

# ETA TAU 5 STAR NEWS

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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 19, 2021 7:00 PM

**Be safe...  
Stay healthy!**

**Where:** Home

**How:** Virtual via WebEx (6:45 PM)

**Program:** Eta Tau Chapter's 56<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Recommitment Ceremony

### **For the April meeting:**

Laura will send an email with the WebEx link to the meeting. She will open the link at 6:45 and the meeting will start at 7:00.





# *A Letter from Laura*

*by Laura Packard*

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

What an interesting and challenging year this has been. We started in September with our first virtual meeting, wrapping up last year's business before embarking on this year's. We had great attendance at all our meetings, except in February when the winter storm's power outages kept too many of us from connecting. We had two excellent speakers – Gregg Rohde in October and Erica Blue in January, and we all participated in other meetings by sharing information about other DKG countries in November and participating in our book discussion in March. Although we miss seeing each other in person, it's been great connecting each month.

For our April meeting we'll celebrate Eta Tau's 56<sup>th</sup> birthday with a virtual Recommitment Ceremony and a member-participation birthstone jewels reading. Then we'll each light our candle on our slice of cake or cupcake and make a wish that we'll all be together for every meeting from now on.

*Laura*





## ***Roses to.....***

**Patti Groce**...for the inspirational quotes on reading and books at the March meeting.

**Lois Mayes**...for the quotes from Kay Yow, North Carolina State University's head women's basketball coach.

**Laura Packard**...for sending the \$10.00 gift card for the ASTEF fundraiser.

**Cathy Harris**...for meeting the deadline for Eta Tau's donations to State and International.

**Our active teachers**...who give their all to provide an excellent education for their students in this most challenging year.

**Emily Farnsworth and Marion Horowitz**...for planning such excellent and engaging programs this year.

**Eta Tau Members**...who have sent Cathy their dues for 2021-22.

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## ***Membership News***

**Laura Packard**...will be the Co-coordinator of Volunteers for the 2022 TSO Convention in New Orleans. Laura, we know you will do an exceptional job in this position! Good Luck!

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

Please send your news to [dwslathar@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

*Happy Summer,  
Eta Tau Sisters!  
Stay Safe!  
See you in September!*

# *April Meeting*

We will celebrate Eta Tau's 56<sup>th</sup> birthday at our April meeting. We are asking members to wear the color of their birthstones. Also, if you could have a cupcake/muffin/cake with a candle (or just a candle), it would add to our birthday celebration. We hope all our members will join us via WebEx.

*Emily Farnsworth and Marion Horowitz  
Program Chairs*

## **From the Treasurer...**

**Eta Tau dues are now due!**

If you have not done so yet, please mail your dues to Cathy. Active dues are \$85.00; reserve dues are \$38.50. Make checks payable to Eta Tau and send them to:

**Cathryn Harris 3803 Hidden Hollow Austin, Texas 78731**

## *Birthday Greetings*



*April 14<sup>th</sup> Marion*

*April 21<sup>st</sup> Laura*

*June 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathy*

*August 6 Mary*

*August 17 Donna*

*August 29 Delia*



## ***TSO Convention:***

It is not too late to register for the 92<sup>nd</sup> TSO Convention, June 17-19, in Denton. To avoid a late fee, registrations need to be postmarked on or before May 15<sup>th</sup>. See your spring Lone Star News for registration forms and a preliminary schedule. Or, you can go to the website:

<https://dkgtexas2021convention.weebly.com/>

Be sure to read *The Key* to find the updated information about the convention and the COVID protocols that will be in place.

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## ***DKG International Conference:***

The 2021 DKG International Conferences that will be held July 22-24, 2021 in San Antonio is the perfect opportunity for Texas members to participate in an International event right here in our own backyard!

For registration, hotel information, the conference schedule at-a-glance, go to:

[https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2021\\_International\\_Conferences/2021\\_International\\_Con\\_SanAntonio\\_TX.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2021_International_Conferences/2021_International_Con_SanAntonio_TX.aspx)



## ***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!***

**April 19, 2021** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting

**June 16-18, 2021** – 92<sup>nd</sup> Texas State Convention – Denton, Texas

**July 21-24, 2021** – International Conference – San Antonio, Texas

### **Chapter Officers 2020-2022**

President: **Laura Packard**

Co-First Vice Presidents: **Emily Farnsworth/Marion Horowitz**

Second Vice President: **Debbie Koehler**

Secretary: **Lois Mayes**

Parliamentarian: **Mary Wallace**

Treasurer: **Cathy Harris**

Past President: **Patti Groce**

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Send your Eta Tau committee reports and membership news to Donna Slathar. Our next newsletter will be in September. The deadline for the September newsletter is September 3, 2021.

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Delta Kappa Gamma International  
Eta Tau Chapter  
March 15, 2021

The meeting was held virtually on WebEx. There were 9 members present and one guest, Carole Lowe, Area 7 Coordinator.

### Call to Order

Laura Packard called the meeting to order at 7:02.

### Inspiration

Patti Groce shared quotes about the importance of reading and books. Lois Mayes used quotes from Kay Yow, Head Coach for North Carolina State University women's basketball team.

### Member News

Laura Packard wished Patti Groce, Margaret Eisenbeck, and Emily Farnsworth Happy Birthday. Laura also said that she has agreed to be the Co-coordinator of Volunteers at the International meeting in New Orleans in 2022. Her husband is home from the hospital and is undergoing additional treatment. Donna Slathar visited with Lois Pendley on the phone. Lois broke her wrist but otherwise is doing well in Liberty Hill.

### Area Coordinator

Carole Lowe said that all DKG events are on hold due to the pandemic. As information becomes available, she will share it.

### Treasurer's Report

Cathy Harris reported that the bank balance is \$2,963.28. It's time to pay dues of \$85 to Cathy Harris.

### Committee Reports

Programs and Services—It was decided that contributions for The Sunshine Camp will be mailed to Cathy Harris with the dues check. Each person will determine how much to send. When the total amount is collected, the chapter will decide how to use the money to support The Sunshine Camp.

Programs—Laura Packard ask Marion Horowitz and Emily Farnsworth to plan the chapter birthday celebration for April since it cannot be held at International Headquarters.

Membership—Debbie Kohler reported that the membership push will be on hold until after the pandemic.

Communication—Donna Slathar said Eta Tau won the five star award for the newsletter.

### Web Watcher

Donna Slathar gave the web watcher report.

International—The March/April DKG news is on line. Hotel reservations are open for the International Conferences in Portland and San Antonio July 21-24. Spotlight tells of Eta Chapter, Vermont with only 6 members. 1,677 new members were added to DKG. There are 20 participants in the Ignite Leadership Program in Austin, July 11-18.

State— Register for STAR July 15-17, 2022. The Programs and Services committee has ideas for virtual programs and projects. Applications due April 1st for the position of Executive Assistant of TSO. Members should have received the Lone Star News in the mail.

### New Business

Patti Groce moved that at the following contributions be made by April 1. \$25 Emergency fund. \$15 Leadership, \$15 Scholarship, \$15 Projects. The motion was approved by voice vote. Laura Packard agreed to buy a \$10 gift card to be sent to ASTEF for the state convention. DKG International is studying the possibility of selling headquarters in Austin. An historical designation was denied by the City of Austin.

## Announcements

Laura Packard encouraged members to attend the International Conference in San Antonio, July 21-24 and the State Convention in Denton June 17-19. The Coordinating Council has postponed the Founders Luncheon until 2023. It will be held at Chez Zee.

## Program

An interesting discussion was held about the book, The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek, by Kim Michele Richardson.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mayes