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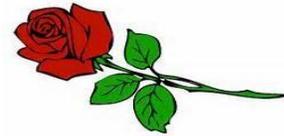
## President's Message

Sisters, we had a fantastic time in February for our annual scholarship drive. Those in attendance had a wonderful time. Several members had job obligations that contributed to their absence. As a result, we missed seeing their smiles.

Snacks were provided by the Red Rose Team – Checkmate and were delicious. The Auction committee was led by Pat Thomas, and Auctioneer Mary Jane Ethridge. This group of sisters brought their sassy, classy, and sometimes comical presentation to the auction. This helped boost the bidding on items which were being showcased.

The month of March is National Nutrition Month. The American Dietetic Association (ADA) encourages everyone to make informed choices regarding what they are eating and commit to developing sound eating and exercise habits. "Let's Dine Together" will be the theme of our program. We will receive an etiquette class on fine dining taught by Brenda Hastings-Gongora. In a chapter survey, several members stated they enjoyed cooking and will be preparing us a full course meal. We will also be given health tips from the committee. This month, the program will occur first, with the regular business meeting to follow.

Come out and sufficiently dine with your sisters!



## Red Roses to .....

- the **Auction Committee** for hosting our annual Scholarship drive. The committee consists of: **\*Pat Thomas, Kathy Clausen, Sandra Bell, Alice Henrichsen, Katherine George, Barbara Culp, Kathy Littlefield, Mary Jane Ethridge-Auctioneer, Roseanna Henrichsen, and Bettie Jones.**

- **Susan Passmore** for securing GCCISD Administration Building for us to meet at a Central location.

-**All members** for their attendance, donation items for the auction, and for the monetary donations which were received that evening.

-**Red Rose Team Checkmate** for the delicious tasting refreshments. This committee consists of: **Mary Lou Adams, Sandra Bell, Nedra Bradley, Jan Cobb, and Brenda Hastings-Gongora.**

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## Happy Birthday to You! March

- 4 Katherine George
- 5 Yolanda Irby-Smith
- 11 Billie Brinkley
- 16 Patty Russell
- 21 Precious Reimonenq
- 24 Maria Rosas-Gonzalez
- 24 Kathy Littlefield
- 31 Jan Cobb



## Next Meeting March 8, 2018

First Christian Church,  
201 Forrest Ave.  
5:15 p.m.

### National Nutrition Month

#### Program: "Let's Dine Together"

Members will teach you how to prepare their favorite meal and Brenda Hastings-Gongora will share with us proper dining etiquette. You will not want to miss this meeting!

**Red Rose Team- Loving Memory Team** led by Kristi Warren, will provide the refreshments and the reading of the Collect.

**Red Rose Team - Bull's Eye Team** led by Erica Smith, will lead the words of inspiration and raffle.

## Bay Area Relay for Life

### Don't Forget!!

- ❖ Gamma Nu has signed up to be a Luminary Club for Relay 2018.
- ❖ Luminary forms will be available at the March meeting.
- ❖ The minimum price for luminaries purchased by March 30 is \$10.
- ❖ The price increases to \$15 after that date. 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 luminaries online at the secure Relay website: [www.relayforlife.org/bayareatx](http://www.relayforlife.org/bayareatx).
- ❖ Just go to the website, scroll down to the picture of luminaries, click on **Dedicate a Luminaria** under the picture, and follow these instructions:
  - 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.
  - Personalize your luminaria.
  - Under **"What would you like to say?"** please put only **From** and your name or the person it is from. (Carolyn Francis files the luminaries by the name of the purchaser. That way if there is a question, she can look under your name and quickly tell you all the people for whom you bought luminaries.

### 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.



**When** did you know you wanted to be a DKG member? **When** did you become a DKG member?

I have always admired the professionalism of DKG and its commitment to the community.

I was invited to join in 2008. Due to my retirement status at the time of my initiation, I am a proud *honorary member* (the rules have since changed).

**Where** were you in your educational career before becoming a DKG member? **Where** have you excelled since becoming a member of DKG?

I received my bachelor's and master's degree from Prairie View A&M University. I took math advancement courses at Western Reserve college in Cleveland, Ohio, North Texas State in Denton, UH/CLC, University of Houston(main campus), and University of California in Berkley and Los Angeles. I taught mathematics in Jasper, Dallas and at S.F. Austin in Baytown. After 35 years of active teaching, I retired.

Since becoming a member, the meetings, fellowship, projects and the activities of DKG have kept me current with trends and issues in education.

**Why** did you want to become a DKG member? **Why** do you remain a DKG member?

I wanted to get involved with the service projects and other community activities. I knew DKG was a good professional organization for teachers.

I remain a member because the atmosphere is wholesome and we are continuing to support and provide professional growth to teachers. My involvement has been limited this past year due to the illness of my husband who passed away 9 months ago.

## Reminders

### Gamma Nu

-**April 12th** Our meeting will be held at First Christian Church. Lori Janick will be our presenter. The program will be on the "Monarch Butterfly."

-The Red Rose Team – Spanish Dress, will lead the Collect and provide refreshments. The Red Rose Team – Devotion, will provide words of inspiration and the raffle items.

-The second and final Executive Board meeting for the 2016-18 Biennium will be held after the regular business meeting.

-The Founder's Day Banquet will be hosted by Epsilon Psi. It will be held on May 11, 2018, at Eagle Point's Conference Room. The time will be 6:00 p.m. and ticket information will be available soon.

### President's Reception

The GHACC event is now on Sunday, April 22, 2018. **This is a date & location change from Saturday, April 22**, so President Dr. Jo Murphy can be in attendance. The schedule is as follows:

#### **Sunday, April 22, 2018 - President's Reception**

- 1:00 p.m. Doors open for set-up committee
- 1:30 p.m. Chapter President's Meeting with President Jo Murphy. This is for out-going and in-coming Presidents.

#### **Please note: Immediately following this meeting, Group B will elect the 2018 - 2020 GHACC officers**

- 2:00 -4:00 p.m. Reception for all members of Area 3 & 18
- **4:00 p.m. Clean up Committee**
- Location: Zion Lutheran Church, 5050 East Sam Houston Parkway South, Pasadena 77505
- **Cost \$10.00 per chapter** (to help with cost of reception expenses along with 2016-18 chapter dues) due by Saturday, April 10, 2018. If your chapters has outstanding balance of outstanding 2016-18 Chapter dues . please include this along with an approximate number of members attending you're your chapter.
- Mail payment & number attending to: Ellen Laughlin, 2119 Tall Ships Dr., Friendswood, 77546 by Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### DKG State Convention

-The DKG State Convention will be held on June 14-16, 2018, in Waco, Texas. Please register at: [www.dkg.texas.org](http://www.dkg.texas.org).

-The Area 3 attendees expressed enthusiasm for holding a mini-STAAR event. The Ad Hoc committee felt the greatest attendance might be Saturday, April 28. The event will be one day only. It will have 3 sessions with 3 activities to choose from each time. The last (4<sup>th</sup>) session will be a group project which will focus on a product to be given to Early Educators throughout the Area. It might be a lot of EE's. A Continental Breakfast would be included during check-in, as would a lunch during the day. The Ad Hoc planning committee needs input from chapter members regarding how many would attend. The time would be 8:30 – 3:30 at a location to be determined.

### DKG International Convention

The DKG International Convention will be held on July 16-18, 2018, in Austin, Texas. Please register at: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org).

### Texas State Organization

The Executive Committee has chosen to suspend the President's Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) for the 2017-18 year. In addition, the Seal of Merit for outstanding newsletters has also been suspended. The Executive Committee will continue to honor the 5-Star recognition. This change was decided on the amount of work it put on the chapter editors.