attended the state convention in Frisco and were delighted to receive several awards including for the first time ever, an ASTEF stipend for a special project—more later. Several also attended (as stewards) the dedication of a **Little Free Library** at Las Lomas Subdivision in Wimberley, helping to promote literacy. And, your board met to plan the year's meetings--all fantastic meeting ideas, too. Thank you.

In August, several traveled to Marble Falls for the Area 7 Workshop. We made quite an impression with our brand new chapter tee shirts, receiving many compliments and questions as to where we had acquired them. And, we learned a lot at the

special workshops, too. Special thanks to our Area 7 Coordinator, Carol Rose.

In September, we hosted a very successful Recruitment Tea and in October, we initiated six new members, accepted a transfer member and reinstated a previous member. Welcome ladies! In the fall, we worked closely with the school that benefited from our ASTEF stipend. We presented a check to the principal at Crockett Elementary in San Marcos, assisted at their Book Fair, helped install book plates into the books we were able to give to every student at the school, and read to students on several occasions. Plus, we received mention in the district's online newsletter and in the local newspapers. Well done, ladies!

We broadened our horizons at the Tri-Chapter Social in Seguin where we heard a speaker from Tanganyika and shared camaraderie with members from the neighboring chapters as well as with each other---carpooling makes for wonderful conversations!

Our meetings have been informative, engaging and lots of fun—learning about ASTEF, Global Awareness, what to do about The Inevitable, etc., etc., with many outside speakers including State personnel and spouses as well as our own wonderful members as guest speakers. Plus, we

celebrated *Cajun style* in February and festively in December with an award winning string quartet. The latest meeting, this month, was our *High Tea with Carolyn* (our International President, Carolyn Pittman) held at International Headquarters in Austin. At its conclusion, we initiated three more members! Our Membership and Ceremonies committees were kept busy this year!

And, we must not forget our special women and their awards. Ruth Spear was honored at the state convention for her 50+ year membership. Carol Grimm was inducted into the San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame for her volunteer work. Cheryl Blake received the Citizenship Education Award from the local and district VFW for her work with junior high students and military veterans. All of our members have been highlighted in newsletters and/or at meetings for all that they do for Nu and DKG. And, because of their work, we received many awards at state last June. Congratulations! We have done a lot to be proud of this year, and, I should stop, but, as Detective Columbo would say, "Just one more thing." You know this year isn't over, yet, and, I wonder what else is in store for us? With our group of DKG ladies, one never knows. Thanks for being wonderful YOU! And, thanks for making this past year so memorable.

The Texas State Nominations Committee has selected nominees for state officers and elected personnel to present to the convention body in Houston

The new nominees include:

Dr. Jo Murphy, Beta Zeta, (Fredericksburg-6), **president**;

Shalan Inmon, Alpha Sigma, (Slayton-12), **first vice-president**;

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**. (LSN Spring 2017)



Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Holberg House 106 Sendero Arbolado
Wimberley

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

*** Program Title: "Honoring Our Founders"**

Program Purpose: Members share in the observance of DKG Society Founder's Day.

Society Purposes: 1 TO UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship 2. TO HONOR women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education

Program Summary: Members of the Ceremonials Committee will present an interactive program honoring the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Meeting Focus: The Chapter President will lead a review of the past biennium's activities.

Members will be recognized for roles they played during the year.

Project: Raffle basket provided by Scholarship Committee to fund Nu Chapter Scholarship

Inspiration/Blessing:

Meal: Fiesta Potluck with all members participating

Music: The Delta Kappa Gamma song



Dr. Jo Murphy Beta Zeta



2017 Initiates: Connie, Brenda, and Barbara

Nu Celebrates 87th Birthday at International

On April 8, 2017, at 11:00 AM the chapter met at the office of the International Headquarters in Austin, for the celebration of the 87th birthday of the chapter and the initiation of three new members. International President Carolyn Pittman was a special guest and assisted with the initiation which was led by Robin Estep, Ceremonies chair and her committee and Membership Chair Jenny Turney. Refreshments of finger sandwiches, tea, and coffee, capped off by the beautiful birthday cake, were served by the chapter officers.

An Easter basket of goodies raffle was won by Carol Plassman and raised \$86.00 for Scholarship Fund.

Easter hats were won by several ladies.

Chapter members were dressed in beautiful dresses with hats and gloves to complete the ensembles as a remembrance of the elegance of initiations of times past. (Editor)



87th Birthday Cake



Carol AC Area 7



**Carolyn Pittman
International
President**



Sandi and Ruth in their finery.



President Pittman addressing the assembly.



Bonnie won a hat.



Dressed for success-Beautiful!



Sandi presiding



**LaVerne/hat
Carol/ Raffle Basket**



Peggy and Brenda



Robin and LaVerne with hats



Connie, Barbara, & Brenda



Sue Cobb 2nd

Robin E. 7th

Nadyne G. 16th

Debra Zupancic 24th



Charlotte, LaVerne, & Sharon



Initiation Service

Child Advocates of Harris County is 2017 Unifying Project

To unify all members and chapters in one cause during the state convention, each respective convention steering committee chooses a local charitable focus. In appreciation for the hospitality of the geographic location of the convention, the convention steering committee has chosen Child Advocates, Inc. as its 2017 Unifying Project. Child Advocates, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that is Harris County's Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. They help children who are victims of severe child abuse, neglect and abandonment. They are asking for supplies for all ages. Gift cards of all denominations and from all sources accepted.

News from Members

My husband, Mark and I welcomed our first grandchild on Jan. 10. Her name is Raelynn Faith Blake, parents are Joshua and Johanna Blake (both of them are teachers also). Cheryl



Our daughter, Melissa Reid, is expecting again, and is due in October! She is a fourth grade Math/Science GT teacher in the Tomball school district. Her husband, Scott, is a high school Math/Engineering teacher at Tomball High School, as well as, a varsity football coach and track coach. Their daughter, Kendall, who will be 6 in June is thrilled, as are the maternal grandparents to be, John and Robin Estep



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)



From Sandi:

I have been asked by the State President nominee, Dr. Jo Murphy, to serve on the Programs and Service Projects State Committee this next biennium. I have accepted.

Congratulations! We are proud of you and your commitment to the Society.

Chapters work on organizing files

The Archives Committee is getting ready for the archives session at the TSO Convention in Houston. The Committee would like member input into what help is still needed by chapters to get their files organized and chapter histories completed. In the upcoming months, each chapter will receive a copy of the most recent report of chapter yearbooks and chapter histories. The Archives Committee and some other volunteers are going to take pictures of everything a chapter has in its archives box. Hopefully, this will help fill in some needed information to complete any missing chapter histories. (LSN Spring 2017) What's missing ?



To get full benefit of pictures maximize page!

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Texas State Organization Convention Houston,
Texas, June 22-24, 2017**

**Planning to go: Sandra, Ruth, Gracie, Loretta,
and Nadyne. Plenty of time for others to sign
up.**

Nadyne is having a sonogram biopsy on 17th and Carpel Tunnel surgery on 25th. She covets your prayers.

*Note from your editor:
We will have one more news letter from the chapter this year following the May Founders' Day meeting. I would like to encourage you to send me tidbits of news and pictures during the summer. We like to keep up with our sisters even when we don't get to see you. Keep our sisters in your thoughts and prayers as we are apart.
I hope you have enjoyed the news, even with all its typos and bloopers. Blame it on AGE, not me.*

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