



# 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



This has truly been a strange year. COVID-19, COVID testing, masks, quarantine, etc. are not words that I would have thought would become part of my everyday vocabulary. I love seeing and being with people. I have not spent so much time at home in my life. Church online in my pajamas just is NOT right. Zoom meetings for training and book and Bible studies have almost (but not quite) have become second nature.

As Thanksgiving season approaches, families again as facing the possibility of more shutdowns and confinement as the number of COVID cases rises. Many of us are wondering if family gatherings are even possible this season. Sometimes, it seems challenging to find things and situations that make us thankful.

Each of you are on my thankful list this year. I value you as sisters of Gamma Eta and find myself truly blessed to count each of you as friends. You have offered encouragement and smiles that have encouraged me to be president even during these trying times. I encourage you to keep the faith and count your blessings, both large and small, this Thanksgiving season.

Love and Blessings to YOU!

Terri

### Upcoming Meeting

Monday, November 2, 2020  
5:30 p.m.  
Spur FUMC  
Program Title: 100th Anniversary of  
the 19th Amendment  
Program Facilitator: Pat Hightower  
Hostess Group: Spur  
(Merla, Debbi, Pat, Stephanie,  
Anna, Rhea)



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Minutes of October 5, 2020  
Gamma Eta Chapter

Special guest for the evening was Judy Evans, Area 12 Coordinator. Judy brought greetings from the Texas State Organization President Patti Belknap. She reminded us of the theme for this biennium is "You are the Key" and that each member has the ability to unlock many doors. Judy complimented Gamma Eta on their attendance at Area Workshop. Gamma Eta had 10 members present and 6 members with some part in the program.

A list of upcoming dates was shared by Judy. Saturday, December 5, 2020 will be the Christmas Brunch with Alpha Sigma being the host. Leadership Seminar applications are due October 15, 2020. November 1, 2020 is the deadline for STAR registration, Early Bird Yearbook and Fall Mini Grants.

AC Judy Evans then installed the 2020-2022 officers: Terri Egerton, President; K Dee Anderson, First Vice President; Tiffany Harkins, Second Vice President; Jean Williams, Corresponding Secretary; Janie Wigley, Recording Secretary; Sharon McDougale, Treasurer; and Donna Anderson, Parliamentarian.

President Terri Egerton called the business meeting to order. Minutes from the May ZOOM meeting were ready by Janie Wigley. Debbi Ball made a motion to approve the minutes as read; Donna Anderson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved. Sharon McDougale, Treasurer, presented the 2020-2021 budget. Janie Wigley made a motion to approve the 2020-21 budget; Rhea Melton seconded the motion. The budget was approved.

Debbi Ball gave an update on the Goggle Project. The end of year report deadline has been extended to June 30, 2021. Debbi is going to make contact with superintendents and encourage schools to resume using the goggles as soon as they can safely do so. K Dee Anderson gave a report on programs. She indicated that ZOOM will be an option for each meeting this year with our January 11, 2021 meeting being by ZOOM only. Tiffany Harkins shared that the Gamma Eta Yearbook is in the editing stage. She is needing a few program summaries to be submitted to her so she can finish up the yearbook as the Early Bird deadline is November 1, 2020.

Donna Anderson stated that we are in compliance with electronic meetings and voting as far as our chapter bylaws are concerned. Articles XII, XIII and XIV all contain wording to allow us to meet and vote electronically. Jean Williams has turned the "Braggs for Grants" bucket over to Sharon McDougale. Many wonderful brags were voiced.

Debbi Ball and Janie Wigley shared about ASTEF. ASTEF is looking for new board members with the deadline for that application being April 15, 2021. Debbi emphasized how ASTEF has helped Gamma Eta over the past several years with stipends to help with our projects. She had a show of hands of members who had attended the Leadership Seminar and encouraged others to apply. Scholarships were also recognized with several members having received scholarships in past years.

Tiffany Harkins presented Donna Anderson with the Gamma Eta Angel.

Meeting was adjourned after Perfect Pin, Perfect Attendance and Double Perfect awards were given out.

Respectful submitted by Janie Wigley, Recording Secretary

## Service Projects

### International Service Project:

Schools for Africa  
Support Early-Career Educators

### State Service Project:

TBA

### Chapter Service Project:

TBA

## 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

## Future Meetings

Monday, January 11, 2021

6:00 p.m.

ZOOM Meeting

Program Title: Israel Trip

Program Facilitator: Donna Anderson

Monday, March 1, 2021

5:30 p.m.

FUMC, Matador

Program Title: Everyone is an Artist

Program Facilitator: Debbi Ball

Matador Hostess Group (Nancy, Chelsea

Lindy, Brenda, Cristy)

## November Birthday

November 7: Jean Williams

November 13: Vicki Sellers

November 14: Chelsea Read

November 15: Cristy McClenny

November 15: Rhea Melton

Janie Wigley, Editor

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## WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

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

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

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/TX-gammaeta/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/449077138462200/>



Gamma Eta Sisters Care

Please keep Chelsea Read in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers and gets stronger.

Our thoughts and prayers to Brenda Karr on the death of her aunt.

Remember Beau Martinez, son of Stephanie Martinez, as he recovers from knee surgery.

Former member Karen Rothwell fell and broke her wrist in two places and her arm in one place. Please keep Karen in your prayers as she heals.

Congratulations to Joy O' Steen for being named to the "Lubbock Top 20 under 40" list!!



A gift has been received by the Alpha State Educational Foundation in honor of Gamma Eta by Debbi Ball.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to Gamma Eta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International during 2018-2020.

## 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





# GAMMA ETA NEWS

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View all pictures from our October 5, 2020 meeting at <https://gammaetatexas.weebly.com/>

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Tiffany presented the Gamma Eta Angel to Donna.



Sharon presented Terri with the Traveling President's Pin



Terri gave outgoing president Debbi a mum plant and announced that a donation to ASTEF was made in her honor.



# Pandemic Thankfulness!



Image by Pete Linford @ [pixabay.com](https://pixabay.com)

♥ One unexpected lesson Benny and I learned from this COVID situation is that we are "elderly." That truly blew our minds; we never considered ourselves to be elderly even though we have constantly referred to changes in our lifestyle and bodies as being caused because we are "at that age." Then younger friends, former students, and even (I found out later) former clients of Benny's began contacting us asking if we were okay or needed anything. That was truly a blessing to discover that there were people out there who truly loved and cared for us. We also learned that situations we had questioned God about happening were truly His ways of showing that He was taking care of us and our loved ones every minute of every day.

Full of God's wonderful blessings,

Debbi Ball

♥ Through this COVID situation and the deterioration of my eyesight, I have come to be more thankful and aware of God's true blessings in my life. My daughters and son-in-law are always there making sure that I get out and continue to experience things. I have been able to see my great grandchildren ride horses, play golf (Benny walked me closer to the tee box), play tennis and softball (got to sit next to the fence), and enjoy the special hugs my grandchildren and great grandchildren all give me.

Always Thankful,

Jean Williams

♥ Living alone is not for the faint of heart; however, during the self quarantine period I have found myself alone for about 23 hours a day. Thank goodness for the 1 hour a day I have spent with wonderful friends walking around Crosbyton. We already had been walking every day, but it took on a different meaning for me as the months rolled by. We walked in the early spring with the wind blowing that added resistance to our walk. We walked in the summer at 7 a.m. to beat the heat. We walked in the fall while enjoying beautiful sunrises and cooler weather. And we even looking forward to walking in the winter where we will have to bundle up a bit to stay warm. Our 4+ miles a day has added up to over 700 miles so far this year. I am thankful for healthy knees and hips that allow me to walk. I am thankful for a group of committed friends who walk except in the rain. I love this group of women who make exercise an enjoyable experience. Accountability is the key; but friendship is the glue.

Grateful and thankful,

Janie Wigley

## Cont. "Pandemic Thankfulness"

♥ Although COVID-19 has been stressful there has been some positive things for me. Easter Sunday for me was a wonderful day. The day started with a Drive-Inn Sunrise Service. It was a great service of celebrating Jesus' resurrection, with a great message by Matt. After going home I spent the rest of the morning listening or watching great messages about Jesus' resurrection either on-line or TV. Even though I was by myself it was a great day worshiping and praising God. Also I had not been taking time to play the piano that is sitting in my living room without being touched. With staying home with COVID-19 isolation, I decided to start playing that piano. I started playing songs that touched my heart about Jesus. They lifted me up and gave me more positive thoughts. I also had more time to read scriptures and devotionals focusing me more on God. Even though I was at home by myself, I was not by myself for my Savior was with me all the time.

Sharon McDougale

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♥ I am thankful for the opportunity to spend time with my niece and nephew, work with my puppies and catch up on sleep.

K Dee Anderson

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♥ With the pandemic of COVID-19 here is what it made me stop and think. It is sad in a sense how it took something like this to bring some families closer together to just sit and spend time with each other. As a teacher and parent of 3 teenage boys right now, it becomes clear to me as a parent of a Senior in high school who is about to go out in the world, I am thankful that we have always made time for our children. I am glad we have always made sure to have family time, movie nights, games nights, cookouts, going out to eat, even those dreaded days of working at the farm together. But it was quality time spent together. My children may not have always like how the day went but in the end I hope they came away from it knowing they are cared for, loved and one of the most important things that GOD has ever placed in my control. I hope I have raised them to be the best they can be and to always try something new. With that said and looking at the COVID situation it is forcing some parents to be cooped up with their children and spend time with them. I am grateful it made them enjoy their children and family. For those that didn't I feel sad for them as some of them still had to work but some we can say the reason, but I hate that they missed that time that they can't get back with their children. It has also made people be a little more alter to the things they do and making sure they protect themselves and loved ones. The only thing I can really say that I really didn't like about this whole pandemic is when people became greed on supplies. We are all in the same situation if we could just take a little and allow others to have some to then we could have plenty of everything we need instead of becoming hoarders. Just the simple fact that the basics became harder to get. My opinion is it's a 'hey world you better wake up and start flying right and get it together and do the right thing'. In this pandemic I have also gained an extra son in my house this year by raising my nephew, whom we didn't see very often. Let me just say that really shakes things up when you are us to only having two kids. But to go from 2 teenage boys to three, is so much FUN. So instead of saying 'hey I have a Senior and a Sophomore, it is now yes, we have a Senior, Junior, and Sophomore in high school'. We wouldn't trade it, but some days are more entertaining than others for sure. So, in conclusion, the pandemic has just really made me stop and think about others and their loved ones and how it has brought them together and how sad it is that it took a pandemic to do that.

Stephanie Martinez

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♥ K. Don and I have been so blessed to be able to get our noon meal at Senior Citizens by picking it up at the center Monday-Friday, We miss seeing our friends each day, but we are so thankful our staff has stayed healthy and enough to prepare our food each day. Also, we have been plagued by a family of skunks making the rounds on our end of town, spraying dogs, getting into garages, and one has been sleeping in our backyard. My friend, Anne Butler, asked the city to set traps by her shipping container because she sees them openly trotting down the alley by her house which is on the southern edge of town overlooking a cotton patch. So far the city has captured two. Each day we await Anne's Skunk Report. We are thankful and blessed, indeed.

Linda Spurgin



## Cont. "Pandemic Thankfulness"

♥ It is hard to think of being grateful during a disease that has brought such sadness to so many. But I am thankful that teachers have been shown to be ESSENTIAL workers, and the many hats they wear to do their jobs just don't fit most!

Brenda Karr

♥ In July of this year, my washing machine bit the dust. A new one was ordered but due to Coronavirus shutdowns and shortages, it took almost six weeks to get a new one. I am used to getting things in what I consider a timely manner. I was extremely irritated and "put out." When the new one arrived, God spoke to my heart and helped me see things in a new light. The following is an excerpt from a poem I wrote.

Terri Egerton

How Blessed Am I

How blessed am I that when my washing machine stopped working, I was able to call the home warranty company.

How blessed am I that when I needed a new one, the repairman could order a new machine.

How blessed am I that while waiting, my Mom allowed me to use her washing machine.

How blessed am I that each week that my husband helped me load the laundry into the car and drove me to my Mom's home and back again.

How blessed am I that I got to spend time with my Mom, my husband and my granddaughters while doing laundry.

How blessed am I that my new washing machine arrived with no additional charges after paying the initial repair.

How blessed am I to have running water and electricity to run the washing machine.

How blessed am I to live in a country where all of these blessings are possible.

How Blessed Am I.

