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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 21,, 2016
Crosbyton CISD
Conference Room
5:30

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Heart to Heart

I'm so excited!!! I just can't hide it!!! I think you know the way that tune goes. I am excited because we are celebrating Gamma Eta's 78th birthday on March 21, 2016, at the CCISD Conference Center. Thinking of our Gamma Eta Charter Members, they stepped out in faith and hope to organize a chapter so far from Headquarters and in a rural area of West Texas. Think about their travel in 1938 or older vehicles. I've ridden in an older vehicle…there's no 75 mph speed in those cars and trucks. The road that we travel to Lubbock sometimes weekly is glorious to what it must have been in 1938. As I'm receiving reasons that we love Gamma Eta my mind is going back to Eula Lee Carter, Alta Cassie, Virginia A. Elliott, Lillie Gentry, Thressia Godfrey, Mildred Holt, Thelma Hogan, Dot B. Jones, Marie Kelley, Dess B. Stubbs, Opal Thomas, and Johnnie Weaver. I have to believe that as they look down on us from heaven they are giving us "Atta Girls" for the work that they started that we are continuing.

We are continuing to collect donations for our "What'll I Do?" Project. We have a very good start to the goal of placing a set of Mark Williams' books in our area schools. I will have Sharon McDougle, Treasurer, give an update at our March 21st meeting. Also at our meeting we will vote on our 2016-2018 officers. Please try to be in attendance at this meeting so that you can have a say in the leadership of Gamma Eta for the next biennium.

The 2016 TSO Convention in Frisco is right around the corner (June 23-25). If you are planning to attend, please let me know. We have one room at the Convention hotel. TSO has opened up two other hotels that are across the street from the Embassy Suites. All information about the convention is available at www.dkgtexas.org. Registration should be up mid-March and RoughRider Night at the Ballpark has a deadline of May 1 for tickets.

Planning is underway for our Area 12 Workshop. I will have more information for you soon. Please put Saturday, September 10 on your calendar so that you do not double book that date. We are in an exciting time for Gamma Eta and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International so catch the excitement and join in. It's going to be lots of fun!!

From my heart to yours,
Janie

Chocolate Bliss

Chocolate Bliss Debbi Ball (left) shared information on the history and origin of chocolate.

Above are Linda, Vivian and Merla enjoying the program below are Merla, Pat and Deborah learning about the chocolate elixir we all crave and enjoy.

Service Projects:

International Service Project: Schools for Africa

State Service Project: CASA and Hope Supply Co.

Chapter Service Project: What'll I Do

The Heart of the Society is its Members

February Minutes

Twelve members and one guest, Terri Koch, met at the First United Methodist Church in Spur, Texas for a regular meeting of Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma on February 8, 2016. Chocolate hearts were given to each person as an ice breaker and way to introduce the program, "Chocolate Bliss".

Vivian Morris led us in prayer before a wonderful dinner prepared by the Spur Group B ladies.

Janie Wigley, President, called the meeting to order. Brenda Karr moved that the minutes be approved as written, and Jeanne Williams seconded. Motion carried. Sharon McDougle, Treasurer, reported that the chapter has a balance of $1,669.60. She reminded members that ASTEF is conducting a fund raiser and is asking for donations. Contribution forms were given to each member.

Our "What'll I Do" project was discussed. The third book in the series is nearly ready for the publisher reports author, Mark Williams. As of tonight, $420.00 in commitments by members have been made.

During new business, Janie asked that members email her all the reasons you love Gamma Eta to be used in our program next month.

At this time, the meeting was turned over to Debbi Ball who presented our program, "Chocolate Bliss". She presented a history of chocolate and Valentine's Day. Possibly the most important piece of information presented was the fact that chocolate is good for us.

Our next meeting will be in Crosbyton on March 7, 2016. Vivian Morris gave our angel to Sharon McDougle. The meeting ended with the singing of our Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Delta Kappa Gamma Vision ~

Leading women educators

impacting education world wide.

The **Conference Room** is located behind the **CCISD cafeteria**. Parking is in a lot located at the corner of Birch and Ivy. Drive past the school circle, past the Middle School building, turn right on Birch and right on Ivy. Parking lot is located on the left or street parking is available.

"The Heart of the Society is its Members".

Chapter Announcements

Happy Birthday

Pat Hightower 19th

Prayer Concerns

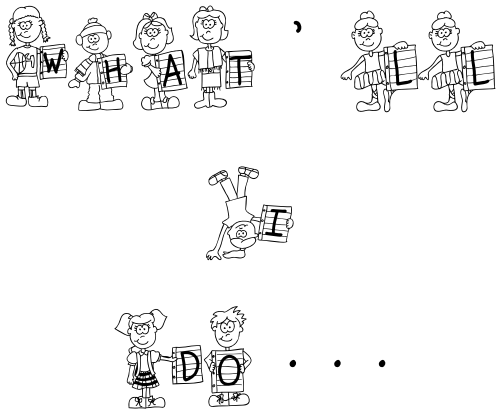
Students and Faculty facing STARR testing

Our Country and Victims of violence
Good Weather

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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

Chapter Project



Books by Mark Shane Williams
for area school libraries.

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Future Meetings

Monday, March 21, 2016 (Chapter Birthday Celebration)
Crosbyton CCISD Conference Room, Crosbyton
Program Category: Professional, Personal, Societal, Fellowship
Program Topic: The Heart of the Society is its Members: Reflect on Gamma Eta's history
Program Title: Seventy seven reasons to love Gamma Eta
Program Summary: Members will celebrate Gamma Eta's 77th birthday by remembering the past, celebrating now and looking forward to the future. Nomination Committee will announce slate of officers and members will vote on 2016-2018 officers..
Program Facilitator: Brenda Karr
DKG Purposes: II, III, IV, VII
Committee Reports: Achievement Award, Legislation

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Monday, April 25, 2016 (Founders' Day)
TBA, Crosbyton, Texas
Program Category: Professional, Societal, Fellowship
Program Topic: The Heart of the Society is its Members: Reflect on the advancements of the Society and achievements of chapter members
Program Title: Celebrating our Founders and Chapter
Program Summary: Founders will be remembered and celebrated in a delightful way. Members will receive attendance and pin awards. Installation of officers for the 2016-2018 biennium.
Program Facilitator: Vicki Sellers
Hostess Group: Crosbyton B
DKG Purposes: I, II, VI
Committee Reports: Membership, Webwatcher

March
Vivian, Sharon, Linda

April
Pasty, Deborah, Vicki