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State Theme: Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow

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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.

April Meeting

When: April 15, 2019 6:45 PM

Where: Delta Kappa Gamma International Headquarters
416 W. 12th Street
Austin, Texas

Program: Eta Tau's 54th Birthday

Hostesses: Patti Groce
Debbie Koehler

Door Prizes: Lois Mayes
Donna Slathar

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

See you there!

Directions: From Mopac: Take the Enfield exit and go east on Enfield. Enfield turns into 15th street. Turn right on Guadalupe Street and then right on West 12th. International Headquarters will be on your right.





P.S. from Patti

By Patti Groce

Dear DKG Sisters,

April showers bring May flowers. If this proverb proves true, we are in for a deluge of colorful blossoms. April also brings our Eta Tau Chapter Birthday Program at DKG Headquarters. To be surrounded by all the DKG history makes for a very special meeting. Since there will be no business meeting, we will have plenty of time for fun. This is a great meeting to invite that friend, or acquaintance who would benefit from being a member of DKG. Our organization offers opportunities for personal and professional growth. Do you know someone who would enjoy being allied with us?

*Another opportunity to invite that prospective DKG member is **The Founders' Day Luncheon** at the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center on the UT Campus on Saturday, May 4. Tickets are \$25.00. Travis and Williamson County chapters will be in attendance. Please send your money to Cathy Harris. Cathy will write one check and send it in before the April 25th deadline, or bring your check or cash to Eta Tau's April 15th meeting. The Coordinating Council of Austin has planned a special celebration for DKG's 90th birthday. You don't want to miss it.*

I hope you enjoyed our speaker from Austin Parks and Recreation at our March meeting. It is good to learn about the City of Austin's offerings for healthy activities and volunteer openings. Volunteering has shown to increase life spans. If you are into longevity, you might check out these opportunities.

The program year passed quickly. I enjoyed working with all of you and look forward to next year. Debbie Koehler is planning a social activity for the chapter sometime this summer. Hopefully I will see you then.

In Gratitude,

Patti Groce





Roses to.....

Donna Slathar...for hosting our March meeting.

Laura Packard...for providing door prizes at the March meeting.

Patti Groce...for the inspirational quotes about good health.

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Marion and Laura

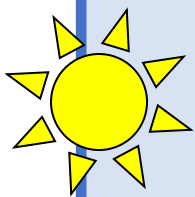


June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Cathy and Pat

August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Mary, Donna, Jean, and Delia



***Wishing all Eta Tau sisters
a safe and restful summer!***



Join our celebration!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
90th Anniversary Founders' Day Luncheon
1929 - 2019

WHEN: May 4, 2019 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

WHERE: Under the Oaks Cafe – The University of Texas
Joe C. Thompson Conference Center
2405 Robert Dedman Drive Austin, Texas

PARKING: Complimentary in Thompson Conference Center Lot 40
Entrance off Red River -- first driveway south of Dean Keeton

LUNCHEON: Chicken Fajitas with all the trimmings (gluten free and vegan)
Delta Kappa Gamma birthday cake

PROGRAM: Honoring the Founders – Alpha Chapter

Guest Speaker: Jody Conradt
1976-2007 University of Texas Women's Basketball Coach

Outstanding Educator Awards

COST: \$25 per person – pay to your chapter treasurer



Crossing the Bridge
Arlington 2019

Are you making your plans to attend the 90th Annual Texas State Convention?

What you need to know.....

- ❖ June 20-22, 2019
- ❖ Arlington Convention Center – 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, Texas 76011
- ❖ Sheraton Arlington Hotel – 1500 Convention Center Drive
- ❖ Unifying Project – ***CASA of Tarrant County*** (List of items below)
- ❖ Visit the ***Convention Website*** (<https://dkgtexasconvention2019.weebly.com/>) for all the updated information including ***The Convention Mention*** – a newsletter designed to provide information about Arlington and the convention.
- ❖ Start making your plans **NOW!**

2019 Unifying Project

Child Advocate Needs for DKG – TSO June Convention

Gift Cards:

Target
Amazon
Walmart
Visa/MasterCard

Younger Children:

Art sets
Action figures
Stuffed animals
Children's books
Educational games
Coloring books, crayons

Preteen and Teen Girl:

Small purse, wallet
Books, journals, colorful pens
Manicure set, nail file, nail polish
Hand cream/lotion, lip gloss, bath wash

Preteen and Teen Boy:

Comb/brush
Books, journals
Keychain, wallet
AXE shaving cream, deodorant

****Please bring items to the April meeting.***

Membership

Remember that Delta Kappa Gamma is now open to all women educators, active and retired, regardless of the number of years they have been teaching or have been retired. 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 Donna Slathar, Eta Tau Membership Chair.**

Upcoming Events.....Mark your calendars!

April 15, 2019 – International Headquarters

May 4, 2019 – Austin Area Founders Day Luncheon

June 20-22, 2019 – 90th Texas State Convention, Arlington, Texas

July 17-20, 2019 – Southwest Regional Conference – Costa Mesa, California

Chapter Officers 2018-2020

President: **Patti Groce**

First Vice-President: **Mary Wallace**

Second Vice-President: **Donna Slathar**

Secretary: **Lois Mayes**

Parliamentarian: **Debbie Koehler**

Treasurer: **Cathy Harris**

Past President: **Pat Guthneck**

Lone Star News is available online at www.dkgtxas.org.

Delta Kappa Gamma websites:

www.dkgtxas.org

www.dkg.org

www.orgsites.com/tx/etatau

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Send your Eta Tau committee reports and membership news to Donna Slathar. The deadline for the September newsletter is September 6, 2019. dws1athar@sbcglobal.net



**Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
March 11, 2019**

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The meeting was held at St John's UMC. The hostess was Donna Slathar.

Program

Jessica Gilzow, Culture and Arts Education Manager, from Austin Parks and Recreation was the speaker. She handed out a pamphlet listing the services of the department. She has worked for Austin P&R for 13 years. There are many opportunities for citizens to explore. Austin's 30 Recreational Centers, 300 parks, 3 Senior Centers, 10 museums, 50 swimming pools, a Botanical Center, Cemeteries, and miles of trails to enjoy. The department has an inflatable planetarium. Austin P&R has a nature based program. Children are encouraged to participate in the many activities. There is a web site that can locate a site near members. Austin Nature and Science Center is always in need of docents and volunteers.

Call to Order

Patti Groce called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. There were 8 members and one guest present.

Inspiration

Patti Groce read quotations from famous people about good health. For example, Winston Churchill said, "A healthy citizen is the best asset a country can have."

Introduction of Guest

Susan Harmon, member of Zeta Xi chapter and TSO Finance Committee Chairman, was introduced. She is planning on moving to Georgetown.

Minutes

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Harris reported a bank balance of \$2,932.88.

Committee Reports

Membership Donna Slathar encouraged members to keep in contact with those who are absent by using the buddy system initiated at the first of the year.

Social Debbie Koehler asked members to sign up as hostesses, and providers of door prizes and inspiration for 2019-2010.

Web Watch Donna Slathar gave the Web Watcher report.

International

Registration for the 2019 International Convention is open.
It will be in Costa Mesa, CA, July 17-20.

- State**
1. STAR (Spectacular Texas Art Retreat) 2020 applications are available and due November 1, 2019.
 2. Spring 2019 Lone Star News is online.
 3. Nominations Committee information for TSO officers is in the Spring Lone Star News.
 4. Convention newsletter is on the state or convention website.
 5. March/April "*Get Connected*" is online. Use DKG 365 app to access it on a smart phone.

Legislative LaVonne Rogers' friend, Mike Lehr passed away recently. She explained how valuable he was to Texas teachers. His contribution to TRS while working with TRTA was enormous. Texas teachers need another miracle worker like Mike to help improve conditions for active and retired teachers. The goal is now called "Raise the Base." Members are encouraged to read **Inside Line**.

Unfinished Business

Laura Packard moved that Eta Tau give \$100 to Libraries of Love. The money will come from the treasury. The motion was approved.

New Business

State Convention planners have requested that 8,000 items suitable for children and teens be collected for the Unifying Project. Members are encouraged to bring items to the April meeting. They will be taken to the TSO Convention. Items will be listed in the newsletter.

Donna Slathar moved that a \$20 Amazon gift card be purchased for the ASTEF gift baskets to be auctioned at TSO Convention. The money will come from the treasury. The motion passed.

A new chapter for the Pflugerville area will be founded Saturday, March 30, 9:30 a.m. at International Headquarters. Members are welcome to attend.

Door Prizes

The door prizes were provided by Laura Packard.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted

Lois Mayes