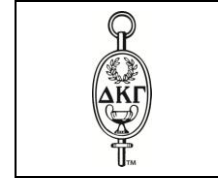




*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Texas State Organization
The News from Nu Chapter*



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Nu Chapter # 13 Area 7 Alpha State, Texas, Hays & Blanco Counties

President's 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



We have an exciting fall/winter season planned!

The Area 7 Workshop was excellent this year with engaging, informative speakers. I now have a flash drive with all the necessary Guidelines to help keep our Chapter a growing success.

In other news; our fall project is designed to celebrate the Chapter for DKG's **90th Birthday**. We are creating a tasty cookbook to include generational recipes. So, get your best of the best, tried and true dishes together to submit for publication. I will send information/instructions to everyone via email and have hard copies available at our next meeting. The Peace Crane Project from Japan will be presented this month along with a discussion about our "Trail of Lights" display in Wimberly. Volunteer participation will include creating and removing our display for the event. We plan to have sandwiches and/or hot soups provided for our set up day, depending on the weather.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting, **October 9th** at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Marcos. The Parish Hall is at the bottom of the hill.

Please be sure to bring anyone you would like to recommend for membership to our meeting. This is a fantastic opportunity for prospective members to gain insight into our wonderful chapter and how they can join our team to make an impact on the community with us!

October Meeting

Tuesday, October 9, 2018, St. Mark's Episcopal Church
3039 RR 12 San Marcos

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Sandwiches: San Marcos ladies hosting

Inspiration: Cheryl

Program: Sadako, (Peace Crane Project)

Program Purpose: Unification of INTERNATIONAL

Society Purpose: 1, 3, 4, 6

Music: DKG song:

Raffle Basket: Music Committee to benefit Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund

Project: Bring refreshments for November project.

Large marshmallows and hot cocoa mix.



By Laws

The following updates are those which directly impact our chapter.

International Constitution Update 7/16-20/18

Article III | Membership Section B. Classification

1. An active member shall be a woman who is **or has been** employed as a professional educator at the time of her election. An active member shall participate in the activities of the Society.

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4. Collegiate members shall be undergraduate or graduate students who meet the following criteria:

a. Undergraduate student collegiate members shall (1) be enrolled in an institution offering an education degree and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education; and (2) be enrolled within the last two years of their undergraduate education degree.

b. Graduate student collegiate members shall have graduate standing in an institution offering an education degree and have the intent to continue academically and professionally in the field of education.

When a collegiate member starts her career as a paid educator, she will pay active member dues and become an active member. If a collegiate member does not pursue a career as an educator, her membership will expire upon graduation or withdrawal from the education degree program.

Article VI | Officers Section C. Duties

9. Treasurer - state organization and chapter

a. The treasurer at each level shall... numbers 1-8 as written and add (9) **maintain an accurate and current membership roster.**

Article IX | Meetings

Section A. Chapter Meetings

1. Regular Meetings

a. Regular meetings of chapters shall be held at least four (4) times per year.

b. **All members being notified, chapter meetings may be face to-face, through electronic communications, or through a combination of the two, as long as members present may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting.**

International Standing Rules Update

ISR 3.0 | Membership-General

3.5 Termination

3.51 **The chapter shall record in the chapter minutes the names of members terminated, including the reason and date of termination.**

September

Rece B. 2nd
Sue T. 8th
Martha H. 29th

October

Peggy H. 2nd
Carol P. 3rd
Pam S. 19th
Gracie R. 22nd
Karen F. 27th

Membership Tea



August 26, 2016, at 2:00 PM, The Wimberley Library was the scene of the annual Nu Membership Tea to introduce prospective members to the benefits of membership in Nu Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Texas State Organization. President Tanya did a beautiful job of hosting several members and two prospective members. The refreshment table featured several luscious finger sandwiches and cakes. Sandra introduced Nadyne's daughter, Melynda Caudle, as a prospective honorary member, and Tanya introduced Rebecca Kroener, San Marcos High School, as a prospective active member.



Attending Area 7 Workshop in Austin were Nu members Sandra, Tanya, Connie, Cheryl, Ruth, and Loretta.



Sandra addressing the meeting

From Sandra

“Those attending the Area 7 Workshop in Round Rock earlier this month were, Tanya Rhodes, Loretta Eiben, Cheryl Blake, Sandra Morales, Connie Martin and Ruth Spear. All participated in training for their specific office or committee. Sandra lead a breakout session and also presented the Special Members at the General Session, who have 25 or plus years of membership. Our own Ruth, was the winner of that category with 60 years of membership. And, speaking of winners--- Connie, Loretta, Cheryl and Sandra each won either a raffle basket or a door prize. Social and refreshment times were enjoyed before and after the General Sessions.”



Connie and Cheryl enjoying themselves.



Information Gathering

Legislation Update

November Midterm Election Day is November 6, 2018. Registered voters will be going to the polls to make their selections for these statewide elected officials: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner, and U.S. Senator. Many U.S. House districts are on the ballot.

The TSO Legislation Committee will continue to send out updates on candidate appearances and events and any other information pertinent to the election up to November 6. To help keep chapters informed, members are free to use the presentation and informational takeaway piece featured on the TSO Legislation Committee page at dkgtxas.org. Important dates to keep in mind:

- Last day to register to vote October 9
 - First day of early voting October 22
 - Last day of early voting November 2
 - Last day to apply for a ballot by mail October 26
 - ELECTION DAY November 6
- (Fall TSO News)



Calling all Elves

by Sandra Morales

With Christmas just around the corner, it is time to start thinking about our involvement with the **Emily Ann Theatre and Gardens** “Trail of Lights” project. Last year’s entry gave us opportunities that showcased our creativity, helped us spread the word about our society, increased our involvement in the community and allowed us many moments of FUN and shared camaraderie.

Nu’s “Trail of Lights” Special Committee right now consists of Loretta Eiben and me, but we are looking for more ‘elves’ to help us create a new entry with more LED lights, trees, flowers and ribbons. If you are willing to be a part of our committee, and/or participate in the project, please call or email us ASAP. We will also need someone to help coordinate our hosting night at the festival when hot chocolate and marshmallows will be handed out to festival goers on November 27th.

Loretta has most of last year’s decorations stored at her place and we will need help transporting and unloading them. A photo of last year’s entry, has been included with this article. If you have new ideas or suggestions on how to improve our site, please let us know.

Nu’s November meeting will be held at the site on Saturday, November 17th. We invite you to attend and come prepared to help put our entry together before the opening date of the festival, November 24th.

Thank you for your help and please bring any donated items to our October meeting or drop them off at my house before the November meeting. And, your suggestions on how to improve our entry, will be appreciated, too. It does take a village.



Finished Scene 2017



Nu attending Fall Workshop
Top: Connie, Tanya, Ruth
Bottom: Loretta, Cheryl, Sandra



Ask Loretta what she and friend are doing?



\$83.00
Dues

Tonda is waiting!

*Kathy and Jude proclaim
the exciting news that they
are going to have a baby in
January!
Congratulations!*



Tidbits from Editor's Desk:

Debra : "Gary had a mild stroke AND a car accident in June! I am taking a tutoring position at Canyon Lake H.S."

Our sympathy to Karen on loss of her father.

Wes, Sandra's husband, continues to have serious medical issues. Our best wishes to Sandra during this time.

Connie's daughter had a serious car accident recently. Daughter is fine. Can't say same for car!

Celebrating Ruth and 60 yrs in ΔΚΓ!



9/11/18

First Meeting of year



Loretta



Nadyne



Bonnie

Sandra Leading Workshop



Fall Workshop 2018



Closeup of special members! Wish we could all have attended.



Pres. Tanya Presiding



Sandra paying dues.



Supplies for teachers.



Bonnie/Connie raffles



2012-14 Officers Looking Back!



**Remember these 2016 Initiates?
How many can you name?**

Introducing Prospective ΔΚΓ Members



Melynda Caudle

Melynda Caudle, President and owner of Cooper Consulting since 2006, has spent the last twenty plus years working hands-on with customers to solve complex legacy migration challenges, provide turn-key outsourced business application delivery, and as her customers say – simply finding the best people to fill key roles on customer projects. These projects cut across regulatory, benefits management, environmental, education, and health data verticals.

As the leader of a Women Owned Small Business, Melynda believes in and acts on being customer-focused and has an innate curiosity about what makes people and systems work. This fuels the results-oriented problem-solving that brings her bliss. Her broad experience working for EDS, IBM, governmental bodies, and now Cooper Consulting has allowed her to work closely with customers, technologists, and people at all levels of those organizations. She maintains her project management professional certification as an indication of her belief in the value of that discipline.

She is heavily involved in giving back to the communities that she loves – via board membership and sponsorship of these organizations: Capital Idea, Executive Women in Texas Government, Impact Austin, Austin Women in Technology, The Alternative Board (TAB), Executive Women’s Forum, and Leadership Texas.

She has given of her time and expertise to DKG by printing and mailing hard copies of Nu News, Yearbooks, and other print media. She has also donated to raffles and auctions. As the daughter of a forty year member she is well aware of DKG and the honor of being invited to honorary membership.



Rebecca Kroener

Rebecca Kroener has moved around the country as she was trying to find her place in life. She was born in Florida and grew up in Texas. After graduating from Austin College (in Sherman, TX), she ended up in Dallas where she worked for an investment firm. With that job, she moved to Cincinnati, OH, back to Dallas, and then to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. After 15 years working in the business industry, Rebecca found her calling as a teacher. She has taught elementary, middle school, and now is really enjoying teaching computer science at the San Marcos High School. She is happily married with fur babies and nephews.



Nu Chapter of the Texas State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Tuesday, September 11, at 5:30p.m. at Chapel of the Hills, Wimberley, TX, for fellowship followed by a regularly scheduled meeting. A quorum was established.

Members in Attendance: Loretta Eiben, Debra Zupancic, Cheryl Blake, Robin Estepp, Karen Franco, Connie Martin-Thompson, Bonnie Flammang, Jenny Turney, Tanya Rhodes, Nadyne Gartman, Peggy Parker, Gracie Rocha, Tonda Frady, Carol Grimm, Kathy Martinez-Prather, Sandra Morales
 President Rhodes welcomed and thanked everyone. . An inspirational reading followed by Morales. Everyone enjoyed a salad meal provided by the officers.
 Meeting Program “The Latest from State and International” presented by Eiben & Morales.

- President Rhodes called the meeting to order at 6:15p.m.
- Recording Secretary Blake submitted the minutes of May 15, 2018, accepted as posted online.
- Treasurer Frady reported a balance of \$391.03. She also reported that we received an ASTEF check of \$2,500.00 to be awarded to Mendez Elementary. Martin-Thompson asked when dues for the year are due and what is the amount? All dues must be submitted prior to November.
- **Programs/Projects:** Eiben is currently working with the principal of Mendez to schedule a date for the presentation of the money. We will also be attending a variety of their programs as a part of our grant commitment.
- **Online Yearbook:** Gartman reported that the yearbook can now be found online and has been emailed to all members. Members without emails have received a printed copy. Yearbook has been submitted to state.

Old Business

None

New Business

- ✓ **Rules Update:** Gartman reviewed the updates to the rules to make the chapter in compliance with International. Gartman moved to adopt the 2018 Updated Rules as corrected and amended to coincide with the 2018 International Standing Rules and Bylaws as amended at the 2018 International convention. Yearbook Committee moves the adoption of the 2018 Nu Chapter Yearbook with any necessary corrections. Both motions carried.
- ✓ **Birthdays:** Summer birthdays through September were honored with Grimm in attendance.
- ✓ **Raffle:** Social Committee raffled off a bouquet of gift cards with proceeds going to Leadership Seminar. They raised \$100.00 with Flammang winning the bouquet.
- ✓ **Next meeting:** October 9, 2018, at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, San Marcos.

Adjournment: President Rhodes adjourned the meeting at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Cheryl Blake

Upcoming Events

Texas State Events

90th Texas State Convention
 Arlington Convention Center
 Arlington, Texas
 June 20-22, 2019

Regional/International Events

Southwest Regional Conference
 Costa Mesa, California
 July 17-20, 2019



Saturday and Sunday, November Event, 17-18, 2018, Emily Ann Theatre, Wimberley, Texas; set up “Trail of Lights” display.

Society Purpose: 1, 3, 7

Project : Contributing refreshments for Emily Ann Theater and host the refreshments Tuesday Nov. 27 or Dec 4. Refreshments will be hot cocoa and large roasting marshmallows.

Bring refreshments to October meeting.

Source for forms and answers:

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