



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

Dear Lambda Gamma Sisters,

I recently read in the Houston Chronicle about a great product! After spending copious amounts of time polishing silver, this substance will provide a protective finish that “will keep your polished pieces tarnish-free for years.”

Similarly, we need a protective shield in our lives as individuals... a means of meeting challenges and surmounting obstacles with strength and resiliency.

As we meet, I like to think that we're enhancing our “shields.” We're learning about others in our community, ways of meeting needs, including our own, and we're enjoying relationships that actually increase longevity.

Technology is an aspect of today's world that encompasses its own challenges and shields. At our meeting on January 15th, we'll learn about this topic and find out about ways and resources to make it more effective in our lives.

I'm excited about seeing you and – Happy 2019!

Huntyce

January Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

TIME: 5:00 - 5:30 Greet and Social Time
5:30 - 6:00 – Dinner
6:00 – 6:40 Program
6:40 – 7:00 Business Meeting and Announcements
7:00 Adjourn

LOCATION: Covenant Lutheran Church
3785 Barker Cypress Rd.

HOSTESS GROUP B:

Val Steele – Coordinator
Sue Bathe – Thought for the Day
Amanda Cargill – Grant-in-Aid Door Prize
Mary Smith
Huntyce Moore

PROGRAM: “Let’s Get Technical... Google Docs”



Lambda Gamma 2018-19 Meeting Dates:

(All Tuesdays – 5:00 PM)

September 18th

October 16th

November 13th

December 11th

January 15th

February 19th

April 16th

May 14th

January Birthdays

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Winnie Mason – Jan. 30th

News from Texas State Organization

90th TSO Convention in Arlington, TX

June 20 – 22, 2019.

This will be the first Texas State Organization convention held in Arlington. Why Arlington? It's located right in the middle of two very well-known cities, Fort Worth and Dallas. Arlington is quickly becoming the 'go-to' place for entertainment, shopping, food, family attractions and sports.

Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat, (S.T.A.R.)

a weekend of fun and friendship, creativity and crafts, relaxation and renewal, will post its registration form on the TSO web page January 1, 2019. In order to accommodate both new and returning attendees, participants can reserve a spot at the event slated for Martin Luther King Weekend, January 17-19, 2020 at Camp Allen, in Navasota, Texas, by enclosing a check for \$100.00 plus the completed form.

ASTEF PROJECT GRANTS

The 2019-2020 Project Stipend Application Guide and Application are now available on the ASTEF website. ASTEF hopes to award at least \$40,000 for projects at the 2019 TSO Convention in Arlington for implementation in 2019-2020. Helpful suggestions for designing a project and for developing a winning project application are in a new document on the ASTEF Forms page entitled "Think You'd Like to Apply for an ASTEF Project Stipend? Helpful Tips for Designing, Developing, Implementing, Managing, and Evaluating a Project That Will Make an Impact." Applications are due April 1, 2019.

Much more news and information in the Winter Edition of *Lone Star News*. Go to DKGTexas.org

Congratulations to Kathleen Harder, our own Lambda Gamma Sister!!!

Kathleen's article "A Hidden Treasure: For Students and Beyond," was published in the 2018, Volume 84-5 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: International Journal for Professional Educators*. Her publishing accomplishment was announced in the "Member News" section of the Winter Edition of *Lone Star News*. Find your *DKG Bulletin* and read her fantastic article!!

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Treasurer's Report

Lambda Gamma
 Treasurer Report
 Dec, 2018

	Nov Balance	Receipts	(Disbursements)	Dec Balance
General Funds/ Chapter Dues reimb travel/ state convention reimbursement trans to state: Active 61 * 2 = 122 Reserve 1*28= 28 initiation 1*5=5 Total General funds	653.14	-	-	653.14

State/Int'l Dues & Scholarship fees	-	-	-	-
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Grant-in-aid		131.00		
total Grant-in-aid	1,100.00	131.00	-	1,231.00

Area 18 Workshop	-			-
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Totals	1,753.14	131.00	-	1,884.14
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Betty Hanlon
 Treasurer
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Minutes of Lambda Gamma Meeting –

The December meeting of Lambda Gamma was held at the home of Leanna Graham. The beautiful decorations and Christmas music put everyone in the holiday spirit as they arrived. Thank you, Leanna. After a wonderful meal furnished by the members of the organization, Martha led us in singing Christmas carols. What a wonderful way to start the Christmas season! Thank you, Martha, for always being willing to lead us in the singing of some of our favorite songs. Members then shared some of their favorite Christmas memories-past and present.

A very short business meeting was held at the conclusion of the night. Martha reported that Lambda Gamma received \$131 from Learning Express for their grant-in-aid fundraiser that was held earlier in December. Members who join the organization this semester will be inducted in April so they will not have to pay chapter fees until the new fiscal year begins.

The meeting was then adjourned for the Christmas holidays.

Submitted by
Evelyn Bray

News from International DKG

Scholarship Applications due Feb 1, 2019

Are you seeking an advance degree? There are up to 30 scholarships available to members seeking to further their education. Those seeking an advanced degree and have been a member for at least a year may apply for a \$6,000 scholarship. Members who have been in DKG for at least three years and working on a doctorate may apply for a \$10,000 scholarship. Start preparing your application, now, and request the required supporting documents. The scholarship application may be found on the international website. Click on Apply/Submit and then click Applications.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happiness depends upon your outlook on life. – Find the good in all situations.

Attitude is just as important as ability.- Keep your attitude positive.

Passion find yours this year! – Do what you love and you will never work.

Positive thoughts make everything easier.- Stay focused and stay positive.

You are unique, with special gifts, use them. – Never forget you have talent.

New beginnings with a new year.

Enthusiasm a true secret of success.

Wishes--- may they turn into goals.

Years go by too quickly, enjoy them.- Wisdom from your elders, listen.

Energy---may you have lots of it. – Take care of yourself.

Appreciation of life, don't take it for granted. – Live each day.

Relax-- take the time to relax in this coming year.- Keep a balance in your life.

Great News from Anna Fedewa, our 2018 Grant-in-Aid Recipient!

(Anna gave me permission to publish her letter in our newsletter to share with all members of Lambda Gamma. - Martha Steele, Editor)

Anna Fedewa <annafedewa@gmail.com>
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01/07/19

Ms. Steele,

I hope you have had a blessed Christmas and a terrific New Year! I am emailing today regarding the scholarship funds from the 2018 Lambda Gamma Grant-in-Aid award but first wanted to update you on my first semester at Texas A&M.

I have absolutely LOVED my first semester in college! I live in a dorm on campus which has allowed me to meet so many amazing freshman, especially my roommate, Lauren, who has become one of my best friends. I have loved getting a very "traditional" college experience, from eating dining hall food to pulling all-nighters at the library and drinking way too much Starbucks. My classes this semester were rigorous but very enjoyable, especially my field-based education class which allowed me to spend time each week in a bilingual Kindergarten class.

I went through sorority recruitment shortly after moving in and ending up pledging Pi Beta Phi. Our sorority's official philanthropy is literacy and supports the Champions Are Readers (CAR) program. As a participant in CAR, I go into elementary schools in the Bryan-College Station every week and read to and mentor students. Just recently I was chosen as a Programming Chair for our Spring philanthropy event to raise money to support CAR. I have found so many meaningful friendships in Pi Phi already and am so thankful to have an amazing group of young women to grow and serve alongside, especially for a cause that means so much to me.

To further get involved on campus, I also joined a freshman leadership organization called Freshman Aggies Spreading Tradition (FAST). FAST has given me the opportunity to participate in formal leadership and development training, promote the continuity of sacred Texas A&M traditions and form friendships along the way. I serve on the "Big Give" service committee within FAST to give back to the surrounding communities through projects such as the toy drive we organized right before Christmas break and the day of service we had to help renovate a local summer camp for children with disabilities.

I am also a member of the Texas A&M Chapter of Project Sunshine. This great organization works to ensure that all children have access to their

childhoods regardless of their health conditions, and our chapter focuses primarily on young children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This semester I participated in a variety of fun events with “buddies” (children with disabilities from College Station) such as a space day, a hospital visit and even a trip to Santa’s Wonderland!

And within the past two weeks I was chosen as an inaugural member of the new Transition Teachers of Tomorrow (T3) program. T3 seeks to develop future educators to meet the need for high-quality special education teachers dedicated to helping students transition from school to postsecondary life. I will be focusing primarily on the mentoring aspect of the program where I will help administrate a fully inclusive post-secondary certificate program for individuals with disabilities who will be full-fledged Aggies. I am humbled to have been chosen.

I am so looking forward to the upcoming semester. I will be taking a variety of courses that really interest me such as educational psychology, a class on special populations and even a yoga class! In addition to the other activities I am part of, I hope to become a Fish Camp counselor to mentor incoming Aggies this upcoming summer and have just recently accepted a position as a cabin leader and counselor at Camp Blessing TX, a summer camp for kids and young adults with special abilities for summer 2019.

As you can see, I have kept very busy since coming to Aggieland but I wouldn’t have it any other way. I am truly having the best time and have loved further discovering the path and the future that the Lord has provided for me.

I have attached below a copy of my transcript following this past semester. It is unofficial but I can request an official copy be sent from our registrar’s office when school begins again next week if needed. If there is any other necessary documentation needed to proceed please just let me know!

I cannot reiterate enough just how thankful I am for everything your organization has done for me. Your generous support, financially and otherwise, is the reason that I was able to come to Texas A&M and chase my dreams. I would not be where I am today if weren’t for people and organizations like yours who have believed in me and supported me in every way. Simply put - thank you, thank you, thank you!

I hope you have a blessed and joyous 2019! I know that this year, like every year before it, you will change so many lives of young people like myself and that is something that fills my heart! I wish you all the best.

Thanks and Gig Em’!

Anna Fedewa ‘22

“Cheers to a new Year and another chance to get it right.”

–Oprah Winfrey

“Coming together is a beginning - -
staying together is progress - -
working together is success.” –

Henry Ford

“Live today, dream for tomorrow,
learn from yesterday. The important
thing is to not stop questioning.”

Albert Einstein



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