

# ETA TAU 5 STAR NEWS

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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.*

## November Meeting



**When:** Silent Auction 13, 2023 6:45 p.m.

**Where:** St. John's United Methodist Church  
5900 Wynona  
Austin, TX

**Call a friend and  
carpool to the  
meeting!**

***See you there!***

**Program:** Silent Auction

**Inspiration:** Donna Slathar

**Hostesses:** Lois Mayes and Debbie Koehler





# Mary's Message

by Mary Wallace

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

Happy Fall! Bob and I were in Arkansas in mid-October, and the leaves there were just barely beginning to turn. By late November, the trees should be spectacular. We stayed in truly beautiful lodges at Mount Magazine State Park and at DeGray Lake Resort State Park. We were so impressed that these accommodations were in state parks! The views and amenities were amazing. I highly recommend visiting these parks!

Eta Tau had to cancel our October meeting because many of our members had conflicts. I am hopeful that we can find a date in the spring to take a field trip (not a meeting) to the Blanton Museum of Art that works for more of us. It is a place that is definitely worth visiting!

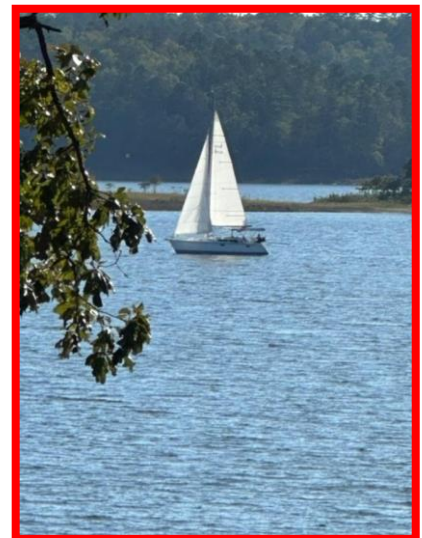
The 2023-2024 Eta Tau Yearbook was sent out through email on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a problem with the Eta Tau membership pages, so I resent pages 21-22. Please let me know if you find any additional errors or omissions. Hard copies were also sent to our Area 7 Coordinator, Genia Klein, XI Chapter, and to State Headquarters.

November 13<sup>th</sup> is our annual Silent Auction. It is wonderful to see all the wonderful and creative things our talented and generous members bring to share. Please come and be ready to be awed

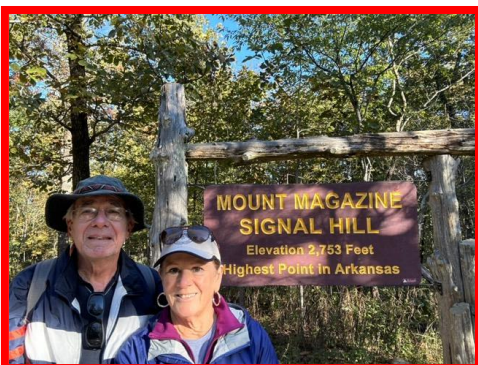
All my best,  
Mary



Mount Magazine- view of the Petit Jean River Valley from our balcony



DeGray Lake



Hiking to the summit

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

**Patti Groce and Mary Wallace...**for hosting the September meeting.

**Mary Wallace and Cathy Harris...**for providing door prizes for the September meeting.

**Lois Mayes...**for inspiring us with the poem "Puff, the Magic Dragon."

**Mary Wallace...**for completing and sending out our Eta Tau Yearbook.

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 ***Membership News***

**LaVonne Rogers'** husband, Tom, passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.  
We extend our deepest sympathy to LaVonne and her family.

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## *October/December Birthday Greetings*



*October 16<sup>th</sup> - Debbie Koehler*

*October 24<sup>th</sup> - Susan Harmon*

*December 21<sup>st</sup> - Lois Pendley*





# November Meeting

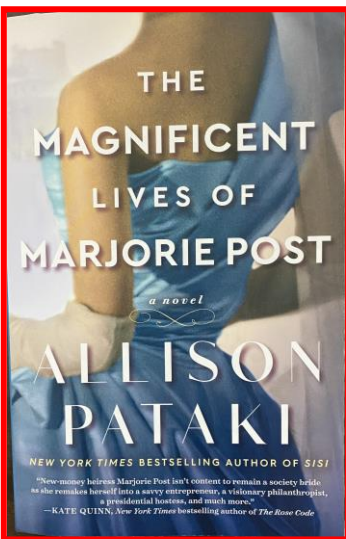
## Silent Auction Silent Auction

Start gathering your craft items, baked goods, or other items for the Silent Auction. In the past, popular items have been prepared dishes (ready to eat or ready for the freezer), a bag or basket with the ingredients to make a dish, holiday items, and other craft items. The money made from the event has been used for donations to various funds, such as the Scholarship Fund. Also, the money has been used to help members attend the State Convention. Come ready to outbid your Eta Tau sisters for that special goodie! You don't want to miss this special event!!

Remember that Eta Tau does not meet in December, so expect your next *Eta Tau 5 Star News* issue in January.

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# Let's Read!



The book for discussion at the February meeting is The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki. Allison Pataki is a New York Times bestselling author. A former news writer and producer, Allison has written for The New York Times, ABC News, HuffPost, USA Today, and Fox News. The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post is a fascinating novel about one of Washington's most brilliant and powerful women in history. Marjorie Post's life will inspire and captivate you.

Take time to read and enjoy this book. We will discuss and share our thoughts at our February meeting.

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

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



## **Eta Tau Committees 2023-2024**

### **Society Business:**

#### **Membership/Attendance**

Chair: Debbie Koehler

#### **Ceremonies/Necrology**

Chair: Laura Packard

#### **Nominations/Achievement Award**

Chair: Lois Mayes  
Debbie Koehler  
Laura Packard

#### **Finance/Auditing**

Chair: Susan Harmon

#### **Communications/Publicity**

Chair: Donna Slathar  
Delia Quintanilla

#### **Social**

Chair: Emily Farnsworth  
Marion Horowitz

### **Educational Excellence:**

#### **Programs**

Co-chairs: Patti Groce  
Mary Wallace

#### **Research/Chapter Rules/Archives**

Chair: Mary Wallace  
Donna Slathar

#### **Yearbook**

Chair: Mary Wallace  
Susan Harmon

#### **Service Projects/Global Awareness/ Personal & Professional Enrichment/ Scholarships**

Chair: Patti Groce

#### **Legislation**

Chair: Laura Packard

#### **Music**

Chair: Cathy Harris

***WISHING ALL OUR ETA TAU  
SISTERS AND FRIENDS A  
SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY  
SEASON!!***

## ***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!***

**November 13, 2023** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John’s United Methodist Church

**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 January newsletter is January 5, 2024. [dwslathar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwslathar@sbcglobal.net)



**Delta Kappa Gamma International**  
**Eta Tau Chapter**  
**September 18, 2023**

The meeting was held at St. John UMC. There were 8 members and no guests present.

**Call to Order**

Mary Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm after our delicious salad supper. The hostesses tonight were Mary and Patti.

**Inspiration**

Lois Mayes inspired us with a reading and poem of “Puff the Magic Dragon” written by Leonard Lipton.

**Member News**

LaVonne Rogers has moved to an assisted living facility, The Reserve, at Lake Austin. Lois has kept up with her and is in contact with her caregiver.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for both the April meeting and the July planning meeting, which were printed in the newsletter, were approved as written.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Cathy Harris reported a balance of \$2,760.70 after paying dues to both International and TSO.

**Committee Reports**

**Programs/Service Projects: Patti Groce**

The following meetings are scheduled:

**Sunday, October 8, 2023:** Blanton Museum of Art field trip-UT campus

**Monday, November 13, 2023:** Silent Auction & Business Meeting

**Monday, January 15, 2024:** Libraries of Love with Trudy Marshall (via Zoom)

**Monday, February 19, 2024:** Book discussion on Zoom—*The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki

**Sunday, March 3, 2024:** *She Loves Me* at the Palace Theatre, 810 S. Austin Ave, Georgetown, 2:00

**Monday, April 15, 2024:** Eta Tau’s Chapter Birthday Party & Business Meeting

**Membership: Debbie Koehler**

We have 13 members: 11 Active and 2 Reserve. Debbie heard from Lola’s daughter (a former member).



**Communications/Webwatcher: Donna Slathar**

Donna reported about the International website's centennial celebration timeline and that the 2024 convention will be in Maryland. The state website is full of information including STAR registration, *Lone Star News* Fall Edition, and TSO conventions will be in Denton (2025) and San Marcos (2027).

**Legislation: Laura Packard**

Laura talked about Proposition 9 which provides a COLA for eligible annuitants of TRS. There will be yard signs and a social media blitz.

**Yearbook: Mary Wallace**

The yearbook has a Nov. 1 Early Bird deadline and Mary is almost finished with it. Then she will send it to Susan for proofreading.

**Social: Emily Farnsworth & Marion Horowitz**

The sign-up sheet for meetings has been filled in for hostesses, inspiration and door prizes.

**Unfinished Business**

The meeting times will continue to be 6:45 pm for in-person meetings and 7:00 pm for Zoom meetings. Libraries of Love will be our service project. The TSO Regional Area Workshop for Areas 6, 7, and 8 will be June 22, 2024 in Round Rock.

**New Business**

None

**Announcements**

The door prizes were donated by Mary and Cathy.  
The meeting was adjourned by Mary at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan  
Harmon