



# LAMBDA GAMMA GAZETTE



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

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL,  
TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION - AREA XVIII  
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**Vision Statement:**  
Leading women educators impacting education worldwide



## February Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, February 21st

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Location:** Covenant Lutheran Church  
3785 Barker Cypress Rd. 77084

**Program:** Reach Unlimited:  
Where Persons with Intellectual  
and Developmental Disabilities  
LIVE, LEARN, and EARN

**Speakers:** Lauren Black & Colleen Gilbert

**Program Coordinator:** Martha Steele

**Project:** Dessert Silent Auction for  
Scholarship Fundraiser

**Hostesses providing Dinner - Group A:**

**Amiee Modic – Coordinator**  
**Amanda Cargill – Thought for Day**  
**Betty Hanlon - Doorprize**  
**Leanna Graham**  
**Pat Williamson**  
**Sue Bathe**  
**Susan Sanchez**  
**Christine Wyatt**

**All Members! Please bring a dessert for the  
Silent Auction. All proceeds will go to our  
Grant-in-Aid Scholarship fund.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Ladies!

I hope this message finds you well during this winter season with weather that just cannot seem to make up its mind about what season it really is! It is hard to believe we are more than half way through the school year. As we enter February, the month on love, I have found myself reflecting a great deal about life, work, and family. I am so grateful for the many blessings and trials during this season. I encourage you to reflect and take stock in the things that matter most.

I Corinthians 13: 4-8: Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love NEVER fails.

Sending love your way!

Valerie

Reach Unlimited is a not for-profit organization dedicated to providing quality support services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

[www.reachunlimited.org](http://www.reachunlimited.org)



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Unlimited

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS!



## TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION OF DKG ANNUAL CONVENTION JUNE 22 - 24, 2017 WESTIN GALLERIA HOTEL IN HOUSTON

Registration will be open soon on the DKGTexas.org website. **Lambda Gamma Members have been asked serve as volunteers at the Necrology Service on Saturday morning, June 24<sup>th</sup>.** Our duties will include greeting at the door and passing out programs for this beautiful Memorial Service in which we remember all the Texas DKG members who passed away in the previous year.

**Every volunteer must register for the convention.** We encourage you to attend for all three days; however, you may choose to attend and participate for only one or two days of the convention. Registration information will be on the DKG Texas website at [www.DkgTexas.org](http://www.DkgTexas.org) very soon, so watch for it!

If you plan to attend, but don't want to hassle with driving to and from the Galleria each day, consider getting a room at the Westin and treat yourself to a mini-vacation at the Galleria with your Lambda Gamma sisters! Registration for hotel rooms is already open, and rooms are going quickly! Several Lambda Gamma members have already booked their rooms! See Val, Sue, and Martha for more information.

*International DKG Convention  
July 16-20, 2018 J.W. Marriott Hotel - Austin, Texas*

**TEXAS will welcome DKG members from all over  
the world to our great state!**

**Plan to be a part of this exciting event in our  
capitol city, Austin!!**

**There will be many fabulous opportunities to  
volunteer and be involved at this convention.**

**Make plans to be there!!**



**How would you like to spend  
the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2017 in**

**HAWAII ?**

**The Southwest Regional DKG  
Conference will be in Honolulu  
this summer, July 4 – 7!**

See [www.DKGTexas.org](http://www.DKGTexas.org) for  
registration information.

## Grant in Aid News!!

Applications for the 2017 Grant-in-Aid have been sent out to the College and Career Counselors at every high school in Katy, Cy-Fair, Waller, and Royal school districts. A notice about our scholarship will be posted on the on-line Scholarship Bulletins at each high school. The applications are due back to the Grant-in-Aid Committee by March 31. The Committee will review the applications, decide on a recipient, and announce the winner at our April meeting. The scholarship recipient and her guest will be honored at our May Dinner Meeting.



## BIRTHDAYS !!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Lambda Gamma Sisters who have February Birthdays:**

**Sue Bathe - February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**JoEllen Gilliam - February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**RoseMarie Cesmirosky**  
**(former Charter member)**  
**February 22**

## Lambda Gamma Calendar 2016-17

*(We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, except in December. Save all the... dates!)*

September 20<sup>th</sup> ✓  
October 18<sup>th</sup> ✓  
November 15<sup>th</sup> ✓  
December 6<sup>th</sup> ✓  
January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 ✓  
  
February 21<sup>st</sup>  
  
April 18<sup>th</sup>  
  
May 16<sup>th</sup>



**On January 17<sup>th</sup>,**  
**Lambda Gamma initiated a new**  
**member,**  
**Betty Hanlon.**  
**Welcome to Lambda Gamma,**  
**Betty!**

## LAMBDA GAMMA OFFICERS 2016-2018

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\* Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, our treasurer, Pam Redd, has decided she must resign from that position at this time. LeAnna Graham has agreed to take over as Treasurer. We appreciate LeAnna's willingness to serve and we welcome her to the Executive Board!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report

January, 2017

	Balance on Hand	Receipts	Disbursements	NEW BALANCES
Chapter Dues	504.00	0.00	0	504.00
Grant in Aid	1592.76	0.00	-1500	92.76
General Fund	273.36	0.00	0	273.36
State Dues	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Scholarship Dues	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
Honors Fees	24.00	0.00	0	24.00
TOTALS	2394.12	0	-1500	894.12

## MINUTES

The Lambda Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at the Cy-Fair High School Culinary Arts Department on January 17, 2017. After a delicious meal prepared and served by the student chefs and a question and answer period with Kara Palermo, culinary arts teacher, the meeting was called to order by President Valerie Steele.

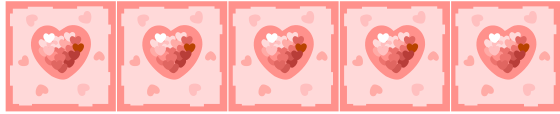
Martha Steele reported that our scholarship recipient Katelyn Mamaux had sent a letter to the chapter letting us know that she had finished the first semester successfully. Her scholarship money was sent to A&M to be applied to her account.

Ideas for raising money for the grant-in-aid were discussed. One suggestion put forth was to have a booth at the TSO convention for selling items that were made by the chapter. Another suggestion was to eat at a restaurant that gives a percentage of the proceeds for that night to the organization.

After the business meeting, Betty Hanlon was officially initiated into Lambda Gamma.

The next meeting will be at Covenant Lutheran Church on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The program will be by Reach Unlimited. We will also have our dessert auction, so bring your favorite dessert.

Submitted by Evelyn Bray, Recording Secretary



**Our Reserve Members Are Our Special Valentines!**

Send them a card or give them a call! Remind them we are thinking of them and miss them!

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**DKG INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE!**

Log into the DKG International Website to update your profile, get loads of information, and access many useful resources!

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

You already have an account!  
Just use your 6 digit **Member ID #** (on your membership card) as your **USERNAME**.  
The default **PASSWORD** is: **dkg2014society**.  
You can change your password to your own preferred password after logging in.  
You can also access the Texas State Organization of DKG (TSO) Website from the International Website

OR

log in directly to: [www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)

LET'S STAY CONNECTED!!



Let's keep in touch with our 2016 Grant-in-Aid Recipient, **Katelyn Mamaux**. Her address is:

801 Marion Pugh Drive  
Bedspace A  
College Station, Texas 77840

**DKG Texas ePals**

**Sign up today to connect with a DKG member from another country!**

**Find the ePals link on the Global Awareness Committee page at**

[www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)

**Let's go International with our DKG friendships!!**



**Visit your Lambda Gamma Website today!**

Go to:

<http://dkglambdagamma.weebly.com>

*(On your computer, hold "Control" and click on the link to open the website)*

If you have pictures of our DKG activities, send them electronically to Mona Macias, our Webmaster, and she will post them on the Website. [monalmacias@katyisd.org](mailto:monalmacias@katyisd.org)

If you have not yet completed a permission form for having your picture exhibited or published, please see Martha Steele.



Initiation for Betty Hanlon at Cy-Fair Culinary Arts Dining Room on January 17, 2017.  
( L-R: ) Martha Steele, Pat Williamson, Val Steele, Betty Hanlon, Amanda Cargill, Christine Wyatt.



(L-R) Winnie Mason, and Teri Mason.  
We were thrilled to have Winnie join us!



Jo Ellen Gilliam and Huntyce Moore  
enjoying the delicious dinner.

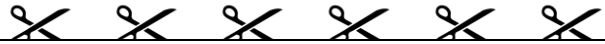
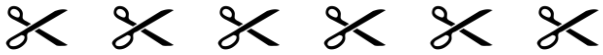


(L-R) Val Steele, Sue Bathe, Betty Hanlon



**MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM!!**

YEA!! We've gained 2 new members this year, so far!! Let's keep the **MOMENTUM** going for **Membership Expansion** in Lambda Gamma! Any member can recommend someone for membership. Who do you know that is a key woman educator? She may be working, or have worked, in any area of education----in public or private schools with any age student from infants to post graduates. A prospective member may teach in settings other than schools, such as in health, community, or corporate settings. Houston, Cypress, Katy, Prairie View and Brookshire are full of wonderful educators who would be fabulous additions to our Lambda Gamma group! Invite one of your friends to join us, and recommend them for membership!!



**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBER(S)**

(BRING TO THE NEXT MEETING AND GIVE IT TO AMANDA CARGILL, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT TEACHING POSITION ; OR, IF RETIRED,TEACHING EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHY YOU ARE RECOMMENDING THIS PERSON AS A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ASTEFL NEWS!

## A Letter from the ASTEF Board of Directors

### Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation has designated February as ASTEFL Giving Month.

We are encouraging all members to support ASTEF through a donation during this month.

Donations can be made on the ASTEF webpage [www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org) by using The Donate Now tab or print the donation form and mail it to ASTEF P. O. Box 797787 Dallas, TX 75379-7787.

Donations will be used to fund Scholarship, Leadership, and Projects.

Many of your members have been impacted through one of these three funds. If they received a TSO scholarship, attended Leadership Seminar or received a project grant, then they have experienced what ASTEF can do for our members.

Our goal this year is \$15,000.00, which can be reached if everyone participates. You may select to make a contribution as a Chapter or as an Individual. Either way we are asking everyone to give. We have made the online donation process very easy.

Remember all donations made to ASTEF are tax deductible.

Once again you will find the giving thermometer on the website to watch the donations grow. We hope each of you will take the time and make a donation. Remember all DKG members are ASTEF members so donate now.

Plan now to attend the ASTEF Annual Meeting at state convention in Houston and hear the announcement of all the wonderful projects selected to receive one of the project grants made possible by your donations to the Project Fund. During TSO convention you will also learn about members who received Scholarships, made possible through the Scholarship Fund, and meet ladies who attended the Leadership Seminar, made possible by the Leadership fund.

Thank you for your contribution.

ASTEFL Board of Directors