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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Vision statement: Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.



February Meeting

When: February 19, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Where: Home

How: Virtual via ZOOM

Program: Book Discussion –
The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post
by Allison Pataki

Inspiration: Patti Groce

For the February meeting:

Susan will send an email with the ZOOM link to the meeting. The meeting will start at 7:00.

**Be safe...
Stay healthy!
See you on ZOOM!!**





Mary's Message

by Mary Wallace

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

Happy Valentine's Day on the 14th!



I know we are all grateful that there has not been too much cold weather this winter and that we are now enjoying more rain and spring-like weather recently! Come on, Spring!!!

Our chapter is very fortunate to have such wonderful members! The nominations committee of Lois Mayes, Laura Packard, and Debbie Koehler did an excellent job of securing a new slate of officers for the 2024 – 2026 biennium. Thank you, Patti, Laura, Debbie, and Susan for agreeing to lead our chapter!

Trudy Marshall sent me an email last week. She wanted to let us know that the books we donated last spring left Austin last week in route to Africa. Approximately 12,500 hardcover books for libraries with spine labels, library pockets, and cards were shipped. Trudy will meet the container in about two months in Uganda. Please remember that we will be collecting donations for Libraries of Love at our April meeting.

If you love to visit National Parks and have not been to Big Bend NP in west Texas, think about taking a trip. There are wonderful hiking trails, gorgeous scenery, and breathtaking sunsets. Bob and I have been 7-8 times, and it never gets old!



All my best,
Mary



 ***Roses to.....***

Laura Packard...for her inspiration on being emotionally secure.

Mary Wallace...for submitting the yearbook early and receiving the Early Bird Award for Eta Tau.

Nominations Committee (Lois, Laura, and Debbie)...for securing officers for the 2024-2026 biennium.

Patti Groce, Laura Packard, Debbie Koehler, and Susan Harmon...for committing to serve as officers for the 2024-2026 biennium.

 ***January Meeting***

At the January meeting, Lois Mayes (Nominations Committee Chair) presented the 2024-2026 slate of officers. Members will vote for the nominees in February, and the new officers will be installed at the April meeting.

President – Patti Groce

1st Vice President – Laura Packard

2nd Vice President – Debbie Koehler

Secretary – Susan Harmon

 ***February Meeting***

...to read The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post
by Allison Pataki. We will be discussing the book at our
February meeting.





March Meeting

Our March meeting is scheduled on Sunday, March 3rd, to attend a performance of **She Loves Me** at 2 pm at the Palace Theater, 810 S. Austin Avenue, Georgetown, TX. Susan has reserved seats for \$30.00 each. If you plan on attending, please send Susan your money.

Susan Harmon, 801 Boquilla Trail, Georgetown, TX 78633

She Loves Me

Set in a 1930s European perfumery, we meet shop clerks, Amalia and Georg, who, more often than not, don't see eye to eye. After both respond to a "lonely hearts advertisement" in the newspaper, they now live for the love letters that they exchange, but the identity of their admirers remains unknown. Join Amalia and Georg to discover the identity of their true loves... and all the twists and turns along the way!

February Birthday Greetings



February 1 - Lois Mayes

February is American **Heart** Month. President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first proclamation in 1964 to declare February American Heart Month. ...uniting to fight heart disease and spread awareness. Every year, 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease. Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of women. Heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices and manage their health conditions.

For more information and to find out what you can do today to lower your risk for heart disease go to [American Heart Month.](#)

Looking for new members...

A candidate for membership must be employed as a professional educator at the time of her election or retired from an educational position. Members can be invited at any time during the year. Note: Eta Tau has voted to reduce dues for new members to half price for the first year. Please **submit names of prospective members to Debbie Koehler, Eta Tau Membership Chair.**

Upcoming Events.....Mark your calendars!

February 19, 2024 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual

March 3, 2024 – Georgetown Palace Theater

April 15, 2024 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John's United Methodist Church

June 22, 2024 – TSO Regional Area Workshop – Round Rock, TX

Chapter Officers 2022-2024

President: **Mary Wallace**

First Vice Presidents: **Patti Groce**

Second Vice President: **Debbie Koehler**

Secretary: **Susan Harmon**

Parliamentarian: **Emily Farnsworth**

Treasurer: **Cathy Harris**

Past President: **Laura Packard**

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Send your Eta Tau committee reports and membership news to Donna Slathar. The deadline for the March newsletter is February 26, 2024. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net



Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
January 15, 2024

The meeting was held via Zoom. There were 9 members and no guests present. The Program was Libraries of Love presented by Mary Wallace.

Call to Order

Mary then called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Inspiration

Laura told us about an article she read that listed various questions, and if you answered “yes”, you are emotionally secure. Her favorite was that you can answer “yes” that you trust you’ll be OK regardless of what life brings your way.

Member News

Marion is in Florida tonight visiting family so couldn’t join the Zoom call.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the November meeting which were printed in the newsletter were approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report

Cathy Harris reported a balance of \$3,035.90 with \$179 being raised from the auction.

Committee Reports

Programs/Service Projects: Patti Groce and Mary Wallace

Mary reminded us that we will be collecting donations for Libraries of Love in April. And we will discuss the Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki for our February meeting

Membership: Debbie Koehler

No report.

Communications/Webwatcher: Donna Slathar

International is hiring a Membership Director. The international conference will be July 9-13 in National Harbor, Maryland followed by a tour of Washington DC. The TSO website detailed the Celebration of Life service for Nancy Newton which will be on January 27, 2024 in Burleson. The Lone Star News Winter Edition is available online. And the TSO 2024 Regional Area Workshop for Areas 6, 7, and 8 will be at McNeil High School in Austin.

Legislation: Laura Packard

We should be receiving our increased amount from TRS soon.

Yearbook: Mary Wallace

The yearbook was submitted and we received notice that we are recipients of the Early Bird Award.

Social: Emily Farnsworth & Marion Horowitz

No report.

Unfinished Business

The Production **She Loves Me** is Sunday, March 3, 2:00 pm at the Georgetown Palace Theatre. Mail Susan \$30 if you'd like to attend or let her know that you won't be attending. She is certain that we can buy extra tickets should more than 10 people want to attend.

New Business

Lois told us the new slate of officers for the 2024-2026 biennium:

President: Patti Groce

1st VP (Programs/Service Projects): Laura Packard

2nd VP (Membership): Debbie Koehler

Secretary: Susan Harmon

The Chapter Rules were updated, submitted and have been certified.

The motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to budget \$100 to give to Donna Slathar yearly to reimburse costs for printing and sending newsletters.

The meeting was adjourned by Mary at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Harmon
Secretary

