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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 23, 2023 7:00 PM

Where: Home

How: Virtual via Zoom

Program: Learning Opportunities Using Senior University -
Presented by Connie Carden

Inspiration: Patti Groce

For the January meeting:

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

**Please
join us!**





Mary's Message

by Mary Wallace

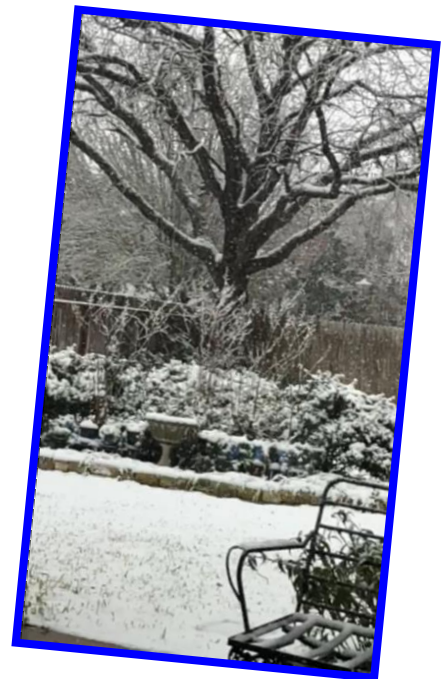
Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had happy and healthy holidays and are ready to make 2023 an even better year. What a difference a year or two makes! I took these pictures in my yard on January 10th, 2021. The high temperature this year on January 10th is projected to be in the 70s. I am so grateful to live in Texas where we usually have mild winters with plenty of sunshine.

Our November Silent Auction was so much fun and what outstanding items were available to capture our imaginations and literally and figuratively feed our spirits! Once again, Eta Tau members outdid themselves! We have such generous members.

I'm really looking forward to our January program as we learn about using Senior University presented by Emily's mother, Connie Carden. What a great opportunity to broaden our horizons and to pursue topics that interest us. My brother has enrolled in several classes in a similar program in California and can't say enough good things about what he has learned. Please be sure to join us on our ZOOM meeting on January 23rd.

All my best,
Mary





Roses to.....

Delia Quintanilla...for sharing a meaningful inspiration for teachers at our November meeting.

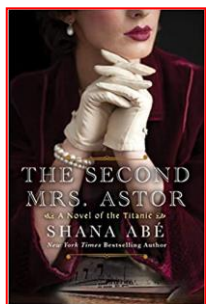
Debbie Koehler and Delia Quintanilla...for hostessing our November meeting.

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.

Laura Packard...for all the work she is doing as Chair of the Austin Coordinating Council.

It's not too late, so take...



The book for discussion at the February meeting is The Second Mrs. Astor: A Heartbreaking Historical Novel of the Titanic by Shana Abé. Shana Abé is the award-winning, New York Times, USA Today, Publishers Weekly, and Wall Street Journal bestselling author of seventeen books. The Second Mrs. Astor is a work of historical fiction which focuses on Madeline Force (Astor). The novel covers the time period of Madeline's first memory of John Jacob (Jack) Astor, their courtship, marriage, and travels.

Take **time to read** and enjoy the 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/3A87ER1>





Membership News

Debbie received a Christmas card from Lola. Her address remains the same, and you can reach her at 512-971-1422 (Dee's cell). I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from you.

from Donna...

The song "I'll be home for Christmas" has always had a special meaning for me. It represents putting up a tree and decorations; spending time with Jennifer, Tim, and the kids; heading north to visit extended family. But that did not happen this year...Howard and I enjoyed an amazing holiday with JR, Leonore, and little Bowie in Amsterdam. Our son was an excellent tour guide as we visited the usual stops: the Rijksmuseum, Van Gogh Museum, Anne Frank House, a boat ride on the canal, tram rides, Christmas markets, and lovely walks through the city, forest and park. It was wonderful to meet Leonore's family and enjoy Christmas with them in Putten, a town 50 minutes from Amsterdam. Their gracious and generous Dutch hospitality was a heart-warming experience. I know some of you have visited Amsterdam and will agree that it is definitely worth the 5,000 mile adventure. In spite of the magnificent buildings and architecture that embodies this extraordinary city, nothing compared to the beautiful face of our new grandson. Our best Christmas present was to finally hold Bowie for the first time. My husband and I both agreed that it was the one Christmas we were happy not to "be home for Christmas."

January Birthday Greetings



12th - LaVonne Rogers



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 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 – 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 February newsletter is February 6, 2023. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net

**Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
November 14, 2022**

The meeting was held at St. John UMC. There were 10 members and no guests present.

We first had a dinner of lasagna, salad, and dessert provided by Delia and Debbie. Then we began our silent auction.

Call to Order

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

Inspiration

Delia inspired us with teaching thoughts with an emphasis on “growth takes time.”

Member News

We learned that a former member, Linda Anderson, passed away on November 10, 2022.

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer’s Report

Cathy Harris reported a balance of \$3,025.20.

Committee Reports

Programs/Service Projects: Patti Groce and Mary Wallace

Mary mentioned that our service project for this year will be Libraries of Love with donations given in April.

Membership: Debbie Koehler

We have 13 members: 12 Active and 1 Reserve.

Communications/Webwatcher: Donna Slathar

Donna talked about the scholarship application deadline on the International website. And on the TSO website, there’s a virtual technology meeting on 11/17/2022, the Lone Star News fall edition is online, and the scholarship applications have been updated. She also created a trifold about Eta Tau Chapter.

Legislation: Laura Packard

No report.

Yearbook: Mary Wallace

Mary emailed us the yearbook and has also emailed it to the TSO yearbook chair.

Social: Emily Farnsworth & Marion Horowitz

We talked about the play on March 5 and asked how many people planned to attend.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Our Area Coordinator, Nancy Varljen, will attend our April meeting.

Announcements

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

The meeting was adjourned by Mary Wallace at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harmon