



# Gamma Nus

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Baytown, Texas



## President's Message

Dear Gamma Nu Sisters,

Welcome to the newest Gamma Nu members! Initiation is one of the highlights in the year of a DKG chapter, and we celebrate the initiation of these six new members: Melissa Botkin, Soledad Harding-Concejero, Alice Henrichsen, Tamara Meigh, Brenda Miller, and Erica Smith. It is my sincere wish that you will grasp the opportunities and benefits that come with membership, and continue the work of our founders.

The Storybook Christmas project is in full swing. What a great way to foster the love of reading in our children! Thank you to every member that has participated in the monthly auctions. To those who are preparing the books for delivery, or planning to help in the delivery to every first grader in Baytown, thank you. That's a lot of books and love!

The Cookie Exchange is coming soon. Set your butter out to soften, get that flour sifted, and pre-heat the oven! The Christmas Cookie Exchange is December 13; you have a week to get those cookies baked (or bought). Many other activities are planned for that meeting, but no business. Along with your cookies, bring an unsealed Christmas card and \$3.00 (or more). Come prepared to have fun!

Pam



## Red Roses to...

- **Dee Wilson** - writing and receiving a grant for technology in her classroom at Highland's Elementary
- **Margaret Ehlig** - completing the website for recertification
- **Yolanda Irby-Smith** - organizing the initiation for November
- **Brenda Miller** - leading The Chapter Collect
- **Susan Passmore** - giving the inspirational thought at the November meeting
- **Sherry Otahal** and Yearbook Committee - completing the Yearbook early and distributing them
- **Carolyn Topfer** and Social Committee - providing delicious refreshments after Initiation
- **Karen Stephens** and POW Committee - conducting a very successful raffle for A Storybook Christmas



## White Roses to ...

**Sue Weir** - loss of her step-daughter, **Susan Weir Stephens**



### Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

### November Meeting



## December Meeting

### Cookie Exchange

Thursday, December 13, 2012, 5:20 p.m.

First Christian Church

201 Forrest Ave

5:00 p.m. Refreshments

Raffle Items: Necrology Committee

Refreshments: Music Committee

New Gamma Nu sisters initiated: (Back) Brenda Miller, Erica Smith, Alice Henrichsen, (Front) Tamara Meigh, Soledad Harding-Concejero, and

- All members bring unsealed Christmas cards and \$3.00 or more for the Christmas project
- **\*\*\*Important Announcement** - The gate on the north side of the church will remain chained. Please enter and exit the parking lot on the south side.

### December Birthdays:

2 - Kay Hill

5 - Jeanette Edmiston

6 - Nedra Bradley

7 - Brenda Miller

22 - Pat Thomas

28 - Tammy Meigh

Delta Kappa Gamma Vision Statement



Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

**Tailgate Chocolate Cake—Barbara Culp**

1 German Chocolate Cake Mix

1 cup water

1/2 cup oil

4 eggs

1 container coconut pecan icing

Combine cake mix, water, oil, and 4 eggs (add 1 at time). Beat at least 4 minutes. Fold in the container of coconut-pecan icing. Grease and flour pan of your choice. Bake at 350°. Time determined by pan choice. Ice as desired (powdered sugar, can of chocolate icing or can of coconut-pecan icing).

**Delta Kappa Gamma International  
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Minutes for Thursday, November 8, 2012**

**Initiation**-Five new members were initiated into Gamma Nu. The ceremony was performed in the sanctuary of First Christian Church. Music was provided by the Music Committee.

New members are Melissa Botkin, Soledad Harding-Concejero, Alice Henrichsen, Tamara Meigh, and Erica Smith. After the ceremony, refreshments were provided by the Social Committee.

**Call to Order/Welcome** - Pam Ansley called the meeting to order. There were 37 members present.

**Opening Ceremonies**- Brenda Miller led the Chapter Collect, and Roseanna Henrichsen led the Response.

**Inspiration**- Susan Passmore read two poems, "A Simple Hi" and "It's Finally Friday."

**Minutes**- There was one correction to last month's minutes. Faith Smith-Chew needs to be added to the birthday list. The minutes for the October meeting were then approved.

**Correspondence**-Sherry Otahal read a note from Sheri Thomas thanking the group for the red rose.

**Treasurer's Report**- Mona Bonds reported that our balance is \$5547.28. Three members have been dropped because they failed to request reserve status and did not pay dues.

**Membership**- Adela Pirzadeh reported that the Star award has not been presented recently. If you know someone that you think should be recognized, please notify Adela.

**Unfinished Business**- There was no unfinished business.

**New Business**-No new business was presented.

**Reports-**

Grants/Scholarships- Margaret Ehlig discussed the requirements for scholarships. The application is on the website and the deadline to apply is November 15.

Yearbooks- Sherry Otahal had the yearbooks ready to be distributed and a list there for us to sign off. Several of our newest members helped put the yearbook together.

Storybook Christmas- Karen Stephens announced that the selection of the book will take place soon. The books will need to be packed before the next meeting so she will notify members by e-mail when help is needed.

**Birthdays-** November birthdays were honored. These include Carolyn James, Elizabeth Roan, Kathy Clausen and Barbara Culp. Barbara needs to be added to the list in the new yearbook.

**Thoughts of others-** Please keep Wanda Whitley, Sheri Thomas, Sue Weir, and Jan Cobb's sister and daughter in your thoughts and prayers. Wanda's e-mail address has changed to [larryjwhitley@gmail.com](mailto:larryjwhitley@gmail.com)

**Announcements-**

Our next meeting will be a cookie exchange. Send your recipe to Karen Stephens. Members are asked to bring enough cookies for 40-50 people. Karen will have containers there for us and we will get to select a cookie from each platter. Everyone is encouraged to come even if you can't bring cookies. There will be plenty for all!

Roseanna announced that shingle shots are free if you have TRS insurance. She also emphasized the importance of joining the district's catastrophic sick bank.

Pam Ansley and Margaret Ehlig are awaiting the arrival of grandbabies!

Pam announced there will be no business meeting next month. We will enjoy a holiday celebration and those who received Gamma Nu scholarships last year will be present to give a brief report. Snacks will be provided by the Music Committee and raffle items provided by the Necrology Committee.

**Raffle-** Raffle winners were drawn and \$128 was raised for Storybook Christmas.

**Adjournment-** Pam adjourned the meeting and the Delta Kappa Gamma Song was sung. The next meeting will be held on December 13 at First Christian Church.

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