



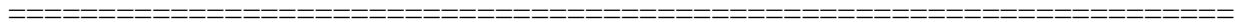
**The News from Nu Chapter
Texas State Organization
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

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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 educator impacting education worldwide.
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2015-2017 TSO Theme The Heart of the Society is Its Members

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Straight from Sandra

September is the traditional month for back to school but nowadays students and teachers have been in the classrooms for at least two weeks before Labor Day. We wish them well. September is also the month when most organizations begin their new year with exciting and interesting programs and promises. Nu members can attest to that. We have hosted a well received Prospective Member Recruitment Tea, heard a great speaker at the September 19th meeting and have showered our “still in the classroom” teachers with school supplies to help them in their new year. Thank you!

September also brings the meeting of deadlines for chapters and members, and we are well on our way fulfilling those. Thanks to the Communications Committee and First Vice-President, we have our new yearbooks (which have also been sent to correct State committees and personnel), the website has been recertified (be sure to check out the new seal online), and many of you have paid your chapter dues. Thank you.

Now, is the time to also fill out forms for the Leadership Seminar—a wonderful weekend for those attending where special training, speakers and motivation is experienced. I strongly encourage you to apply—I can assure you it will be a weekend truly worth your time. The LS is not just about

making better leaders in DKG, it is about helping you grow in all aspects of your life—at school, in other job descriptions, in other organizations and just for you, too. TSO certainly knows how to honor, celebrate, and encourage women educators. Please check out the Leadership Seminar Committee at the [dkgtx.org](http://www.dkgtx.org) website. Use the following application form and submit to Dr. Jo Murphy by October 15, 2016. http://www.dkgtxexas.org/uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/v2.leadership_seminar_application_2017-revised_6-6-16.docx I’ll be happy to sign for you. Go Class of 2009.

And, speaking of honoring others, the city of San Marcos is inducting four special women into their Hall of Fame for all the good works they have done and continue to do. One of those ladies is our own **Carol Grimm**. I hope you will be able to attend this special event (invitation was sent out earlier) as we celebrate Carol. Congratulations!

Lastly, thank you for honoring me with the new and very special **Past Chapter President Pin**. Having served as your president in the past biennium and continuing into this new one, I am humbled and honored by your confidence in me. I look forward to working with you this biennium. Thank you.

(Straight from Sandra is written by Sandra Morales.)

Happy New Year!

Nu Chapter started off the year 2016-17 with a bang! We met on 9/19/16 at FBC Kyle for a light dinner of finger foods which were delicious and refreshing. Twenty-three members and guests were present.

Dr. Erin Martin, ASTEF board member, was our special guest. Emphasis was on ASTEF with a cake raffle with proceeds going to ASTEF. Loretta won the cake. Prospective members were also special guests. The tables were decorated with classroom supplies for those members still teaching. Wanda Frix was presented her birthday gift for the July meeting, Charlotte Evans won the August gift, and Dr. Sue Thompson won the September birthday gift.

Three members were presented with discounted membership dues for having perfect attendance for the past year.

At the close of the meeting Nadyne Gartman presented President Sandra Morales with a past-president's pin which is brand new to the line of Society jewelry. Sandra is serving her fourth biennium as a chapter president, both in Hays County and in Corpus Christi. (Nadyne)



Presentation of Past-President pin!
Sandra and Nadyne

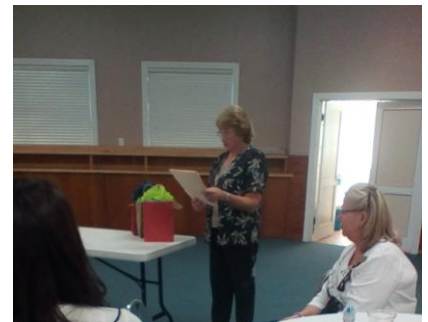


Sandra's
fourth
Biennium!



Dr. Earin Martin, ASTEF, and Sandra.

As you can see from Earin and Sandra, both wear their DKG pins proudly. Each of us should wear our DKG pins over our heart to every DKG function. Whether you have one or several show your pride in the Society!



Loretta introducing
Dr. Earin Martin, member
of ASTEF BOARD.





ASTEF Raffle Cake



Loretta won the cake.



Wanda was our July birthday girl having been born July 4!

Our summer meetings were met with much confusion due to weather, illness, and any number of other conflicts. We even named them the “much maligned” meetings! But being true Delta Kappa Gamma sisters we persevered and had a successful year.



Jenny, Loretta, Bonnie, Nadyne, Sue, and Charlotte
The raffle raised \$38.00 for ASTEF!
(Thanks Susan for the picture.)



Charlotte won August birthday gift and Sue won September gift. Sandra gives these gifts for those who are present at the drawing in their birthday month.

Tidbits of information and pictures by Nadyne.



School supplies for teachers still in classroom. Dolores in back, Debra, Ruth, and Robin in foreground as well as Tonda and Carol.



Gracie Rocha

(Debra Zupancic)



Gracie Rocha is a bilingual specialist who is currently supervising student teachers for Texas State University. Her public school teaching experience is with the Hays ISD. She also has worked as a bilingual specialist for Region XIII Education Service Center. She has been with TSU since 2013 and works primarily with bilingual student teachers. She enjoys coaching student teachers, and during her supervising, often encounters her former elementary students who have become teachers too. She loves staying connected to her former students and says that because of Facebook, it's easier than ever. Since Gracie retired in 2006 after 30 years of teaching, she has mentored, been an assistant principal and worked at Region XIII in a variety of educational occupations. But her newest, or perhaps oldest, passion is painting. "I classify myself as ADHD," experimenting with acrylic and all types of paint on glass to determine what works, said Gracie. "I'm always taking some kind of classes!" She took art lessons at Laguna Gloria (now called Contemporary Austin).

"I don't have a natural ability," she said. "Abstract allows me to put paint anywhere I want to, to let the colors go with my feelings. When I give myself permission to paint, when my spirit is moved, then I allow myself to play with paint." Gracie has participated in non-juried shows and receptions in small venues like salons and restaurants in Austin. Even though she has sold one painting, she doesn't feel like it's a second career. "It would make the fact that I'm playing seem like work!" she said. Always on the go, Gracie travelled to New York during Spring Break with her two daughters to see *The Color Purple* with Jennifer Hudson and *The King and I*. Gracie is active at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Kyle as a lector, volunteer, and member of St. Vincent de Paul. She will be traveling to Europe in November with a group from her church to visit Marion shrines including Medjugorje. Like most educators, Gracie is an avid reader, but says she enjoys easy reading and spiritual novels the most. (Interviewed by Debra Zupancic for Nu News)

**88th Texas State Convention
Hyatt Regency Houston
Houston, Texas
June 22 - 24, 2017**

**Southwest Regional Conference 2017
Southwest – July 4-7 – Honolulu, HI**

**2018 International Convention
JW Marriott Austin
Austin, Texas
July 16-20, 2018
(Those members interested in helping with this convention, please contact Joann Brooks at joannbrooks@verizon.net.)**



Raffle Baskets for Special Funds
 September—Communications Committee
 for ASTEF
 October---Membership Committee for
 Schools for Africa
 November—No raffle, but, Silent Auction
 to benefit World Fellowship
 December---Ceremonies for Eula Lee
 Carter Memorial Fund
 February—Legislative Committee for
 Leadership Seminar
 April—President and 1st Vice-President
 for State Scholarships
 May—Scholarship Committee for Nu
 Scholarship

By consensus of Executive Board, meals will consist of finger foods with exception of May 16 potluck dinner and one catered dinner. No silverware to be needed.

**Tuesday October 18, 2016
 Dinner 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6:00 p.m.
 Chapel in the Hills Wimberley**

***Program Title: “Political Issues” Ruth Spears
 Necrology service for Beatrice Ellison
 Initiation for new members Ceremonies
 Committee**

Program Purpose: To become more aware of political issues facing us as educators and our world society. To initiate new members into our Society and welcome them as sisters.

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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
 #6 TO STIMULATE the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action

Program Summary: Ruth addressed issues of political interest to Society members
 Meeting Focus: Membership Committee Raffle Basket to benefit Schools for Africa
 Meal: Wimberley sisters
 Music: DKG song

Notes: **Bring food items in November** for the World Fellowship Silent Auction.



The Society Emblems

The **key** is the official symbol of membership. The key shall be a vertical ellipse. Across its center the DKG shall signify key women educators. Above the letters a wreath of laurel leaves shall signify honor. Below the letters a cup shall signify knowledge.

The official **seal** of the Society shall be a circle. ON the circle DKG shall signify key women educators. Above the letters a wreath of laurel leaves shall signify honor. Below the letters a cup shall signify knowledge. The name of the Society shall be on the perimeter of the seal.

The **coat of arms** consists of a red shield with a band of gold. Three Tudor roses on the band symbolizes the Society's ideals of friendship, loyalty, and helpfulness.

The flaming lamp and the open book on the shield signify scholarship and knowledge.

The laurel sprays are the traditional symbols of achievement.

The official coat of arms is displayed on the Society flag.

My Participation in the Quilt of Valor Program



by Carol Plassmann



Three years ago, three friends who live in Sierra West asked me to join their Quilt of Valor (QOV) quilting group. I do sew, but though I'd never made a quilt myself, over the years I've developed a great appreciation for the personal history and craftsmanship that each quilt represents. Whenever someone in my family passed away, no one was interested in claiming their quilts, so I felt obligated to save these family heirlooms. I didn't want these connections to my past to be lost forever. They are a living history, and in a sense they're part of me, and I want them to continue to have a place in my family.

As I had no previous quilting experience, I was reluctant to accept their invitation, but my friends insisted. They promised to teach me what I'd need to know to become a competent quilter myself. So I accepted, and I've

never regretted that decision for an instant. Our group's mission is to produce four quilts a year, so that more of our many wounded warriors can receive quilts.

After 90 hours of work, we finished our first quilt in March of 2014, with help from long arm quilter retired Air Force Major Jean Carson, and submitted it to the QOV headquarters with the hope that they would present it to a deserving wounded warrior. Imagine our surprise when we received a letter inviting us to participate in a ceremony at their headquarters in Paducah, Kentucky, where our quilt, and many others, would be on display and presented to some of our many veterans who have been touched by war. The quilts are meant to cover these service members and veterans with comfort and healing.

We decided we'd travel to Paducah to attend the ceremony. We enjoyed seeing all of the beautiful quilts on display there, and were so pleased and moved to meet the wounded warrior who chose our quilt, and his wife. The best part of our trip was the ceremony itself, where we presented our quilt to our wounded warrior and wrapped it around his shoulders. It was very moving to see all of the wounded warriors accept their quilts. Their gratitude was overwhelming and sincere.

My best friend has a daughter who is married to a wounded warrior. It was important to me to that I do something to contribute to his recovery, and to recognize him for his service. He still has a bullet in his head that can never be removed and still suffers from the trauma created by this injury. But he has not let his disability stop him. So last year, after I shared his story with our group, we agreed to dedicate one of our quilts to him. When the quilt was finished, we presented it to him at a very moving local QOV ceremony in Driftwood, Texas. After the presentation was over, he kept the quilt on his shoulders through the rest of the ceremony, and held the quilt tightly in his lap during the ride home. This summer he graduated from college and recently started his new job.

These experiences have strengthened my commitment to continue working with my QOV group for as long as I can. My appreciation for heirloom quilts has led me to this activity, and I am grateful to my family history for this gift. (Carol Plassmann, author)

Little Free Library in which Nu Chapter partnered with Los Lomas Homeowners Association, Sandi's neighborhood, had its dedication ceremony on June 17 at 5:30 PM at the Pavillion. A good group attended including four of our Nu members. The following pictures show the enthusiastic attendees. (Nadyne)



This article appeared in the *Wimberley View* newspaper following the dedication.



Nu members at dedication: Debra, Sandi, Loretta, Nadyne



Candy, Sandi, Wes, and Loretta at LFL dedication.





October Birthdays

Carol P.
Virginia W.
Jenny T.
Earnestine K.
Pam S.
LaVerne R.
Gracie R

Crockett Elementary Receives ASTEF Grant

By Dolores Cruz

In August of 2016, San Marcos School District's Crockett Elementary School faculty were delighted to learn their school would be the recipient of an ASTEF grant in the amount of \$1,300. The Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International presented Doug Wozniak, Principal, and Dolores Cruz, assistant Principal of Crockett Elementary with the check during a staff meeting at the beginning of the new school year. The grant money Crockett received is being used to purchase Scholastic books which will be distributed to the economically disadvantaged students on campus.

During Crockett's annual fall book fair, held from October 24 – 29, students will be able to pick a Scholastic book, purchased with the grant money, to keep as their own to take home. Throughout the week of the book fair, members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Nu chapter will be spending time at Crockett, both volunteering hours to work the book fair and most importantly, reading to classes of students during their visits to the library. Students will be read to at the morning hours of 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 11:50, and afternoon hours of 12:50, and 1:50. If any Nu Chapter member is available during the times listed, please consider spending time with the students at Crockett reading to them and showing your love for books. Receiving the grant to

purchase these books for the under privileged students is a wonderful way to get books in their hands. As the Assistant Principal of Crockett, I am excited to be able to allow our needy students the opportunity to walk away from the book fair with their own personal book to keep and take home.

Many of our students do not have the opportunity to visit the book fair and leave with a book. This grant will allow many more students on campus to enjoy going to the book fair and picking a book to call their own. (Dolores Cruz, Assistant Principal)



(Photo courtesy Iris Campbell.)

Loretta, Dolores, Principal, Sandra, Cheryl, Jenny, and Carol at Crockett ASTEF presentation of \$1,300.00 check.

NU Chapter of DKG Donates to Crockett Elementary Library

On Friday morning, August 19, several members of the NU Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society International met with Crockett Elementary teachers and administrators to present a donation of \$1,300 to the school to purchase books to be given away to students during the Scholastic Book Fair scheduled for later this fall. Crockett Assistant Principal Dolores Cruz is a member of the NU chapter.

According to Chapter Vice President Loretta Eiben, members of the NU Chapter plan to return to the school to read to the students in the library or their classrooms.

NU Chapter president Sandra Morales said that the money was received through an Alpha State Education Foundation (ASTEF) grant, which is part

of DKG International's support for education. Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of female educators and excellence in education. Organized in 1929, the founders believed that an organization of women educators could unite by common purposes to render service to education. (Iris Campbell)

I found this on www.DKG.org. Since I enjoy financials and numbers I thought I would share it with our members to answer the question, "How long do we have to keep "this stuff"? You can see from this that some of our information is to be kept into perpetuity. You will see that some of this does not apply to our chapter since we are a small entity. A big "Thank you." to our secretaries and treasurers, as well as our presidents over the years! (Nadyne)

Suggested Retention Schedule

Type of Record Legal Period

Bank Deposit Slips/Copies of Cancelled Checks 7 years

Bank Statements/Reconciliations 7 years

Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable 7 years

General Ledger/Journal Permanent

Cash disbursements/Cash Receipts Journals Permanent

Authorization & Appropriation for Expenditures 7 years

Petty Cash Vouchers 7 years

Invoices 7 years

Financial Statements Permanent

Auditor Reports/Financial Reviews Permanent

Budget Reports 4 years

Revenue and Expenditure – Fiscal Year July 1 – June 30 4 years

Membership Form 18 Printout 7 years

Membership List 4 years (at least)

Inventories of materials and supplies 4 years

Tax Returns – Federal 990 (US Only) Permanent

Employee Payroll Records, timesheets, W-2 and W-4 records

7 years

Employee Expense Reports 7 years

Employee Applications 3 years

Employee Files 7 years after employment ends

State Organization Convention Financial Records 7 Years

Contracts 10 years from termination

Insurance Policies Permanent

Leases 10 years from termination

Real Estate Purchases 20 years after sale

Annual Reports Permanent

Articles of Incorporation Permanent

Constitution/ Bylaws/Rules Permanent

Minutes Permanent

*Keep chapter financial records of historical or archival value permanently.

For long term storage DKG recommends that hard copies be kept in addition to electronic data.

(Nadyne Gartman DKG.org/forms)

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2016 Nu Chapter Scholarship Recipient

This is our scholarship recipient Toni Frazier wearing her Bonham T-shirt and her student teacher badge. Janis Brown delivered the check to her at Bonham. She was thrilled to receive the \$500.00 scholarship award and the crate of teaching supplies!!! Robin Estep is going to try to team up with her to "lend" her ideas and materials. Mentoring at its best!

(Debra Zupancic)



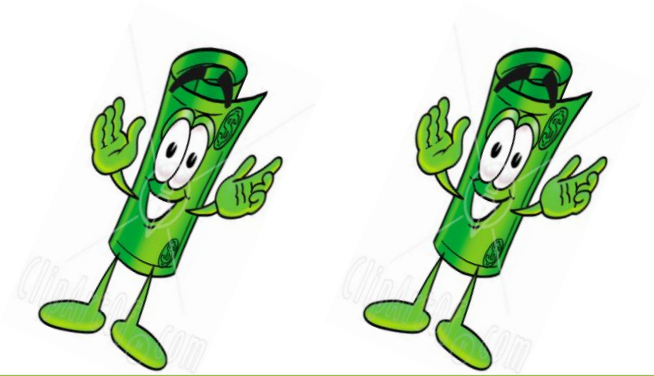
No reports of member concerns this month.
Hope that means that all are well.

If you were not present at the September 19 meeting you can contact Loretta about your 2016-17 yearbook. The one correction was on p. 11 for the April meeting. It should be April 8 instead of April 1, 2017.

One email was incorrect, and one birth date .

Membership Chair Jenny T. reports there are five Prospective Members we need to vote on before Initiation. You met them at the Recruitment Tea and/or the September 19th meeting. Be sure to respond to her ballot email this week. Remember, there is still time to submit names for membership—don't delay.

Just a reminder that all articles to be shared in the *Nu News* must be on the editor's desk by the 26th of the month to be in that month's edition.



Chapter dues are now due. \$83.00 Active which may be paid in three installments and \$40.00 Reserve. Dues need to be in by 11/15/16. Tonda appreciates your attention to this matter

Source for forms and answers:

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<http://www.dkgtxas.org>

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