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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: September 19, 2022 7:00 PM

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

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

See you there!

Program: Salad Supper
President Installation
In Remembrance Ceremony

Inspiration: Marion Horowitz

Hostesses: Cathy Harris and Susan Harmon

Door Prizes: Lois Mayes

For the September meeting:

Bring your favorite salad, along with copies of the recipe to share. Don't miss out on an evening of delicious food, great fellowship, and looking ahead to the 2022-2023 year for Eta Tau!





Mary's Message

by Mary Wallace

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

As we begin a new biennium, I am filled with hope and confidence. We had a wonderful Area 7 Workshop in August that was very well attended by so many Area 7 chapter members. The theme, "*Oh... The Places Area 7 Will Go!!*" was cleverly carried out in the decorations, the workshop favors, the music, and in the programs shared. Eta Tau was well represented, and Susan and Patti both presented workshops during breakout sessions. After struggling with COVID issues the last few years, it was fun and inspiring to gather as we renewed old friendships and made new friends as well. Although I was an Eta Tau chapter president 18 years ago, things have absolutely changed, and I learned a great deal in the workshop I attended. Through dynamic leaders and developing technology, Delta Kappa Gamma members are more informed and supported than ever before!

Eta Tau members had a very productive planning meeting on July 12th at Mandola's Italian Kitchen in Cedar Park. I was very grateful that we had ten members present and greatly appreciate all their input as we discussed our plans and programs for the upcoming year. There was a sign-up sheet for door prizes, refreshments, inspirations, and the first few meetings are covered, but we will need to finish filling empty slots for the rest of the year at our Salad Supper meeting on Monday, September 19th.

I am continually impressed by our Eta Tau Sisters who step up and generously give their time and expertise to help our chapter succeed. I am honored to be a member of such a friendly and cohesive chapter. It's going to be a great year because of each of you!

All my best,
Mary

To our active teachers...



*We wish you a successful
2022-2023 school year!!*



Roses to.....

Laura Packard...for conducting the Installation Ceremony for new officers at the April meeting.

Marion Horowitz and Emily Farnsworth...for leading the Birthday Program celebrating Eta Tau's 57th birthday.

Debbie Koehler...for her inspiration encouraging us to live better lives.

Laura Packard...for providing cupcakes to celebrate Eta Tau's birthday.

Susan Harmon and Patti Groce...for representing Eta Tau at the TSO Convention in June.

Susan Harmon...for obtaining the gift cards for the Unity Project.

Executive Board members and Committee Chairmen...for graciously agreeing to serve for this upcoming biennium.

Eta Officers and members...for attending the Executive Board/Program of Work and Planning meetings in July to discuss chapter business and make plans for 2022 -2023.

Cathy Harris...taking care of the workshop registrations and making the church arrangements.

Mary Wallace, Patti Groce, Susan Harmon, Cathy Harris, Debbie Koehler, and Donna Slathar...for attending the Fall Workshop on August 20th.

Patti Groce and Susan Harmon...for being presenters at the Fall Workshop.

Mary Wallace...for obtaining and fixing the travel bag for the silent auction and getting the gift cards for the Fall Workshop.

CONGRATULATIONS, ETA TAU!

At the Texas State Organization 93rd Convention in Lubbock, Texas, Eta Tau was recognized for the following honors...

Early Bird Yearbook Award

Exemplary Yearbook Award

Five-Star Newsletter Award

ASTEFL Leadership Journeymen

ASTEFL Scholarship Honors

DKG Compliant Website

Tudor Rose Award

To achieve these recognitions, it takes contributions and hard work from all chapter members. Good job, Eta Tau!!



Membership News



Our dear Eta Tau sister and friend, Margaret Eisenbeck, passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2022. Margaret was a charter member of Eta Tau Chapter and was a dedicated Eta Tau sister for 57 years. Margaret served as President for the 1976-1978 biennium. She received the Chapter Achievement Award in 1979 and 2009. In 2019, Margaret was honored with Eta Tau's Outstanding Educator Award. Eta Tau will forever miss Margaret's contagious smile and gentle spirit. Our prayers and sincere sympathy are extended to her family. We will remember Margaret at our September meeting.

Travel Tidbits



From Emily...

Tessa and I went on the school exchange to Koblenz, Germany. On our long weekend we took a train to Paris! Stan was able to join us since he was in Europe for business. While we were there, my parents took Dax on a "grandparent trip" through Road Scholar to Toronto. Dax (my hockey player and enthusiast) got to see and touch THE Stanley Cup! We also took a trip to Chicago as a family of 4.



From Susan...

We flew to Maryland last weekend to see our nephew retire from the Army after a 21-year career (and I thought teachers could retire young!). We took a tour of Washington DC, enjoyed a harbor cruise in Baltimore, ate lunch in the "other Georgetown", went sightseeing in Annapolis, and stayed in a casino/hotel in Hanover--and we even saw moisture falling from the sky!

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

Please send your news to 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.



TSO Convention

by Susan Harmon

Patti Groce and I traveled to Lubbock on June 15, 2022 for the 93rd State Convention of TSO. We were last there in 2014 and stayed at the same hotel across from the convention center—last time it was a Holiday Inn and now it is the MCM Elegante (fancy name for an old hotel).

I attended the session, “I Am the Secretary, Now What?” as well as being involved in the 2 trainings for chapter treasurers and attending the leadership seminar event. Patti stayed busy with her TSO Committee, Personal and Professional Enrichment, as well as attending various sessions and maybe even some shopping in the vendor area.

The Opening Session featured Pipes & Drums from the Lubbock Fire Department and well as the presentation of the flags. The keynote speaker was Bear Mills, named Texas Teacher of the Year among other accolades. Patti and I got to stand up for Eta Tau’s many awards including ASTEF Scholarship Honors, Five-Star Newsletter, ASTEF Leadership Journeyers, Tudor Rose Award (we increased our membership), Chapter Yearbook Early Bird and Exemplary Awards, and DKG Compliant Website. Wow—what great things we’re doing in Eta Tau!

The Unifying Project this year was Shelby’s Bridge, a nonprofit organization in Sudan, Texas where adults with disABILITIES (called “Friends”) are trained in their gift and thrift shops as well as the café to provide opportunities toward independence to live, work, and play. Eta Tau gave two \$25 gift cards to Walmart and all the donations totaled \$5,685. Shelby and her mother had a breakout session and Shelby was also honored with the ASTEF Advocate of Education Award. A couple of DKG chapters are involved with the work in Sudan.

Friday’s ASTEF ticketed event featured Steve Gomez, Lubbock Christian University Women’s Head Basketball Coach. His team has received multiple titles in the NCAA Division II and he was a great speaker. . . I even won one of the door prizes!

Saturday’s Service of Remembrance celebrated the life of Margaret Eisenbeck among other members that have passed away since our last convention in Denton. As usual, it was a somber event with outstanding music.

The Business Meeting was then held and I voted (just to be sure a quorum was present) and sat with presidents from Area 7. All motions went smoothly except one amendment changing the Personnel Committee from a chair plus 5 members to a committee of seven members. Someone felt like the amendment should read a chair plus 6 members and we can’t tell you how long it took to count the votes for that ordeal. . . but the amendment passed.

Our International Representative was Dr. Helen Popovich, International Parliamentarian. She’s about 84 years old and a delightful speaker. She told us that the International Headquarters building sold for 18 million and that money is being managed by great financial people and can only be used to lease or build but not buy a building.

Mark your calendars to join us in McAllen June 14-17, 2023 for a fabulous convention where Embassy Suites is attached to the convention center. We plan on driving the 345 miles so we have room for a couple more!





April Meeting

Our April meeting was held at St. John's United Methodist Church. We celebrated Eta Tau's 57th birthday, presented chapter awards, and installed new officers for the 2022-2024 biennium.



Membership Chair, **Debbie Koehler**, presented perfect attendance awards to five members. The members recognized for their strong commitment to Eta Tau were **Marion Horowitz, Emily Carden, Lois Mayes, Patti Groce, and Cathy Harris**.

President, **Laura Packard**, presented **Debbie Koehler** with her 25 year certificate.



Marion Horowitz and **Emily Farnsworth** were co-recipients of the Eta Tau Chapter Achievement Award. **Patti Groce** presented the award.



Congratulations to these magnificent ladies!



Area 7 Workshop

by Donna Slathar

The smiling faces of Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters decorated the halls of Patsy Sommer Elementary (Round Rock ISD) on Saturday, August 20. **Mary, Susan, Patti, Cathy, Debbie,** and **Donna** joined other Area 7 DKG members for the "Oh...The Places Area 7 will Go!!" Fall Workshop. When we arrived at the beautiful and spacious school, we were treated to breakfast items and the opportunity to participate in the silent auction, as well as the chance to connect with new and old friends.

Highlights: * We were welcomed by Nancy Varljen (Kappa Lambda) our Area 7 Coordinator. 25+ year members were recognized. Eta Tau had four members (with 25+ years) in attendance at the workshop. * Dr. Sue Blair's (Alpha Theta) inspiration encouraged us to make a difference in Texas and in education by being loving, gentle, and fierce about what we are passionate about. * Xi Chapter Choir entertained us with delightful song selections. * Dr. Stacey Arnold (Kappa Lambda), TSO Recording Secretary, wanted our input (survey) about changing the TSO Convention to every two years. She also shared dates about future conferences. * After recognizing special guests, Marilyn Gregory (Epsilon Kappa) introduced DKG's International President. Dr. Debbie LeBlanc brought us greetings from International. * **Mary Wallace** helped with the *Celebration of Life*, a time to acknowledge our deceased Area 7 members. * Dr. Rosemary Morrow (Alpha), ASTEF President, stressed the importance of the Education Foundation, project stipends, and scholarships. * **Susan Harmon** presented the Treasurer Workshop. * **Patti Groce** presented the CPE Credit Programs Workshop. * **Mary Wallace**, attended president training, while the rest of us chose different breakout sessions. Sessions included training for chapter officers, committee chairs, and different areas of special interests.

After a full morning of information, friends, and fellowship, Eta Tau members left with a renewed energy to start the 2022-2024 biennium.

Thank you to Nancy Varljen, Kappa Lambda Chapter, and all Area 7 members for a productive Area 7 Workshop!





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

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!

September 19, 2022 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John's United Methodist Church

June 14-17, 2023 – 94th 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 October newsletter is October 1, 2022. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net



Draft

Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
April 18, 2022

The meeting was held at St John UMC. There were 8 members and 3 guests present.

Call To Order

Laura called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

Inspiration

Debbie Koehler read several quotations that inspired members to live better lives.

Installation of Officers

Laura Packard led the installation of the officers for 2022-2024.

Chapter Birthday and Founder's Celebration

Marion Horowitz and Emily Farnsworth lead the celebration for Eta Tau's 57th birthday. Members read sentences about the chapter. They also shared information about the Founders and Delta Kappa Gamma International. Laura Packard provided cupcakes in honor of the birthday. Cathy lead the group in singing Happy Birthday.

Member News

Mary Wallace was on vacation with her husband. Donna Slather was visiting with her daughter.

Minutes

Minutes for the March meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Harris reported a balance of \$2,929,29.

Delta Kappa Gamma Virtual Technology Meeting

Patti Groce discussed attending the interesting Texas State Organization Virtual Technology meeting.

Chapter Officer

It was moved and seconded that Cathy Harris be appointed chapter treasurer. The motion passed.

AWARDS

Attendance

Debbie Koehler presented perfect attendance awards to Emily Farnsworth, Marion Horowitz, Lois Mayes, Cathy Harris and Patti Groce.

Chapter Achievement

Patti Groce gave Emily Farnsworth and Marion Horowitz the chapter achievement award for outstanding programs for the 2020-2022 years.

President's Gift

Patti Groce gave Laura Packard a gift for her work as President 2020-2022.

Membership

Twenty five year membership certificates were given to Lola Carter and Debbie Koehler.

Unfinished Business

It was moved and seconded that Eta Tau give 2 \$10 gift cards to be used as door prizes at the Area 7 Workshop. The motion also included that Eta Tau will give a Travel Bag or basket containing items worth \$25 for the raffle at the Area Workshop. The motion passed. Tickets for the raffle will be sold for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00.

Announcements

TSO Convention, June 14-18, 2022 Lubbock

DKG International Convention, July 12-16, 2022, New Orleans

Area 7 Workshop, August 20, 2022, Patsy Sommer Elementary School, 16200 Avery Ranch Blvd, Austin

Guests

The three guests were Sherry Pomroy, Joy Huebel and Patsy Jones. Each one told a few things about their families and teaching experiences.

Adjournment

Laura Packard adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mayes