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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.

January Meeting

When: January 15, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Where: Home

How: Virtual via ZOOM

Program: *Libraries of Love* video

Inspiration: Laura Packard

For the January meeting:

Mary 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 New Year! I wish you all good health and happy times in 2024. I am so thankful for your friendship and support over the last year and a half. I continue to be amazed at what our small, dynamic Eta Tau Chapter accomplishes as we work together to learn, grow and to make things happen!

Cheers to another year of sisterhood!

Once again, our November silent auction was filled with wonderful items, both handmade and store bought. As usual, bidding wars (filled with laughter) ensued, and everyone went home with new treasures. Eta Tau has so many talented, thoughtful, generous members! I am looking forward to Cathy's treasurer's report to see how much our Eta Tau balance increased.

In January, we had planned to have Trudy Marshall, the founder and director of Libraries of Love, Zoom with us online. Unfortunately, Trudy must leave to go back to Africa the week before our meeting. In addition to establishing 55 libraries in Uganda and Kenya through Libraries of Love, Trudy is also an integral part of helping to facilitate churches being built in these two countries. Trudy was given a very large donation to build a church in the Maasai land of Kenya with the stipulation that she would be there in January to be sure the church is on schedule. Trudy has left me with a flash drive and access to pictures and information to share with you. I hope that you will all join us on Monday, January 15th, at 7pm.

All my best,
Mary





Libraries of Love

At our January meeting, we will hear more about *Libraries of Love*. We will collect donations for books at our April meeting.



Trudy with her Ugandan neighborhood children



Ugandan students in their school library



Ugandan students in their classroom



Books that our Eta Tau Chapter purchased in 2023 to send to Africa.

A decorative graphic featuring a green rose branch with two red roses on the left, followed by the text "Roses to....." in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

Lois Mayes and Debbie Koehler...for hosting the November meeting.

Donna Slathar...for her inspiration on gratitude.

Eta Tau members...for participating in the Silent Auction by donating and/or buying items!

Susan Harmon...for reserving seats for us at the Georgetown Palace Playhouse Theater.

January Birthday Greetings



January 12th - LaVonne Rogers

2023-2024 Yearbook Correction

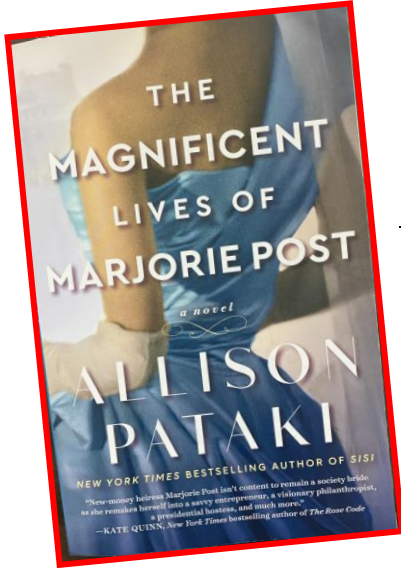
Page 21 – Cathy’s email should be rd1harris@aol.com

Happy New Year!!

Wishing you the best in

2024

It's not too late...



...to curl up with a *latte* and read The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post. We will be discussing Allison Pataki's novel at our February meeting.

Enjoy the *read* and be *ready* to discuss and share your thoughts and wonders at our next meeting.

Control and click if you would like to order the book from Amazon.

<https://amzn.to/46IQqID>



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 10 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!



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!

January 15, 2024 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual

February 19, 2024 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual

March 3, 2023 – Georgetown Palace Theater

April 15, 2023 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John’s United Methodist Church

June 22, 2023 – 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 February newsletter is February 5, 2024. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net



Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
November 13, 2023

The meeting was held at St. John UMC. There were 9 members and no guests present.

We first had a dinner of sandwiches and sides provided by Debbie and Lois. Then we began our silent auction.

Call to Order

Mary Wallace then called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm.

Inspiration

Donna inspired us by discussing being thankful and gave us Gratitude Jars to use for the upcoming holiday as well as into the new year. We were encouraged to write down good things that happen along with things that make us smile.

Member News

Cathy attended the funeral for Tom Rogers, husband of member LaVonne Rogers. It was moved and second to make a donation of \$100 to the Texas Retired Teachers Foundation from the chapter in memory of Tom. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Harris reported a balance of \$3,416.90. She will pay dues to the coordinating council.

Committee Reports

Programs/Service Projects: Patti Groce and Mary Wallace

Upcoming meetings are:

January 15--Libraries of Love via Zoom. A motion was made and seconded to match donations by the chapter for money collected in April. The motion passed unanimously.

February 19--the book discussion via Zoom on *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post*

March 3--*She Loves Me* at the Palace Theatre

Membership: Debbie Koehler

We have 13 members: 11 Active and 2 Reserve.

Communications/Webwatcher: Donna Slathar

Future International conventions are Maryland in July 2024 and Colorado in June/July 2026. TSO conventions will be in Denton 2025 and San Marcos 2027. Past State President, Nancy Newton, passed away on November 4, 2023.

Legislation: Laura Packard

No report.

Yearbook: Mary Wallace

Corrections will be included in the next newsletter.

Social: Emily Farnsworth & Marion Horowitz

All sign-ups are full for this year.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned by Mary Wallace at 7:50 pm.

The silent auction closed and all members gave their money to Cathy.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harmon
Secretary