



# Gamma Eta News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Texas State Organization, Gamma Eta #79, Area 12  
Serving Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Kent, King and Motley Counties

## Terri's Tidbits



Ah Christmas—We have survived another holiday season, the stockings have been hung and emptied, the Christmas tree with all its shiny ornaments has been stowed out of sight and thankfully out of mind for another year, and the Sugar Plum Fairy has returned to her lair not to be seen until another Yuletide season rolls around.

Now, we face the new year and the anticipation of what that holds. We look forward to the completion of this biennium, the election of new leadership for our chapter and the TSO state convention in Lubbock. Ask yourself, "Which way will you go?" What positions of leadership can you fulfill during the next biennium?

Be bold and step out in faith as you consider the possibilities of leading Gamma Eta (Debbi is accepting nominations for officers now). We are honored to have the state convention in our own backyard. Make plans now to attend and be a part of the journey our state president, Shalan Inmon, has laid before us. We need your assistance in filling volunteer positions for the convention.

Let us continue the course that we have begun anticipating that with courage, effort, leadership, dedication, and the blessing of almighty God, the new year can be brightest yet.

Happy New Year!!  
Terri

**JOURNEY**  
*Which way will you go?*

### Upcoming Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: LCU Library

Program: *Documenting our DKG Journey*

Facilitators: K Dee Anderson

Hostess Group: Lubbock (Donna, Chair; K Dee;

Terri; Tiffany H; Tiffany M; Joy)

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## Service Projects

### International Service Project:

Schools for Africa  
Support Early-Career Educators

### State Service Project:

Shelby's Bridge

**Chapter Service Project:** Finding and promoting a school, classroom, or individual project to fund

## 2020-2022 Officers

President: Terri Egerton

First Vice President: K Dee Anderson

Second Vice President: Tiffany Harkins

Recording Secretary: Janie Wigley

Corresponding Secretary: Jean Williams

Treasurer: Sharon McDougale

Parliamentarian: Donna Anderson

### Janie Wigley, Editor

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## WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

<http://www.dkg.org/>

<http://www.dkgtexas.org/>

<http://www.astef.org/>

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

## Future Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Matador FUMC

Program: *Embarking on a New Journey*

Election of 2022-2024 Officers

Hostess Group: Matador (Nancy, Chair; Chelsea; Brenda; Debbi; Jean)

Monday, May 2, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: TBA

Program: *Celebrating our DKG Journey*

Founders' Celebration, Awards and Recognitions  
Dutch Treat outing

## In Loving Memory of Melinda (Lindy) Stafford

Melinda Jayne (Lindy) Armstrong Stafford was born on June 1, 1944, and passed away on December 6, 2020. Lindy graduated from Hillcrest High School in Dallas and attended Texas Christian University where she met Gale Stafford. She and Gale married on January 31, 1964 and put down roots in Matador, Texas. Lindy completed her education and graduated from Texas Tech University. She began her teaching career at Motley County ISD.

Lindy was preceded in death by her husband, Gale. She is survived by her sons and wives: Wesley and Tammi Stafford of Sweetwater and David and Cynthia Stafford of Roaring Springs and her four grandsons: Conner, Cameron, Collin and Andrews.

## JOURNEY to



The Texas State Organization invited you to Journey to Lubbock, June 15-18, 2022!!

## Minutes of the December 6, 2021 Meeting

Gamma Eta Chapter held its meeting on December 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Spur. In attendance were the following members: Donna Anderson, K Dee Anderson, Debbi Ball, Terri Egerton, Pat Hightower, Brenda Karr, Sharon McDougale, Chelsea Read, Jean Williams, and new member Candace Zarate. Attending by ZOOM were Tiffany Harkins, Rhea Melton, Cristy McClenny and Janie Wigley. Guests present were Samantha Hardin and Area 12 Coordinator Sonja Hanks from Snyder. Mrs. Hanks brought greeting from Texas State Organization President Shalan Inmon and shared information concerning the TSO Lubbock Convention scheduled for June 2022. Volunteer are needed for Table Hostesses and Table Sales. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Sonja. Sharon McDougale is in charge of registration, Terri Egerton in charge of posters and signs, Rhea Melton will be in the Property Room and Stephanie Martinez has volunteered where needed.

Following her announcements, Mrs. Hanks presented a program entitled "Underground Railroad Quilt Symbols: Fact or Folklore". Over a 9 month period Hanks had attended a quilting class in Lubbock where she pieced together a quilt with symbols that told the story of slaves seeking freedom during the Civil War. Each quilt square told a piece of the story of how quilts played an important role in guiding those seeking freedom a way of escape.

After the program, Terri Egerton of Lubbock called the meeting to order. Minutes were approved as printed in Gamma Eta News. Treasurer Sharon McDougale reported a balance of \$2, 161.96. Sharon also reported that she had "Braggs for Grant" money to be deposited. Members voted to approve the use of the Prospect Card. Candace Zarate was introduced as a candidate for membership. Debbi Ball made a motion that we accept Candace as a member; Brenda Karr seconded the motion. The vote to approve Candace for membership was unanimous. Members were encouraged to pick up prospect cards and look for women educators to invite for membership.

K Dee Anderson reported that a letter was being prepared to mail to the school districts in Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Kent, King and Motley Counties inviting educators to send proposed projects to our chapter with one or more being chosen for funding. Nomination of Officers will need to be submitted to Debbi Ball before our January 10, 2022 meeting. Officers will be elected at our March meeting as the 2022-2024 Slate of Officers have to be reported on March 15, 2022.

Debbi Ball reported that Visitor Samantha Hardin will be apply for the Aspiring Educator Grant and will apply for Collegial Membership. Donna Anderson reported that Gamma Eta Bylaws have been submitted to the TSO Bylaws Chair, Paula Miller.

Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) has a Fall Stewardship Campaign ongoing. Janie Wigley of Allen reminded the members that a donation to ASTEF is tax deductible and can be done by PayPal or check. More information is available at [astef.org](http://astef.org).

A Celebration of Life Service for Lindy Stafford will be conducted at our next meeting. Necrology Chair Chelsea Read will be in contact with Ceremonies Chair Linda Spurgin to plan the ceremony. Terri Egerton is to contact Linda Spurgin.

Debbi Ball of Spur presented the Gamma Eta Angel to Chelsea Read of Matador. Members adjourned the meeting by singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Respectfully submitted by Janie Wigley

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

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

**Delta Kappa Gamma Theme**  
DKG: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide







Sonja Hanks, Area 12 Coordinator, presented program "Underground Railroad Quilt Symbols: Fact or Folklore".

Sonja made this quilt over a 9 month period while attending a quilting class in Lubbock.



Attending by ZOOM: Janie Wigley, Rhea Melton, Tiffany Harkins and Cristy McClenny



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