



LAMBDA GAMMA GAZETTE



Vision Statement:
Leading women
educators
impacting
education
worldwide

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,
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NOVEMBER MEETING

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Covenant Lutheran Church
3850 Barker Cypress

Hostesses: Group B

Val Steele - Coordinator
Huntyce Moore - Thought for the Day
Jill Johse - Door Prize
Freddye Thomas
Amanda Cargill
Sue Bathe

Program: BAK-PAK Critters
Reading Program

Guest Speaker: Mary Kegaris

Special Literacy Project: Bring a
children's book (K-5 reading level) to
donate to a school to be used with the
BAK-PAK program.

OUR PROGRAM THIS MONTH: The BAK-PAK Critters Reading Program

BAK-PAK stands for Books and Kids / Power and Knowledge, and it involves therapy dogs to help students improve reading skills and literacy, and boost students' self-esteem. Mary Kegaris, the founder of this program, will be bringing her special canine friend, Chloe, to assist her with the program at our meeting! Mary has a passion for both animals and literacy. BAK-PAK Critters Reading Program is sponsored by Oaks Presbyterian Church in Oak Forest. Come to the November meeting to see and hear this fascinating program!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Fall Ladies!

It is hard to believe it is already November. I always look forward to this time of the year because it is always a reminder to stop and reflect on all the things I am grateful for. We have been through so much this year, yet we still have so many things to be thankful for. Sometimes we take the simple things for granted. We hurry from place to place, event to event, and we forget to stop, and enjoy the journey. In this season, I want to challenge you to stop, enjoy the journey, and think the simple things you are thankful for.

I am thankful for each of one of you and for the service you provide and provided for your students!

Many Blessings,
Valerie

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS :

4th -Sue Ellen Reese
10th - Jill Johse
10th- Aimee Modic
17th - Val Steele

Exciting DKG Opportunities Coming Your Way!!

Lambda Gamma 2017-18 MEETING CALENDAR and PROGRAMS

November 14th - MARY KEGARISE
AND THE BAK-PAK READING PROGRAM

December 5th - RACHEL NORRIS
FROM JOY POTTERY

January 16th - MARY SMITH
of EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS

February 20th - DESSERT AUCTION
FUNDRAISER AND VIRTUAL RUN LAUNCH

April 17th - BOARD AND BRUSH PROJECT

May 15th - FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION AND
GRANT-IN-AID PRESENTATION

OUR DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE **EXTRA SPECIAL!!!**
YOU WILL WANT TO BE THERE!!



Rachel Norris, from Joy Pottery, will be joining us in December at the home of LeAnna Graham, to demonstrate her amazing pottery skills and share her heartwarming life story. She will also bring some of her beautiful creations for you to purchase! Come ready to shop! We will also celebrate Christmas with our traditional pot-luck dinner.



Hear the music? This summer, let's all **Waltz**
across Texas... to **Waco in June** (for the State

Convention), **AND** to **Austin in July** (for the DKG INTERNATIONAL Convention!!) Your DKG membership is much more than just chapter meetings! The conventions are a great way to experience more of what your State and International memberships have to offer! Meet other DKG sisters from across the state and the world! Hear tremendous speakers! Attend continuing education workshops! Experience your DKG!



89th Texas State Convention

June 14-16, 2018

**Waco Convention Center -
Waco, Texas**



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!!

MINUTES of Lambda Gamma Meeting - October 17, 2017

The meeting began with a word of welcome by Val Steele.

Following a prayer, the dinner was served by Hostess Group A.

Aimee Modic gave the Thought for the Day.

To celebrate our first Homecoming, the current members welcomed back former members Theda Flournoy and Glenda Marshall. Joyce Davis, reserve member, thanked everyone for their expressions of sympathy at the recent passing of her husband.

Amanda Cargill, who recently adopted her baby daughter, Emily Ruth, was congratulated and we celebrated with a Baby Book Shower. Amanda proudly showed pictures of Emily and opened gifts for the baby.

The business meeting was dispensed for the Homecoming celebration so that members could visit. (Minutes from the previous meeting and October treasurer's report were previously sent out to all members in the Newsletter.)

An evening of visiting with Lambda Gamma sisters was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Teri Mason

Lambda Gamma Treasurer's Report - November, 2017

	Oct. Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Nov. Balance
General Funds/Chapter Dues Active 5@\$23 Reserve 2@\$1	1057.36	117.00		1174.36
State/Int'l Dues Active 5@\$60 Reserve 2@\$27	828.00	354.00		1182.00
Scholarship Fees	16.00	7.00		23.00
ASTE F Honors Fees	40.00	7.00		47.00
Grant-in-Aid	1153.06	46.00		1199.06
Totals	3094.42	531.00		3625.42

LeAnna Graham

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WONDERFUL WORDS OF INSPIRATION!!

Have you opened your e-mail to find your Fall 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. The LSN is full of inspiration, information, ideas, advice, recognitions, and remembrances. It is definitely worth a look!

One of the highlights of this edition of the LSN is the inspirational message from our State President, Dr. Jo Murphy, who has chosen the bridge as the symbol for this biennium, and the phrase, "Bridging yesterday and tomorrow," as the theme for the biennium goals. Dr. Murphy states, "Bridges connect. ...They are strong structures with an important purpose." She continues, "In TSO, chapters and members must be strong like a bridge. Members doing the work of the seven Purposes will plan, build connections, and maintain chapter strength. The goals outline four areas that members in chapters should focus on to build strong bridges from yesterday to tomorrow in DKG." The goals for this biennium are as follows:

1. Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
2. Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
3. Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
4. Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide.

Let's work on building some strong Lambda Gamma bridges!!

Highlights of DKG NEWS

(The Official DKG
INTERNATIONAL Newsletter you
received in the mail.)

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 Facts you need
to know NOW!**

**Hotel Reservations open
Jan. 2nd**

**Convention Registration
opens in Feb.**

**Convention is July 16-20,
2018**

CHALLENGING WORDS FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, CAROLYN PITTMAN:

Committees, boards, and members have
submitted approximately 100 proposals for
amendments to the DKG Constitution. ... "YOUR
input, your thinking, your insights are wanted."
"UNDERSTANDING the proposals and reasons for
them is YOUR duty. "

**Come to the convention, make your voice heard,
move DKG forward with positive change!!**

DKG-NEXT is on
the move! Read
all about it in
your DKG
NEWS!!

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