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President's Message

It is hard to believe that January flew by and it is already February. I hope that most of our Gamma Nu members dodged the flu, viruses, and other illnesses that were rampant in the schools. I appreciate everyone that participated in our joint meeting with Epsilon Psi last month. I received a most gracious note from our area coordinator, Betty Jo Watts. She expressed her gratitude for the warm reception and the excellent program presented. I think the future of Gamma Nu is in very capable hands.

The Nominations Committee will be recommending a slate of officers for the 2014-2016 biennium at our February meeting. If you would like to hold a certain position, I'm sure that this committee would welcome a phone call from you. It is my hope that the task of filling the slate of officers will be an easy one. Gamma Nu has plenty of capable leaders; hopefully, you will be willing to accept the challenge if asked. You were asked to be a member in DKG because you are a leader in education. Just say "YES"!

I was recently reading the January/February 2014 *Presidents' Page*, published by Society Headquarters Staff. One article was about members and chapters. It reminded me that "As a member, you are the life blood of the Society. Chapters are the heart of DKG. But, did you know that you are also the director of Society business? Members, through convention action, provide direction for the future of the Society. In addition, members provide guidance for those members who are elected and appointed as leaders of the Society." You are encouraged to attend the international convention in Indianapolis or let your TSO president know how you wish for her to vote. Make your voice heard!

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Red Roses to.....

Karen Stephens for conducting the December and January meetings.

Pat Thomas and Necrology Committee for a beautiful remembrance ceremony memorializing Mary Margaret Armstrong.

All Gamma Nu members that attended our meeting with Epsilon Psi.

Kay Hill for reserving the Fireside Room at Memorial Baptist Church for the meeting.

Carolyn Topfer and Kathy Littlefield for organizing the refreshments for January's meeting.

Roseanna Henrichson for securing the January program and introducing Rahsaan King, the guest speaker.

Margaret Ehlig and Kathy Littlefield for introducing the ECE Grant winners, Sarah Graham and Brent Gibson.

Adela Pirzadeh and Membership/Achievement Committee for providing raffle items.

Wynona Montgomery and Kay Hill for attending an Area III chapter presidents' meeting on January 25 for Gamma Nu.

February Meeting

February 13, 2014

First Christian Church, 201 Forrest Ave.

***Encourage: Support Educational Endeavors**

Guest: Mallory Linden, 2013 ECE Grant winner will give a report on her project

Refreshments: Banquet/Scrapbook/Archives

Bring a raffle item, or two, for Gamma Nu's Annual Live Auction

Bring your checkbook and a friend!

Be prepared to bid on some fabulous items

Refreshments: 5:00 p.m. Meeting: 5:20 p.m.

Nominations Committee

The 2012-2014 Nominations Committee was elected on March 8, 2012. This is the only committee in Gamma Nu that is elected. One member is a holdover from the previous biennium. The members of this committee are Barbara Culp (holdover), Marie Drewnowski, Adela Pirzadeh, Pattie Maltsberger, and Pat Thomas. The next nominations committee will be announced with the slate of officers and will be voted on at the March meeting.

Biennial Reports and Important Future Dates

All of the biennial reports were completed and emailed to the appropriate state personnel on January 29, 2014. March 6 – election of new officers; April 1 - list of newly elected chapter officers due at TSO Headquarters; April 10 – Installation of new officers; May 8 – Epsilon Psi/Gamma Nu Banquet; June 19-21 – Texas State Organization Convention in Lubbock; July 28– August 1 – DKG International Convention in Indianapolis.

February Birthdays

4 – Sheri Thomas

10 – Mary Margaret Hooks

21 – Nancy Bolding

7 – Susan Passmore

17 – Sandra Bell

27 – Mona Bonds

Necrology Service

Gamma Nu will be celebrating the life of Wanda Whitley with a Service of Remembrance on Thursday, March 6, at First Christian Church. The service, held in the Fellowship Hall, will begin at 5:00 p.m. (The time was originally set at 4:30, but some members would be excluded at this earlier time.) Please join Pat Thomas and the Necrology Committee as they share the life and contributions of this “Key Woman Educator”.

**Delta Kappa Gamma International
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Minutes for Thursday, January 9, 2014**

The joint meeting of Gamma Nu and Epsilon Psi was held at the Activities Building of Memorial Baptist Church.

Call to Order/Welcome – Karen Stephens, First Vice President of Gamma Nu, called the meeting to order in the absence of President Pam Ansley. There were 23 members of Gamma Nu present and 7 guests, plus members of Epsilon Psi.

Opening Ceremonies- Kay Hill led the Chapter Collect and the Response.

Early Career Educator's Grant- Kathy Littlefield introduced and presented a grant to Sarah Graham, a science teacher from Highlands Junior High School. Margaret Ehlig introduced and presented a grant to Brent Gibson, the Associate Director of Percussion from Ross Sterling High School.

Keynote Address- Roseanne Henrichsen introduced our speaker, Rahsaan King, a Harvard freshman who attended Chinquapin Prep School in Highlands and is the founder of Students of Strength, an online academic coaching service for underserved communities

Business meeting

There were no minutes since the last meeting was our Christmas celebration.

The treasurer's report can be found on the Gamma Nu website.

Karen Stephens reported that we received several thank you notes from the elementary school in West, Texas, where students were given copies of the Storybook Christmas books.

There was no unfinished or new business.

Area III president Betty Watts spoke to us and reported that she will be meeting soon with area presidents.

Epsilon Psi conducted their business meeting led by President Judi Mitchell.

Birthdays- January birthdays were honored by both groups.

Thoughts of others- Margaret Ehlig became a grandmother TWICE over the holidays. Sherry Thomas is still in remission. Sue Weir had an extended hospital stay. Sandra Wims has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

Announcements-

Pat Thomas announced that Relay for Life donations can be made online. Be sure to select Gamma Nu as your group.

Our next meeting will be held on February 13. It will be our annual auction fund raiser. Members are asked to bring an item to auction. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may still send an auction item to the meeting and/or send money with another member to make a purchase for you.

Raffle- Proceeds from this month's auction go to Storybook Christmas.

Adjournment- Karen thanked those providing refreshments and raffle items. The meeting was adjourned and the Delta Kappa Gamma Song was sung.

Refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed after the meeting.

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