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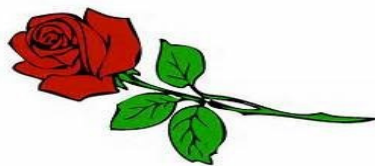
## President's Message

The Holiday Season is in full swing. Christmas commercials are making their way into our living rooms. Trick or Treating has come and gone not without leaving a few added pounds at my house, I'm sorry to say. I'm always compelled to buy candy, although we haven't had any trick or treaters since we've lived on Bush Rd.

Now we are preparing for Thanksgiving with our families. Days of preparation goes into this family meal, that seems to last about an hour. Yet, year after year we continue to subject ourselves to this added stress and--- will probably continue to do so. There are just some traditions that we keep, regardless of the added work they may cause.

Are you ready for a stress free evening with new friends? I have the solution for you! Thursday, November 13 we will initiate our new members. Join us at 5:00 in the sanctuary of First Christian Church, with initiation beginning at 5:15. At that time, **Betty Baca**, **Christine Beck**, **Nancy Bonds**, **Travita Godfrey**, **Mallory Lindon** and **Kathryn Nelson** will become our newest Gamma Nu "Sisters". Plan to spend this special evening with us as we welcome our newest members.

Look forward to seeing you then.



## Red Roses to .....

**Officers and members** who met with me to discuss the Hold Harmless and Release Form prior to our October meeting.

**Nominations and Legislation Committees** for the refreshments at our October meeting. Once again, you ladies have out done yourselves.

**Tammy Meigh and the Music Committee** for providing raffle items for the October meeting.

**Adela Pirzadeh** for hosting New Member Orientation at her home.

**Yolanda Irby-Smith and the membership committee** for preparing and presenting new member orientation.

**All members** who brought refreshments to the orientation.

**Nedra Bradley** for agreeing to be chairman of music committee.

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## YEARBOOKS ARE READY!

Yearbooks will be ready for distribution at the November meeting. Please plan to attend and get your copy. A copy is being printed for each member. If you cannot attend, please ask a friend to get your copy. We'd like to distribute as many of them as possible at the November and December meetings. I only plan to mail them to out of town members as it will cost us \$1.81 to mail them. Please make plans to get your copy. Yearbooks are only costing us the price of the paper.

## Next Meeting

**November 13, 2014**

First Christian Church, 201

Forrest Ave.

5:00 p.m.

## Encourage: New Members

We will have the Initiation of New Member this evening at the beginning of our meeting. Assemble in the Sanctuary of the church at 5:00 p.m. We will begin at 5:15 p.m. Attire will be Sunday clothes in honor of the occasion. Please come and support our new members as they begin to envision their potential as professional key women educators!

- Refreshments supplied by **Social Committee**
- Raffle items supplied by the **Membership Committee**

## Happy Birthday to You!

**November**

**1 - Barbara Culp**

**9 - Carolyn James**

**11 - Elizabeth Road**

**18 - Kathy Clausen**

**30 - Corina Garcia**

## Happy Thanksgiving!

To all of our Gamma Nu members and their families! May this time of sharing be a reminder to all of us of the blessings and freedoms which we enjoy every year. Let us not forget to be thankful for those who serve in the Armed Forces to safeguard these freedoms!!

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY PROJECT

We were looking for a local project with which we could help a family in our community. The following is what we decided on at our October meeting. Adela Pirzadeh informed us about a family in need at her school. One of the Lamar parents gained custodial rights to her sister's two children. The parent did so in order to keep the children from going to a foster home. Understandably, this has put a financial strain on her family. Our chapter has decided to donate clothing and money for a Walmart gift card that the family can use for their holiday shopping needs. Dee Wilson is getting the clothing donated through personal contacts.

I am asking you to make a monetary contribution for the Walmart gift card at our November meeting. The weekend following the meeting, Adela and I will deliver the clothing and gift card to the family in time for the holidays. Thank you for helping us make the holidays a little brighter for one of our Baytown families.

## 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 Minutes Thursday, October 9, 2014**

**Call to Order:** President Karen Stephens called the regular meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

**Opening Ceremonies:** Sherry Burr led us in the Chapter Collect and Susan Passmore led us in the Response.

**Welcome:** President Karen Stephens welcomed the 26 members in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved as printed.

**Correspondence:** Jan Cobb read the following correspondence in Marie Drewnowski's absence:

1. Heather Gilpin wrote an e-mail tendering her resignation.
2. Sherry Thomas wrote an e-mail announcing her resignation.
3. Dee Wilson, thanked the members for the scholarship she received. The scholarship was used toward her Ph. D.
4. A thank you note from the Director of the Redeemer Lutheran Children's Center for the donation in memory of Aaron George.
5. Katherine George wrote a thank you note for the donation in memory of Aaron George, husband, to the Redeemer Lutheran Children's Center.

**Treasurer Report:** Mona Bonds, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$5,226.

### **President's Report: Karen Stephens**

- **Raffle \$ Decision:** Roseanna Henrichsen made a motion to donate \$75 of the raffle money to Schools for Africa and that the remaining raffle proceeds will be divided equally between A Storybook Christmas and Women's Storybook Project of Texas. Motion was discussed and approved.
- **Hold Harmless Document:** The Executive Committee made a motion to NOT sign the RELEASE, WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, HOLD HARMLESS agreement. There was discussion. The motion carried.
- **Yearbook update forms:** President Karen Stephens reminded member to update information for the yearbook.
- **Music Committee:** President Karen Stephens led a spirited song along with a group of members. Nedra Bradley volunteered to become the Music Committee Chairman.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Membership:** Yolanda Irby-Smith, Chairman, along with Brenda H. Gongora, Kathy Littlefield, Adela Pirzadeh, Mona Bonds, Dee Wilson, Margaret Ehlig and Sherry Burr presented the seven candidate profiles.
- **Scholarship:** Pam Ansley distributed flyers and applications for the available grants. Susan Passmore announced that she posted the information on the Goose Creek CISD website.

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

- **New members vote:** Barbara Culp made a motion to use the 4/5ths method of voting for new members. Motion carried.
- **Resignations:** Kathy Littlefield made a motion we accept the resignations of Heather Gilpin and Sherry Thomas with regrets. The motion carried.
- **New Initiates:** Yolanda Irby-Smith announced that the following initiates were unanimously voted into our chapter: Beatrice “Betty” Baca, Travita Godfrey, Brenda Jean “B.J.” McCoy, Nancy Bonds, Mallory Lindon, Kathryn M. Nelson and Christine Beck. Orientation will be held on October 23, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Adela Pirzadeh. Initiation will be November 13, 2014.

**Program:** Part Two of the Chapter Rules by Kay Hill was postponed until further notice.

**Announcements:**

1. Kathy Clausen was presented a retirement gift by President Stephens.
2. President Stephens announced that Sally Black received a 25-year member certificate.
3. President Stephens read a note from Melissa Botkin informing the members that she will be defending her dissertation very soon.
4. Thoughts of Others:
  - a. Adela Pirzadeh brought a family in need to the attention of the members present. Dee Wilson will provide clothing for the three children. A “love offering” for this family will be taken up at the November meeting.
  - b. Keep Sharon Peebles in your thoughts and prayers.
  - c. Brenda Pickens is back in town. She may be interested in returning to our chapter.
5. Members sang “Happy Birthday” to all October birthdays.
6. Raffle winners were: Kathy Littlefield, Nedra Bradley, Pam Ansley, Adela Pirzadeh and Corina Garcia.
7. IN THE NEWS were Dr. Precious Reimonenq, Elizabeth Roan and her husband, Brenda Clem, Alice Henrichsen, Sherry Burr and Carol Mitchell.

**Adjournment:** President Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members sang the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

**President**  
**Karen Stephens**

**Recording Secretary**  
**Brenda Hastings-Gongora**