

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

# LAMBDA GAMMA GAZETTE

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION - AREA XVIII LAMBDA GAMMA CHAPTER - NO. 267 KATY AND CYPRESS, TEXAS

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#### Messages from Your Officers

Our 2016-17 year got off to a great start with the fantastic September planning meeting. Thanks to the enthusiastic members who brought ideas for exciting programs, and who volunteered for the various hostess jobs for our meetings this year. Here's the tentative line-up for our programs:

October 18<sup>th</sup> – Ready To Grow Gardens November 15<sup>th</sup> – Legislator Forum December 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Pot Luck and Holiday Spa Fun from MaryKay January 17<sup>th</sup>- Cy-Fair H.S. Culinary Arts Dinner and Program February 21<sup>st</sup>- Dessert Auction Fundraiser and "Tour" of Reach Unlimited March – (NO meeting – Spring Break) April 18<sup>th</sup> – Create-a-Sign Art Project May 16<sup>th</sup> – Founder's Day and Grant-in-Aid Presentation and Celebration Dinner

Please note these Special Messages from your officers:

**Val**, our President, sends greetings from Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, where she is enjoying a short vacation with her husband and friends. She'll tell us more about this interesting trip at our meeting.

**Pam**, our Treasurer, reminds you that dues are due by October 18<sup>th</sup>! You may pay at the meeting, or mail your check for \$83 payable to "Lambda Gamma", to Pam Redd 12888 Queensbury #W331 Houston, TX 77024.

**Amanda**, our Membership Chairman, reminds you that we are accepting recommendations for new members. See form on back page of this newsletter.

**Mona**, our Yearbook Chairman, asks that you send any changes and additions in your contact or biographical information( from last year's yearbook) to her at: Monalmacias@katyisd.org.



October Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 18th Time: 5:00 PM Location: Covenant Lutheran Church 3785 Barker Cypress Rd. 77084 Program: "Ready to Grow Gardens" - Stephanie Baker Program Coordinator: Martha Steele **NEW Hostess Team:** B Huntyce Moore - Hostess Coordinator ,Kathryn Johnson - Grant-in-Aid Door Prize Valerie Steele Kathleen Harder Teri Mason Desi Lancaster Sherron Frost Jill Johse Beth Eardley

#### **Ready to Grow Gardens**

At our October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting we will welcome guest speaker and Master Gardener, Stephanie Baker. She is the owner of "Ready to Grow Gardens," a business that is dedicated to bringing healthy organic vegetables to your school or home. "Ready to Grow Gardens" grew out of Stephanie's volunteer work at Sheridan Elementary School where she taught third graders how to grow vegetables in container gardens. In the last 14 years, Stephanie, with volunteers from the schools, has built 19 school gardens, and more are in the planning stages. In addition to designing and helping volunteers build the gardens, Stephanie teaches a unique hand-on nature/gardening program using lessons she has designed that are in line with TEKS and the school's science objectives. In addition to building school gardens and teaching children, Ready to Grow Gardens works with home owners to design the garden, select plants, and build gardens in their back yards. Ready To Grow Gardens is the place to call for advice on designing, building, and planting your own organic vegetable garden. It also offers great opportunities to volunteer to garden with students at an elementary school.

#### RENEW YOUR LAMBDA GAMMA MEMBERSHIP NOW for 2016-17!

**DEADLINE TO PAY DUES: OCTOBER 18!!** 

ACTIVE MEMBER: \$83 RESERVE MEMBER: \$28

Make your check payable to: "Lambda Gamma" If you are unable to come to the meeting, please mail your check to: Pam Redd, Treasurer 12888 Queensbury #W331 Houston, Texas 77024

### Lambda Gamma Calendar 2016-17

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

> October 18th November 15th December 6th January 17th, 2017 February 21st April 18th May 16th

### LAMBDA GAMMA OFFICERS 2016-2018

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(Please remember to contact one of the officers if you cannot be present for a meeting.



"WE'RE ALL TOGETHER AGAIN".... at our First Lambda Gamma Meeting of 2016-17, on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016



(Christine Wyatt and Betty Hanlon were also there. Sorry I didn't get a picture of you two lovely ladies.)



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

| June 2016 and July 2016 | No deposits or disbursements per Brenda Owen, Treasurer (2014-2016) |                  |                                  |                                 |
|-------------------------|---|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| August, 2016            | -   |                  |                                  |                                 |
|                         | Balance on Hand   |                  |                                  |                                 |
|                         | 7   | 55.56            | General Fund                     |                                 |
|                         | 15  | 00.76            | Grand in Aid Fund                |                                 |
|                         | 22  | 56.32            | TOTAL                            |                                 |
|                         | Receipts  |                  |                                  |                                 |
|                         |   | 27.00            | State Dues                       |                                 |
|                         |   | 1.00             | Scholarship Fee                  | S                               |
|                         | Disbursements   |                  |                                  |                                 |
|                         |   | 0.00             |                                  |                                 |
|                         | 22  | 84.32            | TOTAL ENDING                     | BALANCE FOR AUGUST              |
|                         |   |                  | 755.56                           | General Fund                    |
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|                         |   |                  | 1500.76                          |                                 |
|                         |   |                  | 27.00                            | State Dues                      |
|                         |   |                  | 1.00                             | Scholarship Dues                |
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| September, 2016         |   |                  |                                  |                                 |
|                         | Balance on Hand   |                  | General Fund                     |                                 |
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|                         |   | 27.00            | State Dues                       | 10                              |
|                         |   |                  |                                  |                                 |
|                         |   | 1.00             | Scholarship Due                  | 25                              |
|                         |   | 84.32            |                                  |                                 |
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|                         |   | 60.00            |                                  | louston Area Workshop)          |
|                         |   | 63.00            | Chapter Dues                     |                                 |
|                         | 2   | 207.00           | State Dues                       |                                 |
|                         |   | 4.00             | Scholarship due                  | 25                              |
|                         |   | 3.00             | Honor Fees                       |                                 |
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|                         |   |                  | 63                               | Chapter Dues                    |
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#### Minutes of Meeting - September 20, 2016

The Lambda Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Covenant Lutheran Church on September 20, 2016. President Valerie Steele welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year and introduced new members, Jo Ellen Gilliam and Betty Hanlon.

After dinner, Valerie called the meeting to order. The members participated in an ice breaker that resulted in a lot of enjoyable conversation. After the ice breaker, several announcements were given. Teresa Wiens has resigned from the chapter with the option of returning in the future. Kathy Bergmann and Joyce Davis have become reserve members. Velma Rollins, a founding member of Lambda Gamma, received her 50-year membership certificate and it will be sent to her. Membership recruitment will be a big focus statewide this year. The chapter has members working on this issue, led by Amanda Cargill.

After the announcements, planning for the 2016-2017 year began. The following programs were planned:

| October 18, 2016   | Ready to Grow Gardens, Stephanie Baker                   |
|--------------------|--|
| November 15, 2016  | Legislative Speaker or Economic Planning                 |
| December 6, 2016   | Mary Kay, Yvonne Quezada (held at LeAnna Graham's house) |
| January 17, 2017   | Chapter Birthday; Culinary Dinner at Cy-Fair High School |
| February 21, 2017  | Dessert Auction; Speaker from REACH                      |
| April 18, 2017     | Painting Project; joint meeting with Lambda Tau          |
| May 16, 2017       | Founder's Day/Scholarship; held at a restaurant          |
| September 19, 2017 | Planning Meeting   |
| October 17, 2017   | Joy Pottery  |
|                    |  |

| Dates to remember: |   |
|--------------------|---|
| November 8, 2016   | Bingo for Books, Lieder Elementary  |
| June 22-24, 2017   | State Convention; our chapter will be hostesses for Necrology Service on Saturday |

Hostesses for next month's meeting will be Group B. Hostess coordinator is Huntyce Moore, Thought for the day is Freddie Thomas and Grant-in-aid door prize is Kathryn Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Submitted by Evelyn Bray, Recording Secretary

DKG Texas ePals

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

Find the ePals link on the Global Awareness Committee page at

dkgtexas.org



## BIRTHDAYS "

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE LADIES WHO HAVE OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

October 14 - Joyce Davis

October 18 - Martha Steele

October 24 – Teri Mason

Planning Ahead.....Delta Kappa Gamma Conventions and <u>Conferences!</u>

**January 13-15**, **2017** – Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat – Camp Allen

February 17-19, 2017 - Leadership Seminar (Applications due Oct. 15)

**June 22–24**, **2017** – Texas State Organization Convention at the Houston Hyatt

**July 4-7, 2017** - Southwest Regional DKG Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii

July 16-20, 2018 – International DKG Convention – Austin, Texas

(For more information, consult the TSO Website: www.DKGTexas.org or the DKG International Website:



#### LAMBDA GAMMA'S NEW HOSTESS GROUPS

#### Team A:

Amanda Cargill LeAnna Graham Kathy Bergmann Pat Williamson Amiee Modic Susie Sanchez Sue Bathe Christine Wyatt Betty Hanlon

#### Team B:

Desi Lancaster Sherron Frost Beth Eardley Huntyce Moore Kathryn Johnson Freddie Thomas Teri Mason Jill Johse Valerie Steele

### Team C:

Pam Redd Brenda Owen Evelyn Bray Mona Macias Sue Ellen Reese Anne Holmes Martha Steele Minnie Cyrus Jo Ellen Gilliam



### EVERYDAY SURVIVAL KIT Little Things That Mean a Lot

<u>Toothpick</u>: to remind you to pick the good qualities in everyone.

<u>Rubber Band</u>: to remind you to be flexible - things may not always go the way you want, but they can be worked out.

<u>Band-Aid</u>: to remind you to heal hurt feelings, whether yours or someone else's.

**Eraser:** to remind you that everyone makes mistakes.

<u>Candy Kiss</u>: to remind you that everyone needs a hug or compliment every day.

<u>Mint:</u> to remind you that you are worth a mint to your family and friends

<u>Gum</u>: to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.

<u>**Pencil:**</u> to remind you to list your blessings every day.

<u>**Tea Bag</u>**: to remind you that you never know how strong you are until you're in hot water.</u>

> (From Omaha Home for Boys www.omahahomeforboys.org)

### CHECK OUT THE DKG WEBSITES!

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

## 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 access the Texas State Organization of DKG (TSO) Website from the International Website OR log in to: www.dkgtexas.org

## DKG Texas ePals

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Let's go International with our DKG friendships!!







Write a note of encouragement to our Grant in Aid Student, <u>Katelyn Mamaux.</u> Her address is:

> 801 Marion Pugh Drive Bedspace A College Station, Texas 77840

# **MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM**

Let's keep the MOMENTUM going for Membership Expansion in Lambda Gamma! To the October meeting, bring the form below with the name and contact information of someone who you know to be a key woman educator, and whom you would like to recommend to be a member of Lambda Gamma. Our membership chairman will send a letter to each lady who is recommended, informing them that they are being recommended for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma and inviting them to come to a meeting to meet us and hopefully accept the invitation to become a member. Date for the next Initiation is pending.

## **CALLING ALL BOOKS!!**

Lieder Elementary is doing BINGO FOR BOOKS again November 8th at 5:30 pm. If you would like to donate some books to be our prizes, please bring them to the OCTOBER meeting. Also, if you are interested in donating some time and helping out AT the event, please let Amanda Cargill know at amanda.cargill@cfisd.net!

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

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

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NAME:\_\_\_

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

PHONE #\_\_\_

EMAIL:

CURRENT TEACHING POSITION ; OR, IF RETIRED, TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

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