



LAMBDA GAMMA GAZETTE



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Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

Presidents Message

Welcome Back Ladies!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I sure had a busy one filled with travel and the State Convention. Martha, Sue, and I enjoyed our time in Dallas and came back with wonderful ideas! We really want our chapter to grow and it is going to require some out of the box thinking. After the State Convention Martha and Sue went to International Convention and had a marvelous time and came back excited with some fresh ideas! Most recently the Leadership Team attended and presented at the Area 18 Workshop!

Our leadership has worked very hard over the summer in hopes of having a wonderful year. As you read through the newsletter you will see a few of the changes. We are really excited about this year and recruiting new members to DKG!

On another note, we are remembering Winnie and Terri and they have experienced a loss during the summer. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

I am excited to see everyone on the 20th! Please come with some names of people you would like to recommend to DKG!

With Love,

Valerie



September Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 20th

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Covenant Lutheran Church
3785 Barker Cypress Rd. 77084

Program: Planning for 2016-17 Year



NEW Hostess Team:



Pat Williamson, Grant-in-Aid Door Prize
Christine Wyatt
Amiee Modic – Thought for the Day
Susan Sanchez
Sue Bathe
Kathy Bergman
Amanda Cargill
LeAnna Graham

WHAT TO BRING TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING:

- Name of one or more prospective members, with their contact information. (Name, Mailing Address, Phone #, and Email address).
- Items for Gift Baskets for 1st Year Teachers at our “adopted” school, Leider Elementary.
 - Pens
 - Scotch Tape
 - Expo Dry erase markers
 - Notepads
 - Stickers
 - Notebook paper
 - Magnets
 - Pencils
 - Any other small items you know a new teacher might need and would appreciate.
- Ideas for programs for the meetings this year.
- Talents Inventory



Lambda Gamma President, Val Steele, with Area XVIII Coordinator, Risa McCann at the State Convention of Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in Frisco, Texas June 23-25, 2016
(*All Photos by Martha Steele)

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

Lambda Gamma Calendar 2016-17

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

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 6

January 17, 2017

February 21

(NO formal meeting in March; possible special event with Lambda Tau chapter- TBD)

April 18

May 16

**RENEW YOUR LAMBDA GAMMA
MEMBERSHIP NOW!
DUES ARE DUE for 2016-17!**

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



AREA XVIII FALL WORKSHOP



On September 10, five of your Lambda Gamma sisters represented our chapter at the Area 18 Fall Workshop in Kingwood. Val Steele, Amanda Cargill, Mona Macias, Sue Bathe and Martha Steele attended some great training sessions and idea sharing with DKG members from all around the Houston Area. Sue Bathe was the presenter in two sessions, Legislation and Ceremonies/Remembrances. Martha Steele led the Music Workshop and led the singing of the DKG Song at the end of the workshop.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand May 17:

\$2,156.62

\$1,745.76 – Grant in Aid fund

\$ 410.86 – General Operating fund

Disbursements from General Operating fund:

\$20 – Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council

Income to General fund:

\$100 donations collected at May dinner

\$245 moved from Grant-in-Aid fund to General Operating Fund

(approved by vote of members on May 17)

Balances of both funds as of June, 2016:

\$2256.62 - Total Balance of both funds

\$ 755.86 – General fund

\$1500.76 – Grant-in-Aid fund

(Treasurer's Report submitted by Brenda Owen, Treasurer, 2014-16)

Minutes of May 17, 2016 Meeting

The Lambda Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Alicia's Mexican Grill in Katy, Texas on May 17, 2016. Representing the Cy-Fair/Waller hostess group, Martha Steele welcomed everyone and introduced guests Katelyn Mamaux, our Grant-in-Aid recipient, and her mother, Maria Mamaux. Huntyce introduced her guest, Jo Ellen Gilliam. Another guest was Kathryn Johnson's son, Matthew.

After members and guests ordered their dinner, we proceeded with business. Ann Holmes, First Vice President, called the meeting to order and the Thought for the Day was given by Teri Mason. The Grant-in-Aid Committee presented Katelyn Mamaux with a certificate honoring her as our grant recipient. She thanked the members and told us of her plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Dinner was served and the members and guests enjoyed a delicious Mexican food dinner.

Following dinner, the meeting resumed. A motion was made and seconded to select Brenda Owen as Lambda Gamma's 2016 Achievement Award recipient. Vote was unanimous.

The installation of officers followed, with Pat Williamson, Ceremonials Chairman, presiding, with assistance from other members.

Officers of Lambda Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma for 2016-18 are as follows:

President: Valerie Steele

First Vice President: Mona Macias

Second Vice President: Amanda Cargill

Recording Secretary: Evelyn Bray

Corresponding Secretary: Martha Steele

Immediate Past President: Sue Bathe

A short presentation about our Founders was given by Martha Steele, in recognition and celebration of Founder's Day of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Members agreed to forego reading of the minutes, as they are published in the Newsletter each month. (No meeting was held in April, due to the floods.)

Brenda Owen gave a treasurer's report. After discussion about our current financial situation, a motion was made by Joyce Davis and seconded by Pat Williamson, that we transfer \$245 from the Grant in Aid fund to the operating fund to help cover convention expenses for the incoming president. After discussion, a vote was taken and it passed.

With best wishes to all for a safe and restful summer, the meeting was adjourned.

(Minutes submitted by Martha Steele)

*ADDENDUM:

In July, the slate of officers was completed as follows:

2nd Vice President: Amanda Cargill

Treasurer: (appointed position): Pam Redd



BIRTHDAYS !!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE LADIES
WHO HAVE JULY, AUGUST, AND
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Freddie Thomas - July 6
Evelyn Bray - July 22
Kathy Bergmann - August 13
LeAnna Graham - August 18
Sherron Frost - August 21
Huntyce Moore - September 1
Pat Williamson - September 11
Amanda Cargill - September 15
Brenda Owen - September 20
Susan Sanchez - September 23
Velma Rollins - September 29

Planning Ahead....Delta Kappa Gamma Conventions and Conferences!

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



LAMBDA GAMMA'S NEW HOSTESS GROUPS

Team A:

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION CONVENTION IN FRISCO, TEXAS

JUNE 23-25, 2016



Sue Bathe, Linda Richter, Martha Steele, Val Steele (L-R) at the President's Banquet, June 25th. (Linda is Martha's cousin from San Antonio, Beta Chapter.)*



"Take me out to the Ballgame!" Sue, Martha and Val at the Frisco Rough Rider baseball game, the DKG Friday Night Event, where our Texas State Organization President, Marilyn Gregory, threw the first pitch; and our State Music Chairman, Deb A Tamminga, sang the National Anthem. The evening even included a barbeque dinner! It was awesome!! *

Highlights of the Delta Kappa Gamma
INTERNATIONAL Convention in Nashville, Tennessee



Fun Nashville sights: Grand Ole Opry and Country Music Hall of Fame*

At the Texas Bluebonnet Reception*



The Flags of all the countries of Delta Kappa Gamma were on the stage throughout the convention. At the closing ceremonies the flags were carried out in a recessional. An impressive ceremony. *

Musical and artistic talents of international members were astounding.*



Very impressive, insightful, and inspiring speeches from a young "DKG Next" member at each gathering throughout the convention stole the show!! These key women educators of the younger generation give promise of a strong and bright DKG future. *

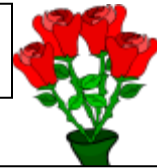


Lambda Gamma 2016-18 Officers met for a planning meeting on June 30 at Martha Steele's home.
(Front row L-R): Val Steele, Mona Macias, Sue Bathe; (Back row, L-R): Martha Steele and Evelyn Bray*

Get ready for
excitement,
expansion,
and
excellence
in the
2016-2018
Biennium
with
Lambda Gamma



MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM



WELCOME!!

We welcome **Jo Ellen Gilliam** to our Chapter. She is transferring in to Lambda Gamma from Lambda Tau Chapter of Katy. She was a guest of Huntyce Moore at our May Luncheon. Please introduce yourself to her and make her feel a warm Lambda Gamma Welcome!!

Let's get the **MOMENTUM** going for **Membership Expansion** in Lambda Gamma. To the September meeting, bring the name and contact information of one or more ladies who you recognize as a key woman educator, and who would be an excellent member of Lambda Gamma. (See form on back page.) We will be sending each of these ladies a letter informing them that they are being recommended for membership in Delta Kappa Gamma and inviting them to an evening gathering to tell them about our organization. We will also invite them to consider becoming a member. Date for the gathering is pending.

*All photographs in this Newsletter were taken by Martha Steele, Editor.
**Graphics from Microsoft.

**We want to know each of you better!!
Please complete the TALENT INVENTORY FORM (next 2 pages)
and bring it to the September Meeting!**

Are you a member who is talented as a writer?

Do you like to write inspirational messages? _____ Poetry? _____ Articles for newsletters? _____ Would you like to interview members (particularly "senior" members and reserve members) and write their stories? _____ Would you like to interview early career educators and write their stories? _____ Would you like to write a biennial summary of your chapter activities? _____ Do you have proofreading/editing skills to use for chapter articles and documents? _____

How else could you use your writing talents for your chapter?

Are you a member who likes to do informal (or formal) research?

Do you want to learn more about members and their contributions to the chapter, the DKG Society and the Community? _____ Would you consider working on a spreadsheet of the leadership roles your Chapter members have held in the chapter and in the Society? _____ Would search the chapter archives to find "gems" of chapter history to share with members on a regular basis? _____ Would you like to help organize the chapter archives? _____ Could you organize the membership files so that information would be readily available (by hard copy and electronic copy) when the chapter endorses a member for state offices/committees, scholarships, stipends, leadership seminars, and awards? _____

How else could your research skills help your chapter?

Are you a member who has a variety of leadership skills?

Do you enjoy serving as an organization officer? _____ Do you like to chair committees? _____ What chapter committee(s) appeals to you? _____

Would you like to know more about the Society beyond the chapter level? _____ Would you like to get involved with the Society beyond the chapter level? _____ Would you like to become a Chapter officer? _____ If so, which one(s)? _____

Would you direct a chapter project? _____ Can you suggest a chapter project(s)? _____

How else could you use your leadership skills in your chapter?

Are you a global minded member?

Interested in learning more about the countries in the Society? _____ In meeting members from other countries in the Society? _____ Interested In becoming an ePal with members in other countries? _____ Do you like to travel? _____ In the U. S. _____ In Mexico and Central America? In European/Scandinavian countries? _____ What language, other than English, do you speak? _____

How could your travels or the travels of members from other countries be shared with your chapter?

Are you a member who will "pitch in" to do any of these miscellaneous activities?

Address envelopes by hand? _____ Stuff and mail envelopes? _____ Purchase, address and mail birthday/get well cards? _____ Deliver items to reserve members or to a member homebound or in the hospital? _____ Pick up members and bring them to chapter meetings? _____ Or to special Society meetings/functions? _____ Make phone calls to members? _____ Do you have easy access to a photo copier? _____ How much would copies cost per sheet, if you made them for the chapter? _____

In what other ways can you help your chapter?

Please write any additional comments about your talents (or the talents of other members) and attach the comments to this sheet. Remember, the most successful chapters have members who stay involved!

Chapter Talent Inventory Name _____ Year _____

Are you a musical member?

Can you play the piano at a chapter meeting? _____ Or can you play another instrument? _____ What instrument? _____ Can you direct music? _____ Can you sing in a choir? _____ Or in a quartet? _____ Would you perform a solo – singing or instrumental? _____

How else can you use your musical talents? (Write music or parodies? Present a program about music?)

Are you a sociable member?

Do you like to plan special events? _____ Holiday events? _____ To lead ceremonies? _____ Do you like organizing and facilitating refreshments/light meals? _____ Would you phone 6-8 chapter members prior to meetings? _____ Or when a response is needed from every member? _____

How else can members find more time to socialize, to get better acquainted with one another?

Are you an artistic member?

Do you like to sew? _____ Draw? _____ Paint? _____ Photograph? _____ Film/video? _____ Cook/bake? _____ Cook/bake? _____ Other? _____ Could you make decorations for special events? _____ Could you make gifts for special guests or for reserve members? _____ Are you a calligrapher? _____ Can you design program covers? _____ Menus? _____ Place cards? _____ Other? _____

How else could you use your artistic talents with your chapter?

Are you a program resource member?

Do you like to plan and/or organize programs? _____ Do you like to present programs? _____ What programs could you offer to present to your Chapter? _____

Would you like to present a short inspirational/motivational opening at one of the meetings? _____

Can you suggest some program ideas for future meetings?

Are you a "technology talented" member?

Do you have experience working with web sites? _____ Are you a graphic designer of program covers, certificates, name badges, place cards, etc.? _____ Can you create visual presentations with sound and photographs/video? _____ Can you create Power Point presentations? _____ Have you had experience with inserting photos into directories or yearbooks? _____ Can you scan documents and organize them into electronic archives? _____ Can you set up email or instant messaging groups to get news/reminders to members? _____ Can you create templates for newsletters, agendas, yearbook pages and similar items? _____ Can you create interactive response letters or surveys (like Survey Monkey) for email attachments so that members can respond entirely to questions online? _____ Can you create spreadsheets? _____

How else could you use your technology talents for your chapter?

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBER(S)
BRING TO SEPTEMBER MEETING!!!!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL: _____

CURRENT TEACHING POSITION ; OR, IF RETIRED,TEACHING EXPERIENCE _____

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

Your Name: _____

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BRING TO SEPTEMBER MEETING!!!!

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