



# 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 18  
LAMBDA GAMMA CHAPTER - NO. 267  
KATY AND CYPRESS, TEXAS

**Vision Statement:**  
Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

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## JANUARY MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Location:** Covenant Lutheran Church  
3850 Barker Cypress

**Hostesses:** Group C  
Teri Mason- Coordinator  
Evelyn Bray- Thought for the Day  
JoEllen Gilliam- Door Prize  
Mona Macias  
Minnie Cyrus  
Sue Ellen Reese  
Martha Steele

**Program:** "Building a Better You"  
**Guest Speaker:** Mary Smith

**Initiation of New Member-**  
Dr. Stancie Chamberlain

## OUR PROGRAM THIS MONTH:

Mary Smith is a seasoned educator, trainer, coach, business owner, leadership development expert and speaker. She is a certified trainer for the Ziglar Legacy and is the owner of her own business called Educational Leadership Consultants. Her business offers a wide variety of products and services to meet the needs of school systems everywhere, providing fresh insight into today's unique challenges and situations that face academia. Her program promises to entertain, inspire, and motivate you to become the best you can be both in your role an educator and in life in general!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Ladies!

It is hard to believe that the New Year is already here! 2017 proved to be an interesting year with Harvey and other events. As I reflect on last year it has helped me to think about 2018. Some of you may make New Year Resolutions, write goals, or have a word that represents 2018. I want to encourage you to share with someone so they can help keep you focused and on track. If you haven't taken the time to think about the New Year and what you would like to accomplish, I encourage you to find a place and give yourself sometime to pray and think about what you would like to accomplish and write it down or sum it up in a word.

I am excited about the New Year and making an impact at my school, with my family, at my church, and with you beautiful ladies! DKG provides us with amazing opportunities to build others and ourselves. Be encouraged and make 2018 the best year yet!

Have a wonderful 2018! I wish you many blessings as journey through this year!

Valerie Steele



**Lambda Gamma**  
**2017-18 MEETING CALENDAR and**  
**PROGRAMS**

**January 16<sup>th</sup>** - "Building a Better You"  
 Guest Speaker: MARY SMITH  
 of EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS

**February 20<sup>th</sup>** - DESSERT AUCTION  
 FUNDRAISER  
 AND VIRTUAL RUN LAUNCH

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**- BOARD AND BRUSH PROJECT

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - Founder's Day Celebration  
 Presentation of Grant-in-Aid  
 Presentation of Chapter Achievement Award  
 Installation of 2018-20 Officers

Belated Happy Birthday Wishes to our  
 members who had a DECEMBER BIRTHDAY.....



Christine Wyatt - December 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Minnie Cyrus - December 23<sup>rd</sup>



**to our January Birthday ladies:**

**Beth Eardley - Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Winnie Mason - Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Celebration at LeAnna's home on Dec. 5 -  
 Delicious food, holiday festivities, inspirational speaker!**



Warm coats, hats,  
 & gloves we  
 donated were  
 given to children at  
 H.T.Jones Elem.of  
 Waller ISD in  
 Prairie View.



Rachel Norris of Joy Pottery .



## MINUTES of Lambda Gamma Meeting - December 5, 2017

Lambda Gamma Chapter met on December 5, 2017 at the home of LeAnna Graham for their Christmas meeting. Children's winter outer clothing was collected to be distributed to children in need. After a delicious meal furnished by the members, Martha Steele introduced Rachel Norris, owner of Joy Pottery located in Bryan, Texas. Rachel began her talk by demonstrating how she makes a vase from the beginning to the finished product. As she worked, Rachel talked about the connection between pottery making in Biblical days and modern times. She then shared her testimony of God's grace and mercy and how God has worked in her life through the process of pottery making. Members were then able to purchase pottery that Rachel had brought to share.

--Submitted by Evelyn Bray, Secretary

## Lambda Gamma Treasurer's Report - January, 2018

	Nov. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Jan. Balance
General Funds/Chapter Dues Active 2@\$23 Initiation Fee 1@\$10	1174.36	56.00		1230.36
State/Int'l Dues Active 2@\$60	1182.00	120.00	1266.00 (18 active@60) (6 reserve@27) (24 scholarship @1	36.00
Scholarship Fees	23.00	2.00		25.00
ASTEF Honors Fees	47.00	2.00		49.00
Grant-in-Aid	1199.06	35.00	1000.00	234.06
Totals	3625.42	215.00	2266.00	1574.42

LeAnna Graham

Treasurer

1/7/2018



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**Let's Stay Connected with Our Reserve Members!**

**Send them a Happy New Year message!**

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**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**

**Have a DKG Question?**  
**Here's where to find your answers!**

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

**TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION:**  
**[www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)**

**LAMBDA GAMMA CHAPTER:**  
**<http://dkglambdagamma.weebly.com>**  
*(On your computer, hold "Control" and click on the link to open the website)*



Lambda Gamma November Meeting

November 14, 2017

What a beautiful group of ladies!



## **GREAT NEWS FROM YOUR TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION!**

Have you opened your e-mail to find your WINTER 2017 Edition of the Lone Star News (the official publication of the Texas State Organization)? It is now sent electronically, a smart economical move for our Society

**CONVENTION!!!**: This issue is full of wonderful news about the exciting State Convention coming up in June 14-16 in Waco. It will be an abbreviated convention, (since the INTERNATIONAL Convention is also this summer in Austin). The State Convention will be full of refreshing changes from our past conventions....In addition to some live workshops offering CPE credit, there will be access to Webinars and 15 minute Info Blasts. There will be no formal banquet, but a Denim and Diamonds affair (You can wear denim and bling of your choice----dress "down" with jeans or dress" up" in a glitzy dress with boots.) We will have a Brunch for the final event on Saturday. Yea!!!! DKG is boldly and courageously making some refreshing changes! Who will come along with a group of your Lambda Gamma Sisters to Waco, and perhaps take a side trip to the Magnolia Market at the Silos?! Lambda Gamma already has 2 rooms reserved with several members already signed up. We can add more people to our rooms, and can split costs ! Hope you make plans to come to Waco June 14-16, 2018!



## **FREE MONEY!!!:**

**Do you have a great idea for a project , educational teaching tool, materials, supplies for your classroom or for the community? You can apply for a "Project Stipend" from ASTEF (Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation) and receive MONEY!** ASTEF provides stipends to individual DKG members, chapters, coordinating councils, and areas in Texas for projects that support the professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and promote educational excellence for Texas students. Examples of projects which received stipends last year included providing classroom supplies for beginning teachers to encourage and support them; providing books for school libraries; providing bookshelves for youth center afterschool program; creating and donating supplies for school garden; providing foods for students who need meals on the weekends at home. A teacher can apply for funds for materials or specific teaching kit or supplies for her own classroom. The list goes on! Forms for applying for a Project Stipend are on the ASTEF website [www.astef.org/forms](http://www.astef.org/forms). It's easy! You can receive the funds for your special project!! Recipients of Project Stipends are required to submit a Mid-Year Report, End-of-Year Report, and a project display for exhibit at the TSO Convention. **APPLY NOW! Applications are due (electronically) by April 1<sup>st</sup>.**



# **INTERNATIONAL DKG CONVENTION**

**July 16 - 20 2018**

**Austin, Texas**

**J.W. Marriott Hotel**

**Attention Members:**

**This is tremendous opportunity you do not want to miss!!**

**An International Convention just up the road from home!**

**Put this on your calendar and make plans to attend!!**

## **INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKERS!**

**Benjamin Zander** -Visionary, teacher, conductor, and author of The Art of Possibility

**Nadia Lopez** – Educator, author of The Bridge to Brilliance: How One Principal in a Tough Community is Inspiring the World.

**Convention planners are counting on all Texas members to be the Ambassadors to welcome DKG members from all over the WORLD to Texas!!**

**Come be part of the fun and help out by serving on a convention team or volunteer to be a Table Hostess!! Let's show the world our TEXAS HOSPITALITY!**

