



**The News from Nu Chapter  
Texas State Organization  
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*

In my *Straight from Sandra* of April, 2016, I wrote about our chapter's achievements and momentum. I think this could be considered its sequel. Even though we were handed a hard blow when we lost several dear members to the Fredericksburg chapter this summer, we have picked ourselves up and have initiated six new and exciting members. We have also brought two of our previous members back into the fold and we found a member who had moved to our area and was happy to know about us.

Another blow or setback was our meeting places. But, again, new and exciting places have been found and seem to be working out just fine for us. Perhaps this could be considered a sequel to the *Straight from Sandra* I wrote in October, 2014, about *Changes*.

We have also revamped ourselves, in making new committee assignments and I

thank all of you for stepping up to fill them. One committee still lacking members is our Music one. Music is a vital aspect of our lives and it should be no different in DKG. If you have any interest in joining this committee, please let me know. You don't have to be able to sing or play a musical instrument---if you can operate a CD player, we have a spot for you!

Our most exciting endeavor has been the winning of the ASTEF stipend (on the first time we applied!) and all the steps involved in carrying the project out to its fruition. I am so proud of you for 'running' with this project and helping whenever you have had the opportunity. I know the students benefitting from this project were glad you were there for them.

And, just how have all these changes been accomplished? By YOU. You stepped up and offered your input, your connections and worked hard at making all this happen. Thank you! I can't wait to see what else we accomplish this year. Thanks for being on Nu's team! (Sandra Morales)



**Tuesday, November 15, 2016**  
**Dinner: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Chapel in the Hills Wimberley**  
**\*Program Title: "Global Awareness"**

**Program Purpose:** To meet Dr. Karen Duke, Alpha Chapter, and learn more about Global Awareness

**Society Purpose:** #1 TO UNITE women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship  
# 4 TO INITIATE, ENDORSE, and SUPPORT desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators  
# 5 TO ENDOW scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators  
# 6 TO STIMULATE the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action  
#7 TO INFORM the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

**Program Summary:** Members have become more aware of the importance of Global Awareness in our Society. Members participated in the silent auction of food items.

**Meeting Focus:** Members will learn more about Global Awareness through the expertise of Dr. Karen Duke.

**Silent auction of home baked goods, jelly, pickles, etc., to benefit World Fellowship**

**Project:** Proceeds of auction benefits **World Fellowship.**

**Inspiration/Blessing:**

**Meal:** San Marcos sisters    **Music:** The Delta Kappa Gamma song

The following were taken during the Necrology Service honoring the life of our sister, Bea Ellison. The Ceremonies Committee conducted the service. Robin is chairman, assisted by Gracie and Jenny.





## Initiation Service 10/18/16

Ceremonies Chairman Robin and her committee conducted an impressive ceremony for six new members of Nu. She was assisted by Janis, Sandra, and Cheryl as the initiates were presented, lighted their candles, and signed the Constitution. They were then presented as members to the rest of the members in a receiving line. We welcome them to our sisterhood along with three reinstated members. New members include Rece Barr, Clem Cantu, Paula Cole, Peggy Hilburn, Kathy Prather, and Nelda Reyes. Reinstated members include Diane Graeber, Beth Doege, and Karen Franco.



Reinstated Karen and Beth



Diane reinstated

**Southwest Regional – July 4-7  
Honolulu, Hawaii**



Initiation Committee: Janis, Sandra, Robin, and Cheryl



Kathy lighting her candle.



Initiates awaiting the charge.



Rece signing the Book



Rece, Clem, and Paula



Greeting the new members

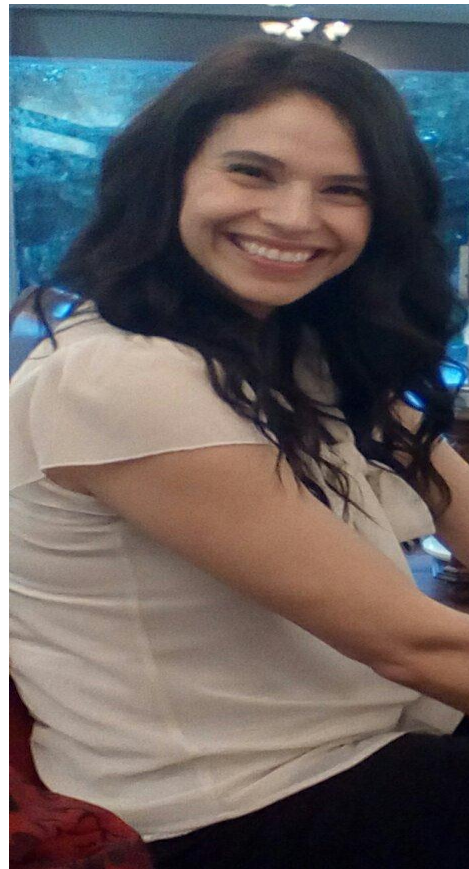


Mingling with sisters.

**Jenny won the "Schools for Africa" raffle which raised \$60.00 for that fund!**



**Last call for dues. Tonda has to have them in by November 9. Step up and take care of this, PLEASE!**



Kathy



Tonda collecting dues.



The pictures for this section were provided by the editor.

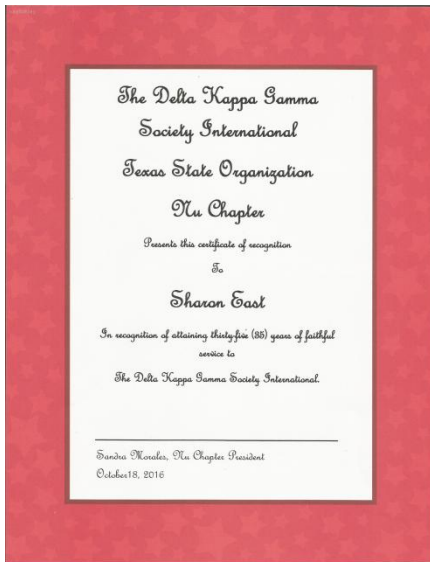




Sharon, 35year member of DKG



Charlotte, 35 year member of DKG



Sandra, 30 yr member of DKG

These four lovely ladies were honored for their longevity of service to Delta Kappa Gamma. Not present was 30 yr, member Evelyn.

They were presented certificates by Nadyne, who kind of dropped the ball on Sharon's.



Cheryl is a 10 year DKG member!

**Carol Grimm** was presented a certificate in honor of being inducted into the San Marcos' Women's Hall of Fame. She is shown here with Hall of Fame award.



**Sandra has an interesting visitor!**  
Look at 'whooo' we found in the deer's water tub, out in the backyard.  
Wes had to tip the tub for Whooooo had fallen in and couldn't get out.



## INTERNATIONAL WORLD FELLOWSHIP

**The World Fellowship Program** began in 1946 at the National Convention in San Francisco as a project to aid women in war-torn countries. Four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study in Sweden during the spring of 1948. The current program began in 1960 with an initial award of \$2,500.00. World Fellowships are given annually to nonmembers from countries other than Canada and the United States to attend college/university in Canada or the U.S.

An agreement was made with the Institute of International Education to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the United States. The World Fellowship Committee maintains contact with recipients for the duration of their studies when possible. Delta Kappa Gamma chapters are encouraged to establish contact with recipients studying in their states. The DKG World Fellowship Committee received numerous applications last year from graduate students across the world. From these applications, they chose 20 recipients for \$4,000 scholarships each and provided 2 extensions of \$800 each and 4 extensions of \$400 each to previous recipients. Those receiving scholarships to work toward a master's or doctoral degree came from Central America, South America, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Africa and are now studying in universities in the United States and Canada. Their majors also cover the spectrum: education, law, dentistry, anthropology, theatre, instructional technology, organizational behavior, linguistics, geography, disability studies, urban planning, and many more. The fellowships are funded through state organization, chapter, and member donations, as well as bequests. The proceeds from Nu chapter's November silent auction will go to support the World Fellowship Fund. (Carol Grimm and DKG.org))

## HANDS OF HOPE

It can happen to anyone at any time. Overnight, a woman's life can change and that change can be overwhelming...job loss, floods, spousal loss, spousal abuse, divorce, addiction, disability, or illness. For others, its not a change, but a way of life that has been handed down from previous generations. Once a person's life appears hopeless, escape can prove difficult...but not impossible. To make this change for a woman, and more importantly for her children and their futures, she needs encouragement, nurture, support, and self-sufficiency. Hands of Hope strives to provide these.

*Hands of Hope* is an adult educational ecumenical ministry here in San Marcos targeting under-educated and disadvantaged women, teaching them life and employment skills to move them toward self-sufficiency. This ministry, known internationally as Christian Women's Job Corp was launched in 1995, with Christian Mens' Job Corps launching a few years after. Now there are over 170 sites in the United States with 48 sites in Texas, 3 in Mexico, 1 in Venezuela, and 1 in South Africa. The local ministry was organized in 2004, and after going through extensive national training in Dallas, the first session was held in January 2005. Because of confusion with the Gary Job Corp here in San Marcos, the name *Hands of Hope* was adopted soon after,

The ministry is designed for two 10 week sessions each year, providing a broad curriculum of life skills and pre-job training in a context in which women being taught: Bible Study, Job Preparation, Individualized Computer Training, Communication, Writing, Exercise, Money Management, Personal Discovery, Language Arts, ESL (when needed), Honoring Your Anger, and Math. The current semester has a lady who is a non-reader and has a tutor who is working with her individually to help her learn to read. The program is offered at no cost to the participants and transportation, childcare, and a daily meal are provided.

Hands of Hope is conducted entirely by volunteers. The only paid positions are the van driver and the childcare center which works with us to provide a safe, stimulating environment for children under school age. Our faculty consists of retired certified teachers or individuals with professional expertise in the subjects they teach. Each participant has a mentor volunteer who meets with her weekly, supports and guides her, and prays for her during the 10 weeks, as well as, at least 6 months after the completion of the program. There is an on-going

Alumni program where we meet with the graduates a couple times a year.

Although sponsored and housed at First Baptist Church of San Marcos, Hands of Hope is an ecumenical effort supported by many local churches. Support comes from financial support, providing daily meals for the participants, and volunteers...coordinators, teachers, mentors, and members of our Advisory Council.

The Lead Coordinator functions much like a superintendent in a school setting. There are Co- Coordinators who are on duty everyday and function much like a principal supporting teachers, making sure they have what they need, and working out any problems that occur. During the 10 week sessions, classes meet Monday –Thursday from 8:45 to 1:30. This allows the ladies to get home before their school age children.

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 themselves.

Nu members 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 or Sue.

(Charlotte Evans and Dr. Sue Thompson)

**The second part of this article will appear in next month's issue of *Nu News*.**





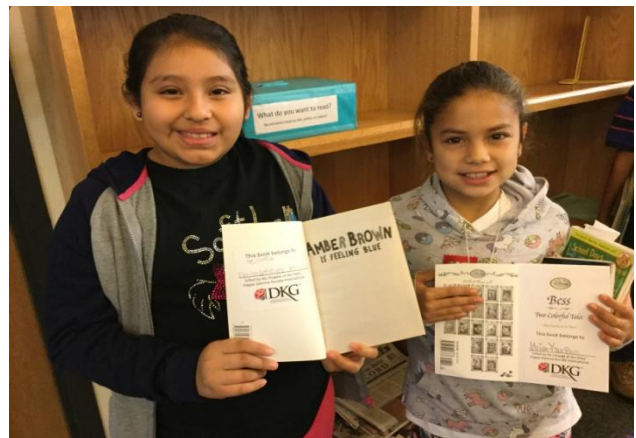
**ASTEF BOOKS** for Crockett students were a special treat as Nu members visited and observed children choosing their very own books. Book plates were furnished by Nu and the students were allowed to place them in their own books. More than five hundred books were donated to the school for the students. Nu member Rece is the librarian at Crockett, San Marcos. Nu member, Dolores, is assistant principal. The following are pictures taken by Sandra Morales on her day to read to the students. Several other Nu members participated in reading to the students at different times. These included Loretta, Carol G., Ruth, and Robin.



Checkout



Librarian Rece.



Ownership

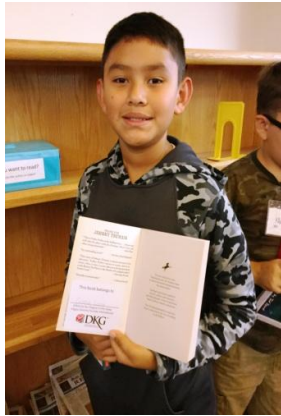


Book Exhibit



Early voting going on now. Take advantage now. Election day is November 8.





Ownership-My book.

### IMPRESSIONS OF A NEW MEMBER

I was very impressed in hearing the accomplishments of the teacher that was honored at the last meeting. It ignited in me the passion that I have as an educator. The induction ceremony was beautiful. I loved the unity that the chapter has with one another. I especially liked the information on TRS. It is so good to know that the chapter is well informed on what is going on at the state level. Overall, the evening was an enjoyable event that I look forward to attending every month.

Nelda, new initiate

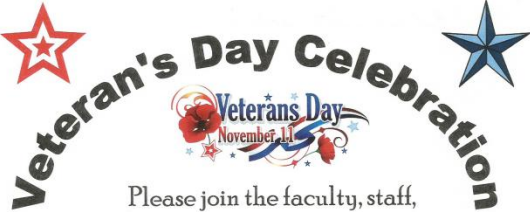


#### November

- Cheryl B.
- Evelyn B.
- Connie Brooks
- Barbara Davis
- Sharon E.
- Bonnie F.
- Cynthia Marion


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**Veteran's Day Celebration**  
 Veterans Day  
 November 11

Please join the faculty, staff,  
 & students of  
 Goodnight Middle School  
 Friday, November 11, 2016  
 To Honor you for  
 your service to our country.

Breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. in the Goodnight Library. Honoring of our Veterans will be at 8:30 a.m. in the large gym. (1301 State Hwy 123, San Marcos, TX.)



Please let us know if you can join us,  
 Friday, November 11.  
 Please leave a message for Cheryl Blake at  
 512-393-6550 or [cheryl.blake@smcisd.net](mailto:cheryl.blake@smcisd.net)




Cheryl Blake is a Nu Chapter member!

Updates for Yearbook Committees.  
Please add to Yearbook.

- Achievement Awards: Add, Karen Franco
- Ceremonies: Add, Nelda Reyes
- Chapter Rules: Add, Peggy Hilburn
- Membership: Remove Bonnie Flammang; Add, Clem Cantu
- Music: Add, Kathy Martinez-Prather
- Personal & Professional Enrichment: Add, Diane Graeber
- Programs/Services: Add, Rece Barr
- Social: Add, Bonnie Flammang, Paula Cole, Beth Doege and Nadyne Gartman



**EARLY!**