



*The News from Nu Chapter
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*

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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.
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Straight from Sandra

Do you remember your first date? Did you go somewhere special? Did you do something super exciting? I bet you haven't forgotten it.

When was the last time you went on a date? As the man on the **Wolf Brand Chili** commercial would say, "Well that's too long!"

Now is the perfect time to start planning for your next date. Our society's convention in Houston this June will be the perfect place for this memorable occasion. It will be held at the Westin Galleria Hotel on June 22- 24.

The convention promises many opportunities for members to experience professional and personal growth through fabulous breakout sessions,

wonderful speakers, award presentations and entertainment. Chapter Presidents will be presented, 50 + year members will be honored, 1st time attendees will be introduced and new TSO officers will be installed. The Birthday Luncheon and Founder's Banquet will give you other opportunities in which to enjoy a fashion show of all members, you included.

Don't delay, call up a member today, and make plans to travel to Houston together for a fun time with all your DKG sisters from across the state. All information can be found online at the DKG website. I promise you, "it will be a date to remember!"

Saturday, April 8, 2017 11:00 a.m.

DKG International Headquarters, Austin

Program: "High Tea with International President Carolyn Pittman"

*87th Birthday party for Nu Chapter

Teatime attire suggested.

Program Purpose: To celebrate Nu Chapter's birthday.

*Required program.

***Society Purpose:** #1 TO UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
#6 TO STIMULATE the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action

Program Summary: Meet and greet DKG International President Carolyn Pittman

Meeting Focus: Celebrate Nu's birthday with cake.

Projects raffle basket provided by President and Vice President to benefit State Scholarship Fund.

Inspiration/Blessing: Debra

Meal: Finger sandwiches, chips, and drinks by San Marcos members

Birthday Cake provided by Chapter

Initiation of new members.

Music: Spring songs DKG Song

The Ladies of Nu Chapter at the April Meeting



2016 86th Birthday



Member News



Nu celebrates Mardi Gras

Nu Chapter met at Chapel in the Hills Church, Wimberley, February 21, for a Mardi Gras theme meeting. New Orleans style cuisine was served by the San Marcos members.

The meeting was preceded by an inspirational reading by Karen Franco entitled "On the eighth day He created teachers".

Cecil Evans, husband of member Charlotte, shared "Navigating the Inevitable-What You Need to Know". His topic was timely and informational as well as entertaining.

Charlotte brought updated information on legislative issues of importance to retirees. The Legislative Committee provided the raffle basket which had a Mardi Gras theme and was won by Robin. \$57.00 was raised for Leadership Seminar.

Announcement was made concerning April 8, meeting at International Headquarters, Austin, where we will initiate new members and have as special guest our International President Carolyn Pittman.

Do you remember these lovely ladies in their finery? Be prepared to show off in April.



Mardi Gras table Sandi and Loretta.



Cecil, Charlotte, Sharon, and Beth



Mardi Gras basket won by Robin!

Visit DKG International's New Blog Site

The DKG International Communications & Publicity (C&P) Committee wants to inspire you with their new Blog! The purpose of the blog is to encourage members to pursue both old and new avenues of communications and publicity. The weekly blog will give examples, and offer help to improve chapter communication. DKG members will find fresh, relevant content that is useful and they will have a place where they can feel that they are being heard as they respond with comments. Join in on the journey to stimulate communication in the DKG community!

Go to:

<http://dkgcommunications2016.blogspot.com>

You can follow the blog by e-mail! Sign up for a notice of updates.



Cecil Evans presenting the topic "Navigating the Inevitable-Being Prepared"



Louisiana Cuisine



Peggy, Dolores, Robin and Debra

Meet the newest Nu Chapter Initiates.
These lovely ladies will have the honor of being initiated at DKG Society International Headquarters, Austin, TX, on April 8, 2017, with our International President Carolyn Pittman in attendance. We will also be celebrating Nu's 87th birthday at that time.



Connie Martin is from New Braunfels, Texas, and graduated from Texas State University as a Reading Specialist with a minor in Reading. She is in her 28th year of teaching and is presently employed at Goodnight Jr. High in San Marcos. Connie wears many hats in her job at Goodnight. She is the Dyslexic Specialist, Language Therapist, 504 Coordinator, Gifted and Talented Coordinator and she is the UIL District Coordinator for both Jr. High's in San Marcos. Connie is a cowgirl and has a true passion for the outdoors and horses.



Brenda Butler lives in San Marcos and graduated from Texas State University with a degree in Elementary Education. Brenda is in her 43rd year of teaching and she has spent most of her educational career teaching Gifted and Talented students in San Marcos Elementary schools. Brenda has been an avid presenter for many years in the SMCISD at the GT Summer Institutes which prepares teachers to identify, assess and differentiate lessons for gifted children. She is presently employed at Crockett Elementary in San Marcos where she teaches Gifted and Talented K-5th grade.





Toni Frazier lives in San Marcos and graduated from Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. Toni was 2016 Delta Kappa Gamma Nu scholarship recipient. She is in her first year of teaching and she presently works at Bonham as a Pre-K teacher



Members had lots of news to share.

Karen reports feeling much better for which we are thankful.

LaVerne was busily showing great-grandbaby pictures.

Several were talking about the spate of tornados which came through the week before. Friends and family had suffered some damage, mostly superficial.

Ruth shared the TSO certificate for our updated Chapter Rules.

Loretta's son is still undergoing treatment, and she is still playing housemother to the family.

Nadyne is preparing for carpal tunnel surgery as well as more urological surgery.

The State Convention will be in Houston, June 21-24, at the Galleria. Make plans to attend.

Sandi shared that our 2018 Tri-Chapter Meeting would be in Kyle at FBC and would be using the theme Chinese New Year "The Year of the Dog". She encouraged everyone to begin collecting their oriental mementos for decorations.

Who is the DKG Key Woman Educator?

She is a woman who is

- A potential leader
- Able to bring out the best in others
- Authentic
- Responsive to feedback
- Results oriented
- Adaptable
- A conceptual thinker
- Motivated to make a difference
- (Copied from DKG.org)

Letting Members Know We Care

Many times we may forget to let our tried and true members know how much they mean to us, both individually and as a chapter. Here are a few ideas which might be useful for this purpose:

- Plan simple social events throughout the year, including the summer, so that members can get together and enjoy each others' company in a relaxed setting.
- Spotlight one or two members in the monthly newsletter – perhaps an established member and a new member. This provides opportunities for new and seasoned members to get to know each other.
- Do a survey to determine members' interest for programs and projects early in the year. There are several available online through DKG International.
- Contact members who miss a meeting. This lets them know they are missed.
- Call and offer rides and/or carpooling, especially to those who don't drive in the evening. The carpooling gives "non-business" time to chat and build camaraderie.
- Recognize years of service to the Society at some meeting during the year. Pins for 10, 20, 25 etc. are available through the DKG International Store.
- Recognize members who have been promoted, received an award, had a new baby or retired.

- Maintain contact with members who have moved to nursing homes.
- Include a brief sharing or fellowship time, such as “Happy Dollars” at each meeting.
- Ensure that every member who attends a meeting is welcomed.
- Send cards or emails to members who have been ill or lost a loved one. If members feel that they are revered by their chapter sisters and if they believe the Society offers them opportunities for both personal and professional growth, they are likely to remain loyal to their chapters. (*Florida Rays News*)



Loretta wins February birthday gift.



Ruth wins January Birthday gift.



Gracie, Nelda, and Tonda taking care of business!



Enjoying the wonderful cuisine!

March

- Nelda 12th
- Tonda F. 13th
- Beth D. 14th
- Diane G. 16th
- Kathy P. 18th
- Patricia M. 19th

April

- Barbara Pevoto 12th
- Janis Brown 15th

May

- Sue Cobb 2nd
- Robin E. 7th
- Nadyne G. 16th
- Debra Zupancic 24th



Character Plus Schools HB729:

“The State Board of Education shall integrate positive character traits into the essential knowledge and skills adopted for kindergarten through grade 12, as appropriate.” The traits to be included are courage, trustworthiness (honesty, reliability, punctuality, and loyalty), integrity, respect and courtesy, responsibility (accountability, diligence, perseverance, self-control), fairness (justice and freedom from prejudice), caring (kindness, empathy, compassion, consideration, patience, generosity, charity), good citizenship (patriotism, concern for common good and community, respect for authority and the law), school pride, and gratitude. A committee of parents, educators, and other community members will select or develop the district’s character education program. (Compiled by Pamela Burge TSO Legislation Committee Area 4 Rep)



Spring
Forward
March 12!
Save Daylight!

For those of you who may not know who your DKG sisters are, I am sharing this list of the Southwest Region.

Southwest—Arizona, Baja California, California, Colorado, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Hawaii, Jalisco, Japan, Kansas, Mexico D. F., Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, Nuevo Leon, Oklahoma, Panama, Puebla, San Luis Potosi, Texas, Utah. (DKG.org)



Area 10 Luncheon Sandi, Nancy Newton, etc.

“We were introduced at the Area 10 Luncheon, Saturday, February 25th, in Cleburne, Texas. Western attire was encouraged. The meal was served by members of the 4H Club. Entertainment included a Country Western rendition of songs by a member from an Area 10 chapter, a short history of the area and later, line dancing was demonstrated and taught to all attendees. Roses and awards were presented to several ladies. A total of 147 ladies attended. Great fun! (Sandra)



They are the children of my grandson, Scott Rydell and his wife, Jacquelyn. I am a very proud great-granny! LaVerne



Here are two pictures of my new little great-granddaughter, born on Feb. 15th. Her name is **Adelyn Jane Rydell**, and she weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. The next day she got to meet her big brother, Caleb Tim, who is 2 1/2 years old. They live north of Dallas, in Little Elm.



*I had been trying to get together with Carol Grimm to obtain an interview for several months when she said "I'm not available for an interview on Friday because I'll be busy at the hunger strike." I knew that this San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame inductee was active in many causes for the Hays County community, but a **hunger strike**???* (Interviewed and reported by Debra Zupancic) This is quite long, but there was no way to shorten Carol's story or her impact on the world around her.(Editor)

Turns out it was the Hays County Food Bank's 6th annual "Hunger Strike" Bowling Tournament. Eighteen 5-member teams compete at \$500.00 per team, with a silent auction to raise money. Food and drinks are contributed to the teams with a lot of fun and fellowship. Trophies are awarded to the 1st and 2nd high scoring teams and the high scoring man and high scoring woman.

"I worked the registration table for the teams. We don't have a final total yet, but we all had fun and I believe it was a success," said Carol. She has participated since 2012, when she was elected to the Board of Directors of the Hays County Food Bank serving on the Fund Development Committee all 6 years. It seems as though Carol doesn't just join and participate; she actively serves on boards, acts as an officer, and has coordinated events for organizations such as the City of San Marcos, the League of Women Voters, CASA, Meals on Wheels, Hays County Food Bank, SMART/Hays County, and the First Presbyterian Church. Carol laughs about her active lifestyle as she quotes her grandmother "Idle hands are the devil's playground."

Ruth Spear sponsored Carol to become a Delta Kappa Gamma member in 2010 saying she "just couldn't believe she wasn't already a member!"

Carol was born in central Illinois to Harold and Margaret Osborn. They both graduated from the University of Illinois. Her dad was an Osteopathic Physician. He was also a track coach, having won two gold medals in the 24 Olympics: high jump and decathlon. She graduated from Champaign Schools and then obtained both a BS ('55) and MS ('63) in Education from her parents' alma mater. Because of her dad, she considered becoming a doctor, but teaching pulled her. "Being the oldest of four girls, we played school a lot, and as the oldest I got to be teacher!"

"My first years of teaching were in Tucson, Arizona where I taught second grade on the Davis-Monthan Air Base," but her husband, Clyde, decided to work on degrees in English so they returned to Champaign-Urbana. There, she taught second grade again and worked on her master's.

"Students with difficulty in learning to read bothered me and I focused on that in my studies for my master's. Piaget was a focus of projects and papers! It was not LD then but LH. I worked in both the Champaign and Urbana Schools with LH kids after two more years in second grade," Carol said.

"We had two girls then when Clyde took a position at Texas Tech in '64. After two more children we came to San Marcos in 1968."

She returned to teaching in 1972 at Navarro schools south on SH123 where she was the Jr.-Sr. high school resource teacher through the 78-79 school year. "I represented Navarro at the District XIII Special Education Advisory Council. Maggie Sloan there urged me to get certified as a diagnostician, so I went to SWTSU for post-graduate hours to get certified," Carol said.

She earned certification as a Supervisor of both regular and special education and was being interviewed for the director of Special Ed in Del Valle when her husband passed away in 1978. "My children came first, and I withdrew from the final interview and remained at Navarro for another year."

In the summer of 1979 she was hired to be the diagnostician and classroom supervisor at the Texas Elks Diagnostic Center in Ottine, Texas. She remained there for 15 years doing diagnostic testing for approximately 100 children each year.

"We lived with ten children on site for three weeks. Our fourth week was spent in report writing and visiting schools all over the state to help them deal with the many special education students that Child Find and the 94-142 law had brought into their schools. This was an incredible experience! Those early years, the majority of the children we saw were severely physically handicapped - in wheel chairs or with unusual syndromes of retardation and /seizures," Carol said.

"As the years progressed, we saw more autistic, ADHD, LD, and ED. The Asperger kids were the most challenging. We continued to see occasional mild or moderate MR students," Carol said.

Carol said that one of the most difficult times in her career was when she joined the Texas Educational Diagnostician's Association in 1980.

"I served on the Board as Pres-elect, President, and Past-President during the 84-87 school years. Serving in TEDA helped me gain recognition state-wide. In the early 90's, the Elks financial support of our program was strained. The current director made decisions that did not significantly lower our cost to provide service, but impacted the quality of the service we were providing to the children of Texas we were evaluating. I felt that I could not stay as diagnostician if the report I was taking to the schools was not the highest quality we could provide. I resigned in August of 1994. Within a week, I was employed by Caldwell County Special Education Coop in Lockhart, Texas. I remained there until May, 2000, when I retired."

Carol loves to read - mysteries, history, biographies, and bible commentaries.

Crochet is a skill from her childhood that she learned from her grandmother! She has made many baby blankets for friends, babies born in her church, and for the cradle of care at CTMC.

"It is a very relaxing craft for me; the knots in my head leave through my fingers as I crochet on a project! I have an afghan to start for my grandson who will be graduating from Baylor in May," Carol said.

Each of her children and grandchildren get an afghan of their choice of color and pattern when they reach 21!

Carol's faith, dedication, and drive are all indicative of her upbringing and surroundings; her father always said "If you're going to do it, do your best." Carol says she's inspired by the quotation from Ghandi she has displayed in her kitchen: "Be the change you want to see in the world."

Carol and the change she's shared with Hays County and DKG can inspire us all.

March 28, 2017, is the day when teachers will be visiting the Capitol to observe the Legislature in action.

2017 Unifying Project

Child Advocate Needs for DKG – TSO June Convention

For health reasons, the items must be new.

Gift cards to:

- Target
- Amazon
- Wal-Mart
- Visa/MasterCard
- Amazon
- Office Depot
- Costco/Sam's

Younger Children:

- Children's Books
- Coloring Books and Crayons
- Stuffed Animals
- Action Figures
- Educational Toys
- Educational Games
- Art Sets

Preteen and Teen Girl:

- Manicure set, Nail file, nail polish
- Hand cream or lotion, Lip gloss or bath wash
- Decorative t-shirts or Cute socks
- Books, journals, colorful pens
- Small Purse, wallet

Preteen and Teen Boy:

- Manicure set
- AXE shaving cream or deodorant
- Comb/Brush
- Decorative t-shirts or Socks
- Books, journals
- Keychain or Wallet

Source for forms and answers:

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