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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.

November Meeting

When: November 14, 2022 6:45 PM

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

Program: Silent Auction

Inspiration: Delia Quintanilla

Hostesses: Debbie Koehler and Delia Quintanilla

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

See you there!





Mary's Message

by Mary Wallace

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

Happy Fall! It's exciting for me to see some of our central Texas trees as they begin to show a little fall color. Although I enjoy all the seasons, fall has always been my favorite. There is something magical about vibrant orange and yellow leaves glowing in bright sunshine against a brilliant blue sky.



Our October program was fun and challenging. Spinning yarn is more difficult than I realized, and I was so impressed with Greg Rohde for his skill and immense patience as he helped each of us with our yarn tangles and breaks. It was a great learning experience to try something new and a little out of our comfort zones.

The 2022-2023 Eta Tau Yearbooks were sent out through email on October 18th. Please let me know if you find any errors or omissions. Hard copies were also sent to our Area 7 Coordinator, Nancy Varljen, and to State Headquarters.

By the way, I wanted to let you know that Nancy Varljen, our Area Coordinator, will be visiting us for our Eta Tau birthday celebration on April 17th. Nancy has graciously offered to conduct a recommitment ceremony game that sounds like a fun way to review the DKG purposes.

November 14th is our annual Silent Auction. It's wonderful to see all the things our talented, generous members bring to share. Looking forward to seeing you there!

All my best,
Mary





Roses to.....


Emily Farnsworth...for arranging the October program with Greg.

Mary Wallace and Patti Groce...for hostessing our October meeting.

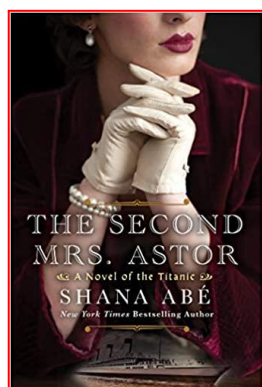
Mary Wallace...for the inspirational quotes about fall.

Donna Slathar and Debbie Koehler...for providing door prizes at our October meeting.

Mary Wallace...for completing and sending out the Eta Tau newsletter.



Time to Read



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>





October Meeting

by Donna Slathar



Our October meeting was held at St. John's United Methodist Church. Members enjoyed a meal of tortilla soup and cornbread followed by delicious desserts. Our program was presented by Greg Rohde. Greg taught members to spin yarn with spindles. In spite of many tangles and slips, everyone agreed it was an informative and enjoyable activity.



Silent Auction



November Meeting

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.

December Birthday Greetings



21st - Lois Pendley

**Wishing everyone
a happy
holiday season!**



from **ASTEF**

Join Us on Our Journey Golden Ticket 2022

ASTEF invites you to join us as we celebrate the 17 countries of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

250 tickets will be sold for 20 prizes:

- 1st Prize: \$250.00 Visa Gift Card
- 2nd Prize: \$150.00 Visa Gift Card
- 3rd Prize: \$100.00 Visa Gift Card
- 4th -20th Prizes: Linked to a DKG Country

Important Dates

- November 8-16, 2022: Country Prize Countdown starts with USA and ends with Japan
- November 17, 2022: Instructions on how to purchase tickets for Ports of Call
- November 18, 2022: 250 tickets go on sale for \$25.00 each at 7:00 a.m.
- November 30, 2022: Ticket sales will close at 12:00 p.m.
- December 4, 2022: Live ZOOM Drawing from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. for 20 fabulous prizes. If you are one of the 250 lucky Golden Ticket #2 holders be sure to join the event or be available by phone or text. All are welcome to be part of the ZOOM fun.

December 5-12, 2022: Prizes will be arriving on your porches from Amazon.com.

**Don't miss this FUNdraiser that supports
Scholarships, Leaderships and Projects!!**

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

Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
October 17, 2022

The meeting was held at St. John UMC. There were 10 members and 1 guest present.

We first had a meal of soup, cornbread and dessert furnished by our hostesses Mary and Patti. Then our program was presented by Greg Rohde on creating spinning yarn with spindles, and our members actively participated.

Call to Order

Mary Wallace then called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm.

Inspiration

Mary inspired us with fall quotes.

Member News

Laura had lunch with Jean Fajkus, a former member of Eta Tau.

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Harris reported a balance of \$3,056.32.

Committee Reports

Programs/Service Projects: Patti Groce and Mary Wallace

These items will be covered under Unfinished Business.

Membership: Debbie Koehler

We have 13 members: 12 Active and 1 Reserve.

Communications/Webwatcher: Donna Slathar

On the International DKG website: Go Ahead Tours have trips to Finland and Estonia scheduled for the summer of 2023. The International Conferences in July 2023 are in Detroit, Phoenix and Finland. On the TSO website: there is information about the 94th Annual Convention in McAllen, June 14-17.

Legislation: Laura Packard

We were reminded about early voting as well as encouraged to vote in the next election.

Yearbook: Mary Wallace

Mary is finished with the Yearbook, awaiting a few details from this meeting, and it will be emailed soon.

Social: Emily Farnsworth & Marion Horowitz

The sign-up sheet for this year's meetings has been filled.

Unfinished Business

Possible books for February discussion were presented and it was decided that in 2023 we'll read *The Second Mrs. Astor: A Novel of the Titanic* by Shana Abe'. And in 2024 we'll read *The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post* by Allison Pataki.

For our service project we'll once again donate to Libraries of Love with money being collected in April 2023.

New Business

None

Announcements

Bragging rights were shared. The door prizes were donated by Donna and Debbie and won by Susan, Greg, and Emily.

The meeting was adjourned by Mary Wallace at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Harmon