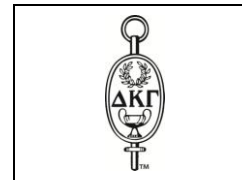




*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Texas State Organization  
The News from Nu Chapter*

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Nu Chapter # 13 Area 7 Alpha State, Texas, Hays 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."

2018-2020 International Theme "EMT - Evolution, Momentum, Transparency"

2017-2019 TSO Theme "Bridging yesterday and tomorrow"

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### *Tanya's Thoughts*

Greetings Ladies!

I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving. I wanted to give a huge shout out and Thank You to Cheryl Blake, Loretta Eiben, Sandra Morales, and Debra Zupancic for their wonderful display at Wimberley Trail of Lights. Their display won the 2018 Winner Organization award. Nu hosted Hot Chocolate and Marshmallow Roasting on November 27, 2018. Thank you to all who participated and donated.

A quick reminder that dues are overdue. If you have not paid them yet, please do so as soon as possible.

**Our December meeting location has been changed due to overbooking.** Alpha Delta Pi Sorority has offered us their building to use for our December meeting. The address is 316 West Hopkins in San Marcos.

You will pull down the driveway and park at the back of the house. We were asked not to use the first 8 spots next to the fence and closest to the house for the girls' parking. There is plenty of parking at this location. It will be a busy night for us. We will begin with our meeting first at 5:30 and have Social hour afterwards. We will be inducting two brand new members. I am doing it this way so that we can enjoy our snacks and White Elephant gift exchange and not be rushed. This is a pot luck dinner so we can't wait to see your creations. The White Elephant exchange will be an item worth \$10.00 and we will do it as a Chinese gift exchange. I can't wait and I hope to see everyone there!

We do not have a meeting in **January** since we are invited to attend the Tri Chapter Social on January 26, 2019. It will be held at the New Braunfels Conservation Plaza, 1300 Church Hill Drive. We have been asked to arrive around 10:30 for registration. Lunch will be served at 11:00 with a hot dish, salad and the desert will be a cupcake from a spectacular

Display by Alpha Theta's Sandra Plumb. Cost be \$12.00 per person. Guest speaker is Jen Crownover, Comal County Commissioner Precinct #4. She will be talking about women stepping up and taking leadership roles. If you plan to attend, I need your name and \$12.00 no later than Friday January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Don't worry ladies I will send out reminders as dates approach. On a sadder note, we have had several families in need of our prayers and good thoughts so please keep our sisters in your thoughts. Tonda Frady's husband, Sandra Morales' husband and our loveable Nadyne Gartman and her husband as well.

I hope your Holidays have started off wonderfully and I can't wait to see you in December!! Tanya



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Holiday Potluck: All members hosting

Program: **Recommitment Service**

**Induction of new Members**

Ceremonies and Membership Committees

Program Purpose: Fellowship and follow up "Trail of Lights"

Society Purpose: 1, 6 Project: White elephant gift exchange (\$10.00 maximum value)

Inspiration: Connie Music: Christmas  
Raffle Basket: Scholarship Committee (Connie) Schools for Africa

**Saturday, January 26, 2019, Tri-Chapter Social**  
New Braunfels, TX , New Braunfels Conservation Plaza,  
1300 Church Hill Drive  
Registration: 11:00 a.m. Social  
Meeting 11:30 a.m.

Nu does it again! These **four ladies** (Sandra, Debra, Cheryl, and Loretta) put on their work clothes and gloves and put up **“our display”** last Saturday, November 17!

At the Awards Ceremony the display again won an award – this time for Organization.

WIMBERLEY, TX., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018 — Page B1



PHOTO BY GARY ZUPANCIC/WIMBERLEY VIEW

Sandra Morales, Deb Zupancic, Cheryl Blake and Loretta Eibengeth get the Kappa Gamma Delta Organization's Exhibit ready.

## Magic comes to town with EmilyAnn's Trail of Lights

**Gary Zupancic  
Staff Reporter**

The holidays can put a sense of magic in the air. Sure, each season has its own particular events, and is the source of joy for everyone. But the coming of Christmas is one event that is six weeks long, counting New Years.

The EmilyAnn Trail of Lights is in its twenty-first

year in delighting young and old and everything in between. Last year there were over 110 exhibitors and this year's exhibitors are still coming in with new light displays, and the spectacle of nighttime wonders.

But twenty-one years ago it was just one area and EmilyAnn's Trail of Lights claim to fame was being a part of the Hill Country

See **Lights**, Page B7



Beautiful Banner



Not only do we build *Trail of Lights* displays, we share \$2,500.00 ASTEF check with Mendez Elementary School.

Names are Karen McGowan, Principal. Connie Martin-Thompson, GNMS, and DKG member; Tanya Rhodes, DKG President and Miller. Front row, Loretta Eiben, DKG Member and Miller MS; Mendez Librarian: Adriane Clift and Cheryl Blake Retired Teacher GN and DKG member.





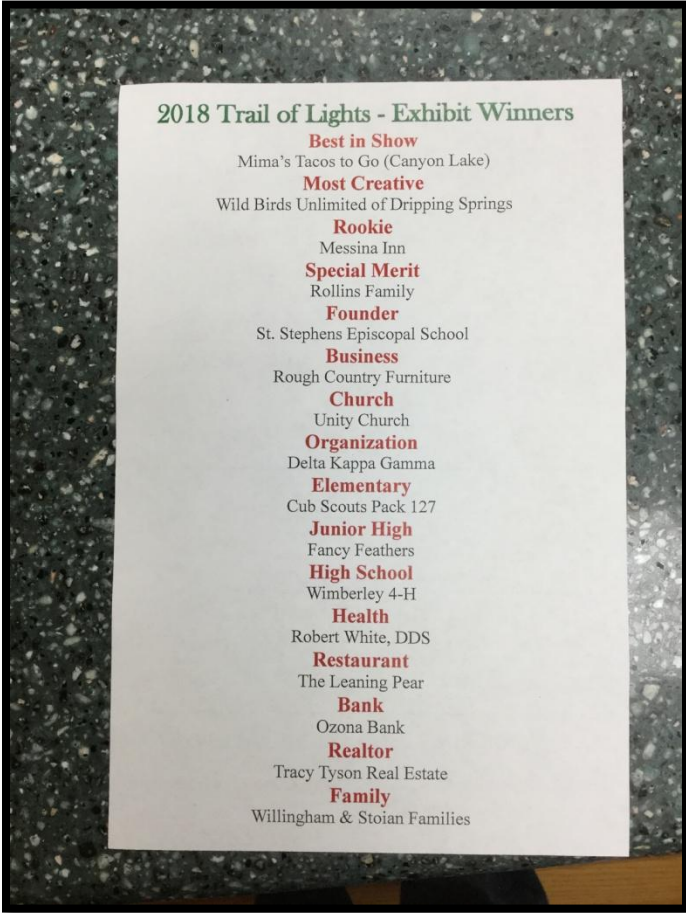
This is what you will see when you visit. Nu Chapter served on Tuesday night, November 27, as hostess serving hot chocolate and marshmallows to all guests. Thanks to those who helped.



Immediate Past-President Sandi accepting the award.



The final scene before the Award was presented.



Nu received the Early Bird Award for Yearbook



## ***THE FAB FOUR!***

by Sandra Morales

What did Nu's ***Fab Four*** get into this past month? You know that whenever Cheryl, Loretta, Debra and Sandra get together, they are usually up to something creative and fun.

Early on Saturday, November 17th, the four met at Nu Chapter's site at the *Emily Ann Theatre and Gardens* in Wimberley. They unloaded two vehicles of Christmas trees, lights, school furniture, and other decorations in order to prepare for the *21st Annual Trail of Lights Festival*.

These four have it down to a science (even with some new changes and additions) and were rewarded twice that day for their efforts. Once, by Mrs. Dolores Pair, Tanya's mother, who provided a scrumptious picnic for all, and once by Gary Zupancic, Debra's husband who took a photo of all in action. The latter was later published on November 22nd, in the weekly newspaper, *The Wimberley View*.

Saturday, November 24th, Nu won the *Trail of Lights Award* presented to organizations. That was added to last year's Most Creative award. Hooray for Nu!

***The Fab Four*** enjoyed preparing for the event and wishes you would join, too, next time. It is a lot of fun (even though a lot of work is involved) and it gets our organization noticed, which is an extra!

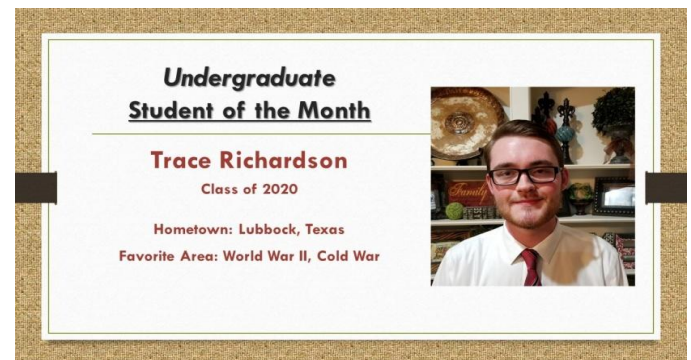
Please join all our sisters at Nu's night to host the Festival's *Yule Log* with hot cocoa and marshmallows. That will be Tuesday, November 27th from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you are lucky, you will see ***The Fab Four*** in action once more! And, perhaps, with your participation, the number may change to, ***The Terrific Twenty!*** (This was well attended. Editor)



**This what the site looked like before the Fabulous Four got started on it!**

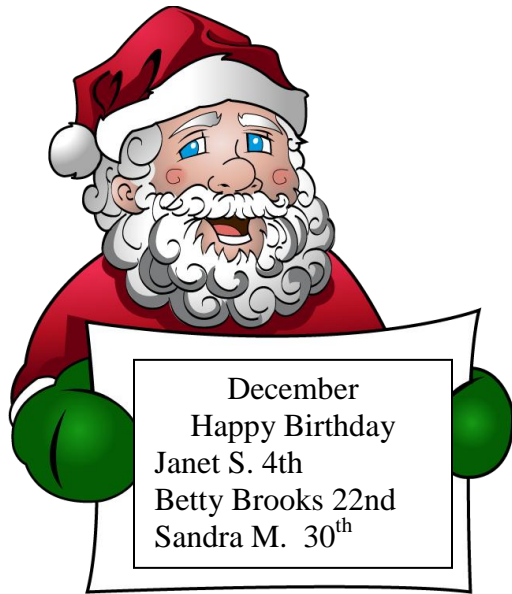


**The Fabulous Four resting on their laurels at Nu Night!**

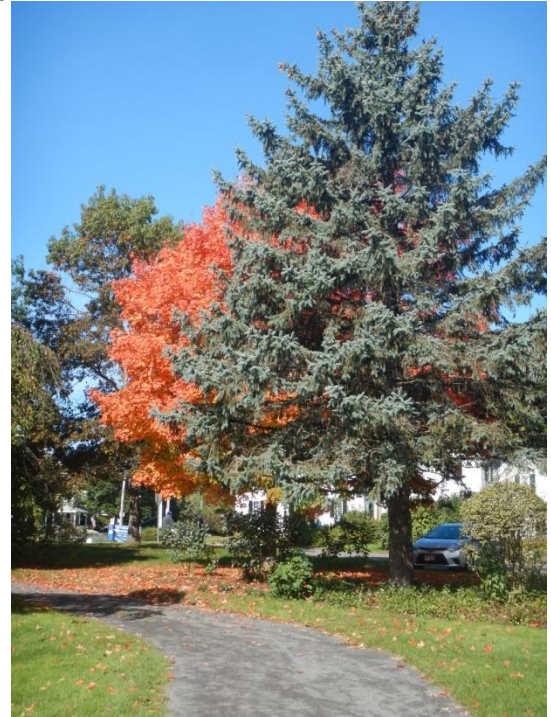


**Nadyne's Great Grandson, Trace**

**Texas Tech Department of History**  
· November 1 ·  
**Congratulations to Trace Richardson on being honored as the Undergraduate Student of the Month for November!**



“Cheryl and her friend toured New England in the fall, but she got the article to the editor too late for the October news. Not to worry. We are an equal opportunity news letter, and can get these very important items in at any time we choose! In fact, she sent it to me the same day I sent out the other news letter! It is never too late to get news to me for one or the other of our newsletters. I am always ready to hear about the excitement in your lives, whether it is happy news or need for concern on our parts.”  
Nadyne, editor



Fall foliage

HISTORY LESSON

## ELECTION HERSTORY

**Two Texas women** made history in the November elections 100 years ago.

**Women obtained** the right to vote in Texas primaries earlier in 1918, and they strongly supported Annie Webb Blanton, a teacher and suffragist, in the Democratic primary in the race for superintendent of public instruction. She went on to win in November, becoming the first woman elected to statewide office in Texas.

**Nellie Gray Robertson** of Hood County was elected the first female county attorney in Texas, defeating her male opponent by a vote of 446-2.

November 2018 **Texas Co-op Power** 7

Shared by Sandra



Cheryl actually touching Plymouth Rock



## Northeast Trip October, 2018

Now that I am retired I finally have the time to take a few of the trips I have had on my bucket list. I have always wanted to see the fall foliage in the northeast but due to my teaching schedule it was not possible, so when a friend said she needed to go NYC for a Harry Potter Broadway show, I couldn't say no. The timing was perfect as the leaves were just starting to change and the colors were amazing. Along the week I got to enjoy the changing colors but I also took a history field trip, the ultimate field trip. Our first day we visited Lexington, MA and I walked the green where the first shots of the American Revolution were shot. I stood in the room where John Hancock and Samuel Adams were in when riders Revere and Dawes gave them the news of the British coming. From there I traveled to Concord and walked the bridge the Minute Men guarded. The second day was to visit the witches of Salem. Walked the streets of Salem and saw the *House of Seven Gables*, visited the witch's museum and found a very old cemetery with graves dating back to the Pilgrims. There was also a beautiful tribute to the 20 people convicted of being witches. Along the way I visited a working gristmill and bought some fresh corn meal along with an apple orchard. Our third day had us traveling south to Newport, RI, to visit the homes of the very wealthy. The houses were the summer homes of families like the Vanderbilt's. I can truly say, those would not want to be houses that I live in, too cold and hard. From here we caught a train to NYC. On the first morning there, we got up early and with tickets in hand waited in line to be on the set of "Live with Kelly and Ryan." The studio is so small, but it was a lot of fun watching how the show works. Once the show was over my friend needed to go to Broadway Show, but I had time so when the show producers asked if anyone wanted to stay for the tape delayed show, I volunteered. I am glad I did, I actually made it on TV for this show. I spent the entire day walking the streets of NYC. Lunch was at Junior's where they have the best cheesecake. Once refueled the real walking began; went to Central Park, visited Time Square, Rockefeller Plaza, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Even though most of the day was spent by myself, I was not scared and I walked about 10 miles. Thursday took us back to the Cape and I got to meet an online pen pal who lives in

Rhode Island. How cool is that? I never thought I would meet him but we got to have dinner together. Our last full day took us to Plymouth, MA. There is actually a rock that the Pilgrims touched when they landed in Plymouth. The rock has to be protected as many people try to steal parts of it, however in the Pilgrim museum they have a piece of the rock that you can legally touch, so of course I touched it. We drove the entire length of Cape Cod so we could say we did it, it was beautiful. I have many memories I will not forget. Thank you for allowing me to share my wonderful trip.

Submitted by Cheryl Blake (Nu Secretary)  
(Cheryl, you should apply to Roads Scholar.)

**Come out to the December 11 Meeting in San Marcos** 316 West Hopkins to meet our lovely new inductees and welcome our new sisters.



Melynda Caudle



Rebecca Kroener

Have thought about this all evening and feel it needs to be posted. It's a little long but please read it.

Was in Kyle Texas, today with my dad, who was having surgery, which went well. As he checked in they asked if he was a veteran. When he said he was, they asked if they could place a special band on his wrist. It was a red white and blue band with stars on it which would let everyone who dealt with him know he was a veteran. This band was acknowledged several times by hospital staff during his time there, including doctors and nurses. They also gave him a flag refrigerator magnet and a flag sticker to place on his window.

After the surgery, we were in recovery when I hear a "CODE RED, WHITE AND BLUE" with an associated room number announced three times over the hospital PA system. I noticed all nurses and techs, who were not immediately busy with a patient, hurry toward the elevators.

I had an idea what had happened, but I asked the tech, who was assisting my dad, what was going on. She said that the code meant a veteran had passed away and the staff was gathering in the hallway to line both sides of the hall, from the room to their exit from the hospital. They would honor a flag draped gurney. Shortly after that, the PA system played the full rendition of TAPS. There was not a dry eye in the recovery room.

As I exited the hospital shortly afterwards, I noticed a large number of staff returning to their various stations. It was obvious that this was a very touching experience for all involved.

I haven't identified the hospital, as they have not adopted this attitude to garner attention, but out of respect for veterans.

It was something I will never forget.

The holidays are here.



Do you already feel (or look) like this? **Smile**, it is only one month until the New Year begins.

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(This touched me, and I thought you should share it, also. So many times our younger generations don't really understand the sacrifices our Veterans actually did make for our freedom.) Nadyne