



Gamma Eta News

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Including: Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Kent, King, and Motley Counties

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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.

May 6, 2013, Monday, 5:30,
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Crosbyton

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Annie Application in the mail...check; PACE Application in the mail... check; reservations made for State Convention...check; countdown to the end of school...priceless!!! No matter how much we all love our jobs, it is always nice to come to the end of the school year and have a little rest that is known as summer! Summer is going to find us headed many different directions so before we held out we've got one more thing to do. We've got to meet at Cheryl Hindman's home on May 6th at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate the Founders of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Vicki Sellers and I will soon be putting our heads together to plan the program that will highlight our Founders. Since this will be our last meeting for this school year we hope to share information about our Founders in a manner that will still allow us to have plenty of visiting time. Remember your favorite salad to share with the group. If it is as outstanding as many of you then you will want to bring along copies of your recipe as well.

Other things to remember are your school supplies (or cash) for Hands on Central Texas. We will be heading to Austin for Convention on June 19-23, 2013. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel. Those attending this year are Debbi Ball, Cheryl Hindman, Sharon McDougle, Patsy Weems, Janie Wigley, and Jean Williams.

One last thing before I put this column up for a few months. I want to give a BIG thank you to our Area Coordinator, Cheryl Hindman. Cheryl has been a wonderful AC. Not only has it been very special to be the home chapter of our AC, but she has been a tremendous source of help to me in the first year of my biennium. THANK YOU, CHERYL!!!

Thanks to all of you that are my Gamma Eta Sisters for a year well done!!
Hugs,
Janie

GAMMA ETA'S BEGINNING

Springtime is birthin' time for lots of God's critters;
Cattle, horses, coyotes, and even skunks by the litters.
It's a time of excitement; dreams runnin' wild;
Prospects seem endless—whatever the child.

So it was on this wild, windy, wonderful date
In the blowing and blustery spring month of March 26, '38
Remember that date—seventy-five year years ago;
Alpha State was birthin' and dreams were aglow.

Lubbock's Hilton Hotel, lavish in its Spanish crimson and gold
Was the proper setting to bring Gamma Eta into the state's fold.
Ladies arrived from Austin, Borger, Lubbock and Plainview;
Each elegantly dressed; each excited and eager her duties to do.

Eula Lee Carter graciously conducted initiation with poise and style,
Undaunted by West Texas' March weather and the many, many miles.
She banded Cottle, Dickens, Kent, King and Motley Counties as one;
Thus Delta Kappa Gamma's baby chapter, Gamma Eta was begun.

From these five counties, five women teachers joined hands,
Pledging support of the Seven Purposes, forming one strong band.
Seven more teachers were added by Gamma Eta's first birthday,
Making twelve charter members we honor today.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society was a mere 8-years and 10 months old
When she formed our chapter as #79 into the crimson and gold.
Then ten years later, 1948, Crosby County was joined to the group
Bringing three more schools into Gamma Eta's six county troupe.

Listen as I call these names and feverently say, "I thank you."
To our chapter's first twelve members, teachers strong and true.
Alta Cassie, Virginia A. Elliott, Clota Engleman, Lillie Gentry,
Thressia Godfrey, Mildred Holt, Thelma Hogan, Dot B. Jones,
Marie Kelley, Dess B. Stubbs, Opal Thomas, and Johnnie Weaver

Now listen as I call the names of our presidents: Please stand as I call your name. Vivian Morris, 1976-1978; Sharon McDougale, 1990-1992; Ruby Cook, 1994-1996; Brenda Karr, 1996-1998; Jean Williams, 2000-2002; Debbi Ball, 2002-2004; Cristy McClenny, 2004-2006; Rhea Melton, 2006-2008; Cheryl Hindman, 2008-2010, Donna Anderson, 2010-2012; and Janie Wigley, 2012-2014.

Read the histories of the whole 75 years—if you dare—it's in the book.

You'll be amazed at the story of this infant created March 26, 1938;
From its tiny beginning, the bleak years of struggle and now—to date,
The fully grown, vigorous and vibrant adult
That gracefully leads education through times of tumult and victory.

By Vivian Morris, for the 60th birthday of Gamma Eta, March 1998
Revised by Linda Hicks, for the 75th birthday of Gamma Eta March 2013

April Minutes

Gamma Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Patton Springs School on Monday, April 8, 2013 for a regularly scheduled meeting. Janie Wigley welcomed sixteen members and one guest. The invocation was given by Jeanne Williams. A delicious meal of baked potatoes and all the trimmings and cheesecake was served. A personality inventory was taken by members with much hilarity and fun for an icebreaker. Sharon McDougle helped us see ourselves as never before.

Beauty Control Consultant, Bessie Morris, presented a program titled "We All Need A Little Pampering". She introduced herself with a "life in a sack" presentation. She had us look at ourselves by looking at our lipstick shapes. She talked to us about ways to pamper ourselves and showed us products that we could use to do just that.

Janie called the meeting to order. The minutes were approved as written after a motion by Chelsea Read and a second by Brenda Karr. Sharon McDougle reported that the balance in the chapter's account is \$1,665.20. The chapter has expenditures for contributions and for the baskets for the area meeting.

The chapter was asked to call Robert Duncan to ask him to vote no to the school voucher vote this week. There were no reports from the finance or music committees. The telephone/care committee asked for prayer for Tondi Jeter, our member from Jayton.

During old business, our question from last month about how many other chapters served more than six counties was answered. We are third in the numbers; however, the other chapters don't have active members from all of their counties. It was reported that the baskets are going well; Sharon said that she would shop if anyone wanted to donate money. Our poem, "Gamma Eta's Beginnings" was submitted to Lone Star News, but it was rejected because it did not recognize individual chapter birthdays.

In new business it was reported that The Executive Board met to work on our Strategic Action Plan. It was also announced that Debbie Ball will be a co-chairman for the Lubbock Convention in 2014. The May 6th meeting will be at Cheryl Hindman's home and members were asked to bring a salad.

The meeting was adjourned after the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Delta Kappa Gamma Vision ~
Leading women educators
impacting education world wide.

Mark your calendars July 9 at 10:00 am in Crosbyton
as our Program Planning meeting.

Chapter Announcements

Happy Birthday

Pasty Weems– May 14th
Linda Hicks– June 2nd
Tondi Jeter– June 3rd
Lindy Stafford June 17th
Susan Chastain -June 29th
Karen Rothwell -July 22nd
Vivian Morris– August 8th
Ruby Cook— August 10th
Brenda Karr September 27th

Prayer Concerns

Tondi Jeter
Pray for moisture
Those effected by sickness and allergies



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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

Chapter Project

Adopt-A-Teacher

We are in the final month of the 2012-2013 school year. Don't forget our adopted teachers these may be the some their hardest days ahead. Students are ready for school to be out for the summer but there are still 4 to 5 weeks of valuable learning and teaching time. Keeping a room full of children on task during this time is not a job for the weak at heart. Keep these ladies under your wing. This too shall pass and you can all enjoy your summer time.

Future Meetings

May 6, 2013

Cheryl Hindman's Home, Crosbyton

5:30 pm / Salad Supper

Founders' Day--Taking a Look Back

Each member is to bring a salad and join together in celebrating the Founders of The Delta Kappa Gamma International.



September 9, 2013

Crosbyton Middle School

5:30 pm

Preparing for the Golden Years

Mary Jo Lovinger will enlighten our members on the changing rolls form child to care giver, living wills and hospice care.

May
Gamma Eta members

Crosbyton
Vivian Morris
Sharon McDougle
Linda Hicks
Ruby Cook