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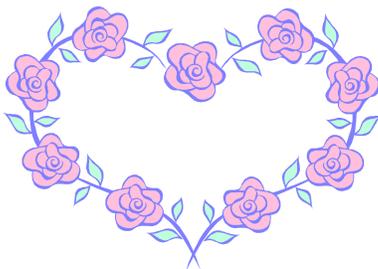


Co-President's Message

Do you enjoy numbers and dates? (Any math teachers out there?) Already this year, we have had 1-1-11 and 1-11-11. (Is it dorky to send your children an email that says, "Happy 1-11-11 Day"?) There have been a lot of fun dates lately. Did you get excited when it was 8-9-10 just a few months ago? And that's just numbers. You can always find something in life to celebrate. One of the themes this year for Delta Kappa Gamma is "Celebrate Being a DKG Woman." I started thinking about all the things we have to celebrate in Gamma Nu. Already this year, you have contributed \$418 for *A Storybook Christmas* and \$225 and 5 books for the *Storybook Project*. We have 8 new members who joined us this fall. Many of you made the extra effort to attend the joint meeting with Epsilon Psi in January. It was at a different time and place than our normal meeting, but we had an excellent turnout! There are so many other things that I could mention. After our February meeting we'll have something else to celebrate. I'm looking forward to the scholarship auction and the many things you always contribute. Some of you will bring yummy pies, cakes, and pralines (hint, hint). Others will bring handmade items (no fighting, please) or treasures you purchased while travelling the globe. I can't wait to see what you found this year! It seems like each year is better than the last. Most of all I celebrate the monthly fellowship with such wonderful key women educators.

Sincerely,

Margaret Ehlig



Red Roses to...

- Everyone who attended the joint meeting with Epsilon Psi
- Epsilon Psi members who hosted the joint meeting
- **Carolyn James** who filled in for the Epsilon Psi music person



It's Auction Time Again at Gamma Nu!

Valentine's Day is "just around the corner" and the Gamma Nu Auction is the perfect place to purchase something special for "your sweetie." Come early and bring those auction items with you. Refreshments will be served, and you might win a door prize, too! We hope **EVERYONE** will be there- but if you cannot attend, please send a donation to the scholarship fund or send cash or a check with another member and ask them to purchase an item for you. Be there for the fun and see our famous auctioneer, Mary Jane Etheridge, in action! Let's set another auction record this year!



February Meeting



Collection: Scholarship Auction

Thursday, February 10, 2011 5:00 p.m.

First Christian Church

201 Forrest Ave

Door Prizes: Ceremonials; Auditing; Finance

Snacks: Music; Scrapbook

Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women



Getting to Know Past Gamma Nu Presidents

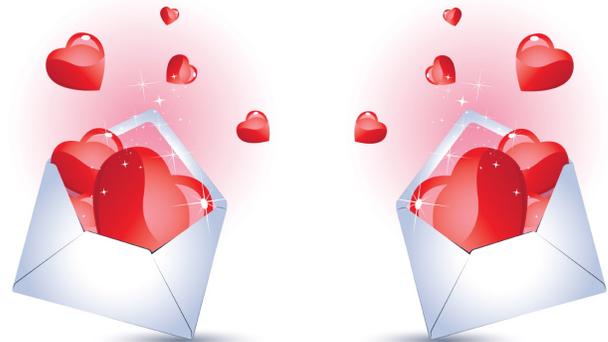
Vera Hartt

1962-1964

Born in East, Texas to a family of 10 children, Vera Hartt attended school in Lovelady, Texas and “graduated at an early age and married at an early age, which I do not regret. However, I do not recommend that for the youth of today.” After five years of marriage, Vera went to college and received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. Her teaching career began in New Caney in 1940. After the outbreak of World War II, she and Jack moved to Baytown where he began his career at Humble Oil and Vera taught at David G. Burnet Elementary. She says, “This was the year that 51 teachers and the superintendent were fired, and married teachers were not issued contracts.” Things settled down for Vera when she moved to Baytown Jr. where she taught science for 26 years. She not only served in many leadership roles in Gamma Nu, but also worked tirelessly on the state level as well. As she said, “As Erna Simmons escorted me down those stairs into the initiation; I realized that I was getting into a society that would require time and effort if I was to be a good member. Therefore I pledged before those who were already members to serve to the best of my ability.” Vera Hartt is the only member of Gamma Nu to receive an Alpha State Achievement award. When she received the award in 1962, she contemplated, “The feeling of gratefulness and humbleness came over me, and, as the little gold diamond stud Texas was pinned on to my Delta Kappa Gamma key, I felt that this honor was to our chapter because the members had made it possible for this to happen to me.” Vera Hartt was an inspiration to all who knew her. She epitomized the best of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Bay Area Relay for Life

Gamma Nu has signed up to be a Luminary Club for Relay 2011, which will be held April 8-9 at Houston Raceway Park in Baytown. Luminary forms will be available on the registration table at the February, and March meetings. Remember—the minimum donation for luminary orders received by Carolyn Francis by April 1 is just \$10. The price increases to \$15 after that date. Carolyn has requested that you complete a separate form for each luminary purchased. Luminaries can also be purchased online at www.relayforlife.org/bayareatx and there’s a place to give credit to the Gamma Nu Club. Names on luminaries purchased “In Honor of” by April 1 will be read aloud during the Luminary Ceremony. Names on luminaries purchased “In Memory of” will be listed on the Memory Board, which is illuminated during the hours of darkness. Completed forms can be given to Pat Thomas at any of the meetings, and she will deliver them to Carolyn for you. Make checks payable to the American Cancer Society.



The Delta Kappa Gamma International Society

Gamma Nu Chapter

Baytown, Texas

Minutes for Thursday, January 20, 2011

Refreshments

The meeting began with refreshments provided by Epsilon Psi.

Call to Order/Welcome

Mattie Sharp, President of Epsilon Psi, called the meeting to order. She announced that this year is the 51st birthday for Epsilon Psi and the 72nd birthday for Gamma Nu. She also recognized two charter members of Epsilon Psi, Ouida Carroll and Natalie Huckabee. Carolyn James led members in singing the Birthday Song in celebration of these milestones.

Chapter Collect and Chapter Response was led by Mattie Sharp.

Epsilon Psi Business Meeting

Gamma Nu Business

President Margaret Ehlig thanked Epsilon Psi for hosting the January meeting. There were 25 Gamma Nu members in attendance.

Recording Secretary. There was one correction (to the minutes of the December meeting). Under New Business, Lori Janick, not Marie Drewnowski, presented the Star Award to Carolyn James.

Treasurer. Mona Bonds had copies of the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as printed and will be filed for audit.

1st Vice President, Susan Passmore told us that February's theme will be Co-lection.

On February 10, we will have our scholarship auction. She asked all members to bring items to the auction and also to bring money to bid for items. The music committee will sing a selection and Mary Jane Ethridge will be the auctioneer. She also invited members

of Epsilon Psi to attend the auction.

Standing Committees. Scholarship/Auction. Jan Cobb added that if members cannot come to the auction, consider sending money with a friend. Members can also send donations to Mona Bonds.

Special Committee. Relay for Life. Pat Thomas announced that luminary forms are available and can be turned in to Pat.

Announcements

Roseanna Henrichsen invited all members to the banquet on May 12. Kathy Littlefield presented a 25-year certificate to Pat Thomas.

Thoughts of Others

Mary Jane Ethridge's grandchild; Phyllis Pounds

January Birthdays: Jean Follis, Ann Barrios, Mary Elizabeth Wilbanks, Julia Retz, and Carol Mitchell

Program.

Guest Speaker: Carmen Craig of Capella University

Carmen gave an informative program about Capella University. The purpose of her program was to spread the word of the alliance between DKG and Capella University. Wynona handed out brochures for additional information. Capella is a fully online university, founded in the 1990's for working people. It has 40,000 students from all the U.S. states and 56 countries. Capella offers Bachelors degrees, Masters degrees and Doctoral degrees. Education students comprise 20% of its enrollment. Capella has benefits for DKG members, including a 10% discount for tuition. The CHIA award was awarded to Capella. Capella University was the only online university to receive this award.

Adjournment

Mattie Sharp thanked all committees for snacks and door prizes. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song led by Carolyn James.

Nedra Bradley **Margaret Ehlig & Kathy Littlefield**

Recording Secretary Co-Presidents

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Vision

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 VICKI SMITH

4 SHERI THOMAS

7 SUSAN PASSMORE

10 MARY MARGARET HOOKS

17 SANDRA BELL

21 NANCY BOLDING

22 DELORES ELLIS

27 MONA BONDS