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Area 7

The Reporter

International Mission: Delta Kappa Gamma promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education

International Theme: 85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

State Theme: The Heart of the Society is its Members

Chapter Theme: Expanding Our World – Exploring the Possibilities

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President's Message

DKG Has **HEART**

I am continually humbled and honored to be among the many capable and strong leaders we are so fortunate to have in our own Epsilon Kappa chapter ~ past international president, past Mississippi state president, ASTEF founding board director and ASTEF past president Evelyn Barron; ASTEF founding board director and past ASTEF Vice President of Finance and Administration and now TSO Corresponding Secretary Sandi Causey; and past TSO Finance Committee chair Marcia Kirkland, to name a few. Several of our chapter members have also served on various state and international committees. These and many other chapter members continue to serve our chapter well.

Now we have a TSO President in our midst. As you all know, our own Epsilon Kappa sister Marilyn Gregory was recently elected and installed as our new president of the Texas State Organization (TSO) at the 86th TSO Convention in San Antonio. We are all so proud of Marilyn and her significant accomplishments and contributions to DKG International, TSO, and Epsilon Kappa chapter. We know we are in great hands as we move into the 2015-2017 biennium under her vision and leadership.

At the Presidents' Banquet on Saturday night, those present had the unique privilege and opportunity to hear Marilyn present her TSO theme and goals for the biennium. I personally found the theme and goals to be perfectly relevant and refreshing as they remind me of our calling as educators, lifelong learners, and compassionate givers. Marilyn's TSO theme for this biennium is "*The Heart of the Society is its Members*" and is beautifully but simply illustrated with a heart-shaped rose.

Her goals for the biennium are outlined in the acronym **HEART**:

H *Health: to encourage members to practice healthy lifestyles which promote healthier chapters*

E *ducation: to educate members about the importance of membership and encourage them to make an impact on their communities and the world*

A *chievement: to achieve our goals as leaders in our chapters and recognize our accomplishments as key women educators*

R *eflection: to reflect on our heritage as we advance the Society*

T *eamwork: to work as members of a team to strengthen involvement in all levels of the Society*



To me, these goals get to the "heart" of the single but plural element that is so essential to carrying out DKG's mission and purposes ~ its members. Neither DKG's mission nor its purposes could be fulfilled without its members sharing, learning, leading, serving, teaching, and growing ~ together.

Marilyn will be at the chapter meeting on September 10 to expound on these goals and to share more about her vision. You don't want to miss that meeting.

Until then, may your "**heart**" beat stronger than ever.

Earin Martin

Area 7 Has New Coordinator

Laura Packard concluded her biennium as Area 7 Coordinator, and we now have a new coordinator, Carol Young Rose. Carol married on August 1st and is now Carol Rose. Carol was in education for 33 years as a secondary P.E. teacher, coach, and for 23 years a high school counselor. She retired in 2003 and went to work in 2005 for The College Board as an Educational Manager assisting school districts in the state with their Advanced Placement, SAT and PSAT programs. Carol retired from The College Board in 2009 and in the past two years has been working for them as a consultant.

Carol will most likely attend a chapter meeting this coming year or next, and you will all be able to meet her then if you haven't already met her.

Thanks to Laura Packard for providing such tremendous support to all Area 7 chapters during the past biennium. All Area 7 chapters made a contribution to ASTEF in Laura's honor.

By Earin Martin



S.E.E. Project Continues Through Educational Grants

Just as the school year ended, our S.E.E. project garnered a \$4,000 grant from the DKG Educational Foundation. This will be used to finish out classroom sets of STEM books to those mentees that received only half a set of books in either Spanish or English this past school year. Booksource, the publisher we found to provide grade level materials in either language, now has an entire catalog with which to find Spanish books for our bilingual teachers. These books were such a hit not only with the teachers, but also the students, so the committee wanted to complete their sets at the beginning of the school year.

Epsilon Kappa also received an ASTEF grant of \$2,500 at the June TSO Convention in San Antonio. Our mentees were excited to have STEM books in their classes. Yet as students used the books for research, the teachers envisioned a need to expand that enthusiasm with tablets/mini iPads. Several teachers began letting students explore sites with personal devices. Because of these desires, the committee wrote the grant for purchasing tablets/mini iPads this coming year. We were rewarded with one of two of the largest grants given at the convention. We are also waiting to hear from Grande Communications for additional funds to help in this endeavor.

By Marcia Kirkland

Membership Review

Our International President Dr. Lyn Babb Schmid continues her results from a live webinar with GenY/millennials in the summer DKG News. This affects how chapters should look at potential members in the future. The younger group of professionals' remarks about an ideal association can be instructive to us as we seek out new members for our own chapter. They told Dr. Schmid that networking with others is best; they want to become involved with small tasks before taking leadership positions. Dr. Schmid urges present members to mentor the newer ones so as to build strong ties to the Society. Of course for the first generation to not have technology readily available, their preferred method of communication is with those tech tools: email, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, blogs. Despite their ease with mobile devices, there is still a wish for meaningful face-to-face conversation. When asked to describe DKG, the younger educators saw the Society as traditional, supportive, inclusive, and inspirational. Thus, as we search for new members, we need to provide a positive, meaningful experience through our programs and projects and fellowship.

By Bernadine Eaton

Membership Happenings

Hats off to Mary Louise Poolman for her outstanding leadership and team building efforts as Membership chair for Epsilon Kappa. I am delighted to step into her position to finish this biennium.

Orientation is our kickoff event of the year on Sept. 13, 2015 at Kim Thonhoff's home. If you are sponsoring a new initiate, please plan to attend. Even if you have not sponsored a potential member, consider attending to share your Epsilon Kappa commitment to key women educators and let the initiates know what Epsilon Kappa means to you. Membership Committee members, please save the date to be at Orientation. All are welcome!!! Please RSVP to Earin Martin that you plan to attend Orientation so we have a head count. We need to mentor our new members just as we do our S.E.E. participants.

If you are sponsoring an initiate and cannot attend Orientation, please find a replacement to go with your Initiate on Sept.13. When possible plan to go together both to Orientation and Initiation.

Lunch Bunch became Brunch Bunch during the heat of the summer and will resume in September. Any takers to organize this event for 2015-2016? It is a fun way to get to know your sisters and have a ladies day out. It is great going to restaurants you may have never been to before.

Book Lovers has had a wonderful time as a small group sharing a book of their choosing and want to continue and grow. Maybe some of our chapter members who are librarians will help us create a "books-not-to-miss list" for all of us to enjoy, so that we can have an evening of small groups of Book Lovers--toward the end of the year. I know with our group some of us will read them all!!

Happy Hugs to all of you.

By Pam Kelly

Life Milestones

At the Texas State Organization's 86th State Convention in San Antonio in June, Elizabeth Newell was honored with the prestigious Golden Rose Award. This pin is given to those who have given years of service at the state level through workshop participation, committee work and attendance at Delta Kappa Gamma conventions. The pin presented was a legacy pin from Dr. Natalie Barraga.

Also at the Convention, our own Marilyn Gregory was officially elected State President, and Sandi Causey, Corresponding Secretary. We are proud that they will lead the state for the next two years.

Brooks William Jistel was born at 5:26 am on Monday, June 1 to Epsilon Kappa member Julie Jistel and her husband, Jared. Brooks weighed in at 5 lbs 7 oz and measured 17 and 3/4 inches long. At six weeks old, Brooks loves to eat and enjoys bath time. He will happily listen to his mommy sing a song or read a story to him. Brooks is well loved by many friends and family members, including his very own Golden Retriever, Wrigley. Although Julie and Jared admit that being parents has already proven to be an incredibly challenging task, they also feel privileged to be blessed with such an overwhelming love for their sweet little one. Welcome to the world, Brooks!

News from the Grandparent rolls:

Henry Thomas Anderson was born on June 4. He has a big sister, Sydney. He is the newest grandson for Bernadine Eaton.

Raimund Hugo Thonhoff was born on July 1. He joins a big brother, Roland. He is the second grandson for Kim Thonhoff.

By Bernadine Eaton

Reflections on the 86th DKG Alpha State Convention

Nestled a block or two from the Alamo and right on the river walk, the San Antonio convention at the Grand Hyatt was a vacation in itself! If you did not attend, you missed a fabulous experience at the TSO (Texas State Organization) 86th Convention.

Sharing the vision were 1,020 attendees including 14 Epsilon Kappa sisters. From humorous speakers like North Carolina teacher Angie Ruffin, to serious break-out messages such as from Tim Lee, the Executive Director of TRTA, much information was imparted. He stressed the importance of getting all active and retired educators to vote in all elections, including primaries, in order to protect the Teacher Retirement System in the future for current active teachers. His main message was to spread the word to raise educator voices, so Vote, Vote, Vote!

One favorite breakout session was titled “Women App-dicted.” Participants were enlightened about a wealth of FREE riches on the internet, some of which will be listed in the closing of this article. Almost all of the breakout session handouts are available on the Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha State website, but for life-long learners, there is nothing better than learning new information first hand at the conference.

Another treat at the convention was witnessing the election and installation of our very own Marilyn Gregory as the new President of Alpha State. We could not be more proud or in any better hands for the next biennium. Her vision and goals are truly “heartfelt” and are outlined for the Epsilon Kappa chapter in Earin’s *President’s Message* in this newsletter. And Sandi Causey was elected and installed as TSO’s Corresponding Secretary. Congratulations, Marilyn and Sandi! Last, but not least, our own Elizabeth Newell received an Alpha State Golden Rose award at the Birthday Luncheon. You can read more about that in *Life Milestones*.

Before closing this convention reflection with the below listed sampling of websites or free apps to explore, I would like to encourage everyone to mark their calendars for June 23-26, 2016, and plan now to attend the 87th TSO Convention in Frisco (north of Dallas) next summer. Meanwhile, check out and enjoy the following:

1. www.ted.com -1,700 short (3-18 min.) videos on a variety of very interesting topics. For classroom ideas, check out ed.ted.com, where 126,440 lessons have already been created.
2. For you shop-o-holics, check out apps like **GeoQpons**, **Redlaser** (finds sales), or **Shopular** (which shows you all of the coupons in the daily newspapers)
3. Wondering about the weather? Check out **MyRadar**, or **Accuweather**.
4. For you home makers, try the **BigOven** app for recipes, or Houzz for home ideas.
5. If you want some interesting reading material, try **Bookbub**, or for a daily devotional, try **Bible+1** (King James version).
6. For classroom or seminar group input, try enrolling your attendees/students on their smart phones or iPads in **padlet.com**- a great tool for collecting a collaboration of ideas such as prior knowledge, or use **getkahoot.com** - a game-based way to quiz your group.
7. A quick way to create a 1-page electronic newsletter with a graphic is to use **tackk.com**.
8. Turn your smart phone into a walkie talkie for team communication. Go to **voxer.com** for more info.
9. For note taking, try **evernote.com**, and for quick announcements to an established group, try using **dashboard.remind.com**.
10. Try the app **pic-collage**, or check it out at **pic-collage.com** to use photos, sticker, frames, and text to create creative and free collages.

By Debbie Sansom

Food for Thought

Hot Chicken Salad

Servings: 8

- 1 1/2 cups croutons
- 3 cups diced chicken
- 1 1/2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds
- 2 cups diced celery
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 1/4 cups mayonnaise
- 1 small package potato chips



Image from Creative Commons

Combine all ingredients except chips. Mix well. Pour into large baking dish. Top with crushed potato chips. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

Stewed Tomato Salad

A “sweet” tomato aspic that is easy to make and quite tasty; goes well with the hot chicken salad

Servings: 6

- 1 small box orange Jello
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 can stewed tomatoes

Dissolve gelatin in water. Stir in tomatoes. Pour into shallow glass dish or individual molds and refrigerate until set.

Serve on lettuce with a dab of mayonnaise.



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By Evelyn Barron

Epsilon Kappa Receives TSO Awards

At the 86th Texas State Organization (TSO) convention in San Antonio, your Epsilon Kappa chapter received the following awards and recognitions. Congratulations to all members for these special achievements!

- **Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund Contributing Chapter**
- **TSO Certified Chapter Website** (special congratulations to Kathy Mihalik!)
- **Five-Star Newsletter** (awarded to chapters which submit a minimum of five newsletters that meet guidelines for format and consist of two full pages of pertinent chapter news; special congratulations to Diane Sidoroff, Bernadine Eaton, and Mary Louise Poolman)
- **Seal of Merit Award** (bonus designation awarded to Five Star Newsletters that meet additional criteria for consistency and content – see below; special congratulations to Diane Sidoroff, Bernadine Eaton, Mary Louise Poolman, and to all members who have contributed articles over the past two years)
- **Exemplary Yearbook** (awarded for yearbooks that meet certain guidelines; special congratulations to Evelyn Barron and members of the Yearbook committee)
- **Early Bird Award** (awarded for yearbooks submitted by November 1; congratulations again to Evelyn)
- **Annie Award for Outstanding Program** (special congratulations to Deb A-T for helping to design and provide a participative program and to Charlotte Brown for developing the Annie Board)
- **PACE** (Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence)
- **ASTEF Contributor – Friend Level/Chapter Builder Level**

There were only 34 *Seals of Merit* awarded for chapter newsletters. The TSO Communications and Publicity Committee looks for newsletters that:

Educate (total of 10 articles over two years; must have a by-line)

- by writing two articles about the Society
- by writing two articles about the Chapter
- by writing two articles about professional issues
- by writing two articles about women's issues
- by writing two articles about human interest stories

Inspire

- earned Five Star status for the 2013-2014 year
- to achieve Five Star status for the 2014-2015 year
- to consistently contain no omissions in the Required Heading Elements
- to consistently include more than two full pages
- to format the newsletter in a professional manner

Encourage

- promoting the state theme, projects, and conventions
- promoting the international theme, projects, and conventions
- promoting chapter and area activities
- promoting the use of photos

“I Am Only One”

“I Am Only One”

Submitted by Earin Martin

Read the following quotation with all the lines justified to the left.

**I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.**

These simple words are very meaningful. But I noticed something when I centered each line rather than lining up all lines to the left. Each subsequent line is slightly longer than the previous line, building a *pyramid* of sorts. Now read it again.

**I am only one,
But still I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But still I can do something;
And because I cannot do everything,
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.**

Hmmmm. Seems to have even more meaning for me now ~ gives me a sense of conviction. How about you?

“I Am Only One” by Edward Everett Hale, 1822 - 1909

The Book of Good Cheer: A Little Bundle of Cheery Thoughts (1909) by Edwin Osgood Grover, p. 28; also in *Masterpieces of Religious Verse* (1948) by James Dalton Morrison, p. 416, where it is titled "Lend a Hand"

According to Wikiquote, this quote is often misattributed to Helen Keller since at least 1980, perhaps because she quoted it in some published works.

https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Edward_Everett_Hale

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ASTEFL's Piggy Posse is a Great Success

Sixty-three attractively decorated piggy banks made their way across Texas last year in pursuit of donations for ASTEF. Four of those pigs were regular attendees at Epsilon Kappa meetings, and you fed them well. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Grateful ASTEF Directors are proud to announce that the Piggy Posse Campaign raised a total of **\$20,081.68** for ASTEF projects. "Miss Teffie," owned by Area 4 coordinator Betty Hill, was crowned **Grand Champion**, weighing in at \$1,751.68. "Winner," nurtured by *Lone Star News* editor/photographer Carol McMillan, was **Reserve Grand Champion**, weighing in at \$1,157.00.



Twenty selected ASTEF pigs were put into a silent auction at state convention. Each pig came with a \$25 gift card, and one pig also had a special surprise – a crisp \$100 bill. Epsilon Kappa's Elizabeth Newell won Evelyn Barron's pig, Rosie, along with the \$100 bill!

Epsilon Kappa's President Elected ASTEF VP

Dr. Earin Martin has been elected ASTEF Vice-President of Finance and Administration for the 2015-2017 biennium, succeeding Sandi Causey in that position. New ASTEF officers were elected by the Board of Directors at their convention Board meeting in San Antonio.

Both Sandi Causey and Evelyn Barron continue as ASTEF Directors this biennium. Evelyn completed her term as President of ASTEF this year. In addition, Marilyn Gregory – as TSO President – will serve as an ASTEF Director ex officio for 2015-2017.

By Evelyn Barron



Epsilon Kappa Participated in TSO's First Techno Expo

This year, at the 2015 Texas State Organization (TSO) Convention, the information sessions were structured as the Techno Expo. This new format enabled members from around the state to engage with other members to learn about various chapter activities that align with the Society's mission and goals.

Our chapter had an opportunity to present at the 2015 Techno Expo. Marcia and Bernadine presented information about our S.E.E. project and status of our ASTEF grants. Teachers in the audience asked questions about the STEM materials that our chapter is providing to local schools for first and second year teachers. Earin and I described our chapter's process in developing our new chapter website using the Weebly online interface.

Our chapter's Homeless Education yearlong program was also presented by Earin during this TSO Techno Expo. Earin used our website to provide links on implementation of this project over the last year and showed pictures of all the useful items that our members provided. She included links to the state Homeless Education office and a letter of thanks from the district receiving our donations. Our chapter was awarded the 2015 Annie Award for the Homeless Education project at the TSO Convention.

We are grateful to be able to share our Annie Award winning Homeless Education program, ASTEF and the successful SEE program, and our new website with this statewide audience at the 2015 TSO Convention of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

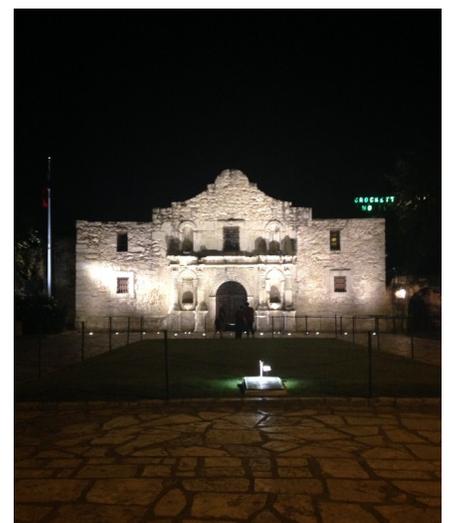
Submitted by Kathy Mihalik



It was a great surprise to Elizabeth Newell when she first learned she had received Alpha State's Golden Rose Award at the TSO Convention

TSO Convention

Fourteen Epsilon Kappa members attended the July TSO convention in San Antonio. Pictured are Mary Louise Poolman, Debbie Sansom, Deb Acevedo-Tamminga, Sandi Causey, Cheryl Lane, Earin Martin, Marcia Kirkland, Marilyn Gregory, Evelyn Barron, former chapter member Linda Eller (now living in Tennessee), Elizabeth Newell, Bernadine Eaton, Charlotte Brown, and Jo Watts. Kathy Mihalik attended the first days of the convention



Epsilon Kappa member Cheryl Lane took this beautiful photo of the Alamo as she was returning to her hotel from the Grand Hyatt during TSO Convention in San Antonio

News Eye on the Web...And Beyond

Summertime means relaxing and not reporting much about educational matters in news organizations. However, there is a very important 'conversation' going on in Congress that will affect how money is spent and if programs are kept or eliminated. From the links provided in The Opening Bell from the NEA, we can be well informed about daily work in Washington. The House has already passed its version of the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) and sent it to the Senate which continues to debate many items. Already voted down was an amendment for states to opt out of the plan. One new provision has addressed bullying. A major concern is the ongoing debate about Title I funds. By the end of the summer there may be changes that will impact all school districts. Some very good up-to-the-minute websites that deal directly with Congressional debates are Education Week, Roll Call, and The Hill. Take time to find out what happens.

Another interesting debate recently reported from the State Board of Education revolves around the new version of the GED test. Many people are concerned that the computer-based test now has such items as factoring polynomials and graphing plus writing a comparison of the preamble of the US Constitution with FDR's first inaugural speech. While more rigorous, the fact that test-takers must type quickly may be one of the reasons for higher failure rates.

The July/August 2015 *DKG News* has been published online (www.dkg.org). Please note that on page 7 our very own S.E.E. project is listed in the newly funded projects from the Educational Foundation. We are very excited about the grant that will supply more STEM books to our mentees.

Check for updates on International, State, or Epsilon Kappa websites beginning in August or early September. TSO convention handouts and the Southwest Regional handouts are available now. Photos appear on all sites and permissions are given to download as needed. There will be some very special ones on our website; keep looking for them.

By Bernadine Eaton



Marilyn Gregory accepting her charge as TSO's new president

Evelyn Barron Day, as she "retires" after serving her two year term as ASTEF President



Eye on Educational Excellence



Thursday, September 10 we'll gather at 6 p.m. at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired to hear about legislation results impacting education; take a look at our accomplishments for the past year; hear about this year's chapter focus; and receive a first-hand report from our new TSO President, Marilyn Gregory, on her theme and goals for the 2015-2017 biennium. We will also have some time for chapter committees to meet and discuss planned program topics.



CPE Save this date: Saturday, September 26, 2015, 9 a.m. to Noon. A **Project-Based Learning** workshop will be held at Travis Heights Elementary School, 2010 Alameda Drive, Austin.

Carroll Taggart, Gifted Education Coordinator, Hudson Bend Middle School, Lake Travis ISD, will offer a 3-hour workshop on Project-Based Learning/Problem-Based Learning for those of you interested in learning more on the topic. The workshop fee is \$5.00 for those wanting CPE credit; otherwise, it is free. Members and non-members are invited to attend. A flyer is being sent to area schools to open the invitation to everyone. Register in advance by emailing Deb Acevedo-Tamminga at debatamm03@gmail.com, or signup on the day of the workshop for the CPE credit.

By Deb Acevedo-Tamminga

Regional Conferences



At the Southwest Regional conference, Evelyn Barron, Sandi Causey, Marilyn Gregory, Marcia Kirkland and Bernadine Eaton in Wichita, KS



Epsilon Kappa Members Evelyn Barron, Marcia Kirkland, and Sandi Causey pictured with Dr Annie Blanton at the Southeast Regional conference in Savannah, GA



YOU ARE INVITED!



Three-Hour Workshop for 3 CPE Credit Hours

Project-Based Learning

Saturday, September 26, 2015, 9 a.m. – 12 noon
Travis Heights Elementary School
2010 Alameda Drive, Austin

**Hosted by Epsilon Kappa Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG)**

Carroll Taggart, Gifted Education Coordinator at Hudson Bend Middle School, Lake Travis ISD, will introduce you to the definition of Project-Based Learning; help you to explore reasons for using PBL in your classes; and provide you with resources for using PBL in your classroom.

Videos will be used to show students working on a PBL unit. You will also experience first-hand a PBL unit designed to help develop confidence in bringing PBL to your classroom.

A question and answer session will conclude the workshop.

DKG members and non-member educators are invited to attend!

Share with your friends and co-workers!

Payable at the Door: \$5.00 cash or check made payable to Epsilon Kappa
if you wish to earn CPE credit.

Free if you don't need to earn CPE credit.

Please email Deb Acevedo-Tamminga, debatamm03@gmail.com, if you are interested in attending. Please let Deb know if you will need CPE credit.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG) is a professional honor society of key women educators that promotes professional and personal growth. Membership in DKG adds value to your professional career as an educator and to your personal growth as a woman.

Interested in becoming a member? Contact Pam Kelly at pammkelly@gmail.com



Looking Ahead**AUGUST 2015**

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- Aug. 1 – Sep. 1 – Fine Arts Gallery submissions open <https://www.dkg.org/category/committees/arts-and-humanities-jury>
- Sept. 1 - Deadline for submitting Application for Lucille Cornet Professional Development Award <http://www.dkgef.org/awards.html>
- Sept. 7 - Labor Day
- Sept. 10 - EK Chapter Meeting, Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 1100 W. 45th St., 6:00 p.m. Barraga Room
- Sept. 13 – New Member Prospect Orientation, 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 26 - EK CPE Workshop, Project-Based Learning, Travis Heights Elem. School Cafeteria 2010 Alameda Drive 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Members and non-members invited!

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Reserve the following dates on your calendar for chapter meetings and make plans to attend.

Thursday, September 10, 2015	6:00 p.m.	Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI), Barraga Room
Monday, October 5, 2015	6:00 p.m.	DKG International Headquarters
Tuesday, November 3, 2015	6:00 p.m.	TSBVI
Saturday, December 5, 2015	10:00 a.m.	Hilda Diaz' Home
Saturday, January 23, 2016	10:00 a.m.	Marilyn Gregory's home (Exec. Bd., Comm. Chairs, and EEC) – No regular chapter mtg.
Saturday, February 6, 2016	11:00 a.m.	Marie Callender's Restaurant
Monday, March 7, 2016	6:00 p.m.	TSBVI
Saturday, April 9, 2016	10:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Newell's Home
Monday, September 12, 2016	6:00 p.m.	TSBVI
Monday, October 3, 2016	6:00 p.m.	DKG International Headquarters

Give yourself the gift of time to attend meetings. If you are unable to attend every meeting, try to attend at least one meeting in the Fall and at least one in the Spring. You will benefit greatly from the fellowship and personal/professional growth.



Newsletter Information

Please submit your articles and highlights for our next Chapter newsletter on or before Friday, September 18. You can send your submissions by email to Diane Sidoroff at diane.sidoroff@gmail.com or to Earin Martin at grantsmanagement101@gmail.com.

During this year, members may be asked to submit articles about their reflections of meetings or other DKG activities. We want to involve as many people as possible to highlight the diversity of our chapter. Also, let us know about your Life Milestones, whether you have attended a meeting or not. News is always appreciated.

Please contact Marcia Kirkland if you wish to receive a printed copy of the newsletter, though we are trying to “go green” and send most by e-mail. Thanks, Marcia, for your help with communications!

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Let's Celebrate!

Here is a list of birthdays to celebrate in August and September:

Gene Nelson Jones	08-02	Debbie Sansom	08-28
Maurine Atwood	08-02	Julia Mellenbruch	09-04
Fran E Moore	08-03	Georgia Clegg	09-15
Forrest Hancock	08-08	Helen Forbes	09-24
Carolyn H Wilson	08-12	Eva J Ornelas	09-25
Carole Deuser	08-18	Kaye Dunn	09-28
Cheryl Lane	08-23		



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