Gamma Nus

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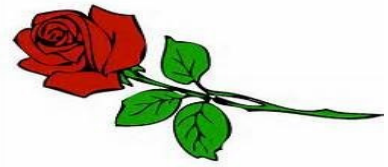
President's Message

My first year is almost finished. Phew! I think I will sleep real good next Thursday night after the banquet. That is the last big meeting for the year. I am glad to get it done the first year of my biennium. The next year ought to be a breeze. LOL. I have been blessed with many great mentors who have helped me through the year. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank all of you for your support this year. I understand now why past presidents say the second year is much easier. This will be the last President's Message until August. I wish you all a good ending to your school year. Enjoy your summer. I look forward to seeing you at the Banquet and then at our August Breakfast.

Karen



Red Roses to ……

Adela Pirzadeh, Nan Meharg, Marie Drewnowski, Barbara Culp, Jan Cobb, Roseanna Henrichsen, Carolyn James for making "shoes" for banquet favors.

Dee Wilson for writing the banquet skit and making the program.

Pam Ansley for printing the program.

Kathy Littlefield and Brenda Gongora for making, decorating and packaging cupcakes for the banquet.

Brenda Gongora for presenting the program on Spain at April's meeting and **Soledad Harding-Concejero** for assisting her.

Storybook Christmas committee for the tapas at April's meeting and **Research and Chapter Rules Committees** for supplying raffle items and report on Schools for Africa.

A DOZEN RED ROSES TO BRENDA CLEM for formatting, editing and making **Gamma Nus** available to our members each month! I couldn't do it without you!

ANOTHER DOZEN RED ROSES TO BRENDA GONGORA for taking minutes and getting them back to me sometimes the same night!

ANOTHER DOZEN RED ROSES TO MONA BONDS for keeping good care of our money and sending payments to all the different places on time.

THE LAST DOZEN RED ROSES GOES TO ALL MEMBERS---YOU are Gamma Nu and I am proud to be your "sister".

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BANQUET DECORATING

We plan to decorate at 2:00, on Thursday, May 14. I will know for sure next Monday, exactly what time we can be there, but as it is now, they said by 2:00 the room will be available. I am extending the invitation to all members to help decorate. I know we have a large banquet committee, but some members are still working so we "retired" members may have to help if possible. Let me know if you can help. I have 25 "ornament holders" for the table. I will contact you Tuesday or Wednesday of next week and give you more details. Thank you in advance for your help.

Gamma Nus On Vacation!!!

Gamma Nus will be going on vacation! Brenda, you have done such a great job that I am giving you June and July off. I'm sure many of you don't know that Brenda Clem nominated me for Gamma Nu membership in 2002. She kind of felt obligated to help me when she "volunteered" to do the newsletter. She assured me that it hasn't been that big a deal once she got it set up the first time. I'm just glad it is her and not me! If I get any DKG or Gamma Nu information that needs to be shared with the members, I will keep you updated. **If you have a summer email, please send it to me, so I can keep you updated.**

Happy Birthday to You!

May

6 Mary Lou Adams
12 Brenda Clem
Laura Reyes
20 Founder'sDay/Gamma Nu's Birthday
22 Mary Snellings

June

4 Shirley Bynum
5 Anna Whiteley
8 Brenda Hastings-Gongora
13 Soledad Harding-Concejero
24 Christine Beck
30 Karen Stephens

July

2 Wynona Montgomery
Dee Wilson
7 Lori Janick
15 Karen Thomas
20 Marie Drewnowski
27 Susan Sloan

Gamma Nus Award

Gamma Nu was awarded a
FIVE STAR AWARD
For an Outstanding
Newsletter for 2014-15.

BANQUET CARPOOLING

We are planning on gathering in the Missouri Street Church of Christ parking lot(this side of Fred Hartman Bridge) from 5:15-5:30. I will drive my van and take those members who do not want to drive to the Monument Inn. I can hold 12 ladies including myself. ***If you would like to carpool, please let me know.*** I plan to leave the parking lot around 5:30. Since we are the host chapter, I feel we need to be there around 6:00.. ***If you would like to help drive, please let me know too.***. I feel this should give us enough time. If more ladies want to drive, you could plan to leave a little later. I hope this will make it easier since it is further than we have had to go in the past. We plan to decorate and set up around 2:00, so when it is time for the banquet, all we have to do is show up. ***We plan to start the banquet at 6:30 and eat around 6:45-6:50.*** These are the times we have given the restaurant. I look forward to seeing you next Thursday, May 14.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

State Convention 2015

Texas State Organization Convention
86th Texas State Convention
Grand Hyatt San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas
June 24 - 27, 2015

- We can carpool and have a great time in San Antonio!
- First convention---What a great way to start!
- Not your first convention---You already know what a great time it will be.

Circle the dates on your calendar and start planning to attend.

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 Chapter
Regular Meeting
Agenda
Thursday, April 9, 2015

Call to Order: President Karen Stephens called the meeting to order.

Opening Ceremonies: Marie Drewnowski led members present in the Chapter Collect. Katherine George led us in the Response.

Welcome: President Karen Stephens welcomed members present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed and will be filed for audit. Brenda Hastings-Gongora thanked Wynona Montgomery for taking minutes in her absence.

Correspondence: Marie Drewnowski announced that there was no correspondence to read.

Treasurer Report: Mona Bonds announced that the balance was $4480.38. She also reported that she had mailed out donations and that she had sent $50 to each of the four high schools for Project Graduation in behalf of the chapter.

President's Report: Karen Stephens reported on two items.

- State Convention: State Convention will be held in San Antonio, Thursday, June 25 through Sunday, June 28, 2015. Gamma Nu has four rooms and three spots left. She offered her twelve-passenger van to all ride together. Registration forms were made available. Early registration, $50.00, ends on May 15, 2015. After that registration is $75.00.
- Retirees: Karen Stephens announced that Adela Pirzadeh will be retiring. If you know of anyone else who is retiring, please, let Karen know as soon as possible.

Committee Reports

- Banquet: Adela Pirzadeh, Karen Stephens and Dee Wilson have been planning for the Banquet to be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at the Monument Inn, at 6:30 p.m. The program "In Her Footsteps" is almost completed. Adela called for a workday on Saturday, April 11, 2015, at her house from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to help finish the favors. There is still time to purchase your ticket for the Banquet. Betty Jo Watts will give the inspiration talk.
- Scholarship: Pam Ansley announced that she has not received any applications for a scholarship. One $300 scholarship will be awarded to a Gamma Nu member to be used for staff development, college tuition or educational personal growth. The application is online on the Gamma Nu website. The deadline for submission is May 1, 2015.
- Schools for Africa: Carolyn James, Chair of the Research Committee, along with committee members, Wynona Montgomery and Kay Hill, gave a historical account of Schools for Africa, a program focusing on helping the most disadvantaged children. In 2013, the Texas State Organization approved having a Global Awareness Committee. This committee is part of the Educational Excellence Committee, which includes the project, Schools for Africa. As of January 2013, Delta

Kappa Gamma members have contributed over $120,665 to Schools for Africa. Gamma Nu sent $75 to this project. Monies for this donation come from the raffle proceeds.

- Relay for Life: Pat Thomas reported that we made our goal of reaching the $500 level of the Luminary Club. Congratulations to Gamma Nu and thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause. She invited all to attend the event on Friday, April 10, 2015. After the meeting, Pat received notice that we contributed $820 for luminaries. Way to go, Sisters!!!!!

Unfinished Business **None**

New Business **None**

Announcements

- Thoughts of Others
  - Adela gave an update on Juan.
  - Keep Margaret Ehlig's mother in your thoughts and prayers.
- Birthdays
  - Members sang "Happy Birthday" to Erica Smith.
- In the News
  - Melissa Botkin, Kathy Clausen, Susan Passmore, Wynona Montgomery, Alice Henrichsen, Christine Beck and Carol Mitchell were in the news.
- Raffle
  - Patti Russell, Adela Pirzadeh, Susan Passmore, Carolyn James, Lori Jannick, Nan Maharg and Pat Thomas won the raffle items donated by Research and Chapter Rules Committees.

Program: Brenda Hastings-Gongora, along with Soledad Concejero-Harding, presented "Sights, Smells & Sounds of Spain." The Storybook Christmas Committee provided delicious "tapas-Baytown style" for the occasion. The Music Committee selected some beautiful Spanish music to enjoy.
PS from Karen, I have heard many favorable comments about the program. Brenda, we all decided that you ought to be a tour guide. If you couldn't make the meeting, you missed a great presentation with slides from Brenda and Soledad, a native of Spain, added a personal touch about her homeland. We all left ready to take the next tour of Spain. Thank you Brenda and Soledad, for a very informative and entertaining program.

Adjournment: President Karen Stephens adjourned the meeting and the Delta Kappa Gamma Song was sung.

Recording Secretary	President
Brenda Hastings-Gongora	Karen Stephens