

# ETA TAU

# 5 STAR NEWS

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**International Theme: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**

**State Theme: YOU are the key**

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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 20, 2020 6:45 PM

**Where:** St. John's United Methodist Church  
**\*5904 Wynona** (middle of the block across from church)  
Austin, Texas

**Program:** *ATCProgram* – Dr. Delia Quintanella,  
Eta Tau member, presents the  
alternative certification program she developed.

**Hostesses:** Mary Wallace

**Door Prizes:** Mary Wallace  
Lois Mayes

**Inspiration:** Karen Alexander

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

***See you there!***

**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,*

*Happy 2020, Eta Tau Sisters! I am having difficulty believing 2020 is really here. I thought we would be flying around the sky in jet packs by now. Maybe it will take a few more years for that to happen.*

*This month's program will be Eta Tau member, Dr. Delia Quintanilla, who will speak on the alternative certification program for teachers that she developed and administers. What a great program to ask that prospective new member you have been thinking of inviting. Please ask that teacher, or retired educator you've met recently to visit us. Was there someone you previously asked to join us that said no? Please ask her again. Lives change and so do schedules. Perhaps, she now has time to join and participate in our wonderful DKG organization. It really doesn't hurt to ask.*

*Also our new year of 2020 offers us the opportunity to plan trips. The 91st Texas State Convention to be held in McAllen, June 17-19, 2020 is definitely an opportunity. Members are still talking about the wonderful time they had at the last time convention held in McAllen. Laura Packard has reserved two rooms. Come join us for the fun and learning in McAllen.*

*Another chance for travel is the DKG International Conference that will be held July 7-11, 2020 in Philadelphia. Both trips to McAllen and Philadelphia give us the prospect to meet wonderful DKG members and to learn the scope of DKG and how its mission of promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education is accomplished internationally.*

*Thank you to everyone who has made our 2019-2020 programs a success to date. There's more to come.*

*In gratitude,*

***Patti Groce***





**Roses to.....**

**Laura Packard and Debbie Koehler...**for hosting our November meeting.

**Mary Wallace...**for her inspiration on thankfulness and gratitude.

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

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



## **Membership News**

**Laura Packard** is a busy lady, and she keeps getting busier. In addition to her Delta Kappa Gamma responsibilities, she is now President of the Georgetown Newcomers Club. We are proud that she claims Eta Tau as her DKG chapter!

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

Please send your news to [dws1athar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dws1athar@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.

# **November Meeting**



Patti and Carole

We were excited to welcome Annie Webb Blanton to our November meeting! Carole Lowe, our Area 7 Coordinator, visited Eta Tau chapter dressed as Dr. Blanton. 2019 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's right to vote, and Carole presented "Votes for Women." Her presentation included a brief history of Delta Kappa Gamma and its members' active involvement in the pursuit of women rights.

*Thanks, Carole! We enjoyed your visit!*

The meeting continued with our Silent Auction. Members left the meeting with great food treats and creative items! We will get a report from Cathy at the meeting.

# ***Service Project***

## ***CASA Gift Cards***

The Target and Wal-Mart cards were delivered for Christmas. We exceeded our goal by collecting ten \$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!

*Don't forget...* Eta Tau will be collecting books and monetary donations for *Libraries of Love* at our February meeting.

*Special Projects Committee*

***It's not too late...***

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

The book for our discussion at the February meeting is Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.

The story is set in the 1950s and revolves around a young woman named Kya Clark. Kya is from extremely rural North Carolina and is known as the Marsh Girl. She has survived alone for years with only the gulls and nature as her friends. Eventually Kya yearns for companionship and love which brings her into contact with the greater world. Two young men become interested in Kya's wild beauty, and it opens Kya to a whole new life. However, when a young local is found dead, Kya becomes the suspect. This novel contains mystery, nature, and is a coming of age story.

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/Where-Crawdads-Sing-Delia-Owens/dp/0735219095/ref=sxin\\_3\\_osp107-5b191838\\_cov?ascsubtag=5b191838-09f1-431f-a685-8df541d5f0b8&creativeASIN=0735219095&cv\\_ct\\_id=amzn1.osp.5b191838-09f1-431f-a685-8df541d5f0b8&cv\\_ct\\_pg=search&cv\\_ct\\_wn=osp-search&keywords=where+the+crawdads+sing+book&linkCode=oas&pd\\_rd\\_i=0735219095&pd\\_rd\\_r=a49b2d3a-2798-4869-b484-bbeae9abf356&pd\\_rd\\_w=K0dS2&pd\\_rd\\_wg=8DUZZ&pf\\_rd\\_p=53eff971-6e12-4016-9864-b6dfd929b2b3&pf\\_rd\\_r=RV46QZS1NX1JTYMGAQS4&qid=1570399093&tag=losangelestimes-tca-20](https://www.amazon.com/Where-Crawdads-Sing-Delia-Owens/dp/0735219095/ref=sxin_3_osp107-5b191838_cov?ascsubtag=5b191838-09f1-431f-a685-8df541d5f0b8&creativeASIN=0735219095&cv_ct_id=amzn1.osp.5b191838-09f1-431f-a685-8df541d5f0b8&cv_ct_pg=search&cv_ct_wn=osp-search&keywords=where+the+crawdads+sing+book&linkCode=oas&pd_rd_i=0735219095&pd_rd_r=a49b2d3a-2798-4869-b484-bbeae9abf356&pd_rd_w=K0dS2&pd_rd_wg=8DUZZ&pf_rd_p=53eff971-6e12-4016-9864-b6dfd929b2b3&pf_rd_r=RV46QZS1NX1JTYMGAQS4&qid=1570399093&tag=losangelestimes-tca-20)



# *What Makes a Great Chapter Newsletter?*

*By Patti Groce*

Recently, I read an article in The Communique, the TSO newsletter of Communications and Publicity, contributed by **Jerrie Dooley**, Area 6 Representative. As I read it I thought about our own newsletter. Jerrie listed five points of what a chapter newsletter accomplishes.

1. A good newsletter helps keep members connected. Receiving an Eta Tau newsletter emailed to your inbox is a happy occurrence for active and reserve members.
2. The newsletter keeps members informed of member news, upcoming meeting specifics and past meeting review, news of projects and events, and communication from the president and committee chairs.
3. Each chapter newsletter has a unique style with no specific rules to limit its publication. Of course, the Communications and Publicity Committee offer suggestions and guidelines for a great newsletter. But there are no restrictions for publication software used. There is no cookie cutter template that makes all chapter newsletters look alike.
4. Our newsletters are sent to the TSO president, the state editor, our area coordinator, and communications representative. Reviewing all chapter newsletters give these individuals a picture of each chapter and its members across the state.
5. The newsletter preserves the history of each chapter often giving a clearer picture of our activities better than the minutes. Jerri suggests saving the newsletters for future reference and history.

Thank you to **Donna Slathar**, our newsletter editor, who makes sure our Eta Tau newsletter achieves the five points of a good newsletter. Her extra touches of color, photos, careful editing, and adherence to state guidelines make our chapter newsletter a great five star newsletter.

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# January Birthdays

*Happy Birthday to LaVonne!*

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*Start the new year right...*

*bring a prospect card to the next meeting!*

Prospect Card
Name
Address
Email
Employer
Position
Phone
Sponsor

Have you checked in with your **"buddy"** lately?

- Keep her informed about DKG and Eta Tau news.
- If she missed a meeting, let her know we noticed.
- Offer a ride to a meeting, if necessary.



## 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 20, 2020** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John’s United Methodist Church

**February 17, 2020** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John’s United Methodist Church

**March 15, 2020** – Georgetown Palace Theater – *Sweet Charity*

**April 20, 2020** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John’s United Methodist Church

**June 17-19, 2020** – 91<sup>st</sup> Texas State Convention – McAllen, Texas

**July 7-11, 2020** – International Convention – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

#### **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 February newsletter is February 2, 2020. [dwslathar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwslathar@sbcglobal.net)



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Delta Kappa Gamma International  
Eta Tau Chapter  
November 18, 2019

The meeting was held at St John's UMCF. There were 10 member and one guest present. Refreshments were provided by Laura Packard and Debbie Kohler. Carole Lowe, Area 7 coordinator, made a presentation before the meeting was called to order. The presentation was called "Votes for Women." She pretended to be Annie Webb Blanton. She gave a short history of Delta Kappa Gamma including the fact that 2019 is the 100 anniversary of women's right to vote. Early members of DKG were active in the suffrage movement.

**Call to Order**

Patti Groce called the meeting to order at 7:12.

**Inspiration**

Mary Wallace shared quotes about thankfulness and gratitude.

**Member News**

Debbie Kohler was not able to attend the meeting due to a death in the family.

**Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the September 2019 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Cathy Harris reported a bank balance of \$2,630.88.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership**

Donna Slathar encouraged each member to keep in touch with her buddy.

**Projects**

Emily Farnsworth and Marion Horowitz reported that 11 gift cards for CASA were collected. That is 3 more than Eta Tau was committed to give.

Laura Packard gave the Peyton Heart Project hearts to the counselor at Frost School in Georgetown.

**Web Watcher**

Donna Slathar shared information about Web Watcher

International—1. 2020 International Convention in Philadelphia, PA on July 7-11.

2. Fall 2019 Art Gallery is open

3. Member spotlight features a Pflugerville teacher, Roshanta Stewart

State—1. Fall 2019 Lone Star News is online

2. 91st Texas State Convention in McAllen, June 17-19 "Convention Key" is online

**Legislation**

LaVonne Rogers discussed Mike Lehr and Tim Lee. She stated that these two men are the keys to improving teachers' salaries and retired teachers' benefits. She encouraged all to read "*Inside Line*" by Tim Lee.

**Silent Auction**

Several times during the evening members bid on items up for auction. At the end of the meeting each member collected their items and paid Cathy Harris.

**Adjournment**

Patti Groce adjourned the meeting at 8:13.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Mayes