



**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.  
2016-2018 International Theme “Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide”  
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*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*



*Straight from Sandra*

Chance encounters? Do you believe in coincidences? Do you ever see someone and think you know that person but can't remember from where? I have a friend who calls those encounters “Small World Syndrome.”

Our November meeting proved to be one of those times when all of the above happened. I shall start with the dinner conversation I had with our latest transfer/reinstated member, Karen Franco. Turns out we had both been Chapter Presidents in Area 5 before transferring here—Karen in Alice and I in Corpus Christi. And, we had mutual friends from that area, too. Plus, we had attended a State Convention years ago where we had been dinner companions at one of the luncheons!

Shortly after I introduced our guests, one of our newest members, Rece Barr, asked me if Ms. Judy Reinhart, who traveled to

our meeting with our guest speaker, Dr. Karen Duke, was from Austin. Yes! “She was one of my teachers!” They had a mini reunion and asked for each other's email addresses in order to keep in touch. Judy was pleased that Rece had spoken up about it.

After the meeting, Cheryl Blake's guest, Connie Martin-Thompson, asked me if I had ever been to Goodnight Middle School for she knew she had seen me before that evening and thought perhaps it had been there. I said I had gone to their Veteran's Day ceremonies the last few years and she said, “Oh, you brought the people from the Nursing Home that played for us.” Yes! We had taken the veterans we worked with every Saturday, *The Horizon Bay Kitchen Band*, to perform a Patriotic Show there.

Was it a coincidence that our program was about Global Awareness? Dr. Duke talked about meeting people at State, International and Regional Conferences and then running into them later at other gatherings and meetings—sometimes even

on trips to far away places. Once again proving that the Small World Syndrome does happen to all DKG women.

Next time you are out and about, look around you. Did that person you made eye contact with have a look of recognition in her eye? Did you? Don't be afraid to speak up. You may miss an opportunity to connect with someone you may have met elsewhere but can't quite place and you may go home and wonder if you really knew that person. Don't wonder, instead speak up. That happened to me the other day at Lowe's. I was walking out as a lady was going into the store. She stopped me and asked if I was perhaps from Corpus Christi. When I said I had moved here from there several years ago she then asked if I had taught at Yeager Elementary School. Yes! She recognized me as her daughter's Kindergarten teacher (some 25 years ago!). I would have missed the opportunity to know about them if she hadn't stopped to ask.

In the meantime, remember that connections, friends, and acquaintances all help make Disney's song, "It's a Small World After All," come true. Go out and make new friends and treasure those you already have in your life. I know I do.



**Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

**Price Center, San Marcos**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Program Title: "A Christmas Symphony" by  
Chris Hanson**

**Program Purpose:** To participate in genuine spiritual fellowship with other members of our Society.

To give back to the community by providing food for the local food banks for the less fortunate in our area.

**Society Purpose:** # 1 TO UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship

# 5 TO ENDOW scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators

**Program Summary:** To have actually fellowshiped with our sisters and shared giving back to the community.

**Meeting Focus:** Fellowship with chapter members and review the ASTEF stipend report.

**Project:** Bring canned goods or non-perishable items for the Food Bank.

Raffle Basket to benefit Eula Lee Carte Memorial Fund supplied by Ceremonies Committee.

Inspiration/Blessing:

Meal: Holiday dinner catered by Price House. \$20.00 includes meal \$12.00 and \$8.00 Chapter Scholarship (Grant in Aid).

Music: Holiday songs by the San Marcos High School Symphony.

Notes: Tri-Chapter Social will be in Seguin on January 21. Chapter tee shirts are suggested. Saturday, January 21, 2016

## MEDITERRANEAN BUFFET @ Price House

Mixed Green Salad  
Pasta Salad  
Pita & Hummus  
Spinach Pie  
Baked Chicken Breast  
Rosemary Potatoes (or) Rice Pilaf  
Baklava, Spongecake or Rice Pudding  
Water/Tea

Price is set at \$20.00. For that we get the buffet, the entertainment and the beautiful decorations provided by the center. They do a bang up job for any holiday.

Remember to include canned goods or non-perishable food items for the Food Bank. Ceremonies Committee will provide the raffle item.



Dr. Karen Duke



Tonda giving treasurer's report



Global Awareness was the theme for our November meeting with Dr. Karen Duke. Dr. Duke presented a most enjoyable and informative talk about our sisters around the world. She brought an insight into DKG of which many of us were not aware. Our silent auction of homemade goodies raised \$215.00 for World Fellowship! Yeah for us! Thank you to all who participated.



Enjoying the fellowship.



Dr. Duke's traveling companion, Judy with Ruth



Sandra giving her report.



Some of the auction items – I got this basket of jellies. Thanks to whoever made it.

As you can see from these pictures, we need a volunteer to take pictures of our meetings each month. You would then upload them to me to use in the newsletter. Please step up!



Virginia received the Global Awareness door prize. Four November birthday ladies won floral table decorations.



Janice, Nelda, and Dolores

2017 Tri-chapter Social  
 January 21st  
 Seguin Public Library  
 313 West Nolte Street  
 Seguin, TX 78155  
 Please RSVP through your  
 chapter by January 9th  
 \$12.00

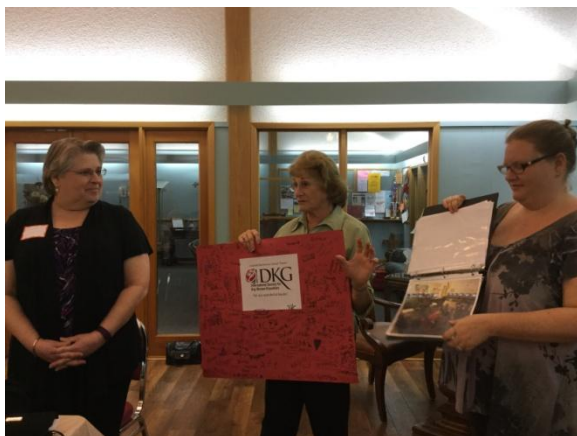
Make arrangements to get your money to Tonda ahead of the meeting. Make checks to NU Chapter. Bring your check to the December meeting or mail to Tonda at her address in the yearbook.



Miniature Bundt cakes and Nu necklaces



Table of delicious treats.



ASTEFL thank you card from students.

Have you noticed how our attendance has been increasing at each meeting? It is such a thrill to see our newer members attending and taking part. It gives those of us who have been members a long time hope that our beloved Society will continue to thrive and grow. It is only through your participation that you learn to love Delta Kappa Gamma and what it stands for in our world. Key women educators reaching out to other educators around the world.

Membership is now 38 Active and 5 Reserve members with an average of 20-25 at meetings.

**TEACHERS**  
**TEACH CONVERSATIONAL**  
**ENGLISH IN CHINA**  
**Two Weeks in July, 2017**  
**(Applications accepted October -**  
**January)**



All expenses paid while teaching. Free tour of local areas. \$750.00 salary for two weeks. Lesson Plans and training are provided. Travel with experienced teachers.

I am seeking teachers who want to travel China and experience the Chinese culture. This program is sponsored by the Jiangsu Dept. of Education, Jiangsu, China, and is not affiliated with any religious or political group. Teachers travel to China and help Chinese English teachers improve their conversational English skills and demonstrate methods of teaching.

You will teach Chinese English teachers five hours a day, five days a week. You earn \$750 for two weeks teaching (5000 rmb). You are provided free private lodging and meals, and free tours in Nanjing and the city where you teach. You teach in a school in the Jiangsu Province, and you are placed with other teachers from my group. Lesson

plans, lesson plan training, and orientation to China is provided.

You must be a native English speaker, have a degree and recent teaching experience, and be in good health. TESOL or ESL experience is not necessary, but welcomed. Teachers must pay for their own airfare to Shanghai, have a passport, obtain a Chinese visa, and pay a \$290.00 processing fee.

I am a retired school counselor from Union R-XI School District and I live in Union, Missouri. I am the Director for We Teach in China and I have worked in this program for 11 years and this will be my 9th year as the director. I am the only recruiter for this program in the United States. This is a unique short term opportunity for teachers to experience China up close and personal in a safe and trusted program. Apply now!

**To request an application phone 636 328 2318**

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**(Shared by Sandra)**

A little bit of gossip!

Sandra, Nadyne, Glenda from Seguin, and Bernadine from Austin met at Texas Pie Co. in Kyle for lunch a few days ago. After enjoying a delicious lunch, where some took pie home (to share with others they said!) we went our separate ways. Sandi and Glenda headed for a shopping center where they were deterred due to an electrical short in one of the stores, although they did get to observe all of the emergency equipment outside. Bernadine reported no excitement on her end. Nadyne drove into her drive to find a large tree had blown over on the picket fence. Contacted a "tree" man who came immediately, and took it away. Even though it was removed immediately our HOA sent us a notice of non-compliance! Less than 24 hours had elapsed. He must have watched it fall!

(Nadyne)



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
TO  
NOVEMBER  
&  
DECEMBER!**

**November**

- Cheryl B.
- Evelyn B.
- Connie B.
- Barbara D.
- Sharon E.
- Bonnie F.
- Cynthia M.
- Paula C.

**December**

- Kathy C.
- Janet S.
- Lisa J.
- Betty B.
- Sandra M.

TSO suggested we leave off the dates of birthdays for privacy. They are listed in your yearbook.

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**Hands of Hope**  
 (continued from last month.)

**Charlotte Evans and Dr. Sue Thompson** are both involved in **Hands of Hope**. Sue teaches Health and Nutrition and is responsible for buying paper good, drinks, and snacks for the ministry. Charlotte is the Lead Coordinator and oversees the ministry. For more information or to find out how you can help, please talk to either Charlotte Evans and Dr. Sue Thompson.

During the 10 week session there is one fabulous Birthday Party. Many of the ladies will tell us that they have not really celebrated their birthday since they were young. We have cake, ice cream, and balloons. Each lady receives small gifts from the Coordinators, teachers, their mentors, and other volunteers. It is a time to celebrate who they are becoming! At the end of the ten weeks, we have a lovely Graduation/Celebration Ceremony where the ladies get to invite family and friends. They receive recognition, speak about their journey, and enjoy a beautiful reception afterwards.

Funding comes through grants written for various organizations here in San Marcos. Because *Hands of Hope* is faith-based, larger national organizations cannot be tapped into. There are many individual donors who faithfully support the ministry ,

as well as, some of the churches in town who provide support through their mission activities. Each spring, *Hands of Hope* has a fund-raiser known as Tea'N More, where women dress in their best and sponsor and decorate tables, sell tickets, and enjoy a delicious High Tea and a style show from Chico's at the Price Center.

What do typical Hands of Hope participants look like?

- Janice was brought to hands of hope from a pastor in San Marcos. She had been found by the police in the San Marcos River, severely beaten. Janice was among the homeless population because she had traveled here with a boyfriend. He had beaten her and left. She was living under the bridge on IH35. The first time she went through *Hands of Hope* she admits she only came for the food and the warm, safe place. She was argumentative and caused lots of disruptions in the class. However, she was invited to attend another session; and this made all the difference in her life. She began to have a relationship with God, she got her CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) certification, and got a job working with disabled adults. Today Janice is a live-in caregiver for a mentally challenged lady. She has a passion for the homeless and makes sure they have food from the food bank and clothing throughout the year. She is one of *Hands of Hope's* biggest recruiters. Rebecca grew up in an upper middle class neighborhood in Austin completing high school. However, after she married, her parents disowned her. After her third child was born, her husband left her.

Without any means of support, she wrote a couple of hot checks for diapers and ended up in jail. Luckily, by the time the police caught up with her, she had remarried a very honorable man who took care of her children. After getting out of jail, she was afraid of so much. She became involved with her church, but did little else. After coming to *Hands of Hope*, the world opened up to her. She loves and believes in *Hands of Hope* so much, she began as a volunteer helping wherever she can each semester. She has taken care of children in the past, driven the van, and helps with the lunch meal.

- Then there is *Maria* who came to us having been brought to America by her parents when she was very small. She had worked for and received her citizenship and had passed the GED in Spanish. However, she wanted very badly to complete the GED in English. She was married and the mother of four children. She was involved in her church and wanted a good life for her family. Though our classes she prepared herself to take the GED classes, and continued to go to the free classes at the Library after our class was finished. Our math teacher from *Hands of Hope* would meet her there and give her extra help. She took and passed the English GED with flying colors. With her encouragement, her husband, who works for the post office, began taking classes at ACC, and last year, she began studying to become a Flabotomist.
- Many are under-educated: they have not completed high school, dropping out usually because of an unexpected pregnancy. Few have obtained their



GED. *Hands of Hope* tries to begin to prepare them for GED testing and refer them on to the free GED classes at the Library.

- Many are single mothers, unable to provide appropriately for their children because of a lack of education and a meaningful job.
- Some are not U.S. citizens. They were brought here as very young children by their parents and now after 911, it is a very difficult road to citizenship and/or work status. Thus, they do not have a drivers' license or Social Security cards. Some are homeless. San Marcos does not provide adequately for women who have no where else to go. They are only allowed to stay at the Southside Center if they have children and then only when there is room and for a short time. Because of the university (mostly) rental property is very expensive in San Marcos and requires a large down-payment. The two floods in 2015 have only added to this problem.
- Some of the women who come, just do not know that they could have options. This is the life they have always known in their families.
- We do have women with high school and college degrees that also need our program.

All come to *Hands of Hope* needing their self-esteem back. They are not judged, they receive care, support, and love. They come into the program with their heads down. After a couple of weeks they begin to open their lives and hearts; and most leave with their heads up, a goal to make their life and the lives of their family better, and hopefully the knowledge that there is a God who loves them. I wish you could hear their speeches at Celebration. They are so proud of their accomplishments and successes.

(Charlotte Evans and Dr.Sue Thompson)

**Out and about with Nu Chapter members**

**Emily Ann Theater's Trail of Lights. Seven acres that have been super duper decorated by various groups for Christmas.**



Sandi and Loretta met friends Candy and Silvia for an evening of viewing the lights in Wimberley.



Now in your mail. Wonderful articles of interest. This is what a small portion of our dues goes for, along with the DKG News, and other periodicals.



## A look back at Christmas 2015 "Sharing the Joy"



**Mark your calendar! December 6,  
5:00 P.M. Price House San Marcos  
Dress in your Christmas finery  
(even your ugly sweaters!) and  
enjoy the evening with your NU  
sisters. Don't forget your Food  
Bank donations!**