

# ETA TAU

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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.***

## February Meeting

**When:** February 18, 2019 6:45 PM

**Where:** St. John's United Methodist Church

**\*2140 Allandale Rd.**

**Room 119**

Austin, Texas

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

***See you there!***

**Program:** Induction of New Member

Book Discussion –

The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

**Hostesses:** Cathy Harris

Marion Horowitz

**Door Prizes:** Patti Groce

Donna Slathar

**\*We will be in the church building again this month. Same room as last month...Room 119. The entry is on Wynona Drive.**

**Directions: From Mopac:** Take the Northland Drive Exit (also 2222). Go east on Northland Drive. Northland Drive is also Allandale. Turn left on Wynona Drive. Wynona Drive is one block west of Burnet Road. [www.stjohnsaustin.org](http://www.stjohnsaustin.org)



## *P.S. from Patti*

*By Patti Groce*

*Dear DKG Sisters,*

*The warm days we have had recently didn't feel like February, but the freezing days that followed felt more typical. I just finished The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd and am ready for our book discussion. The best part of February (besides our February Eta Tau Book Club program) is Valentine's Day. My Aunt Eve and Grandmother Ona Val both had Valentine birthdays. Perhaps this explains my total love of Valentine's Day and all the sweet and loving sentiments expressed on this day.*

*We will not have a business meeting in February, but we will induct our newest member, Karen Alexander. Karen tells me she has read The Invention of Wings more than once and is looking forward to our discussion. I think you will find Karen to be an enthusiastic and dedicated addition to our chapter. Our February meeting would be a great time to invite that lovely friend or acquaintance involved in education to learn what DKG and its members are all about.*

*February is also a great month for planning the trips you can take in 2019. Please mark on your calendar and plan for the **90th Texas State Convention in Arlington on June 20-22**. You know the **Convention and the Birthday Luncheon will be very special since it is DKG's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday!***

*Also include in your plans one of the International Conferences (formerly known as Regional Conferences). Each conference offers professional development, networking, and experiences prepared around each theme. Conferences will be held in Asheville, North Carolina (Arts & Humanities); Des Moines, Iowa (Leadership); Costa Mesa, California (Technology); Reykjavik, Iceland (Professional Research and Practice); and Mashantucket, Connecticut (Global Awareness). You are welcome to attend one or all of these conferences.*

*See you at the meeting and remember to bring a friend.*

*In Gratitude,*

***Patti Groce***





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

**Mary Wallace and Emily Farnsworth...**for hosting our January meeting.

**Debbie Koehler...**for the inspiration on ways to have a happy new year.

**Mary Wallace and Emily Farnsworth...**for providing door prizes at the January meeting.

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## ***Membership News***

**Debbie Koehler** is recovering well from her knee surgery. She says she is working hard to keep up with her exercises. She hopes to see everyone at the March meeting.

### **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.

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## ***February Birthdays***

*Happy Birthday to Lois M.!*

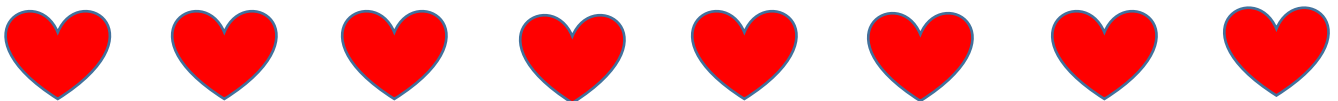




## ***Are you making your plans to attend the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas State Convention?***

### ***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 will be posted soon.)**
- ❖ **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!****



February is American **Heart** Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. Every year, 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease. 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: <http://1.usa.gov/13d8oBq>

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 ***Happy Valentine's Day!*** 

# Service Project

## *Libraries of Love*

February is the month to bring your books for *Libraries of Love*. Books with African themes, animals, or books with dark-faced characters are recommended. You can also donate to *Libraries of Love* through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select *Libraries of Love* as your charitable organization to receive donations. Thereafter, every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

*Special Projects Committee*



## *February is Giving Month*

ASTEF has made the online donation process very easy. When you go to the website (<https://www.astef.org/>), use the Donate Now button or the Giving Month contribution form to help support Scholarship, Leadership, and Projects. Your contribution will impact Texas education, educators, and students now and in the future!

**Remember all donations made to ASTEF are tax deductible.**

***Don't forget to bring your prospect card to the next meeting!***

Prospect Card
Name
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Email
Employer
Position
Phone
Sponsor

## 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!***

**February 18, 2019** – St. John's United Methodist Church

**March 11, 2019** – St. John's United Methodist Church

**April 15, 2019** – International Headquarters

**May 4, 2019** – Austin Area Founders Day Luncheon

**June 20-22, 2019** – 90<sup>th</sup> 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**

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Delta Kappa Gamma websites:

[www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

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Send your Eta Tau committee reports and membership news to Donna Slathar. The deadline for the January newsletter is February 27, 2019. [dwslathar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwslathar@sbcglobal.net)



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Delta Kappa Gamma International  
Eta Tau Chapter  
January 21, 2019

The meeting was held at St John's United Methodist Church. The hostesses were Mary Wallace and Emily Farnsworth.

### Program

Dr. Rosemary Morrow, ASTEF board member, presented a program about Alpha State Texas Education Foundation. The three purposes of the Foundation are projects, scholarship, and leadership. She put on a hard hat to show that members work hard to provide funding for projects. Last year the Foundation awarded \$35,000 for projects. She put on a mortar board to represent scholarship. The Foundation awarded \$18,000 for those working on advanced degrees. Lifetime learners received \$20,000. Five thousand dollars was given in Grants. She put on a top hat to represent leadership training. Thirty women attend a seminar paid for by the Foundation. Then she put on a visor to show that ASTEF sponsors weekend or longer road trips. She held up money to indicate that Delta Kappa Gamma women need to make contributions to the Foundation so that the work can continue. Money can be given by individuals or chapters. An online auction and a convention auction also raise money. She encouraged members to apply for funds.

### Call to Order

Patti Groce called the meeting to order at 7:30. There were nine members and 2 guests present.

### Inspiration

Debbie Koehler wished those present a Happy New Year. A sentence for each letter in Happy New Year suggested ways to live positively.

### Introduction of Special Guests

Patti Groce introduced Dr. Rosemary Marrow as an important DKG member and as President of Austin Retired Teachers Association. Dr. Stacey Arnold, Kappa Lambda Chapter, was introduced as Area Coordinator. She made a few remarks about the importance of the state convention and encouraged members to register. The Southwest Regional Conference will be about technology.

### Member News/Brag Bag

Laura Packard and Patti Groce attended STAR. Laura showed a beaded leather bracelet that she made. Patti made an iris fold birthday cupcake card and collage picture. Donna was celebrating her husband's birthday with the family. Janie Knolle is improving. Pat Guthneck and Lois Pendley have moved.

### Minutes

The minutes of the November meeting were approved with two corrections.

### Treasurer's Report

Cathy Harris reported a balance of \$2,821.38.

## Committee Reports

Membership—Debbie Koehler had a sign-up sheet to help keep a record of attendance.

Projects—Emily Farnsworth reported that 9 gift cards were given to CASA. A letter was shared from Laura Wolff, Executive Director of CASA, thanking Eta Tau for the contributions.

Web Watcher—Debbie Koehler presented information that can be found online.

International—Submissions for the 2019 Spring Art Gallery will be accepted until January 15. Registration for the 2019 International Conferences is now open. The Southwest Regional Conference will be in Costa Mesa, CA, July 17-20.

State—The website for the 2019 Arlington Convention is available. The STAR (Spectacular Texas Art Retreat) 2020 applications are due November 1, 2019. The Lone Star News is online only.

## New Business

Patti Groce requested that a decision be made about contributions to state funds. Mary Wallace moved that the following amounts be sent by Cathy Harris. After a second, the motion was approved.

Contributions for Libraries of Love will be considered at the February meeting.

\$1.00 per member and reserve member for scholarship

\$20.00 for Leadership

\$25 for International Emergency Fund

## Door Prizes

Four door prizes were provided by Mary Wallace and Emily Farnsworth.

## Adjournment

Patti Groce adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Mayes