



# 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

Please read the *Gamma Eta News* carefully. The newsletter contains important meeting changes.



## Hello Fall!!

I don't know about you, but I am loving the cooler temperatures. Yesterday, we were blessed with a little afternoon rain shower. If the cooler weather and the rain shower were not enough, we received additional rain later in the evening complete with lightening and thunder. Blessings upon blessings!!

I certainly enjoyed our game time in Crosbyton. It was wonderful being with many I haven't seen in a while. We had two new faces at the meeting who came at the encouragement of Stephanie Martinez (way to go Stephanie!!). Let's encourage them to become Gamma Eta sisters very soon.

As most of you know, our October meeting had to be moved to December. Therefore, our next meeting will be November 8 in Spur. Please make these changes in your calendar.

The Area 12 presidents have already been hard at work. Sonja Hanks, Area 12 Coordinator and Patti Belknap, Area 12 Mentor, hosted a Zoom meeting to discuss the Area 12 Workshop that will be held September 10, 2022. Our chapter will need to define the ways that we would like to help. Please mark this date on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Just a reminder that the TSO Convention will be June 14-16, 2022 in Lubbock. There will be many opportunities for each of us to be of service during this convention. If you haven't attended a convention or haven't attended in a while, I hope you will make plans to do so.

See you all in Spur in November,

Terri

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

**Upcoming Meeting**  
**November 8, 2021**  
**Time: 5:30 p.m.**  
**Location: Spur FUMC**  
**Program: *New Connections on our Journey***  
**Facilitators: Stephanie Martinez & Terri Egerton**  
**Hostess Group: Spur (Rhea-Chair, Pat, Stephanie, Anna and Merla)**

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## Service Projects

**International Service Project:**  
Schools for Africa  
Support Early-Career Educators

**State Service Project:** TBA

**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

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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

December 6, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Spur FUMC

Program: *Journey to the Underground*

Facilitators: Sonja Hanks, Area 12 AC

Hostess Group: Gamma Eta Officers

## October Birthdays

October 6: Janie Wigley

October 7: Tiffany Harkins

*Gamma Eta Sisters Care*



**\*Prayers a speed recovery for Nancy Harrison who had carpal tunnel surgery on Friday, September 24.**

**\*Keep Sharon McDougale in your thoughts and prayers as she has knee replacement surgery on October 4th.**

## A Word from our Area 12 Coordinator

My job as your AC is to help you and your chapter be successful for the next two years. I will serve as a liaison between President Inmon and the eleven chapters in Area 12. I will be sharing information and deadlines through emails, newsletters, telephone calls, texts, and two visits to your chapters. Please contact me with any questions or concerns and I'll help you find the answers to your questions.

Patti Belknap, immediate past state president, is our new state mentor. She will be helping all of us have a very successful biennium. I had the privilege of training with her in Arlington and she is very funny, very easy to get to know, and very knowledgeable about the workings of DKG.

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At the DKG San Antonio Conference, Chris Coladonato encouraged members to work to create environments where members build connections moment by moment. Creating welcoming environments can be accomplished in three ways:

First, creating occasions for members to connect is a necessity. They may use existing opportunities before meetings, during a break or during a social gathering to learn about one another's lives.

Second, taking time to stay connected to others is essential. When people do not see each other daily, relationships can be complicated. What kind of activities can keep members connected when they are not coming together for a planned meeting?

Third, making personal connections is imperative. Individuals have to be open, interested and present. They must listen to what others are saying and share ideas, insights and interests. Personal connections create moments that individuals remember and cherish.

### Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Meeting

Gamma Eta Chapter held its first meeting of the 2021 school year on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Crosbyton. In attendance were the following members: Donna Anderson, KDee Anderson, Debbi Ball, Terri Egerton, Tiffany Harkins, Pat Hightower, Brenda Karr, Stephanie Martinez, Sharon McDougale, Merla Watson, and Jean Williams. Janie Wigley joined by ZOOM. Stephanie had two guests: Payton Swieczkowski and Candace Zarate.

President Terri Egerton addressed the group with a few important announcements. Minutes from the April 12, 2021 in the Gamma Eta News were approved as printed. Treasurer Sharon McDougale stated that the 2021-2022 Budget was in the Gamma Eta News. The July 1, 2021 balance was \$2,462.21. The only expense has been the purchase of a President's Pin for Terri.

The "Brag for Grants" bucket was passed around and brags were heard from Pat that she has received her grant again; Debbi stated that Elisha had a negative Covid test; Terri reported that everyone was finally well in her household; Brenda bragged on the good work of the Achievement Committee on submitting Janie's name for the 2021 TSO Achievement Award; and Donna shared that school had started for her grandchildren at school and in her home as well.

The October 4th meeting will need to be rescheduled as Spur does not have school on Oct. 4. More information about the date will be sent later. The Gamma Eta Yearbook will have the date for the Area 12 Workshop. Terri will confirm the date and get it to Tiffany.

At the President's training (LDGP) at the 2021 TSO Convention in Denton the 2022 TSO Convention in Lubbock was discussed. Area Workshop was a topic that received discussion. Sonja Hanks, Area 12 Coordinator asked for suggestion to make the Workshop more relevant to more DKG/TSO members. Terri asked Gamma Eta members to list the 5 top committees that need to make presentations at the Workshop. Terri also wants input on (1) Fun activity to participate in and (2) Topics to be addressed at Workshop. ASTEF has asked for 1 themed basket and 1 small item to be auctioned off as a fundraiser at Area Workshop. Other items discussed were table decorations and door prizes.

Terri noted that Hostess Groups had been reworked and the changes will be in the 2021-2022 Gamma Eta Yearbook.

1st Vice President Tiffany Harkins presented red roses for perfect attendance in 2020-2021 to the following members: Donna Anderson, KDee Anderson, Debbi Ball, Terri Egerton, Sharon McDougale, Janie Wigley, and Jean Williams.

Business meeting was adjourned and members played games and had a time of fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted:

Janie Wigley, Recording Secretary

#### **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



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Always an abundance of food at our Gamma Eta meetings. Pictures l to r: K Dee, Pat, visitors Payton and Candace, and Stephanie.



Terri presented the Gamma Eta Angel to Debbi.

2020-2021 Perfect Attendance: Sharon, Donna, Terri, Debbi, Jean, K Dee and Janie (not pictured).



Our President...Terri



Beautiful roses were given to 2020-2021 Perfect Attendance members by 2nd VP Tiffany.



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