



Nu Chapter News

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Texas State Organization**

Goal: "Reaching out to create fellowship by expanding our membership to like minded educators and strengthening community involvement"

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Hugh Campbell was the guest speaker at the October meeting.

Front row: Bev Still, Connie Martin, Hugh Campbell, and Sandra Morales.

Back row: Pat Ricks, Brenda Butler, Ginger Chiles, Tonda Frady, Linda Brown, Cheryl Blake, Loretta Eiben, and Chris Winek.

From the Co-Presidents

Greetings,

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to reflect on the many blessings we have received. It is also a time to reach out to others and offer a helping hand. We want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and special time with your family and friends.

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SAVE THE DATES

1

DECEMBER 4

Christmas Party and Gift Exchange

6 - 8 pm

2

DECEMBER 14

Trail of Lights Thursday

6-9 pm

Emily Ann Gardens

3

POSSIBLE TRI-CHAPTER SOCIAL

January or May ??

Stay Tuned



**2023-2025
TSO Theme:
SOAR
to New Heights**

S seek new members & opportunities

O pen your heart, mind, & attitude

A ct to serve & share

R each to renew, respond, and relate

DKG Promotes professional & personal growth of women educators & excellence in education.

Vision Statement: "Leading women educators impacting education worldwide."

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS,

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Hugh Campbell gave an excellent presentation on the El Camino Real de los Tejas. He provided beneficial pamphlets and a short report with sources for further research.



A special thanks to all of our members for generously donating laundry detergent and baby wipes for Hays Caldwell Women’s Shelter. We will make a delivery this week to them.

We are purchasing the hot chocolate and marshmallows for the Trail of Lights. Some of you have already purchased boxes of hot chocolate for the event. Those who haven’t may either bring them on the night you work or bring them to the Christmas Party at Cheryl’s. We will get them to Emily Ann Theater on December 14.

Don’t forget to spread the word to your community about voting for Prop 9 on Election Day, November 7th. Some of us will be at the polls during election day with our signs.

Tonda & Linda

December Meetings

Monday, December 4

Christmas Party

Cheryl Blake’s Home in San Marcos 6-8pm

directions and details to come

Thursday, December 14

Service Project

Serve Hot Chocolate and Marshmallows

Emily Ann Theater

Trail of Lights

1101 RR 2325 Wimberley, TX 78676

Shifts 1, 2, and 3: schedule to come

Look for an email after Thanksgiving to firm up plans for December!

ALL ABOUT YOU! PATRICIA RICKS

Education: University of Mississippi, Bachelor of Music Education

Jackson State University, Master of Music Education

Taught 27 years in of band and music 6th - 12th grades

at districts in Tennessee, Mississippi, and in Wimberley ISD

Family: 5 children, 9 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren

Hobbies: music, travel, cross stitch



**Texas State Organization
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International
Nu Chapter
United Methodist Church, Wimberley, TX
October 16, 2023**

Nu Chapter of the Texas State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met on Monday, October 16 at 5:30p.m., Wimberley, TX for a regularly scheduled meeting followed with socializing. Co-Presidents Tonda Frady & Linda Brown and Secretary Cheryl Blake were in attendance.

Members in Attendance: Loretta Eiben, Cheryl Blake, Tonda Frady, Debra Zupancic, Linda Brown, Brenda Butler, Beverly Still, Ginger Chiles, Pat Ricks, Sandra Morales, and Connie Martin.

President Frady introduced guest speaker, Hugh Campbell who spoke on “El Camino Real de los Tejas” National Historic Trail. President Frady called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Inspiration was shared by Ricks. Reading of the minutes was dispensed by a motion from Martin and a 2nd by Brown due to minutes being posted online and in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Report presented by Martin. Current checking balance is \$1811.99. \$170 was collected to help offset money needed for special interest. Martin made a motion to accept report and it was 2nd by Brown, motion passed.

Correspondence: Brown reported that a get well card was sent to Dave Thompson, husband of Martin and Peggy Parker. Cards are also being sent to members who we have not seen in while letting them know that we miss them. Brown also received an email from Theta Kappa about the January tri-social, but clarification is needed on this as we are under the impression there would be no social in January.

Raffle Update: We have now collected \$240 to help cover chapter obligations.

Special Project: Wimberley Trail of Lights, we will be collecting hot chocolate packets with and without marshmallows. We will host on December 14th from 6-9, members were asked to sign up for work shifts.

Birthdays: Each member will be receiving a card for their birthday and if in attendance close to their birthday they will receive a sweet treat.

Nu Christmas Party: December 4, 6-8 and Blake will host. Members may bring a gift for the Chinese gift exchange if they want to participate. Blake will notify members of what the main course will be so they can bring sides and desserts.

Prop 9: Zupancic has sent notifications to the newspapers to publicize it. Still has been posting signs to encourage voters to vote for the proposition. Frady suggested that members stand outside of polling locations on Election Day.

Nomination Committee: A committee of four, Morales, Zupancic, Martin & Butler will create a slate of officers by the January newsletter.

T-shirts: Brown asked members if we want to get new member shirts. A brief discussion was held and it needs to be investigated more, but members would like shirts.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjournment: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Blake

Minutes prepared by Cheryl Blake
Nu Recording Secretary
Tonda Frady & Linda Brown
Nu Co-Presidents



Meeting News: October

Members enjoyed a presentation by Hugh Campbell who personally has travelled and mapped the Hays County portion of the El Camino Real de los Tejas.

The presentation lasted approximately 30 minutes and Mr. Campbell was kind enough to answer questions specific to Hays County. He provided a complete bibliography of sources for anyone to pursue the details of the history of the Trail. Members discussed the upcoming Trail of Lights plans to once again serve hot chocolate and marshmallows to the young and the “young at heart” during the holiday festivities at Emily Ann Theater and Gardens.



RECIPE CORNER FROM DEB

Yellow wax beans	Red onion thinly sliced
Cut green beans	1/2 cup sugar
Kidney beans	1/2 cup vinegar
Garbanzas	3 TBS cooking oil
Black Beans	Salt/pepper to taste

FIVE BEAN SALAD

Whisk the vinegar and oil in a large bowl and add the seasoning. (I use Nature’s Seasons) Drain and rinse one can of each type of bean and add to the dressing mix. Add the onion. Mix and refrigerate overnight. You can substitute any type of bean, but softer beans like butter beans tend to get mushy overnight.

Tidbits and Activities!

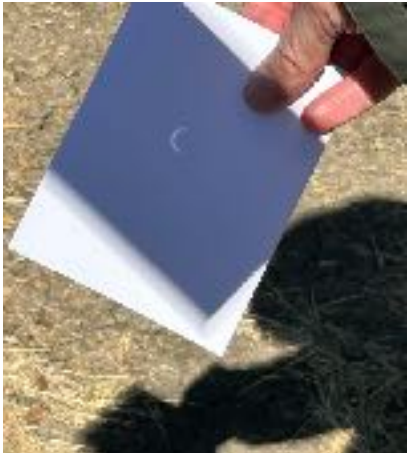
From Pat Ricks

Pat's stepdaughter, Valerie Ricks Jones and her husband, Steve, are visiting this week and are accompanied by their friends Kathy and John Hayman. Valerie and Steve live in Brandon, Mississippi and Kathy and John live in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. This is Kathy and John's first visit to the Hill Country, so they have been busy everyday seeing the area! Pictured are Valerie and Pat.



From Robin Estep

We had a fun weekend celebrating our grandson's 6th birthday! He shared with us his Halloween costume — a chameleon, which really fits his personality! As a family we visited a pumpkin farm and had such a great time. We “watched” the eclipse there, as my husband, John, showed the kids how to do it with a pin hole and paper — the old fashioned way!



From Deb Zupancic

Bev Still and Deb Zupancic placed a sign along CR 1492 near their neighborhood to show their support of Proposition 9. They are both hoping for a Cost of Living Adjustment from the legislature since most retired teacher have not seen a “pay raise” in almost 20 years. Pat Ricks, Bev and Deb walked around the Wimberley Square and were successful in getting a few shops to post a sign in support of retired teachers. Bev obtained the signs from TRTA president Tim Lee’s office along with publicity cards. Tonda Frady has plans to stand outside the Wimberley Community Center on Election Day to persuade voters what our cause is worth while.



New Nu Yearbook!

From Ginger Chiles

The Nu Chapter annual yearbook is revamped and ready for Early Bird submission. Ginger has updated photos and worked hard to get our website and yearbook back in compliance with the state's standards. Members will be able to access the yearbook at the same website we've always had, but it's not there yet! Printed copies of the yearbook will be available in December. To access our website click on the link below:

<https://nuchapterxdkg.weebly.com/>

Send Deb your Tidbits!

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2023-2024 Meeting Dates:

In Wimberley

Trail of Lights: December 14

In San Marcos

Christmas Party: December 4

April 15, 2024

May 20, 2024

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

9TH CHERYL BLAKE

10TH EVELYN BARRETT

NU CHAPTER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Society Business:

Achievement Awards-Chris Winek

Archives-Lauren Kiesling

Ceremonies-Linda Brown and Robin Estep

Chapter Rules-Linda Brown, Ginger Chiles, Tonda Frady, Debra Zupancic

Finance- Linda Brown, Tonda, Frady, and Connie Martin

Membership-Tonda Frady and Connie Martin

Nominations-Brenda Bulter, Connie Martin, Sandra Morales, Deb Zupancic

Educational Excellence Committees

Music-Sandra Morales

Personal and Professional Enrichment-Sandra Morales and Pat Ricks

Programs/Servies-Loretta Eiben and Tonda Frady

Social-Brenda Butler and Tonda Frady

Yearbook -Cheryl Blake and Ginger Chiles

Education Services

Newsletter/Communications-Bev Still and Debra Zupancic

Global Awareness/World Fellowship-Peggie Parker and Pat Ricks

Legislation-Linda Brown and Kathy Carriker

Scholarship-Brenda Butler, Alice Castillo and Chris Winek

Website-Ginger Chiles and Tanya Rhodes

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