



# LAMBDA GAMMA GAZETTE



## Vision Statement:

**Leading women  
educators  
impacting education  
worldwide**

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## Mission Statement:

**The Delta Kappa Gamma  
Society International  
promotes professional and  
personal growth of women  
educators and excellence  
in education.**



## President's Message

Dear LG Sisters!

I have missed your smiling faces! It seems like forever since we've seen one another. Thanks to Sue Bathe for stepping up and taking the presidency for next year since I am now living in Kirbyville, TX. I won't lie-it's a bit of an adjustment. The house is A LOT smaller, very outdated and there is NO storage. However, I have almost 15 acres to play on! And we are working on getting a chicken coop and getting some livestock. The biggest plus so far-NO HOUSTON TRAFFIC!

Since we were unable to meet in February, let's try the Dessert fundraiser again. Martha has put all the details for the dessert auction in the newsletter. We **WILL** be meeting in person at Crossbridge at 5 pm for anyone who wants to attend in person. The zoom meeting will begin at 6.

I would love to see each of you at the meeting on April 20. I am planning on traveling to Houston to attend in person at this point. It is so nice when we are able to see each other in the flesh. Remember, we do a potluck for those attending in person, so please bring a dish of whatever you want to bring, and a dessert for the auction.

Please put May 18 on your calendar! It will be our final meeting for the 2020-2021 school year and we will be giving out our awards at that time. Location TBD.

Spring is a time for new beginning, new growth, and new horizons. As we begin this spring season, I hope you are well fed-both physically and spiritually and well loved. Looking forward to seeing you all on April 20 at Crossbridge.

Mary Smith

## APRIL MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 20th  
**TIME:** 5:00 P.M. in person (dinner and social time)  
6:00-Program & Meeting live-streamed on Zoom

**LOCATION:** Crossbridge Christian Church  
15415 West Road (off Hwy. 6)  
Houston, TX 77095

**PROGRAM:** Coaching Teachers in Elementary Schools

**PRESENTERS:** Amanda Cargill and Mona Macias

**DINNER:** Pot Luck – Everyone bring a dish of food

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Martha Steele

**GRANT-IN-AID DOORPRIZE:** Dessert Auction

**FUNDRAISER:** Dessert Auction – Proceeds go to our Grant-in-Aid Fund to be awarded to first-year teachers

**BRING:** A dessert, OR a gift card from a bakery; and your checkbooks or cash for the Auction; and a dish of food for the Pot Luck dinner

### \$\$\$\$ DUES ARE DUE!! \$\$\$\$

**Membership dues for 2021-22 are \$85, and are due now! Bring your check to the April meeting or mail it to our treasurer, Betty Hanlon, 5038 Wigton, Houston, 77096. Deadline: May 1st. Make your check payable to "Lambda Gamma."**

**If you are not able to attend the meeting, you, may write one check for your dues and Grant donation. Please note that on the Memo of the check & make the check payable to "Lambda Gamma".**

## OUR PRESENTERS:

**Mona Macias:** "I am honored to serve as the PreK-5 Language Arts/Social Studies Instructional Coach at Pattison Elementary in KISD. This year marks my fourth year as an IC at Pattison, my eighth year as an IC in KISD, and my twenty-fifth year as a KISD educator. As an ELA Instructional Coach, I work and learn alongside students and teachers to support a community committed to literacy. With the presentation, I hope to share insights about my role as an IC on a campus.

- Mona

**Amanda Cargill:** "I am so thrilled to be serving my first year this year in the role of Primary Instructional Specialist at Lieder Elementary in Cypress Fairbanks ISD. I have taught 2nd-4th grade and dyslexia over the past decade and have my Master's Degree in Literacy. I love helping teachers figure out how to best help their students and look forward to sharing with Mona a bit about what that looks like!!

Amanda

**NOTE: Both Amanda and Mona will be presenting IN-PERSON at the meeting. We will live-stream their presentation on Zoom at 6:00 for those who wish to watch on Zoom from home.**

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"...working alongside students and teachers to support a community committed to literacy."

**If you prefer to attend the meeting virtually by Zoom, here is the log-in information:**

Mary Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: DKG April Meeting

Time: Apr 20, 2021 05:30 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98984243930?pwd=RUFsNnUybmkraFZMQ0JlRjlYZVpFdz09>

Meeting ID: 989 8424 3930

Passcode: 787729

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*We have no March or April Birthdays to celebrate among our Lambda Gamma sisters.*

*Hoping everyone enjoyed a*

*☘ Happy St. Patrick's Day ☘*

*Happy Spring Break and a*

*Happy Easter!*



**There are no Minutes because the February meeting was cancelled due to the Ice Storm Uri.**

**Lambda Gamma  
Treasurer Report  
As of March 31, 2021**

For the 2 months Feb and March, 2021

	Jan Balance	Receipts	(Disbursements)	Mar Balance
General Funds/ Chapter Dues reimb travel/ state convention reimbursement trans to state: Active 61 * 0 = 0 Reserve 0*28= 0 initiation 0*5=0 Crossbridge Christian Church  Total General funds	1,204.14	-	-	1,204.14
State/Int'l Dues & Scholarship fees	-	-	-	-
ASTE F Honors Fees	-	-	-	-
Grant-in-aid auction  total Grant-in-aid	788.66	-	-	788.66
Area 18 Workshop	-	-	-	-
Totals	1,992.80	-	-	1,992.80

Betty Hanlon  
Treasurer  
Prep 4.6.2021



## What is the Grant-in-Aid Award?

The Lambda Gamma grant-in-aid is a monetary award given annually to one or more teachers in her first year of employment as an educator. The recipient of the award is not a current member of DKG. This year will be the 27<sup>th</sup> year the award has been given. From 1993 to 2018 our chapter awarded the grant each year in May to a high school senior who was enrolled to begin in a college program as an education major in the summer or fall of that year. In 2019 Lambda Gamma members voted to change the award to be given instead to a beginning teacher in her first year in the classroom to get her classroom started, to assist with purchasing classroom supplies, books, teaching materials, or to pay for continuing education classes or workshops. In the fall of even-numbered years we offer applications to first year teachers in Cy-Fair ISD; and in odd-numbered years we offer applications to beginning teachers employed in Katy ISD. The Grant-in-Aid committee disseminates grant information and applications to principals, receives and reviews the applications from the new teachers, selects the grant recipient(s) and presents the award(s).

Donations to the Grant-in-Aid fund mainly come from the Door Prize Raffle held at each monthly meeting and the **Annual Dessert Auction** traditionally held in February. Other donations to the Grant fund in honor or memory of a loved one or friend are always welcome. To sustain this fund, we are in critical need of other fundraising projects. Ideas? Bring your ideas to the meeting!

**Let's make this year's Dessert Auction a big success so that we can support several beginning teachers with a generous grant in September!**

### **UPDATE FROM THE GRANT-IN-AID COMMITTEE:**

The wheels are already in motion for the 2021 Grant Project. Every principal in Katy ISD has been contacted with a letter emailed to them in February which acquaints them with the "Grant for First-Year Teachers" that Lambda Gamma will be offering in the Fall. In early August we will send another email communication to each Katy ISD principal that will include the Grant Application form. The letter requests that the principals make the application available to the first-year teachers on their staff. It will be the teachers' responsibility to complete the application and return it to our Grant Committee by September 1, 2021, if they wish to be considered to receive a monetary grant from Lambda Gamma. The number of grants and amount of each grant will depend on our Grant fund total and the recommendation of the Grant Committee.

### **Inspirational Quotes for April**

*A man has made at least a start on discovering the meaning of human life when he plants a shade tree under which he knows full well he will never sit. –D.E. Trueblood*

*Wisdom is knowing what to do next; skill is knowing how to do it; and virtue is doing it. –Charles Kettering*

*What is easy is seldom excellent. – Samuel Johnson*



LOOKING AHEAD. . . .

## CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2020-21

<b>April 20</b>	5:15 PM – Crossbridge Christian Church	Program: Coaching Teachers in Elem. Schools Presenters: Mona Macias and Amanda Cargill Fundraiser: Dessert Auction
<b>May 18</b>	5:15 PM – Pappy’s Cafe 12313 Katy Fwy. at Dairy Ashford Houston 77079	Program: >Chapter Awards >Celebration of Lambda Gamma’s 40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday



## TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION



**92<sup>nd</sup> Annual TSO Convention - Denton – June 17-19, 2021**  
Denton Convention Center and Embassy Suites Hotel

It’s not too late to register! Sue Bathe will be attending, has a hotel room reserved, and needs a roommate!!. Go to [dkgtxas.org](http://dkgtxas.org) to register and read all about the Workshops, Breakout sessions, CPU’s, Art Exhibits, Entertainment, Auctions, DKG business, Election of State officers, Brunch, Banquet, Vendors and Shopping, Sightseeing, New Friends, Awards, Excellent Keynote Speakers- (Johnny Quinn, former Olympic Bobsledder and professional football player)



## DKG INTERNATIONAL



### 2021 International Conference July 7-10, 2021 in Portland, Oregon.

This conference will feature pre-conference tours of Mt. St. Helens volcano, Multnomah Falls, Mt. Hood and fruit and wine country and a trip to the early settlement of Lewis and Clark near Astoria. The conference will have workshops, training, luncheons, fun and new international friends!

### 2021 International Conference July 21-24, 2021 San Antonio, Texas.

Just down I-10 in San Antonio, this conference will be at the RiverCenter Marriott hotel on the picturesque River Walk!! Featured will be special speakers including Diana Phillips from DKG Quebec; Wendy Gates Corbett, author and international speaker and Becky Sandowski, DKG International President. Also, general sessions, forums, panel discussions, workshops, campfire sessions and the MarketPlace with vendors! Did I hear “shopping?” And delicious food? YES of course!

### 2022 International Convention July 12-16, 2022 New Orleans, LA –

Fun times in NOLA! Let’s go!!!

## “SHARING LOVE WITH THE OWENS JACKRABBITS”

Several members of Lambda Gamma have written and submitted an application to ASTEF (Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation) for a \$1600 Project Stipend to help fund our service projects for the students and teachers at our adopted school, Owens Elementary School. As you recall, we joined Crossbridge Church last year in adopting Owens, and had a very successful “Shoe Drive” collecting shoes for the Owens students last Christmas. If we are awarded this stipend, we will have funds to continue and expand the ways we serve Owens students and teachers.

The proposed project is entitled, “Sharing Love with the Owens Jackrabbits.” In the Project Stipend application we outlined five ways we plan to use the funds, **IF** we are awarded the Stipend. The five proposed projects are to purchase and donate: 1) **Shoes** for the economically disadvantaged Owens students, 2) **School supplies** for the students, 3) **Books** for the students through purchase of Scholastic E-Gift Cards, 4) **Restaurant Gift Cards** for Owens Teachers, and 5) **Treats** with messages of encouragement for the teachers. If we are awarded all or part of the stipend we have requested, we’ll have the funds to do some wonderful charitable service projects for the students and teachers at Owens! So get ready to roll up your sleeves because we’ll need everyone to make this happen! It promises to be rewarding all around.....for the students and teachers at Owens, as well as for us as a team, making a difference in the lives of these students and teachers with this worthwhile service, which is what DKG is all about!!

So, keep your fingers crossed and say a prayer that our project application is worthy of being chosen and funded!!



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*You can make a difference.*

## **Have you ever considered being a part of the ASTEF Board of Directors? Well, maybe you should.**

This active and energetic group is elected each biennium at the Annual Meeting during the TSO State Convention. Directors serve on the Board for six years.

Many different skill sets go into this decision...number of years in DKG, work on other foundation boards, varied work experiences, currently employed or retired, from all over the State, and other talents and skills (too numerous to name here). All of these are considered in order to make this a diverse group that represents all Texas DKG members as they focus on Scholarships, Leadership, and Projects.

Applications are now being accepted. The application and a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document can be found on the ASTEF website ([www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org)).

Applications are due **APRIL 15** so don't delay - get yours in today!



# **Amiee !**

American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT)

# 2021 Chemistry Teacher of the Year Award Winner

By AACT on April 6, 2021

Each year, AACT recognizes K–12 educators as the *Chemistry Teacher of the Year* in their respective grade bands. Through their pedagogy, dedication, skills, and accomplishments, these teachers make outstanding contributions to the chemistry teaching profession and AACT.

## Amiee Modic



After teaching high school chemistry for 37 years, first in public school and now in an all-girls independent school, chemical education is still Amiee Modic's passion. Throughout her career, in addition to teaching, she has been actively involved in presenting to, and working with, other chemistry teachers through state and national organizations. She has been an officer in the Associated Chemistry Teachers of Texas (ACT<sub>2</sub>) for many terms, a southwest regional ambassador for AACT, and two years acting as the liaison between AACT and the ACS Division of Chemical Education.

In addition to her service with ACT<sub>2</sub> and AACT Amiee has been active in her local ACS section by presenting workshops, serving on Education and Outreach committees (including NCW and CCEW), and promoting chemical education opportunities in her section and region. At the national level, she was privileged to be the USNCO High School Mentor from 2012–2014 and has been both a presenter and a committee member at BCCE. In 2019, Amiee was honored as an ACS Fellow for her contributions to chemical education. Most recently, she has been involved with the HACH Chemistry Teacher program as a mentor.



While in high school, Chemistry was Amiee's most beloved class—it is still her passion and she would like to help her students and other chemical educators experience the great things chemistry has to offer. Amiee's favorite student quote is "I want to put on a hazmat suit, shrink myself, and get inside that container to really watch what is happening!"



**Congratulations, Amiee!**  
**Lambda Gamma is proud of you!**

