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President's Message

It's 2020! Happy New Year! Get your crisp, blank new 2020 calendar out and save the following dates for our DKG Gamma Nu meetings this year. C. S. Lewis says, "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." My dream is that each member set a goal of attending just one more meeting than last year.

January 9, 2020: Key to Freedom: Beauty will Rise-This is our joint meeting with Epsilon Psi. Roseanna Henrichsen announced she may need a few extra hands for this meeting's refreshments. If she calls on you, be that loyal DKG sister and say, "Yes!" This is a great meeting to bring a friend. Human trafficking is occurring in our community. We can make a difference. Find out how by attending this meeting.

February 13, 2020: Key Sisters in Support of Scholarships: Auction-Mary Jane Etheridge, the best auctioneer on the planet, is looking forward to selling those auction items that you bring. This is a lively meeting, to say the least. Bring a friend, bring your checkbook and purchase the best Valentine gift for your sweetie(s).

March 5, 2020: The Key to Knowledge and Growth: Matt Bollinger of Goose Creek CISD will be our guest speaker. Hopefully, we will discover new ways to help teachers, students and parents in our district.

April 9, 2020: Pass the Key to the Future: New officers will be installed. Wow and just like that, my biennium as President will be complete. It has been an honor and privilege to be your leader. My dream is that new officers will enjoy leading the Society's work as much as I have. Keep an open mind if the nomination committee reaches out to you. You are a leader.

May 7, 2020: Celebrate the Keys to Our Legacy. Epsilon Psi is hosting the Founder's Day banquet this year. The banquet begins at 6 p.m. at the Eagle Pointe Banquet Facility. Start praying for good weather. See you soon!

Brenda



Red Roses to

Reggie Ethridge who stepped in for Ricky Clem and took care of the trash after our meeting. We appreciate all of our Gamma Guys.

Karen Stephens who was awarded two certificates for the Delta Kappa Gamma – Gamma Nu Yearbook! She received the 2019 Early Bird Certificate and the 2019 Exemplary Certificate. (See the Certificates at the end of "Gamma Nus Agenda, Minutes, Treasurer's Report".)

Faith Chew-Smith who chaired the committee for the Early Educator Grant awards.

Early Educator Grant Recipients

Maria Torres for "Creating a Welcoming Environment for Our Life Skills Students." at Cedar Bayou J.S.

Lindsey Kreft, for "Voice Recorders for an ELL/ESL Classroom." at Goose Creek Memorial H.S.

These ladies will attend our Jan. 9th meeting to share information about their grants and themselves.

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Next Meeting

January 9, 2020

Gamma Nu will host the
joint meeting with
Epsilon Psi
Gather at 5:00
Meeting begins at 5:30

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
800 West Baker Road

Key to Freedom: Beauty Will Rise

Refreshments: Roseanna Henrichsen,
Chair

Raffle Items: Sandra Bell, Chair

Please try to attend and bring a friend
for the fun and fellowship of meeting
with our Sister Chapter! It is always
exciting to visit with everyone and renew
friendships through Delta Kappa Gamma!

Happy New Year!

As we move into this new year, let us
not dwell on the things of last year
which were not completed, things which
did not go as planned, or relationships
which were not positive. Let's dwell on
the opportunities for new beginnings,
the chance to make changes in ourselves
and our lives, and the challenge of
finding something positive in all of our
relationships and surroundings! By
putting our minds in a positive setting,
we will find that 2020 can be positive,
successful, and full of great
opportunities!

Happy Birthday to You!

January

2 Leah Henry
10 Ann Barrios
18 Julia Retz
19 Carol Mitchell

Gamma Nu Yearbooks

Yearbooks – The 2019-20 Gamma Nu
Yearbook is complete! It is available on our
website: www.gammanutexas.weebly.com

DKG International has asked all chapter to
“Go Green” and to no longer print yearbooks
for distribution. If you prefer to have a paper
copy, you will need to print it. For most of us,
electronic is fine. I just print the few pages I
need to write the Gamma Nus.

Thanks for your understanding and patience!

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Gamma Nu Website

www.gammanutexas.weebly.com

Gamma Nu Live Auction February 13, 2020

It's not too early to start thinking about the items you will want to bring for our live auction in February. The proceeds from our live auction support our Grants and Scholarships which we give each year.

Our Auctioneer for the evening will be the infamous **Mary Jane Ethridge!**

It will be held in the Activity Building of St. John Catholic Church!

ALL members are encouraged to bring items for the auction and to bring a guest.

Gamma Nu Members' Bucket List

Every member of Gamma Nu should have "Gamma Nu Auction" on their Bucket List! If you have never attended a Gamma Nu Auction, then you truly have not lived a full life!

The auction is fun, the auctioneer is awesome, and it is an excellent way to bring out the "best" in the members! Just wait until two members want the same item! You will see sides of members you did not know existed! Jekyll and Hyde come to mind!

So, do not miss this exciting opportunity on **Thursday, February 13 at 5:15!!**

FEBRUARY AUCTION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

This is a reminder for our newer members who might not know how the auction works – and those of us who may have forgotten!

WHERE DO THE AUCTION ITEMS COME FROM? ---Members are asked to bring an item or two to be used for the auction.

WHO CAN BID ON AN ITEM?---ANYONE, even if you donated the item.

CAN I BRING A GUEST AND CAN THEY BID?---MOST DEFINITELY!

HOW CAN I PAY FOR MY PURCHASES?---Mona will gladly accept checks (preferably) or cash (change might be limited). Unfortunately, we are not in the 21st century yet and have no way of accepting credit cards.

CAN I JUST MAKE A DONATION?---That would be awesome!

WHAT IS OUR GOAL?---We award about \$1200 in grants and scholarships each year. These grants and scholarships are funded by the proceeds of our auction. We budgeted \$1500. **Please attend and help us meet our goal!**

Bay Area Relay for Life

Don't forget!!!—

Gamma Nu has signed up to be a Luminary Club Team
for the April 3, 2020 Relay For Life Event.

Luminaries must reach the luminary team by March 28 to be credited to Gamma Nu's Luminary Club Team.

- ❖ The minimum price for a white luminary is \$10. After March 28, the price increases to \$15. “In Memorial: names received before 3/28 will be placed on the Memorial Wall.
 - This year we are asking everyone to order their luminaries online. You can order them at www.relayforlife.org/bayareatx which is a secure website. Just go to the website, scroll down, and select the box which says **Luminaria**.
 - Under **Whose Relay Fundraising efforts will your donation support?** Select **“Team”**.
 - Type **Gamma Nu Luminary Club** in the box and click **Search**.
 - Click on our team name when it appears.
 - Select the type of luminaria you want to order (only one name per luminary) and then **Personalize your luminaria**.
 - Under **“What would you like to say?”** please put only **“From”** and your name or the person it is from.
 - Order additional Luminaria or click **“Next”**. When you are finished, go to payment information.
 - Follow the instructions for payment.
- ❖ There will be luminary forms available at the January, February, and March meetings. You will mail your form and check to: Bay Area Relay for Life, P.O. Box 758, Baytown, Texas 77522.
- ❖ **Be sure to write “Gamma Nu Luminary Club” in the “credit to...” box at the bottom of the form.**
Purchase a luminary for Relay 2020 and help the Gamma Nu Luminary Club “Light up the Track”!

High Notes/Grace Notes

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- ❖ Thanks to Mona Bonds who always sends her information for Gamma Nus in a timely manner! She makes the editor's job much easier!

Grace Notes

- ❖ Prayers go up for Pat Thomas as she navigates the world of cancer and all of its obstacles. As usual, she is her positive self!
- ❖ Prayers for a Lamar teacher and family whose daughter is in ICU.
- ❖ Prayers for a speedy recovery to Ricky Clem who suffered from a painful migraine headache for 3 days.



Ricky and Brenda thought of their Gamma Nu sisters while you were diligently putting in labels, sorting, packing, and delivering books for Storybook Christmas. Thanks for all of your hard work and the joy you brought to so many First Graders this year!

As you can see, we were enjoying a storybook also! Our cruise included breakfast with the Cat in the Hat and pictures with Sam I Am.

REMEMBER:

“You are Only Old Once” and “Oh the Places You Will Go”!

Reminders

Current Membership – Look for a member you have not seen in a while and give them a call about our next meeting.

Refreshment and Raffle Teams – Be sure you know when you are responsible for Refreshments and Raffle items. Everyone needs to be sure they are contributing to Gamma Nu in more ways than just their dues! Check your Yearbook if you are unsure of your commitments.

February 13 – Gamma Nu Auction – Start collecting items to bring to the Auction. Now is a great time to look for deals and steals! And don’t forget to bring a friend!!

June 17-19, 2020 - 91st Texas State Convention in McAllen, Texas
Start looking for your roommate and watch for more information!

July 7-11, 2020 – Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Keep your roommate from the TSO convention and travel to the beautiful, historic Philadelphia!!