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**State Theme: JOURNEY: Which way will you go?**

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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.*

## September Meeting



**When:** October 17, 2022 6:45 PM

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

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

***See you there!***

**Program:** Creating Spindles and Spinning Yarn  
with Greg Rohde



**Inspiration:** Mary Wallace

**Hostesses:** Mary Wallace and Patti Groce

**Door Prizes:** Donna Slathar



### **For the October meeting:**

Please bring money (\$10 - \$15) to cover the expense of the materials for our project with Greg.





# Mary's Message

by Mary Wallace

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

Our September Annual Salad Supper was well attended, and every one of the dishes that our members shared was delicious! You all can cook! What a fun, nutritious meeting!

Please be thinking about a book you might suggest for our February Book Discussion. The slower-paced time between Christmas and mid-February when our weather can be a little iffy is a great time to curl up with a good book. I have a few ideas that I will share at our October meeting, but my preferred genres may not be your favorites! It's always fun to hear what types of literature other people enjoy.



In late September, I flew to Tucson, Arizona, to celebrate my older sister's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. We had an amazing time visiting, but I also loved soaking up the tranquility and beautiful starkness of the Santa Catalina Mountains which are just east of my sister's home. In addition to the mountains, Saguaro cacti have always fascinated me, and the Saguaro National Park is just outside Tucson. We have visited the National Park three or four times

previously, but on this trip, I just enjoyed the saguaros on my sister's property. Did you know that a saguaro cactus does not grow "arms" until it is 70 – 100 years old! My trip was a wonderful time to catch up with family, but it was also a chance to immerse myself in nature and to reflect on my blessings – something I would like to do more often! My message is to take time for yourself to do something that you love!



Happy Fall, Y'all! I am loving the cool, crisp temperatures each morning! Hope to see you at our October meeting.

All my best,  
Mary





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

**Cathy Harris and Susan Harmon...**for hostessing our September meeting.

**Marion Horowitz...**for the inspirational quotes from Queen Elizabeth II.

**Lois Mayes...**for providing door prizes at our September meeting.

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## ***Membership News***

**Donna Slathar** is proud to announce the arrival of a new grandson. Bowie Len was born on Wednesday, October 5, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. Bowie's parents are Donna's son, Howard and Leonore. The new family of three lives in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

### **Where have you been??? What are you doing???**

Please send your news to [dwslathar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwslathar@sbcglobal.net) . Eta Tau members love to hear about others' travel adventures, stories of grandchildren and family, professional news, and anything else you'd like to share.

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## **February Meeting – Book Discussion**



We need suggestions for our book discussion scheduled for February. We would like to decide on a book at our October meeting. Think about it...ask your friends!

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# September Meeting



Our September meeting was held at St. John's United Methodist Church. It was nice to start the new biennium together and enjoy the normalcy of our first meeting. **Laura Packard** installed **Mary Wallace** as our 2022-2024 president. An *In Remembrance* ceremony was held for **Margaret Eisenbeck**. Members shared thoughts and stories about Margaret not only as an Eta Tau sister but as an educator and friend. The chapter confirmed meeting plans for the coming year and a salad supper was enjoyed by all. **September...salad supper, seeing sisters, society spirit, sharing summer stories...SUPER!**

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**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month** - an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. You are very fortunate if you, a friend, or a family member has not been affected by breast cancer. Here are some ways you can help women in need this month:

- Make a one-time or monthly donation to support one of the programs that provides access to screening, treatment, or support.
- Educate yourself and others – not all breast changes indicate cancer.
- Volunteer to join virtually in *Helping Women Now*.
- Proudly wear a pink ribbon during October.

For more information : <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month>





# ASTEF

ASTEF's Fall Stewardship Campaign for 2022 continues through December 31. ASTEF accepts contributions to the Scholarship, Leadership, and Project funds. All contributions or bequests to ASTEF are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income purposes.

Double click below for the contribution form.



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## October Birthday Greetings



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

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

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# Happy Fall





## **Eta Tau Committees 2022-2023**

### **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

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

Chair: Patti Groce

#### **Legislation**

Chair: Laura Packard

#### **Music**

Chair: Cathy Harris





## ***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!***

**October 17, 2022** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John’s United Methodist Church  
**November 14, 2022** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John’s United Methodist Church  
**January 23, 2023** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual  
**February 20, 2023** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual  
**March 5, 2023** – *Silent Sky* – Matinee at the Palace Playhouse in Georgetown  
**April 17, 2023** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John’s United Methodist Church  
**May 6, 2023** – Austin Area Founders Day Luncheon – Chez Zee American Bistro, Austin TX  
**June 14-17, 2023** – 94<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention, McAllen, 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 November newsletter is November 1, 2022.    [dwslathar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwslathar@sbcglobal.net)

**Delta Kappa Gamma International**  
**Eta Tau Chapter**  
**September 19, 2022**

The meeting was held at St. John UMC. There were 11 members and no guests present.

**Call to Order**

Mary Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm after our delicious salad supper.

**Inspiration**

Marion Horowitz inspired us with a reading.

Laura Packard conducted the installation ceremony for our 2022-24 President, Mary Wallace. Then Laura conducted the Ceremony of Remembrance for Margaret Eisenbeck, one of our charter members. Members then shared memories of Margaret.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Cathy Harris reported a balance of \$3,088.10.

**Committee Reports**

**Programs/Service Projects: Patti Groce**

The following meetings are scheduled:

**Monday, October 17, 2022:** Greg Rohde art project—Creating Spindles and Spinning Yarn

**Monday, November 14, 2022:** Silent Auction

**Monday, January 23, 2023:** Connie Carden (Emily Farnsworth's mother) virtual program on Zoom—Learning Opportunities using Senior University

**Monday, February 20, 2023:** Book discussion on Zoom—book to be decided

**Sunday, March 5, 2023:** Silent Sky at the Palace Playhouse, 216 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St, Georgetown, 2:00

**Monday, April 17, 2023:** Eta Tau's Chapter Birthday Party

**Saturday, May 6, 2023:** Austin Area Founders Day Luncheon at Chez Zee American Bistro in Austin

**Membership: Debbie Koehler**

We have 13 members: 12 Active and 1 Reserve.

**Communications/Web Watcher: Donna Slathar**

Donna gave us information from the International and TSO websites. She reminded us that International has a new address: 12710 Research Blvd, Suite 230, Austin.



**Legislation: Laura Packard**

Laura shared news from the last Williamson County Retired Teachers Association which featured Tim Lee. He is working hard for retirees to receive a COLA both now and continuing in the future. Laura encouraged everyone to register to vote and reminded us about the redistricting that has occurred.

**Yearbook: Mary Wallace**

Mary is almost finished with the Yearbook and Susan Harmon will proofread it.

**Social: Emily Farnsworth & Marion Horowitz**

Our members have filled up the schedule to serve as hostesses, provide an inspiration and donate a door prize.

**Unfinished Business**

The meeting time has been changed to 6:45.

**New Business**

None

**Announcements**

Patti, Mary, and Laura shared bragging rights about their grandchildren. The door prizes were donated by Lois Mayes and won by Susan and Donna.

The meeting was adjourned by Mary Wallace at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Harmon