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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 20, 2023 7:00 PM

Where: Home

How: Virtual via Zoom

Program: Book Discussion – The Second Mrs. Astor
by Shana Abé

Inspiration: Donna Slathar

**Please
join us!**



For the February meeting:

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





Mary's Message

by Mary Wallace

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

Happy Valentine's Day on the 14th!

Hopefully you all "weathered" our recent ice storm without too much discomfort and without any damage to your homes. I know some of you lost power, and I pray that your power was restored quickly. The ice on the trees was beautiful, but it caused so much damage. Personally, we lost a lot of live oak limbs, and our curb is lined with tree limbs waiting to be picked up by the city. Many of you are probably dealing with similar tree debris.



Our January meeting was so interesting and inspiring! Emily's mother, Connie Carden and Ron Snell, the Executive Director of Senior University in Georgetown, Texas, discussed many of the wonderful classes available through Senior University. A wide variety of classes are taught in-person and/or online, and there are even travel opportunities offered. Taking classes is something I would like to pursue in the future.

Our February 20th program will be a discussion of The Second Mrs. Astor by Shana Abé. What an eye-opening glimpse into the opulent lifestyles of the ultra-rich in the early 1900s! I'm looking forward to hearing your thoughts about the book. Hope to see you at our Zoom meeting!

If you are planning to go to the Georgetown Playhouse Theater with us in March, please be sure to send a check for \$30 to Susan for your ticket if you have not already done so.

All my best,
Mary





Roses to.....

Patti Groce...for sharing information about the presentation on the Iron Curtain.

Mary Wallace...for earning Eta Tau the Early Bird Yearbook Award.

Emily Farnsworth... for arranging our February program, and to her mother, Connie Carden, and Ron Snell, the Executive, Director of Senior University, for presenting such an outstanding and informative program about the Learning Opportunities using Senior University!



Membership News

Delia Quintanilla has moved. Her new address is 415 W. Benavides, Falfurrias TX 78355. Delia, we will miss you and good luck!

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.



February Birthday Greetings



1st - Lois Mayes



February Meeting



...to read The Second Mrs. Astor: A Heartbreaking Historical Novel of the Titanic by Shana Abé. We will be discussing the book at our February meeting.



March Meeting

Our March meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 5, to attend a performance of *Silent Sky* at 2 p.m. Please join us at the Palace Playhouse Theater, 216 W. 8th Street in Georgetown, to see this dramatic play about an early 20th century female astronomer at Harvard University. Susan Harmon was able to secure seats for our group, and the price is \$30 per ticket. Please send a check to Susan at 801 Boquilla Trail, Georgetown 78633 to reimburse her for your ticket if you are planning to go. This venue is smaller than the Palace Theater where we have gone in the past, so it was important to reserve the seats early.

-Mary Wallace



February is American Heart Month. This is the 57th year of the existence of 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](#)





ASTEF is celebrating 2023's February Giving Month

Fall in Love with Scholarships

Going back to school to pursue graduate study, attending conferences, or participating in continuing adult education or educational travel are lifelong learning opportunities that both employed and retired educators participate in. All these activities can be costly and potentially create a financial burden for participants and there can be limited resources for financial assistance.

Fortunately, membership in Delta Kappa Gamma affords the opportunity to apply for and receive scholarships; a valuable benefit I am familiar with. When I decided to go back to school to obtain my Superintendent certification, a member of my chapter shared information about TSO scholarships and encouraged me to apply. The application process was not difficult. All that was required was answering every question on an application, obtaining letters of recommendation, and submitting everything by the prescribed deadline.

I was awarded a scholarship for 9 hours of coursework. A few years later, I decided to work on a doctorate in Educational Administration. During five years of coursework and research in pursuit of that degree, I applied for and received three more scholarships. The total of \$12,800 in scholarships received over the years greatly assisted in reaching my educational goals and helped alleviate the financial burden that comes along with continuing education.

Dr. Stacey Arnold
TSO Recording Secretary 2021-2023
Kappa Lambda, Area 7

- Join our Journey as we make a difference for Texas educators and students.
- A separate contribution form and check are required for each fund to which a gift is made.
- Contributions or bequests to ASTEF are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Contribute to the fund of your choice or designate as an honorarium or memorial. Download form and save on your computer. Open form, complete all information, save form again, then print for mailing. See form for mailing instructions (include form and check).

[February Contribution Form](#)

By clicking on the DONATE NOW button on the ASTEF website, you can contribute to the Project Fund using your credit card through PayPal. A PayPal account is not required. This can be a one-time donation or set up as a recurring donation. For honorariums or memorials, use the Contribution Form above.

[Contribute to Project Fund Online](#)



**The Coordinating Council of Austin invites
you to the 2023
Founders' Day Celebration**

On May 11, 1929, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, along with eleven other women educators, gathered at the University of Texas Faculty Women's Club to establish The Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Their vision was an organization which would work toward several goals — including high educational standards, gender equity in pay, professional advancement and recognition, and opportunities for continuing education. Since then, so much has changed in education and in Delta Kappa Gamma as well. Please join us for brunch on **Saturday, May 6th, 2023**, to celebrate one more year of achievements and making a difference in communities around the world. We will meet at **Chez Zee American Bistro, 5406 Balcones Dr., Austin, TX at 10:30 am**. We will be honored to have as our speaker, Marianne Odom, one of the authors of Growing Up in the Lone Star State: Notable Texans Remember Their Childhoods. She will bring copies of her book to sell and will personalize your copy if desired. Cost of the brunch will be \$30 per person, payable to your chapter treasurer by April 15.

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 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 – 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 March newsletter is February 24, 2023. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net

Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
January 23, 2023

The meeting was held via Zoom. There were 10 members and 2 guests present. The Program, Learning Opportunities using Senior University, was presented by Ron Snell and Connie Carden.

Call to Order

Mary Wallace then called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Inspiration

Patti Groce told us about a presentation she had heard about the Iron Curtain plus the program tonight was very inspiring by encouraging us to be lifelong learners.

Member News

Delia has sold her Austin home and moved. Her address is 415 W. Benavides, Falfurrias TX 78355. Debbie got a Christmas card from Lola Carter and she can be reached through her daughter, Dee, at (512) 971-1422. Laura's surgery was on January 11 and her eyesight is much improved.

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 \$3,227.70 with \$185.50 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.

Membership: Debbie Koehler

No report

Communications/Webwatcher: Donna Slathar

No report

Legislation: Laura Packard

Laura said that TRTA is asking for a COLA.

Yearbook: Mary Wallace

Mary has heard from the TSO Yearbook Chairman and we will receive the Early Bird Award.

Social: Emily Farnsworth & Marion Horowitz

No report

Unfinished Business

The Production **Silent Sky** is Sunday, March 5, 2:00 pm at the Georgetown Palace Playhouse, 216 W. 8th Street. Mail Susan \$30 if you'd like to attend or let her know that you won't be attending.

Our Founders Day Brunch is Saturday, May 6, 10:30 am-12:30 pm at Chez Zee American Bistro. The speaker will be Marianne Odom, one of the authors of Growing Up in the Lone Star State: Notable Texans Remember their Childhoods. The cost for the brunch will be \$30 and will be discussed more next month.

New Business

None

Announcements

None

The meeting was adjourned by Mary Wallace at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harmon