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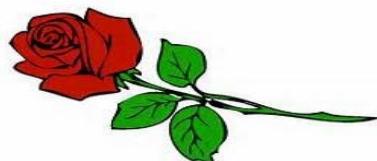
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Baytown, Texas

President's Message

As I'm trying to compose the next to the next to the last President' Message, (I think that is the right count). I am reviewing in my mind these last two years. For members who have served as president you realize the honor that it is. Sure, for most of us, we were elected because no one else would do it, but I'll never tell. For some, in a moment of weakness we were reminded that a "DKG woman never says "No" and for a few lucky women---we knew in our heart that this was our time. I was one of those lucky DKG women. I knew that I was ready and actually volunteered (few members probably knew this). For those members who were contacted for an office but declined for this biennium, I encourage you to think about the future and when you are ready, step forward and say "I'd love to be the next President!" The support and gratitude that you will receive from you 68 plus sisters will overwhelm you. I have enjoyed these 2 years and I'm wondering "What took me so long to say YES!" See you Thursday and as always, I'm saving a seat just for you! Karen



Red Roses to

Auctioneer Mary Jane Ethridge, and Auction Committee members: Mary Jane Ethridge, Sandra Bell, Barbara Culp, Jan Cobb, Kathy Littlefield and Pat Thomas for an excellent job with the auction.

All our members who brought, and bought auction items and or sent a donation for the auction. As a reminder this is **our only fund raiser** for the year. The raffles at each meeting fund our donations to Schools for Africa, Storybook Christmas and Storybook Project.

Nedra Bradley, Music Committee chairman and Pam Ansley, Kay Hill, Margaret Ehlig, Tammy Meigh, and Pat Thomas for providing us with their rendition of "Hey, Big Spender" It worked. We had a lot of "big spenders" at the meeting.

Lori Janick and the Yellow Team for the yummy refreshment before the auction.

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Happy Birthday to You! March

- 4** Katherine George
- 5** Yolanda Irby-Smith
- 16** Patty Russell
- 21** Precious Reimonenq
- 24** Kathy Littlefield
- 31** Jan Cobb



Next Meeting

March 10, 2016

5:15 p.m.

"All About Your Style Show"

For our March meeting's Style Show, we will be on stage! Dee and Mike Wilson are graciously letting us use their new building to have our March Style Show meeting. **We will meet at Upgrade 2 The Next Level, at 407 West Baker Road.** It is in the shopping center across from Sterling High School. It shares the shopping center with the Quest Lab and Painting with a Twist.

We will keep our same time schedule:
 4:30 Set up for refreshments and raffle teams
 5:00 Socializing and refreshments
 5:15 Meeting begins

- a) Auction report
- b) Style Show
- c) Convention info
- d) Election of Officers

All members attending the meeting receive a \$10 coupon from All About You and are eligible for a door prize to be given at the meeting.

- Refreshments supplied by:
Red Team
- Raffle items supplied by:
Orange Team

Don't forget!!!—

Gamma Nu has signed up to be a Luminary Club for Relay 2016. Luminaries must reach Carolyn Francis by April 1 to be credited to Gamma Nu's Luminary Club. The minimum price for a white luminary is \$10. After April 1, the price increases to \$15.

Luminary forms will be available at the March meeting. You can give your forms to Pat Thomas at the meeting, and she will deliver them to Carolyn Francis for you.

You can also order your luminaries on the Relay Website:

www.relayforlife.org/bayareatx. Just go to the website, scroll down to the picture of luminaries near the bottom of the page, and click under the picture; on the next page, click "Keepsakes and Luminaries." Under "I want my gift to support," select Team. Our team is Gamma Nu Luminary Club.

Type in the name and click Select when team name appears. Click Select by the type of luminary you wish to order; personalize your luminary—

The ACS has updated the order form, so just complete the three boxes, then click Add to Cart. Review your order, then click Add More to order additional luminaries, or Next to go to Billing Information.

This is a secure website.

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.



Heartline, Issue 5

87th TSO Convention

June 23-25, 2016

Why Attend?

By Denise Kornegay, Area 17 Coordinator



I'm a late bloomer. I joined Delta Kappa Gamma in 1998 but didn't attend state convention until 2014 in Lubbock. Don't ask why I waited so long, but I definitely regret not attending convention sooner.

The Lubbock Convention was wonderful. I learned about the BIG PICTURE of DKG and what it truly means to belong to a "sisterhood." President Nancy Newton showed such class with a terrific sense of humor. The First Timers session was fabulous and taught me how to navigate the convention. By convention's end, I knew that I was hooked and would be back.

The 2015 TSO Convention in San Antonio brought even more joy. Again, Nancy Newton led us with her incredible organization and humor. What a privilege to witness officers! The convention ended on a personal State Personnel as an incoming area Lubbock Convention that I would be taking on

Don't be a late bloomer like I was. Make going to be wonderful!



the beautiful Installation Ceremony for our new state high note when I attended Leadership Training for coordinator. Little did I know when I attended the such a rewarding responsibility!

plans now to attend the 2016 Convention in Frisco. It's

Hotels and Amenities

The 2016 Frisco Convention has three hotels. First is the convention hotel: **Embassy Suites by Hilton**, and the Frisco Conference Center is attached to it. Next are the two overflow hotels directly north across the street from the Frisco Conference Center: **Hilton Garden Inn** and **HYATT house**.

Wow! By mid-January TSO members had reserved all of the Embassy Suites by Hilton's DKG block of rooms! If you still need to reserve a room, rest assured that amenities at the three hotels are similar, such as complimentary hot breakfast, Wi-Fi, and shuttle service within a designated area. And, prices are the same at \$135 for a king suite and \$145 for a double queen suite.

A heads-up for the overflow hotels: If you need to reserve a room for **Wednesday night** and/or if you prefer a **tub** to a shower, you will probably want to make your reservation at HYATT house. Just indicate your preference for a tub under "Special Request." **(See p. 2 for hotel registration info)**

Whichever hotel you choose, you'll enjoy your stay, and you'll enjoy the 2016 TSO Convention in Frisco!

Convention Website

Who? For all TSO members!

What? The convention website is the official place, along with *Lone Star News*, to learn all about our TSO Convention in Frisco, June 23-25!

Where? Online at <http://www.dkgtexas.org/>

When? Visit the website regularly!

Why? So you'll be in on the latest info!

How? Follow the link <http://www.dkgtexas.org/> **And, It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3....**

(1) When the TSO home page appears, look for **The Convention Website Is Here!** You'll find the convention **logo**, a quick **intro**, and two **links: Convention Website** (which, clicked on, will lead you to all things convention) and **Visit Frisco Video** (which is an exciting, two-minute look at what Frisco offers visitors).

(2) **Also** on the home page, look for

You Ready for Some Baseball?

There you'll find a quick **intro** to our Friday night event, a **RoughRiders logo**, and two **links: HERE** (which takes you to Friday night baseball game details and ticket info), and **RoughRiders Video** (which is a fast-paced six minutes about Teddy Roosevelt and the Frisco RoughRiders).

(3) Click on **Convention Website**.

When the page opens, you'll find **links to Lodging** (*hotels, including phone numbers, web addresses, and registration codes for the overflow hotels*), **Resources** (breakout proposal form, visual arts application, graphics, vendor and ad forms), and **Schedule**. You'll also see **links to the Frisco video** and **RoughRiders video**. Plus, you'll find **links to Registration** (*hotels*, visual arts, Friday night/RoughRiders), and **Heartline** (convention newsletters).

Thanks, Diane Moose, TSO webmaster, for creating and updating our convention website!

For More Information:

- ✓ Check the TSO website regularly at <http://www.dkgtexas.org/>
- ✓ Check Facebook's DKG-TSO page often at <https://www.facebook.com/tso.deltakappagamma/>
- ✓ Contact Janet Burgess, Frisco Convention registrar, at jburgess@sbctglobal.net



Convention Vendor Info

Q – How can your chapter fundraise for your projects, scholarships, and/or budget?

A – Be a Chapter Vendor at our convention's Fair of the Heart!

The fair's hours are **Thursday**, June 23, 10 a.m.-6 pm; **Friday**, June 24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2:30-5 p.m.; **Saturday**, June 25, 12-5 p.m.

A heads-up: Chapters without a tax ID can sell for only two days without paying sales tax.

So, decide what to sell, fill out the vendor application, and prepare to make money! Deadline to apply? April 1!

Other categories for the fair are DKG Affiliate Vendor, DKG TSO Affiliate Exhibitor, and Exhibitor.

For more info and the vendor/exhibitor application form, see your chapter president and/or the convention website.

And, let's all support our Fair of the Heart vendors and exhibitors! ***Let's shop, shop, shop!***



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**Gamma Nu Chapter
Agenda**

Thursday, February 11, 2016

Call to Order: President Karen Stephens called the meeting to order after members enjoyed refreshments provided by the Yellow Team.

Opening Ceremonies: Faith Smith-Chew led members in the Chapter Collect. Katherine George led members in the Response.

Welcome: President Karen Stephens welcomed all members. Dee Wilson's guest Candice Southall was introduced.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved as printed in the Gamma Nus and will be filed for audit. Karen thanked Marie Drewnowski for taking the minutes in Brenda Hastings-Gongora's absence.

Correspondence: Marie Drewnowski related that there was no correspondence.

Treasurer Report: Mona Bonds denoted a balance of \$2732. A complete report is on the website and will be filed for audit. The password is: Gamma Nu.

President's Report

- **Convention:** Karen Stephens conveyed that the Convention is June 23-25, 2016, in Frisco, Texas. Karen Stephens, Wynona Montgomery and Kay Hill are planning on going. She asked members to check their calendars and let her know if you are interested in attending.

Committee Reports

- **Nomination Committee:** Pam Ansley reminded members that nominations for the slate of officers to serve in the 2016-2018 biennium is due March 15, 2016.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Pam Ansley informed members that the deadline for these scholarships is May 1, 2016. She will have applications at the March meeting.
- **Relay for Life:** Pat Thomas revealed that the Gamma Nu team is named Team Gamma Nu Luminary Club. Pat requested that members leave their name when donating online. Finally, she reminded members that March will be the last meeting to donate at a meeting.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- Karen Stephens stated that the Executive Board made a recommendation to increase our donation to the First Christian Church from \$150 to \$200. Pat Thomas made the motion to increase our donation to the First Christian Church from \$150 to \$200 through April 2016. Marie Drewnowski seconded the motion. Members voted and the motion carried.
- Dee Wilson volunteered the Upgrade facility for future meetings at no charge. The Executive Board will discuss this option. A decision will be announced at a future meeting.

Announcements:

- **Thoughts of Others**
 - Elizabeth Roan's husband went to the emergency room.
 - Betty O'Sullivan is in Methodist Hospital in palliative care. She will be moved to Hospice Care. Keep her husband, Ronnie, and her family in your thoughts and prayers. She is battling colon cancer.
 - Carolyn James is on a mission trip.
 - Roseanna Henrichsen's father is receiving a special award in Highlands.
 - Jean McCloud has been diagnosed with cancer.
- **Birthdays:** Members sang Happy Birthday to the following February birthdays: 7th: Susan Passmore, 10th Mary Margaret Hooks, 17th Sandra Bell, 21st Nancy Bolding, and 27th Mona Bonds.
- **In the News:** The following members were in the news: Susan Passmore, Sandra Bell, Nedra Bradley, Mona Bonds, Mary Lou Adams, Betty Baca, and Christine Beck.
- **Next Month's Meeting:** Adela Pirzadeh notified members that the next meeting is March 10. It will be a style show. We still need models. Also, Adela and Karen will be delivering bird houses and bird feeders to the nursing homes on either March 3rd or March 4th. If you want to join them please call and let either one of them know.

MUSIC Committee: Nedra Bradley and committee members, Pat Thomas, Kay Hill, Tammy Meigh, Pam Ansley, and Margaret Ehling performed a spirited rendition of "Hey Big Spenders" to get the members ready for the auction.

Auction Committee: Mary Jane Ethridge serving as auctioneer got the bidding underway. Committee members Sandra Bell, Barbara Culp, Pat Thomas, Jan Cobb and Kathy Littlefield assisted.

Adjournment: President Karen adjourned the meeting and members listened to the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.