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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 21, 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: *ASTE*F – Dr. Rosemary Morrow

Hostesses: Mary Wallace
Emily Farnsworth

Door Prizes: Mary Wallace
Emily Farnsworth

Inspiration: 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



P.S. from Patti

By Patti Groce

Dear DKG Sisters,

I hope you and your family and friends had a wonderful Christmas season. I believe 2019 is going to be a great year for us all. This time of year has us thinking of change and resolution. It is comforting to me to have the blank slate that is the New Year. Setting goals and priorities give us something to think about more than where will we store all those Christmas decorations.

As you prepare your yearly calendar; please mark June 20 – 21 for the 90th Texas State Convention in Arlington and July 17 - 20 for the Southwest Regional Conference in Costa Mesa, California. Remember you are welcome to attend any Regional Conference. Each of these regional conferences is organized around a theme or special focus. Check out the DKG website and see if any of the conferences may be of interest to you and mark those dates on your calendar.

Thank you to Projects Committee Co-Chairs Emily Farnsworth and Marion Horowitz who collected gift cards and money from chapter members to provide gift cards for CASA older teens in time for Christmas. Also, thank you to hostess Laura Packard for providing the delicious Turkey Chili at our cold November meeting.

I am looking forward to our January meeting as we hear from DKG committee member, Dr. Rosemary Morrow, speak about ASTEF. Our special guest, Stacey Arnold Area 7 Coordinator, will have news from our area. Please turn in your prospect cards with suggestions for new members. Let's share the DKG experience with those wonderful ladies you know who promote and support education in our communities and grow our chapter.

*As you curl up with your warm blanket on these cold January nights, don't forget to be reading our February Book Club Program Book, **The Invention of Wings** by Sue Monk Kidd.*

In gratitude,

Patti Groce





Roses to.....

Laura Packard...for hosting our November meeting.

Lois Mayes...for her inspiration on "living for today."

Eta Tau Members...for participating in the Silent Auction by bringing and buying items.

Emily Farnsworth and Marion Horowitz...for collecting and delivering the gift cards for CASA.



Membership News

Update...**Janie** has finished her chemo and radiation treatments. She is working on getting her strength and energy back and trying to avoid the seasonal colds/coughs. Janie appreciates your prayers, phone calls, and cards.

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

Please send your news to 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.



January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to LaVonne!



It's not too late...

*Get **READY** to **READ**!!*

The book for our discussion at the February meeting is The Inventions of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd. She is the award-winning and bestselling author of the novels The Secret Life of Bees and The Mermaid Chair. The story setting is in early nineteenth century Charleston. On Sara Grimke's eleventh birthday, she is given ownership of ten year old Hetty "Handful," who is to be her handmaid. Thus, the beginning of a thirty-five year complex relationship as each girl strives for a life of her own. The novel reveals their remarkable journeys through the endurance of loss, sorrow, courage, hopelessness, betrayal, unrequited love, and ostracism. Add this novel to Kidd's list of New York Times bestsellers!

Enjoy the **read** and be **ready** to discuss and share your thoughts and wonders at our February meeting.

Control and Click if you would like to order the book from Amazon.

https://www.amazon.com/Invention-Wings-Sue-Monk-Kidd/dp/0143121707/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1539015734&sr=8-1&keywords=the+invention+of+wings+book



Service Project

CASA Gift Cards

The Target and Wal-Mart cards were delivered for Christmas. We met our goal to collect eight \$30.00 gift cards. CASA was very appreciative. Thank you for your generosity and effort to help make Christmas a little brighter for the CASA teens!

Special Projects Committee

Where are the books??

Lois Mayes has all the books and is ready to pass them on! In the past, members brought their used books to sell at the chapter meetings. The chapter sells paperbacks for 50 cents and hardbacks for \$1. It is a small fundraiser for the chapter. The chapter needs someone willing to store the books and bring them to and from the meetings. ***Is that you??*** If you are interested in being in charge of the books, please let Lois know.

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

Prospect Card
Name
Address
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!

January 21, 2019 – St. John's United Methodist Church
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 – 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**

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Send your Eta Tau committee reports and membership news to Donna Slathar. The deadline for the January newsletter is February 4, 2019. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net



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Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
November 12, 2018

The meeting was held at St John's United Methodist Church. The hostess was Laura Packard. A silent auction was held. Members bid on items for sale.

Call to Order

Patti Groce called the meeting to order at 7:15. There were eight members present.

Inspiration

Lois Mayes shared quotations about living for today without concerns for yesterday or tomorrow.

Introduction of Special Guest

Peggy Price, Georgetown, was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma in Lubbock. She taught at Texas Tech.

Member News

LaVonne Rogers fell in her kitchen and hit her face on the counter as she fell. She was badly bruised. Janie Knolle had surgery and is undergoing chemo and radiation for 6 weeks. Several members have tried to reach Lola Carter by phone and email. None have been successful. Margaret Eisenbeck has requested reserve status. Mary Wallace moved that it be granted. After a second, the motion was approved. Mary Kay Wendel has dropped her membership.

Minutes

The minutes for the September meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Harris presented a budget for 2018-2019. After discussion the budget was approved. Three members have missed the deadline for paying dues because of illness or trips. The members agreed that Cathy Harris should pay their dues to state and international. They can reimburse the treasury at a later date.

Correspondence

A letter from Margaret Eisenbeck was shared requesting reserve status.

Committee Reports

Membership - Donna Slathar had each member draw a name from a box. The member will call that person if she is absent. She also asked members to turn in perspective member cards.

Projects - Emily Farnsworth reported that 7 \$30 gift cards for CASA have been turned in.

Web Watcher - Donna Slathar presented information from the website.

International - Go Ahead Tours - Iceland, July 28 - August 2, 2019

Food and Wine - San Francisco and California wine country, October 9-14, 2020

Deadlines - Form 990 due November 15
182 new members since July 2018
Password must have at least 7 characters and contain at least one number

State - Application for TSO elected officers and elected committees (Nominations and Finance) are now available. Go to the deadline/forms page and the nominations committee page
The November/December 2018 *Get Connected* is on line
The Bylaws and Rules Committee has released an updated model for chapters to use as they update their rules

New Business

Karen Anderson's name was presented for membership. Laura Packard moved that she be accepted. After a second, the motion carried. Karen will be inducted at the January meeting.

Unfinished Business

Mary Wallace moved that the chapter support Libraries of Love by making a contribution of at least \$100 in books or donations of money. Members are encouraged to use the Smiles site on Amazon which will give a donation to a charity (Libraries of Love) when a purchase is made. After a second, the motion passed.

Adjournment of Business Meeting

Patti Groce adjourned the meeting at 8:10. Final bids on auction items were made.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mayes