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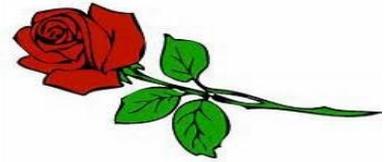
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President's Message

On Tuesday, November 3, I had the privilege of serving as a precinct judge for the General and Special election in Baytown. One of my duties was to get workers. I immediately thought of my Gamma Nu sisters and 4 of them accepted. This is a special Thank You to **Pat Thomas, Adela Pirzadeh, Yolanda Irby-Smith** and **Marie Drewnowski** who spent 14 long hours at the polls on Tuesday. A voter asked one of them how we happened to be working together, and I heard her say "we are all friends and members of a society of women educators". I was so touched by her response, "We are all friends." This is what I think it means to be a DKG member. "We are all friends!" Even after 14 long hours they have said they'd do it again! Thank you ladies, you don't know how much your friendship means to me. Members, I hope you will continue to be active in our chapter. "Friendship" is one of the best gifts we can give to each other. **Join us Thursday**, as we initiate a "new friend" into Gamma Nu. **Remember, this is a special occasion and we are asked to dress in our Sunday best.** I look forward to seeing you at our Thursday meeting. And as always, I am saving you a seat. Karen



Red Roses to

Kathy Littlefield for driving and accompanying me into Houston to welcome the new state president.

Kay Hill for driving and **Adela Pirzadeh** for going with us Saturday, October 24 for the luncheon welcoming Marilyn Gregory, the new state president.

Pat Bumpus, our Area 3 Coordinator, for visiting our October meeting. It was an honor to have her join our meeting.

Yolanda Irby-Smith and her committee members: **Elizabeth Roan, Adela Pirzadeh, Dee Wilson, and Nancy Bonds** for the program, "Life Ages and Stages".

Yolanda Irby-Smith and the membership committee for presenting the new candidates and their election.

Nancy Bonds and her Purple Team, for refreshments at our October meeting.

Lori Janick and her Yellow Team for raffle items at our October meeting.

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Sisters' International Encounter

While traveling through Croatia and Slovenia with the Lee College Seniors, I had a little excitement. I had taken my DKG shirt with the "blingy" letters to wear if the weather permitted. As it turned out, I should have taken all short sleeve shirts, but that's another story.

While I was strolling down the streets of Ljubljana, the capital city of Slovenia, wearing my DKG shirt, all of a sudden, I heard a voice, say, "Delta Kappa Gamma?" Yep it was a DKG sister who spotted my shirt and knew she had found a friend. She also was on tour from the USA, and we chatted a bit before going our separate ways.

How cool is that??

*Forward moving ever,
Wynona*

Happy Birthday to You!

November

1 - Barbara Culp

9 - Carolyn James

11 - Elizabeth Road

Betty Baca

18 - Kathy Clausen

30 - Corina Garcia

Next Meeting

November 12, 2015

First Christian Church, 201

Forrest Ave.

5:00 p.m.

New Member Initiation

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:
Pink Team
- Raffle items supplied by:
Red Team

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 be thankful for those who serve in the Armed Forces to safeguard these freedoms!!

Toy Request from Katherine George

Gamma Nu Sisters,

The Society of Helping Hands at my church (Redeemer Lutheran) is once again providing toys for Love INC. for Christmas. If you would like to help with this effort, please bring an unwrapped toy to the December meeting of Gamma Nu. Thank you for your help.

Katherine George

Yearbook News!!!

I am excited to report, that our yearbook was sent in last Friday, in order to meet the Early Bird requirements. **Carolyn James and Lori Janick** have been doing the “final proofing” before it is given to our members. There were two things that could only be included after the November meeting, so they will be inserted in the updated copy before it is sent to our members. In order to save money, the yearbook will be sent electronically. When it is completed, you will receive it in an email. New members and members without email addresses will be given a paper copy. You might want to only print pages that are new and add them to your copy from 2014-2015. If you know **Sherry Otahal**, a former member, please give her a special thank you. When she was a member, she set up the format for the yearbook and all I have to do is insert the new information and the pages automatically format in the proper order. This has saved me HOURS of work. Sherry, we will always be indebted to you for this great service you did for our chapter. We continue to thank you each year as we prepare our yearbook.

Cynthia Moore Remembrance

*Many of you remember Cynthia Moore, a longtime member, who is no longer with us. I knew her through my membership in Gamma Nu. Although, I only saw her at our monthly meetings, there is one thing that always impressed me about her. She always reported on current political and educational issues that were important to us as women educators and citizens. If you read the 4th and 7th Purposes of DKG, you will find her reports in keeping with these. BUT what I remember most was her unbiased reporting on what was happening in our state and city. I never knew which side she favored. What a beautiful gift she had to inform our members and be nonpartisan at the same time. I think of her often during election times and wish she was still with us, to keep us updated so that we can be more knowledgeable citizens and women educators. After you have read the **President’s Message**, I hope you will understand why I included this remembrance of Cynthia Moore at this time. This is something I could have pictured her doing. Karen Stephens*



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, October 8, 2015

Call to Order: President Karen Stephens called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. following refreshments and fellowship.

Opening Ceremonies: Kathy Littlefield led members in the Chapter Collect and Margaret Ehlig led the Response.

Welcome: President Stephens thanked all members for attending. She introduced and welcomed Pat Bumpus the new Area 3 coordinator for the 2015-17 biennium. Pat Bumpus brought greetings from Marilyn Gregory.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Correspondence: Kathy Littlefield read the following correspondence.

- Barbara Culp sent a thank you note in appreciation for being honored as an outstanding member and receiving the Chapter Achievement Award.
- Sue Humphrys, Corresponding Secretary for Epsilon Sigma, sent a thank you for the school supplies that were donated to Hitchcock ISD at the Area III Fall Workshop in October 2014.

Treasurer Report: Mona Bonds reported a balance of \$5307.88, including the \$200 that were transferred from the saving account.

President's Report: President Karen Stephens reported on the following.

- Yearbook Update Forms: Karen requested members check the yearbook folder and make any corrections to their information.
- New State President Welcome Reception: Karen Stephens and Kathy Littlefield will attend the Welcome Reception on Friday, October 23, 2015, from 6:30-8:30 at the Houston Racket Club. Karen Stephens, Adela Pirzadeh, Wynona Montgomery and Kay Hill will attend the luncheon on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 11-1. Additionally, this group will help in the set up.
- Election Volunteers: Karen asked if anyone is interested in volunteering for the November 3rd election, please contact her.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership** : Yolanda Irby Smith reported that four nominations were submitted to the Membership Committee. Members reported on each of the nominees.
- **Scholarship:** Pam Ansley left applications for the Grants-in-Aid. Two scholarships will be presented to new teachers with three or less years of experience. Susan Passmore will post the information and application on the Goose Creek CISD website.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- New members vote: Kay Hill reminded members that according to the new Chapter Rules election of new members is by the 4/5 method. Members voted unanimously for the four new members. They are Kristi L. Warren, Mitzi Tull, Billie Brinkley and Ahime Ornelas.

Program:

Yolanda Irby-Smith presented a program "Life Ages and Stages." Elizabeth Roan described the Silent Generation. Adela Pirzadeh characterized the Baby Boomers. Dee Wilson defined Generation X. Nancy Bonds dialogued about Generation Y or Millennials. Yolanda challenged members to think of ways to involve younger members in Gamma Nu.

The information used in the program came from a workshop Yolanda attended at state convention in San Antonio. Dr. Karen Duke provided the research and information at the workshop and for chapter's to use.

Announcements:Thoughts of Others

- Jan Cobb's mother-in-law died. Keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.
- Congratulations to Wynona Montgomery as she attends her 50th High School Reunion.
- Pat Thomas will be attending her 56th High School Reunion. Congratulations!
- Keep Dee Williams in your thoughts and prayers as she will travel to Belize to teach teachers in rural Belize.
- Bruce Davis, Principal of Cedar Bayou, has colon cancer. He is in great spirits after surgery. The Cedar Bayou staff is having a Walk-a-Thon in his honor. Keep him in your prayers.
- Denise Fischer's sister, Linda Reineke Brinkman, passed away.

Announcement

- Next meeting is November 12, 2015. Dress professionally for the Initiation. The Pink Team will provide refreshments. The Red Team will provide raffle items.

October Birthdays

Members sang "Happy Birthday" to Melissa Botkin-1st, Mary Jane Ethridge-2nd, Margaret Ehlig-6th, Mallory Lindon-10th, Willie Terry & Faith Smith-Chew-11th, Carolyn Topfer-17th, Nan Meharg-20th, Lilia Crow & Pattie Maltsberger-23rd, Roseanna Henrichsen 25th, and Adela Pirzadeh-31st.

In the News

Mary Lou Adams, Betty Baca, Kristen Beck, Carol Mitchell, Sandra Bell, Melissa Botkin, Sally Black, Brenda Clem, Alice Henrichsen, Mary Margaret Hooks, Kay Hill, Wynona Montgomery, Susan Passmore and Karen Thomas were in the news.

Raffle

The Yellow Team provided the raffle items. Wynona Montgomery, Susan Passmore, Margaret Ehlig, Barbara Culp, Brenda Hastings-Gongora, Pat Thomas, Adela Pirzadeh and Lilia Crow won the raffle items.

Adjournment

President Karen Stephens adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Members concluded by singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Brenda Hastings-Gongora
Recording Secretary

Karen Stephens
President