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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"

2017-2019 TSO Theme "Bridging yesterday and tomorrow"

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Straight from Sandra

Of the seven purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Purpose 1 is: To Unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship. Purpose 2 is: To Honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education. In the past two months, we have had occasion to fulfill these purposes, twice.

At the September meeting, the 3 levels of DKG, chapter, state and international, were introduced to members, guests and future members through an original skit. The presentation was fun, lively, interactive and enjoyed by all as evidenced by the laughter, participation and number of photos taken. Potential members were introduced as was the chapter's scholarship recipient, a young lady experiencing Student Teaching (perhaps a future member?).

In October, we acknowledged a member and a former member who were inducted into the San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame earlier this month. These ladies have contributed to the community through education, their volunteer work, and other organizations participation. We are very proud of *Clem Cantu* and *Charlotte Evans*. And, we initiated 4 lovely ladies into our chapter, *Alice Castillo*, *Delia Cruz-Fernandez*, *Peggy Parker* and *Clarissa Talbert* into our fold. Welcome, too, to transfer member, *Tanya Rhodes*. The camaraderie following the beautiful initiation ceremony, conducted by the Ceremonies and

Membership committees, was a lovely sight, with many photos taken then, too. Good job, ladies!

DKG has 5 other purposes. Will we meet them this year? Come to the next meeting to find out.



November meeting is one week earlier than usual due to Thanksgiving.

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Chapel in the Hills, Wimberley, Texas

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

Soup and Breads: Wimberley ladies hosting

Program: *Safety in the Schools*, Kathy Martinez-Prather

Program Purpose: To be informed about safety in our schools

Society Purpose: 1, 3, 7

Inspiration: Clem

Music: Patriotic

Projects: *Nu Goes Bake-less* benefitting World Fellowship

Contributing refreshments for Emily Ann Theater and host the refreshments

Tuesday Nov. 28

Hot chocolate mix (either packets or cans)

Large marshmallows for roasting



Sisters: We are all required to have and wear our Society Key pin to all DKG functions to show our pride and support in the organization. Order forms available on DKG website or next meeting.

The 2018 DKG International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas **July 16 – 20, 2018** at the new JW Marriott Austin. Those members interested in helping with this convention, please contact **Convention Chair JoAnn Brooks** at joannbrooks@verizon.net.



Scott and Melissa (Estep) Reid announce the birth of their son, Levi Westin, born on Friday, October 13 at 2:55 a.m. in Tomball, Texas. He came into the world weighing 9 lbs., 11 oz., and was 21 inches long. He was welcomed by his big sister, Kendall. Grandparents are John and Robin Estep and Steve and Anita Reid.



Clem hit the big time! Happy October birthday gift from Sandra, and the "Schools for Africa" raffle basket donated by Ruth. It raised \$71.00!



Clem Cantu and former member, Charlotte Evans are both being inducted into the San Marcos Women's Hall of Fame--like Carol Grimm was a couple of years ago. Congratulations, Clem.



Sandra visiting with our guest speaker, Ann Rolling of the Emily Ann Theatre & Gardens.



Initiates being inducted.



Loretta and Ann Rolling



Initiates marching in.



Buffet Table served by San Marcos ladies.



Initiation Committee
Gracie, Janis, Nelda, and Cheryl.
(Robin was absent.)



Tanya, Delia, and Nelda



Lining up for goodies



Peggy and Ruth

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER "GET CONNECTED"

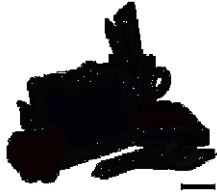
Founder Annie Webb Blanton (i.e., a voice representing Blanton's perspective) and six international committees are blogging with gusto to reach out to inspire all members to connect and engage. Read the September/October 2017 Get Connected to learn about the Society blogs and how to access them. In this issue readers will also find information about creating graphics and about inspirational Society videos (dkg.org)

If you find your name in this box – please send me your missing information!

Brenda B.	Birthday
Barbara H.	Birthday
Nelda R.	Birthday
Joni S.	Birthday
Martha H.	Birthday
Peggy P.	Birthday
Clarissa T.	Birthday
Tanya R.	Birthday

Just month and day.

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Teachers Helping Teachers (or Sisters Helping Sisters)

Bonnie Flammang & Jenny Turney

At the September meeting, Sandra informed members about the devastation facing Texas teachers as a result of Hurricane Harvey. School supplies, including backpacks for students, have been donated but teachers need supplies also. Jenny Turney and Bonnie Flammang are collecting supplies for teachers such as desk sets, organizational tools, enrichment materials, etc., anything teachers need to perform their jobs. All retired teachers, please search your attics and closets for stashed teacher supplies that you know you will never use again. Please arrange to get them to Bonnie or Jenny because they will be making another trip to Rockport in December.

Bonnie and Jenny made a trip to Rockport, October 11, to deliver six boxes of collected supplies. It just so happened that Wednesday was the first day that schools were reopened for students. We have learned that some teachers are living in temporary housing and have lost everything, so let's help them get up and running.

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Snippets of Information

Dr. Evelyn Barrett agreed to be our new Parliamentarian since Dr. Barbara Pevoto's resignation. Add her to your Yearbook.

Connie Martin will be doing Cheryl Blake's Veteran's Day program at Goodnight Middle School since Cheryl is now retired.

Sandra and her strings band, *Side by Side*, will be performing at Goodnight Middle School's program.

New members assigned to committees:

Global Awareness/World Fellowship: Alice Castillo

Scrapbook: Delia Cruz-Fernandez

Social: Peggy Parker

Personal & Professional Enrichment: Clarissa Talbert

Programs/Services: Tanya Rhodes

Birthdays for Yearbook:

February 4th: Alice Castillo

May 19th: Delia Cruz-Fernandez

June 21st: Connie Martin-Thompson

October 17th: Earnestine Kincaid

November 6th: Paula Cole

Wes, Sandra's husband, has been quite ill with double pneumonia the past several days, and Sandra is not feeling well.

Congratulations

Meet the newest NU members!

These ladies were initiated into Nu Chapter, October 17, 2017, at Chapel in the Hills, Wimberley, Texas, in a beautiful, traditional ceremony led by Gracie, Janis, Nelda, and Cheryl, assisted by Jenny and Sandra.

Peggy Parker – Peggy moved to San Marcos this past summer from Illinois. She is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist and served as a school psychologist for thirty-five years. She led in-service presentations on ADHD and participated in the initial RTI school district via the ASPIRE Grant. She was a member of the Friends of the Library serving as a past secretary and president, participated in the Stephen Ministry and participated in VISTA volunteer training. Peggy is recommended for membership by Jenny Turney.

Clarissa Talbert – Clarissa lives in Buda and has a Masters in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Texas Women’s University. She has served as a Classroom Coordinator at TWU and has taught communication classes at Texas State University. Clarissa is a current member of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association and the Texas Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She has served as a volunteer for Read Across America at the Child Development Center at Texas State and has served as the Child Development Center Parent Association Secretary. Clarissa is currently employed in San Marcos as the Special Education and Dyslexia Coordinator. She is recommended for membership by Nelda Reyes.

Delia Cruz-Fernandez – Delia lives in Lockhart and earned her Masters of Education with a Major in Educational Leadership from Texas State University. She is presently pursuing her Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas A&M University. Delia is trained in the T-TESS Appraisal System and has been a consultant teacher for the Central Texas Writing Project at Texas State. She is currently employed in Lockhart as an Assistant Principal for 10th & 11th Graders, is the Advanced Placement Testing Coordinator, and serves as a T-TESS Appraiser. She is recommended for membership by Nelda Reyes.

Alice Castillo - Alice Castillo lives in San Marcos and has been in education for 40 years. She earned her Master's Specialist Degree in Reading from Texas State University. Alice has taught elementary school in San Marcos and Kyle and has presented at Reading and Writing Workshops. As a Master Teacher, Alice field tested strategies in reading and math. She is currently on the Student Teaching Faculty at Texas State University and has been recommended for DKG by Gracie Rocha.

NU NOVEMBER COMMUNITY PROJECT WORKDAY 10/21/17 “EMILY ANN TRAIL OF LIGHTS- THEATRE & GARDENS”

NU will sponsor a booth on November 28. We will serve hot cocoa and roasting marshmallows to all guests. Members will man the booth and share DKG materials.

Wrong site. Need to move.



Ann Rolling showing site to “workers”.



Bonnie and Alice cutting circles.



Jenny glittering!



Jenny and Debra making ornaments.



We will have another on-site workday at the Emily Ann Theater—stay tuned for date and time.

October 17 Nu Meeting

At our last meeting we were pleased to have a special guest speaker. Ann Rolling gave us a wonderful overview of The Emily Ann Theatre & Gardens which is a memorial to her daughter, Emily Ann, who was killed in a car accident in 1996. Wanting to keep their sixteen year old daughter's memory alive, she and her husband began the *Trail of Lights* in 1998. It has grown to a twelve acre site which includes a 75-seat studio theatre, a picnic area, walking paths with gardens featuring native plants, a hilltop Veteran's Memorial Plaza and Annanette Harper Children's Memorial Plaza. The Emily Ann serves as a memorial for many with pavers set in the pathway to remember loved ones and other special occasions. (Editor)



Loretta, Candy, and Sandy celebrating Octoberfest.

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