

*The Delta Kappa
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The Reporter

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

International Theme: DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

State Theme: YOU are the key

Chapter Theme: Women Educators ... inspire and be inspired

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Spring / Summer 2020

President's Message

The current events with the coronavirus have us all unsettled. It is important that we follow the guidelines of the imposed "Stay at Home" orders by the State of Texas, Travis, Williamson and Hays counties. Of course, hand washing is of very high importance and wearing mask if you need to go out.

Please use the official government and CDC websites for updates, rather than forwarding social media posts.

- Use your time to contact the older members of our chapter. Make sure that they have the supplies, food, etc., that they need to take care of themselves so they don't have to make trips to the store.
- Use this time to be with and support your families so they can work either from home or in essential services.
- Start your Spring Cleaning.
- Bring out some of those projects you have been meaning to get to.
- See if any of our actively teaching members have any requests for assistance.

Examples: guest speaker via Zoom, how to make your own musical instruments or an art lesson, innovative methods for students with special needs, or reading a story. The possibilities are endless.

- Write notes to family members, military service members, older folks in assisted living. By the way, I talked to Phyllis Richards on her 100th birthday. She loved the cards everyone sent to her.

A bit of Inspiration....

Strong relationships are built upon time-honored values and taught to each generation.

The African word SANCOFA describes that concept of deliberately teaching each generation. It symbolizes taking from the past what is good and bringing it into the present in order to make positive progress through the benevolent use of knowledge. I encourage you to investigate the deeper meaning of the word.

Let us reflect on the past to build a successful future.

Wishing you all mild or no symptoms and some happy times with family.

Kathy Mihalik



Area 7 Workshop at Concordia University on Saturday, August 29th.



Our Area 7 Workshop is designed for all members to enjoy. It is a necessary training for officers and committee chairs, but also an enrichment and fellowship time for others.

We will need a “come-together” time, I expect, after all this social distancing. This year our Area Workshop takes on additional importance as we begin a new year with new officers.

Concordia University is a very peaceful campus setting with great meeting rooms and plentiful technology for our sessions.

Registration fee is \$15.00 to be sent by June 15th and a \$20.00 fee at the door. The registration fee is not refundable, but substitutions will be allowed.

The price includes a light breakfast prepared by the Concordia Food Service to be served at 8:45 to 9:15. I think you will enjoy having food catered.

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer for the workshop and registration form. **Please send your registration form and workshop fees to Marcia Kirkland by June 15th.**



Message from our International President

There have been many questions regarding the status of the international convention and the business that is slated to occur at that event. No decision will be made on the status of the convention until after the Administrative Board meets in the middle of May and probably not until the first of June. We cannot predict at this time where we will be with this pandemic until we give time to the call to distance ourselves socially. When a decision is made by your Administrative Board, you can rest assured that the health and safety of our members will be in the forefront of that decision. It is my continuing hope that there will be a convention and to that end I am preparing for it. Additionally, along with the AB members contingency plans are being developed that will address the international elections and other required business to keep the Society moving forward with the start of the 2020-2022 biennium.

I ask for your patience and your support as we all work together to persevere and be stronger at the end of the situation we now face. I'm here for you!

Cathy P. Daugherty | International President

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The print version of **Lone Star News** has arrived in your mail and is full of information. It is also available at <https://www.dkgtexas.org/>

May 2, 2020—Williamson County Founders Day Luncheon (CANCELLED)

June 17-19, 2020 — McAllen Convention

Read all the details in the Lone Star News, including a registration form (postmarked May 15th to avoid a late fee). Have you made your plans? Mc Allen, Texas, Mc Allen Convention Center.

July 7 -11—The International Convention is in Philadelphia PA. See the ad in the Lone Star News about the Bluebonnet Bash, Wed July 8th. That is a time for all Texans to meet up!

Chapter Dues

It's that time again --- collection of Epsilon Kappa chapter dues....still \$90!
Please always feel free to add a tax-deductible donation to our Epsilon Kappa foundation.

Each member can choose one of three methods to send the money to Marcia Kirkland:

- 1) Mail a check made out to Epsilon Kappa directly to Marcia Kirkland along with the dues form.
- 2) Use PayPal by the following method:
Send money to a friend
ebarron106@aol.com
- 3) A new method....using Venmo --- thanks to Linda Holt's being patient and encouraging me to learn this new easy way of exchanging funds.

You can find me if you would like to pay using your venmo app by using:

Username Marcia-Kirkland-2.....or
Email fhollandhaven@aol.com

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about paying your dues at this time. I have already been contacted by a couple of members and we will handle all individual problems....no Epsilon Kappa friend should have to worry about paying dues at this time --- but please be sure to contact me.



EPSILON KAPPA CHAPTER DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS 2020 - 2021

Name _____ Phone _____ home cell

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

ACTIVE MEMBER DUES: \$ 90

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS:

EPSILON KAPPA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (tax deductible)

Each member contributing at least \$50 will be recognized as a **Sustaining Donor**.

Phyllis Richards Endowed Leadership Fund \$ _____

Chapter Foundation Projects / SEE Project \$ _____

Make check payable to EPSILON KAPPA. Grand Total \$ _____

Mail by **May 29** to Marcia Kirkland, 12314 W. Cow Path, Austin, TX 78727 (phone 512.250.2026)

→ Contribution forms for state and international funds may be found in the **Forms** section of the respective websites (www.dkgtx.org and www.dkg.org).

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Newsletter Information

Please submit your articles and highlights for our next Chapter newsletter on or before Friday, August 14. You can send your submissions by email to Diane Sidoroff at diane.sidoroff@gmail.com or to Kathy Mihalik at kmihalik@airmail.net

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!

Let's Celebrate!

Here is a list of birthdays to celebrate in April, May, June, and July:

April

- 13 – Cindy Gruner
- 14 – Margie Kincer
- 14 – Barbara Braden
- 21 – Aggie Jones
- 26 – Norma Jost
- 27 – Marcia Kirkland

May

- 7 – Leila Dumas
- 20 – Debra Aceves
- 26 – Glenda Ballard
- 27 – Elizabeth Newell
- 27 – Sherri Greenberg

June

- 6 – Melissa Saldana
- 6 – Judy Wallace
- 10 – Linda Holt
- 13 – Charlotte Brown
- 24 – Kathy Dixon
- 24 – Kim Thonhoff
- 30 – Cara Hamlin

July

- 1 – Yvette Cardenas
- 6 – Earin Martin
- 13 – Mary Ortiz Boland
- 15 – Carmen Ferrer-McCluskey
- 16 – Marion Coffee Carney
- 19 – Diane Sidoroff

