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Words from Wigley

WOW!!! February has flown by and now we are in the month of March. Here comes EOC, STAAR, Field Trips, Awards Assembly and Gamma Eta's 75th birthday!!

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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.

**March 4, 2013, Monday, 5:30,
First United Methodist Church,
Matador**

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February 8-10 was a very special weekend for me as I had the chance to participate in the 10th TSO Leadership Seminar in Dallas. Our class was special because we were the 10th class, we had 32 members of the class and we were the best class that had ever been through the Seminar. Well, that last statement is very biased, but we did have a good group of women educators there. One of the participants and presenters was Dr. Beverly Helms, Delta Kappa Gamma's International President. What a treat to have Dr. Helms specifically mention to me that one of my chapter members (thank you Rhea) had made a comment on the DKG Facebook page!!

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February also brought a new officer to Gamma Eta. I'm excited to add Patsy Weems to the list of officers. We regret that Amy Jarrett had to resign from the office of 1st Vice President. Amy will remain as a member and hopefully will get her health and stress level under control and join us at our monthly meetings. Patsy will have to hit the ground running as the March 4 meeting will be our Annie Award meeting; however, I know Patsy is up to this challenge.

I am also very excited about our March 4 meeting at FUMC Matador. We will be celebrating Gamma Eta's 75th birthday with a program entitled "Celebrate Gamma Eta: Past, Present, and Future" facilitated by Linda Hicks. I'm just tingling with excitement over the fact that we will have our "new to campus" teachers in attendance. Be vigilant to invite, remind, encourage, and provide

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transportation for these teachers to attend our meeting. Lindy and Chelsea need a head count by February 25 so they can be prepared. Don't miss this evening. It's going to be great!!!

Remember your school supplies for the "Hands on Central Texas" project for the 2013 TSO Convention in Austin. Speaking of the convention, if you are interested in attending the 2013 State Convention in Austin let me know as soon as possible. It will be a great experience and a good chance to see how conventions work before we help host the 2014 State Convention in Lubbock!

Lots of things going on so don't miss a thing.

Hugs,
Janie

Just an Apron

I really enjoyed our meeting last month with Deborah Payne. It started me thinking about my own memories of aprons. Like many they involved their beloved grandmothers. My Granny Waddell always wore a waist apron. She dried her hands with it after washing dishes, used it to move hot items from the oven and carried quite a few eggs with it from the chicken house. She also always had that Kleenex tucked into a pocket to catch my runny nose. They weren't fancy aprons but handy to assist her in what ever chore she doing on the farm. Sweet memories I must say. My other grandmother Granny Kidd chose a different kind of apron. She slipped both arms into it and tied it in the back. For many years she cooked at the restaurants in Dickens. So if you ate at Alma Lee's or the Shamrock Café there is a good chance you have tasted some of her cooking. She was an excellent cook. My Daddy always told me he married Mother because of Granny's biscuits. She would use her apron outside to care in apples or peaches from the orchard. Then set out to make the best fried pies in the world.

I started wondering why with such wonderful memories of these ladies wearing aprons why didn't I wear one. So I started looking up the history of aprons on the internet. I found the 50's when I was just a wee babe the apron became the symbol of the American housewife. But before that one article suggested that Adam and Eve created the first aprons in history. I have seen in many era specific movies that men and women wore aprons way back. Women to protect the one or two dress she owned and the men to protect them from items that could harm them in their profession. Who doesn't remember an old western with the blacksmith wearing a heavy leather apron to protect him from the heat and hot iron he hammered. The doctors in Civil War movies wearing aprons on the battle front for protection. Just recently I finished watching Downton Abby each maid wore a different kind of apron according to her standing in the household. But with such a long standing of use and the many benefits of wearing an apron why has it not continued to be as popular as it was? Many of the articles I read suggested "Women's Lib". So along with the bra burning so went the apron as sign of feminine suppression. Aprons have made a comeback just Google aprons. There are hundreds of sites selling aprons of all kinds' shapes, colors and holiday designs just as we were privileged to see when Deborah did her presentation. Kind of makes me want one of my own how about you? If only I could cook like my Granny.



First Deborah modeled
then we modeled.

Oh what fun!!!!!!



February Minutes

Gamma Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met for a regular meeting on February 4, 2013 at the middle school in Crosbyton, Texas. Fourteen members and one guest enjoyed a Mexican stack meal after being welcomed by President Janie Wigley. Vivian Morris told a heartwarming story about reconnecting with an old friend for an icebreaker. Cheryl Hindman introduced Deborah Payne who presented a wonderful program on Aprons. Deborah is a middle school music teacher at Levelland and directs the DKG state choir. Deborah showed us a part of her collection of aprons telling us stories about each apron. Her presentation made us very aware of how aprons are tied to memories and how we can tie those memories to special people and special times in our lives. At the end of the program, we all chose an apron and had our picture made amid laughter and fun.

President Janie Wigley called the business meeting to order. Brenda Karr moved that the minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter; Susan Chastain seconded the motion; motion passed. Sharon McDougal gave the treasurer's report; our balance is \$1,893.31. There were no committee reports. Vicky Sellers did report that new pictures for the website could be made tonight, and everyone should check her birthday to be certain the date is correct. Lindy Stafford read a thank you note from Chelsea Read.

President Wigley reported that Amy Jarrett has resigned as First Vice President during new business. Janie accepted the resignation and appointed Patsy Weems to fill the office. The chapter accepted this appointment with pleasure.

Patsy told us that our next meeting will be March 4 in Matador at the First United Methodist Church. It is our 75th anniversary. Christy McClenny will have the icebreaker. Linda Hicks will facilitate a program "To Celebrate Gamma Eta ---Past, Present, and Future".

Ruby Cook was given our chapter angel by Janie with the admonishment to keep her out of her box a prominent place for the whole month. Ruby agreed that would be the thing to do. After the singing of our DKG song, the meeting adjourned.

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world wide.

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Remember to bring :

- ★ your Guest
- ★ your elevator speech
- ★ your Membership profile March 4, in Matador.



*Guardians of the faith yet sleeping,
For our sisters watch e'er keeping,
Deeds of others now e'er reaping,
We for others stand!
To us pioneers have given:
We return their gifts to Heaven;
Work for others is the leaven
That inspires our band!*



Chapter Announcements

Happy Birthday

Cheryl Hindman 18th
Pat Hightower 19th

Congratulations

Debbi Ball and BPA members

Prayer Concerns

Tondi Jeter
Pray for moisture



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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

Chapter Project

Adopt-A-Teacher

Welcome to Gamma Eta area teachers!

We hope that you are as excited as we are to have you coming to our meeting on the 4th.



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Future Meetings

March 4, 2013

First United Methodist Church, Matador

5:30 pm / Hostesses Matador

Celebrate Gamma Eta: Past, Present and Future

Members and honored guests (adopted teachers) will celebrate the founding of Gamma Eta chapter.



April 8, 2013

Patton Springs Food Lab, Afton

5:30 pm / Hostesses Patton

We All Need a Little Pampering

Bessie Morris, Mary Kay Representative, Crosbyton, will share a multitude of ideas for fun and unique gift ideas for any occasion.

Matador

Lindy Stafford
Chelsea Read
Karen Winn
Norma Morrison

April

Brenda Karr
Cristy McClenny
Donna Anderson
Brenda Dennis