



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

Deb's Doodles



I have had the privilege of watching my grandchildren play baseball and softball over the past few years. It has been clear that as they progressed through the games and built their skills, they continue to need help in batting. Author Becky Doughty says, "Life kept throwing me all these curve balls. Then God handed me a bat and taught me how to swing." I clearly need more help in my "batting" skills, too. That was evident with scheduling our November meeting.

I have never really been a structured person. I know that it drives some of my family nuts that I clearly fly by the seat of my pants. Yes, we need some plans, but I believe that we must be willing to allow for changes to those plans in today's crazy, hectic world. Life coach Tony Robbins reminds us that we should "stay committed to your decisions but stay flexible in your approach."

I can't thank each of you enough for the understanding that you had in rescheduling the November meeting...twice!!! But we will get it done this coming Monday, December 3, in Crosbyton. Flexibility will be a major concern in this meeting as we need to vote on amendments to our Gamma Eta rules. We need your attendance at this meeting to set things in motion to keep our chapter current. Donna Anderson and her committee have already received the suggested "new" rules for our chapters following this summer's International Convention amendments that were accepted. Changes occur along with growth, and DKG is growing in all directions.

Stay warm. Stay safe. And take time to enjoy the meaning of the Christmas season that is here. Nothing is more precious than family and friends. And we are in a profession that nourishes those commitments more than any profession on this earth. As teachers, we are the mentors to guide our young people in accepting changes that must be made and respecting the differences each person brings to our life.

Remember the challenges I set before you in the last newsletter. See you Monday night, December 3, in Crosbyton.

Love and blessings to all,
 Debbi Ball

Upcoming Event:

Monday, December 3, 2018
5:30 p.m.
Crosbyton CISD Conference Center
Bridging DKG Profile Gap
Using the DKG Website
Program Facilitator: Debbi Ball
Hostess Group: Crosbyton A (Sharon, Vicki, Linda, Janie and Cristy)

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Bits and Pieces

From the **Texas Co-Op Power**, November 2018 (page 7)

Two Texas women made history in the November elections 100 years ago. Women obtained the right to vote in Texas primaries earlier in 1918, and they strongly supported Annie Webb Blanton, a teacher and suffragist, in the Democratic primary in the race for superintendent of public instruction. She went on to win in November, becoming the first woman elected to statewide office in Texas.

From **Get Connected!**, November/December 2018

If you need an answer to a question quickly, try the new chat feature on the DKG website! The chat box, pinned on the bottom right of the website, is available during Headquarter's business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. CST. Leave a message at other times and someone will respond the next day. Originally intended to unlock accounts, members have also asked questions about scholarships, forms, and more. Chat monitors have responded to over 550 requests in a little over a month! They are there to help you!

From **DKG News**, Vol. 75, No. 6, Nov/Dec 2018 (page 3)

There are many myths about the use of the keypin. Let's explore them! The Society keypin, considered official jewelry to signify membership, is described in the Go-To Guide and is not a constitutional requirement. Myths have grown from practices developed over the years and are just that: myths. 1. Keypins must be worn at all DKG functions. This is not true. The Go-To Guide only references the keypin as official jewelry; it does not state when to wear it. 2. Chapters can require members to wear it and can charge fines for a member not wearing it at meetings. While some chapters may have wording about the wearing of the keypin and fines for not wearing it written into their rules, we encourage chapters to take another look at their rules. This practice is not supported in our Constitution. 3. Keypins must be worn on a red ribbon that is placed on the left side of the body near the heart. Should a member decide to wear her keypin, she may choose to wear it with or without any color ribbon she chooses and may place it anywhere she desires. She may choose not to wear it at all. Wearing a keypin is not a requirement for any member. 4. Keypins must be returned to International upon a member's resignation from DKG or at her death. There are no regulations about returning a keypin. Many family members often wish to keep the pin in memory of their loved one. Some chapters enjoy honoring a former member by giving her returned keypin to an inductee.

Birthdays

December 1: Sharon McDougle
December 6: Deborah Raatz
December 15: Merla Watson

Service Projects

International Service Project:
Schools for Africa
Support Early-Career Educators
State Service Project:
TBA
Chapter Service Project:
Brags for Grants

Future Meeting

Monday, January 7, 2019
Time: 5:30 p.m.
FUMC, Matador
Program Topic: Bridging Times & Places Through Travel
Program Title: Experiencing Travel in a New Way
Program Facilitator: Tiffany Mitchell
Hostess Group: Matador (Nancy, Brenda, Chelsea, Karen and Lindy)

Monday, March 4, 2019
FUMC, Spur
Program Topic: Bridging Today's Leadership with Gamma Eta's Charter Members
Program Title: You Don't Have to Have a Title to be a Leader
Program Facilitator: Terri Egerton
Hostess Group: Spur (Debbi, Pat, Stephanie, Rhea, Merla, Anna)

2018-2020 Officers

Debbi Ball, President
Terri Koch, 1st Vice President
Janie Wigley, 2nd Vice President
Lindy Stafford, Recording Secretary
Joy O'Steen, Corresponding Secretary
Sharon McDougle, Past President
Linda Spurgin, Parliamentarian

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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/>

Brags for Grants

Yearbook Chair Janie Wigley bragging: "Early Bird Award" had been received from TSO Yearbook Chair Charlotte Nyman.



Member's Moments

by Janie Wigley

Membership Yardstick

- Have you contacted a sister about taking your car to a meeting?
- Did you fill out a Prospect Card with the name of a prospective member?
- Did you print your 2018-2019 Gamma Eta Yearbook?
- Are you making plans to attend the 2019 TSO Convention?

How are you measuring up?





#GivingTuesday is a global celebration of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. One of the many ways to participate is to join in the Facebook/Paypal \$7 million match on Nov. 27, 2018. For Giving Tuesday on November, 27th, 2018, Facebook is partnering with Paypal, to match a total of up to \$7 million in donations made on Facebook to eligible US-based 501(c)(3) nonprofits. ASTEF is one of the eligible non-profit organizations.

You can create your own giving goal for ASTEF. Remember all donations will be matched.

Click on the #GivingTuesday link and following the steps to donate to ASTEF. Thank you.

https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers?create&default_beneficiary_type=charity&prefill_type=giving_tuesday&source=search_shortcut

(From ASTEF.org)

Have you been on the Gamma Eta website lately? If not check it out and notice that we have a DKG Compliance Seal for October 2018-October 2020!!!!



Gamma Eta Sisters Care



Brenda Karr had an uncle pass away. Please keep Brenda's family in your prayers. Debbi Ball's husband, Benny, had knee surgery. Please keep them in your prayers. Hurricanes, flooding, wild fires and much more in the news. Remember that we have DKG sisters in every state in the USA. If you would like to donate to the Emergency Fund just click on the link:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGDONATE/DKGDONATE/Donate_Now.aspx?itemid=ERFUND

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

