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Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

## LAMBDA GAMMA GAZETTE

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The Delta Kappa Gamma
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educators and excellence
in education.





Welcome to 2020-2021 /chool Year of Choice







## President's Message

LG Friends-

Thank you for trusting me to be your president for the next two years. I am honored and frightened at the same time! I hope I do well by our chapter and our goal of supporting each other and other educators.

This year our meetings will definitely be outside of our norm. We will offer a blended model for the first semester and revisit in December. September 15 we will meet at my home (at 5:15 for potluck dinner), and we will livestream the program and meeting via Zoom (beginning at 6:00 PM) for those who can't attend in person. I would like to encourage you to join us in person if possible-the experience is so much richer.

Donna is always a very dynamic speaker and you will love hearing what she has to say about mindfulness. Something we could all use during these challenging times.

As we strive to grow our chapter this year, please bring two new prospective members to each meeting. We are surrounded by educators who are looking to make a connection and feel valued. **You** are the person who can really boost their confidence by inviting them to our chapter meeting. I can't wait to meet the new people you invite!

I look forward to serving you this year, Mary

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, September 15, 2020

TIME: 5:15 P.M. in person; or 6:00 on Zoom

LOCATION: Home of Mary Smith 18002 Heaton Dr. Houston, TX 77094

And live-streamed on Zoom.

PROGRAM: "Mindfulness"

**SPEAKER: Donna Clark Love** 

ICE BREAKER: Mary Smith

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

**HOSTESS COORDINATOR: Huntyce Moore** 

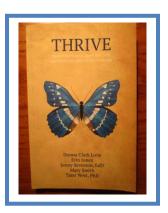
**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Huntyce Moore** 

**GRANT-IN-AID DOORPRIZE: Huntyce Moore** 

BRING A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER OR TWO!!! INCREASING MEMBERSHIP IS OUR FOCUS AND GOAL FOR 2020-21!

## SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER IN SEPTEMBER

DONNA CLARK LOVE, an internationally renowned expert in prevention of bullying, workshop trainer, conference keynote speaker, author, certified mediator and conflicts resolution trainer, has been featured on NBC's Today Show, Forbes magazine, Good Morning America and People Magazine highlighting her bullying and cyber bullying prevention programming. Because of her high acclaim, Donna has achieved international recognition having worked with the Maori Tribe in New Zealand, Belizean government employees and teachers, in addition to being asked to speak at the International Workplace Bullying and Harassment Conference in Bordeaux, France in 2018. In the United States, Donna has trained and consulted with NASA/Johnson Space Center employees addressing culture, peer conflicts, and digital bullying via social media. She especially values her work with churches and other non-profit organizations. You may be asking how the Lambda Gamma chapter could be so privileged to host Donna Clark Love as our quest speaker on September 15? Donna, along with Mary Smith, (our president), Erin Jones, Jenny Severson and Tami West, are known as the "Speaker Sisters", and they co-authored the book, Thrive - Channel Your Courage, Speak Your Truth, and SHINE in the Midst of Life's Challenges. Let's give a warm Lambda Gamma welcome to Donna Clark Love!





## BIRTHDays

JULY

22nd - Evelyn Bray

## august

13TH - Kathy Bergmann

18<sup>th</sup> – Leanna Graham

21st - Sherron Frost

25<sup>th</sup> - Kim Bowman

## SEPTEMBER

 $1^{ST}$  – Huntyce Moore

5<sup>th</sup> – Amanda Cargill

11th - Pat Williamson

19th – Betty Hanlon

20 – Brenda Owen



## Minutes 2020 Officer Planning Meeting July 23, 2020

- 1. Roster of current members-Martha will send out roster to members for an update on any changes.
- 2. Determine needs/apply for grants-If members are teaching on a campus, have them bring back ideas that will benefit their campus. (ie: tower garden for KHS)
- 3. Current finances-Need to ask the question: What are we raising money for? Huntyce will talk to Becky Ison about ideas for fundraising. Ideas that were generated: selling masks with DKG logo; make items to sell at conventions or other gatherings for DKG members; facebook page
- 4. Budget recommendations-Keep the budget at it is for the time being, revisit as needed
- 5. Schedule of meetings-Episcopal church closed at this time; don't know when they will reopen; church requires Lambda Gamma to carry their own insurance for their meetings-working on allowing us to meet without insurance

Ice breaker will begin each meeting; coordinated by Mary

Aug. 27, 6:00-8:00 ice cream social at Mary Smith's home; bring 2 guests who are not members of DKG

Sept. 15 Topic: Bullying Presenter: Donna Clark Love; Huntyce-hostess, door prize, thought for the day (location: at church or Mary's home; virtual/live)

Oct. 21 Topic: Personality styles Presenter: Mary Smith; Mary-hostess, door prize, thought for the day (location: church or Mary's home; virtual/live)

Sept. and Oct. meetings will be pot luck.

Nov. 17 Dinner with church leaders-Soup, Salad and Desserts; possible speaker from church to talk about the challenges they have faced; Evelyn-hostess, door prize, thought for the day (location: church)

Dec. 8 Meet at member's home-Amanda has offered to host chapter; Presenter: member from chapter-(possibly Amy to talk about different experiences teaching science)

Hostess teams will begin in January.

Jan. 19 Topic: Speed stacking Presenter: Sue Bathe

Feb. 16 Topic: Coaching Presenters: Mona and Amanda; dessert auction

April 20 Topic: Handling Stress

May 18 Awards

- 6. International Convention- Martha suggested looking into the Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- 7. By-law Revisions-Have to implement new changes in by-laws set forth in the 2018 international convention; Martha is working on the revisions
- 8. Leadership Academy-Amanda and Val will be applying this year
- 9. Review committees-After by-laws are changed, members need to review committees to delete/add committees to reflect the changes from the 2018 international committee.
- 10. Mona will work on a one-page document to pass out at teachers' meetings, conferences, etc. describing the benefits of joining DKG
- 11. Sue Bathe will take over Ceremonies from Pat Williamson.

Dates: Aug. 29, virtual area workshop; Sept. 4, articles due to Martha; Dec. 1, 6:00, next officer ZOOM meeting.

Submitted by Evelyn Bray

Lambda Gamma Treasurer Report As of August 31, 2020

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General Funds/ Chapter Dues reimb travel/ state convention reimbursement trans to state: Active 61 * 0 = 0 Reserve 0*28= 0		355.00		
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funds	2,034.14	355.00	(1,304.00)	1,085.14
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State/Int'l Dues & Scholarship fees	-	1,304.00	(1,304.00)	-
ASTEF Honors Fees	-	-		-
Grant-in-aid auction		-		
total Grant-in-aid	583.66	-	-	583.66
Area 18 Workshop	75.00	-		75.00
Totals	2,692.80	1,659.00	(2,608.00)	1,743.80
Betty Hanlon				

Betty Hanlon Treasurer Prep 9.5.2020



#### CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2020-21

September 15 - 5:15 PM - Mary Smith's home Program: "Mindfulness"

and virtually on Zoom Presenter: Donna Clark Love -

October 20 - 5:15 PM - Location TBD Program: "DISC Personality Assessment Program

Presenter: Mary Smith

November 17- 5:15 PM - Location TBD Program and Presenter: TBD

December 8- 5:15 PM - Amanda Cargill's home Program and Presenter: TBD

Service Project: Children's winter clothing donations

**January 19** 5:15 PM - Location TBD Program: Cup Stacking

Presenters: Sue Bathe

February 16 5:15 PM - Location TBD Program: Coaching Teachers in Elementary Schools

Presenters: Mona Macias and Amanda Cargill

Fundraiser: Dessert Auction

April 20 5:15 PM - Location TBD Program: Managing Stress

Presenter: Mary Smith

May 18 5:15 PM - Location:(Restaurant Program: Chapter Awards

TBD) Presenter: TBD





## **DKG INTERNATIONAL**

Did you "attend" the innovative, informative, and very inspirational DKG Virtual Event July 7 - 10? If you missed it, don't kick yourself yet, because you still have a chance to hear and see the presentations! They are posted on YouTube and the DKG website. You can find the list of presentations and the links on the International DKG website: <a href="https://www.dkg.org">https://www.dkg.org</a> and in the Sep/Oct 2020 issue of the **DKG NEWS**. While you are browsing the **DKG NEWS** be sure to read the Acceptance Speech of our new International President, Becky Sandowski. In her speech, she inspires us to be "Driven by Doing" and to "Be a Contribution". You'll be motivated to join the powerful team of DKG!





## TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION

Attention!! Important deadlines for some great events coming up!!

The 2021 Leadership Seminar will be held February 26 – 28, 2021, in Arlington, Texas.

REMINDER: The deadline for submitting your application is OCTOBER 15!! Here is a link to the Leadership Seminar application: <a href="https://www.dkgtexas.org/leadership-seminar-committee.html">https://www.dkgtexas.org/leadership-seminar-committee.html</a> The Lone Star News says: "This intense seminar, held one weekend during the month of February of odd numbered years of each state biennium, is designed to supplement and enhance leadership, communication, and management skills of Texas State members. The seminar provides opportunities for professional and personal growth and is beneficial to both the individual member and the Society."

Another event coming up is the Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (S.T.A.R) which will be held January 15<sup>th</sup> – 17th at the fabulous Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas! Applications for S.T.A.R. are due November 1<sup>st</sup>. A S.T.A.R. application is attached to this email. This is a fun weekend full of all kinds of creative activities with a great group of DKG sisters from all over the state.

Also, November 1st is the deadline to apply for your Fall Mini-Grant. Need some money for those teaching materials, or that seminar that's so highly recommended, but your bank account just can't afford it right now? Here's money in your pocket from DKG! Just apply!

Get your applications in, ladies!

All the news about what's going on with TSO is in your *Lone Star News* and on the website, and both are just a couple of clicks away! dkgtexas.org Read the inspiring message from our state president, Patti Belknap; see the pictures and amazing stories about some very creative fellow DKG members who are spotlighted as Women in the Arts, and much more! Browse the website! You'll learn a lot about what DKG is all about and what it can do for you.





### **BRAINTEASER OF THE MONTH:**

AN ARAB SHEIK IS OLD AND MUST WILL HIS FORTUNE TO ONE OF HIS TWO SONS. HE MAKES A PROPOSITION. HIS TWO SONS WILL RIDE THEIR CAMELS IN A RACE, AND WHICHEVER CAMEL CROSSES THE FINISH LINE LAST WILL WIN THE FORTUNE FOR ITS OWNER. DURING THE RACE, THE TWO BROTHERS WANDER AIMLESSLY FOR DAYS, NEITHER WILLING TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE. IN DESPERATION, THEY ASK A WISE MAN FOR ADVICE. HE TELLS THEM SOMETHING; THEN THE BROTHERS LEAP ONTO THE CAMELS AND CHARGE TOWARD THE FINISH LINE. WHAT DID THE WISE MAN SAY? (Answer on the next page.)



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# Inspirational Quotes for September....

#### ON FAITH:

"Faith isn't the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It's simply taking God at His word and taking the next step." — Joni Eareckson Tada

#### ON LIFE:

"I pray that you all put your shoes way under the bed at night so that you gotta get on your knees in the morning to find them. And while you're down there, thank God for grace and mercy and understanding." — Denzel Washington

#### ON HOPE:

"When the world says 'give up,' hope whispers 'try it one more time.'" — Anonymous

#### ON LOVE:

"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 authors

#### ANSWER TO THE BRAIN TEASER:

THE RULES OF THE RACE WERE THAT THE OWNER OF THE CAMEL THAT CROSSES THE FINISH LINE LAST WINS THE FORTUNE. THE WISE MAN SIMPLY TOLD THEM TO SWITCH CAMELS.

Since we all seem to be living in Zoom-land and Text-ville and Amazon-town all the time ... here's a little technology humor to leave you with a smile.....

You know you're texting too much when... ...

you try to text, but you're on a landline.

Q. What is the biggest lie in the entire universe?

A. " I have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions."

Q. Did you hear about the monkeys who shared an Amazon account?

A. They were Prime mates.

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