



LAMBDA GAMMA GAZETTE



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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In 1994, two Americans answered an invitation from the Russian Department of Education to teach morals and ethics (based on biblical principles) in the public schools. They were invited to teach at prisons, businesses, the fire and police departments, and a large orphanage. About 100 boys and girls, who had been abandoned, abused, and left in the care of a government-run program were in the orphanage. They relate the following story in their own words:

It was nearing the holiday season, 1994; time for our orphans to hear, for the first time, the traditional story of Christmas. We told them about Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem. Finding no room in the inn, the couple went to a stable, where the baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger. Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened. Some sat on the edges of their stools, trying to grasp every word.

Completing the story, we gave the children three small pieces of cardboard to make a crude manger. Each child was given a small paper square, cut from yellow napkins I had brought with me. (No colored paper was available in the city.) Following instructions, the children tore the paper and carefully laid strips in the manger for straw. Small squares of flannel, cut from a worn-out nightgown an American lady was throwing away as she left Russia, were used for the baby's blanket. A doll-like baby was cut from tan felt we had brought from the United States. The orphans were busy assembling their manger as I walked among them to see if they needed any help. All went well until I got to a table where little Misha sat. He looked to be about 6 years old and had finished his project. As I looked at the little boy's manger, I was startled to see not one, but two babies in the manger. Quickly, I called for the translator to ask the lad why there were two babies in the manger.

Crossing his arms in front of him and looking at this completed manger scene, the child began to repeat the story very seriously. For such a young boy, who had only heard the Christmas story once, he related the happenings accurately – until he came to the part where Mary put the baby Jesus in the manger. Then Misha started to ad-lib. He made up his own ending to the story as he said, "And when Maria laid the baby in the manger, Jesus looked at me and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told him I have no mamma and I have no papa. I don't have any place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with him. But I told him I couldn't because I didn't have a gift to give him like everybody else did. But I wanted to stay with Jesus so much, so I thought about what I had that maybe I could use for a gift. I thought maybe if I kept him warm, that would be a good gift. So I asked Jesus, 'If I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift?' And Jesus told me, 'If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody ever gave me.' So I got into the manger, and then Jesus looked at me and he told me I could stay with him – for always." As little Misha finished his story, his eyes brimmed full of tears that splashed down his little cheeks. Putting his hand over his face, his head dropped to the table and his shoulders shook as he sobbed and sobbed. The little orphan had found someone who would never abandon or abuse him; someone who would stay with him – FOR ALWAYS.

I have learned that it's not what you have in your life, but **WHO** you have in your life that counts.

Love, Huntyce



Lambda Gamma 2019-20 Meeting Dates:

September 17th
October 15th
November 19th
December 10th
January 21th
February 18th
April 21th
May 12th

**All these dates are TUESDAYS
All meetings begin at 5:15 P.M.**



Happy December Birthday Wishes to...

Christine Wyatt –Dec. 7th

Mary Smith – Dec. 22nd

Minnie Cyrus –Dec. 23rd



Come to the Lambda Gamma CHRISTMAS GATHERING!!!

Tues. Dec. 10 at 5:15 at LeAnna's house, 326 Imperial Bend, Katy, TX 77493 in Remington Trails. Bring a dish of your favorite festive finger-food, an item of winter clothing for a child, and a friend! Directions: (From Katy):

Go west on Hwy 90 to FM 2855.
Turn right on 2855,
Turn right on Remington Park first entrance to Remington Trails).
Turn right on Remington Trails Drive
Follow through neighborhood until it ends at Winding Canyon.
Turn left on Winding Canyon
Take first right on to Imperial Bend.
As soon as you turn, my house is on the left corner – 2 story house with a barn at the end of the driveway and longhorn cattle in the pasture.

Call if you get lost – 281-693-0214.

Give a call or send a card to our Reserve Members to wish them Merry Christmas!



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Minutes of Lambda Gamma November, 2019 Meeting

The November meeting of Lambda Gamma was held on Nov. 19, 2019 at Covenant Lutheran Church. Hostess Group A furnished the delicious meal for the evening. Miriam Crosby, a 7th and 8th grade Spanish teacher from Labay Middle School in Cy-Fair was the recipient of the second grant-in-aid for beginning teachers. She was recommended by Amanda Cargill.

The program, Good Mental Health Practices, was a discussion generated by small groups on how the members of the organization have learned to handle stress in their professional lives as well as personal. Some of the suggestions for de-stressing are:

forgive yourself; no one is perfect; positive self-talk; find snippets of quiet times; learn to say no; find hobbies; physical activities; pray; write meaningful scriptures; affirmations; gratitude journal; listen to music; text/call or write friend; treat yourself; read; prioritize lists.

Thank you, Martha, for coordinating the program.

On Saturday, December 7 from 10AM-7PM Learning Express (Educational Toy Store) , located in the Cinemark Shopping Center, 25704 Northwest Freeway and in Town and Country Village, 12850 Memorial Drive, will be donating 15% of sales to the Scholarship Fund for beginning teachers.

The December meeting will be held at Leanna Graham's house.

Submitted by: Evelyn Bray

LAMBDA GAMMA AWARDED \$250 GRANT #2

Lambda Gamma's second \$250 Grant was awarded on November 19 to Miriam Crosby, a First Year Teacher at Labay Middle School in Cy-Fair ISD where she teaches Spanish. Miriam was nominated by Amanda Cargill, who knows Miriam because they are neighbors! Congratulations, Miriam! We enjoyed meeting you and having you as a guest at our meeting.

Copies of the Treasurer's Report will be available for you to review on Dec. 11 at our Christmas Gathering at Leanna Graham's home.

REMEMBER TO TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND MAKE THAT SHOPPING TRIP TO

LEARNING EXPRESS TOYS STORE THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AND SUPPORT THE LAMBDA GAMMA FUNDRAISER!

Two convenient locations are supporting Lambda Gamma Grant Fund for first year teachers.

CYPRESS LOCATION : Cinemark/J.C. Penney Shopping Center at 25704 NW Freeway, Cypress, TX 77429

HOUSTON LOCATION: Town & Country Village, 12850 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024

When you check out, tell the clerk you want your purchase to "support the Lambda Gamma Fund for beginning teachers."

It's a perfect time to shop for that special toy for that grandchild or great niece or nephew. Or you can choose a family game for your own family from the variety of fantastic games at Learning Express! What better way to spend the holidays bonding with family and friends than playing a fun, exciting game together!!!



Shopping Day!



Saturday, December 7

**Support Teachers who are
beginning their teaching careers!**



15%

of sales will be donated to the Scholarship Fund of Lambda Gamma Chapter of DKG (Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization of women educators who promote and support women in education).

The scholarship money is awarded to beginning teachers to help them purchase extra teaching materials and supplies for their classrooms.

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LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020!!

Lambda Gamma's upcoming meetings and gatherings . . .

December 10th - Christmas Social with a Potluck of our Favorite Fingerfood dishes. Bring one dish of your favorite festive fingerfood, an item of winter clothing for a needy child. Invite a friend! The Gathering will be at LeAnna Graham's home.

January 21st – Program: “Wheel of Life – How to find and maintain BALANCE in your busy life, your classroom, your family, your work and your leisure time.” Celebration of Lambda Gamma's 40th Birthday!!!

February 18 –Program: “Relationships... with family, co-workers, students.” Dessert Auction Fundraiser. Select the nomination committee for 2020 – 2022 officer election. Nominations for Chapter Achievement Award for 2020.

March - (Date TBA) Annual Spring Break Luncheon at Brookwood - just for fun and fellowship! (No business meeting or program)

April 21 – Program: “Popular New Book Releases at the Blue Willow Book Store” presented by Valerie Koehler. (April is our Literacy Month.) Service Project: Bring a children's book to donate to a school library. Collection of 2020-2021 dues. Vote for Chapter Achievement Award.

May 12 – End-of-Year Dinner – Celebration of Founders' Day. Honor outgoing officers. Election of Officers for 2020-2022. Announcement of Chapter Achievement Award recipient and other Awards.



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