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Jammin' with Janie

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

December 1, 2014
Spur United Methodist Church
5:30 p.m.

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It was so good to finally have our first real meeting of the year. Martha Kirk was the perfect hostess and we had a great bunch of members and guests at our meeting. Linda, Ruby, Sharon and Vivian prepared a wonderful meal for us. Special guests were former member Carol Ann Turner, Amarillo, and prospective member Tanya Multer, Matador. Martha entertained us with her tea, costumes and wit. All in all, it was a great evening!

We are adjusting our December 1 programs to accommodate Cristy McClenny's wish to present her program on scholarships at Patton Springs. Pasty Weems and I have come up with a "Make and Take" program for our December 1 meeting at Spur. We will have a fun time as we work on a project to put some tingle in our jingle for the holiday season!! If you are a pinner on Pinterest, check out <http://www.pinterest.com/jawigley/gamma-eta-christmas-craft-ideas/> and see if you can figure out which three crafts we are planning to do!!! Plan on bringing a little cash to cover the cost of supplies...it will be \$10 or less!!!

Our ASTEF Piggy Posse is off to a great start. Merla Watson was the winner of our first Silent Auction. She left Casa del Sol with an autographed copy of Green Sands by Martha Kirk. At our December meeting there will be two items up for auction. Bring some cash so you can leave with one or both of these items. All funds will go into our ASTEF Piggy. I can't wait to see what Debbi Ball has done to enhance our piggy's appearance.

Haven't had a chance to purchase any Ticonderoga #2 pencils? No problem!! Just hand a little cash to Sharon or me and we will buy them for you. It is still a remarkable thing to consider that our little chapter accomplished a rather large task. Fifty one classrooms in 6 school districts were given school supplies. Then we had the bonus of presenting Post Elementary School with a basketful of wonderful supplies. It just makes my cup runneth over!!!

Gamma Eta's Executive Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. on December 1. We have a little business to tend to before our regular meeting. Think of someone you would like to invite to our December meeting. Remember the letter on the TSO website that is really to personalize and send out. Get ready to head into the Christmas season with joy and enthusiasm! Jingle all the way to Spur on Monday, December 1!!

Hugs,
Janie

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ASTE F Piggy Posse by Janie Wigley

Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTE F) is sponsoring a Piggy Posse as a fundraiser that will replace the convention raffle at the 2015 TSO Convention in San Antonio. Debbi Ball has found just the right “piggy” for Gamma Eta to support with loose change, folded money, or checks. Our Gamma Eta Piggy Bank will be in a prominent place at each of our meetings. At our December 1 meeting we will have two silent auction items to bid on. Check out these two fabulous items!!!



Service Projects:

International Service Project: Schools for Africa

State Service Project: TBA

Chapter Service Project: Kids Kubbies



November Minutes

Gamma Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Monday, November 3, 2014, at Casa del Sol, home of Terry and Martha Kirk. Seventeen members and two guests, Tanya Multer and Carol Ann Turner, were treated to a delicious dinner in a beautifully decorated fall setting.

After dinner, Vivian Morris introduced Martha Kirk who presented a program, "Exploring Life in Saudi Arabia". The Kirks lived in Saudi Arabia from 1982 until 1988. They answered an ad in "The Lubbock Avalanche Journal" to come farm. They worked 6,000 acres with 67 center pivots to grow 100 bushel wheat in the desert. After describing their life for those six years, Martha encouraged us to be Pro American and Pro Democracy, and to be proud we are Americans. She helped us to be aware that having an understanding of other worlds is most important to us as individuals and to our country as a whole. A copy of her book, "Green Sands" was won by Merla Watson.

As an ice breaker, Ruby Cook asked us each to tell something about our self which no one would know. We discovered we have some members with entertaining secrets.

The minutes from May and October were approved as written. The treasurer's report that we have a balance of \$3,067.65 and had some convention expenses was also approved. Rhea Melton made a motion that we accept with regret the resignations of Becky McGalliard and Susan Chastain. Linda Hicks seconded the motion, and the motion passed. It was also decided that Tondi Jeter would be dropped for non-payment of dues. The yearbook has been emailed to members; the ones without computer access received hard copies. Members were encouraged to go vote on November 4. A change in rules regarding pin placement was discussed. It was noted that we will receive an Early Bird award for our yearbook. Our Gamma Eta Chapter Rules were approved. It was discussed that there is no longer a time limit on how long one must be a teacher before being able to join DKG. There is also no longer a time limit for scholarship applications. The bylaws were approved. The 2014-2015 budget was approved with a motion for approval made by Linda Hicks and a second by Lindy Stafford.

An update on our Kids Kubbies project was given by President Janie Wigley. Fifty-one teachers and students were recipients of baskets. Extra pencils and Crayola's were sent to students at Post following the fire at their school. Janie reported that we need to restock pencils. She also told us about thank you notes we received.

She also reported that our website has been certified. A discussion was held about the need to re-work our hostess groups because of the change in members.

The meeting adjourned with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Delta Kappa Gamma Vision ~
Leading women educators
impacting education world
wide.

85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key women Educators for Life

From Texas to Saudi Arabia

Vivian had the pleasure of introducing our hostess for the night and the author of the book *Green Sands* Martha Kirk.



Before our eyes she transformed from this beautiful Texas educator into a mysterious Bedouin sheep herder of Saudi Arabia.

For all the pictures of our enchanted night of Saudi Arabia from the beautiful home, the fellowship of the meal, to the enchanting stories Martha shared, and our business meeting go to our web site at:

<http://gammaetatexas.weebly.com/november-2014.html>

Chapter Announcements

Happy Birthday
Sharon McDougle Dec. 1st

Merla Watson Dec. 15th

Prayer Concerns

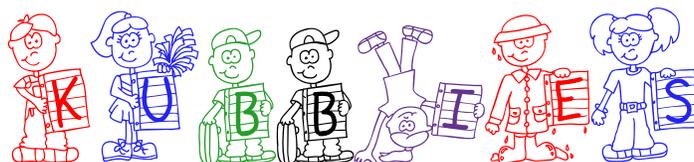
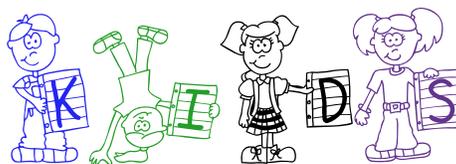
Staff and Students of our Schools



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/TX-gammaeta/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/449077138462200/>

Chapter Project



Remember our "Pencil Ladies" pencils can be found at Wal-Mart, United and Target.

Editor's Note: All clipart is from www.letteringdelights.com, www.make2fun.blogspot.com, Alpha State Texas Website and from DKG website, photos are provided by Gamma Eta members.

Future Meetings

December 1, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church, Spur, Texas

Greeter: Susan Chastain

Icebreaker: Rhea Melton

Program Category: Personal, Societal, Fellowship

Program Topic: Expand the Vision: Inspire Members to Use their Creativeness for Holiday Joy

Program Title: Make and Take to Put a Tingle in your Jingle

Program Summary: Patsy Weems and Janie Wigley will present a make and take activity for members to take home to begin their Christmas season decorating. Three stations with three fabulous crafts all for an amazing price of \$10.00 or less (it depends on how many members are present)!!

Program Facilitator: Janie Wigley

Purposes: I, VI

Committees: Membership, Communications and Publicity



January 5, 2015 5:30 p.m.

Crosbyton Middle School Crosbyton, Texas

Greeter: Sharon McDougle

Icebreaker: Web Watcher K-Dee Anderson

Program Category: Professional, Personal, Societal, Fellowship

Program Topic: Expand the Vision: Educate members on Third World opportunities and encourage involvement on personal level

Program Title: Third World Countries: Haiti and Africa

Program Summary: Shelly Parsons Bratcher, retired teacher from Patton Springs, will share about her mission trip to Haiti. Gamma Eta members will also have information provided on the DKG International Projects "Schools For Africa".

Program Facilitator: Pat Hightower)

Delta Kappa Gamma Purposes: I, II, III, VI, VII

Committees: Educational Excellence *Global Awareness *Personal and Professional Enrichment *Programs and Service Projects

December
Spur A
Jean, Debbi, Rhea

January
Crosbyton B
Patsy, Janie, Vicki