



# LAMBDA GAMMA GAZETTE



### Vision Statement:

**Leading women  
educators  
impacting education  
worldwide**

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY  
INTERNATIONAL,  
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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

LG Friends-

I am sure you have heard by now that I am resigning my position as President effective May 2021. My husband and I have made the decision to move to east Texas to be closer to our daughter and her family.

Thankfully, Sue Bathe has stepped up to take over the position of President for the remainder of my term. I am so thankful for her and the other officers who have been supportive of me and my efforts to grow our chapter thus far.

This month's meeting will have our own Amanda Cargill and Mona Macias talking about coaching in the instructional classroom and I am sure it will be dynamic and fun! I know I am really looking forward to it!

We will also have our annual Dessert Auction to raise funds for our Grant-in-Aid. This year, since we are experiencing a hybrid meeting situation, it will look a little different. This is my vision for it:

You have 4 ways to contribute:

1. Bake a dessert to be auctioned off during the meeting.
2. Buy a gift card from a bakery and we will auction it off.
3. Bid on one or more of the desserts/gift cards that will be available.
4. Send your donation by check to our treasurer, Betty Hanlon, at 5038 Wigton, Houston, 77096.

If you choose to bake/buy a dessert, you will need to work out with the contributor how you will get your dessert to them. If you win a dessert/gift card, you will still need to work out how you will receive your dessert/gift card.

Bring your desserts, gift cards and wallets to next month's meeting! We are behind on our giving for the grant-in-aid fund and this always is a big help to get us back on track.

See you on February 16 at 5 pm for those who want to meet in person and 6 pm for those who will be joining us online.

Mary

## FEBRUARY MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 16th

**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

**This is a perfect meeting to invite a friend to become acquainted with Lambda Gamma! We will have an excellent program, a great potluck dinner and scrumptious desserts to bid on and take home!! It will be fun and a great opportunity to introduce prospective members to DKG!**



## 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.

I wish I could join everyone at Crossbridge Church. Unfortunately, I have an afterschool meeting. Also, we are encouraged to not participate in gatherings outside of family and school. I will join virtually. I appreciate your understanding." - 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!!

Unfortunately I, too, will be unable to attend in person as I am still on leave with my 4 month old preemie son who we are attempting to keep healthy by quarantine until I go back to work. I do look forward to meeting with y'all virtually!" - Amanda

"...helping teachers figure out how to best help their students."



"...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: February DKG Meeting  
Time: Feb 16, 2021 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/98735320143?pwd=TnFxdHVjbXc1VDlXYXVNdGVhRTBBdz09>

Meeting ID: 987 3532 0143

Passcode: 509678

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*Our February Birthday Girls are....*

*Sue Bathe - Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>*

*And*

*Jo Ellen Gilliam - Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>*

Minutes for January 19, 2021  
Lambda Gamma Meeting

Prayers and Concerns for:

- Pat Williamson – Her husband is recovering from hip surgery; is at home with very limited mobility
- Teri Mason –Not able to attend; very difficult to be on Zoom all day at school and after school, as well as care for her mother.
- Jo Ellen- Taking care of her significant other; computer not equipped for Zoom
- Sue Bathe- Recovering from COVID
- Whitney Ahern –Her mother-in-law had critical complications after knee surgery; and her father is also hospitalized

Announcements:

- Grant-in-aid will be awarded to first year teacher; odd years awarded to Katy ISD teachers; even years to Cy-Fair ISD
- Martha’s newsletter work will be recognized at state level for Lambda Gamma newsletter excellence award
- Mary Smith-moving to east Texas; will finish as president this year; Lambda Gamma needs a new president to finish out Mary's term

Program: Set up committee heads for 2021-2022

Communications/Publicity/Marketing-Martha  
Finance-Betty  
Governance-Huntyce  
Grant-in-Aid/Scholarship-Aimee/Martha  
Membership-Amanda  
Nominations-Sherron/Sue  
Programs-Evelyn  
Ceremonies/Necrology-Sue

The February meeting will be held on February 16 at Crossbridge Church. A dessert auction will be part of the evening, so bring your favorite, most delicious dessert to auction with proceeds going to Grant-in-Aid Fund.

Submitted by:  
Evelyn Bray



### Inspirational Quotes for February



*“Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver.”* – Barbara De Angelis, PhD. Author

*“Love is the only thing in the world that you have to give away to get.”* –Jack Canfield and mark Victor Hansen  
– *Chicken Soup for the Soul*

*“It's no trick loving somebody at their best. Love is loving them at their worst.”* – Tom Stoppard, playwright

# Treasurer's Report

Lambda Gamma  
 Treasurer Report  
 As of Jan, 31, 2021

	Nov Balance	Receipts	(Disbursements)	Dec 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		-	(60.00)	
Total General funds	1,265.14	-	(60.00)	1,205.14

State/Int'l Dues & Scholarship fees	-	60.00	(60.00)	-
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Grant-in-aid		25.00	-	
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total Grant-in-aid	763.66	25.00	-	788.66

Area 18 Workshop	-	-	-	-
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Totals	2,028.80	85.00	(120.00)	1,993.80
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Betty Hanlon  
 Treasurer  
 Prep 2.7.2021



LOOKING AHEAD. . . .

**CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2020-21**

**February 16**      5:15 PM – Crossbridge Christian Church      Program: Coaching Teachers in Elem. Schools  
Presenters: Mona Macias and Amanda Cargill  
Fundraiser: Dessert Auction

**March--** (We do not have a regular meeting in March, but stay tuned for a possible Spring Break Lunch social!)

**April 20**            5:15 PM Crossbridge Christian Church      Program: Managing Stress  
Presenter: Mary Smith

**May 18**            5:15 PM – Location: (Restaurant TBD)      Program: Chapter Awards  
Presenter: TBD



**TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION**



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

**WORKSHOPS with CPE CREDIT!**

**SPEAKERS AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS!**

**VENDORS!**

**VISUAL ARTS DISPLAY!** If you are planning to attend the TSO Convention in Denton this summer, pack one more item in your suitcase: a work of art. The Denton Visual Arts Display is a wonderful opportunity for the artist in you to shine and for participants attending the convention to delight in all the creative energy in DKG. Visual art encompasses many mediums: painting, mixed media, photography, textiles and needlework, metal work, sculpture, collage, ceramics, pottery...the list is endless. Make plans to display your unique creation by completing the [application](#) which is available on the TSO website-WIA page and the convention page. After you have filled in the information, save the application to a file on your computer, and then attach it to your email response. Applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. (From Women in the Arts Committee)

**AWARDS!** A special part of each convention is the presentation of Awards. The Texas State Organization gives two types of awards: the Golden Rose Award and the Texas State Organization Achievement Award. For both, a member must be nominated. To receive the Achievement Award a member must have been a chapter president, held two or more leadership roles at the State level, served as a workshop leader, and have good attendance at chapter, state, regional, and international meetings. The Golden Rose Award is given to members who are not eligible for the Achievement Award, but they have given years of service at the chapter, area, and state level through workshop participation, committee work and attendance at Texas State Organization conventions.

**BRUNCH, LUNCHEON, BANQUET DINNER!**



## **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 San Antonio, Texas.**

Just up the road in San Antonio, this conference will be at the RiverCenter Marriott hotel on the picturesque River Walk!! Featured will be special speakers including Diane 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. Plenty of marvelous food, too!

### **2022 International Convention July 12-16 New Orleans, LA –Fun times to look forward to in NOLA!**

## Valentine's Day Quiz

1. What kind of flowers are traditionally given to symbolize love?
2. What other gift sometimes accompanies a bouquet of red roses?
3. What was first created by Pope Gelasius in 500 AD, then deleted from the Roman Calendar of Saints by Pope Paul VI in 1969?
4. "Valentine" was the name given to which kind of early Christian?
5. What day is Valentine's Day held on?
6. According to the *Legenda Aurea*, or *The Golden Legend*, a fictional work written by Jacobus de Voragine around 1260 AD, who wrote the very first Valentine's message on the eve of his execution?
7. Who did the fictional St Valentine send his message to?
8. What had St Valentine allegedly done for his jailer's daughter?
9. What was this fictional St Valentine being executed for?
10. As well as being the unofficial patron saint of love, what occupation is St Valentine also believed to be the patron of?
11. The British Museum holds a letter believed to be the oldest valentine still in existence. Who wrote it?
12. What is the approximate date of the first Valentine ever sent?
13. Today we associate love with the heart, but this wasn't always the case. In medieval times, which internal organ was believed to cause love?
14. Which Roman god was either depicted as a plump cherub with a bow and arrow, or as a handsome teenager?
15. Which Roman goddess was Cupid's mother?
16. In Japan, what do women give men on Valentine's Day?
17. Which symbol does New York's Empire State Building illuminate on every Valentine's Day?

*Answers on the next page*



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## 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 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 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?

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

## ANSWERS TO Valentine's Day Quiz:

1. Red roses. 2. Chocolates. 3. St Valentine's Day 4. Martyrs. 5. February 14<sup>th</sup>  
6. St Valentine. 7. The daughter of his jailer. 8. Cured her blindness. 9. Performing marriages in secret, against the wishes of the emperor. 10. Bee keepers. 11. Charles d'Orléans, captured by the English at Agincourt, and then kept prisoner for the next twenty-five years. He passed his time writing sorrowful poetry, including the St. Valentine's Day letter that describes his sadness at being parted from his love. 12. 1415. 13. The liver. 14. Cupid. 15. Venus. 16. Chocolates. 17. A heart.

## Happy Valentine's Day!



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