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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 17, 2022 7:00 PM

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

Where: Home

How: Virtual via WebEx (6:45 PM)

Program: Book Discussion – The Girl with the Louding Voice
by Abi Daré

Inspiration: Patti Groce

For the January 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,

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season and a healthy start to 2022. In a few short months we'll be finishing up this biennium and looking forward to 2022-24. Our Nominations Committee is already working to see how our tiny chapter can once again fill all the leadership positions. Luckily, none of them require a great deal of time because we all pull together to keep Eta Tau going, so please be thinking about what part you can play in the next biennium.

We had a wonderful Silent Auction at our November 15th meeting. We all went home with wonderful goodies and gift items. I can't wait to find out how much we took in.

I know we're all looking forward to our book discussion at our meeting on January 17th. [The Girl With the Louding Voice](#) is not an easy read, but it gives us plenty to talk about! Since we decided that this would be a virtual meeting, I'll send the link and the agenda out on the 15th or 16th.

Virtual hugs to all our wonderful Eta Tau sisters,

Laura



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

Mary Wallace...for sharing inspirational Thanksgiving quotes at our November meeting.

Mary Wallace, Patti Groce, and Donna Slathar...for serving on the Nominations Committee.

Eta Tau members...for donating money (\$185.00) to CASA for its Christmas Project.

Eta Tau members...for participating in the Silent Auction by donating and/or buying items.

 ***Membership News***

From Mary...

It is with a heavy heart that I share that **Nona McClure**, a long-time Eta Tau Chapter member, passed away early in the morning of Friday, December 17th. Nona joined our Eta Tau Chapter in 1965 and was a very active member for many years, chairing several chapter offices. Nona was chapter president from 1978-80 and again in 1990-92. Nona was a wonderfully talented and creative mentor for me at Robert E. Lee Elementary and as an Eta Tau member. There will be a memorial celebration for Nona sometime in February.

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

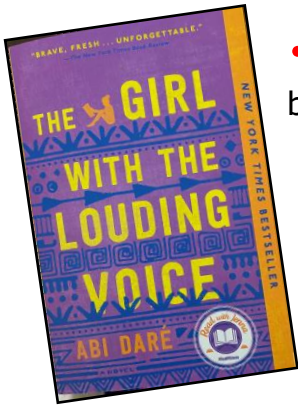
Please send your news to dwslathar@sbcglobal.net . Eta Tau members love to hear about others' travel adventures, stories of grandchildren and family, professional news, and anything else you'd like to share.

January Birthday Greetings



12th LaVonne Rogers

It's Not Too Late ...



• • • to curl up with a *latte* and read The Girl with the Louding Voice. We will be discussing Abi Daré's novel at our meeting on January 17th.

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

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

<https://amzn.to/3089eTP>

2021-2022 Yearbook Corrections

1. **Page 10 – Coordinating Council**
 - a. Under Alpha Chapter – the first name on the right should be spelled Mary **Kevorkian**. Her email is correct.
 - b. Under Eta Tau, Patti's email (pgroce5@gmail.com) slid over under Laura's name for some reason.
2. **Page 20** – Our April meeting should be listed as Monday, April 18.
3. **Page 21** – Susan Harmon's birthday was not included. It is Oct. 24.
4. **Page 23** – On the Telephone Tree, Delia's last name is misspelled. It should be Quintanilla!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

***WISHING YOU THE BEST IN
2022!***

Libraries of Love

Libraries of Love is an all-volunteer organization. *Libraries of Love* has created libraries in 39 schools in Uganda and 7 schools in Kenya. More than 125,000 students have enjoyed reading books from *Libraries of Love*'s 46 libraries over a 16-year period. Students who attended the first nine schools which received libraries (13,000 students) have moved up to secondary schools, or have graduated from secondary. At these schools, a second "generation" of readers are now borrowing books. That has been one of its goals, younger brothers and sisters having the same access to books as their older siblings.

At our January meeting we will discuss *Libraries of Love* as a possible spring service project. Mary is willing to collect money and order books from the wish list on Amazon.

If you would like more information about *Libraries of Love*, click the link to its website. <https://librariesoflove.org/>

March Meeting

Our March meeting is scheduled on Sunday, March 13th, to attend a performance of the musical **9 to 5** at 2pm at the Palace Theater, 810 S. Austin Avenue, Georgetown, TX. We have tentatively reserved a block of 12 seats in the middle of the theater, row G. If we have at least 10 individuals (members and guests) attending, the cost will be \$31 per ticket. If you have never been to a performance at the Palace, you are in for a treat! The performances are incredibly well done, and the theater itself is very intimate and charming. At this point, masks are required. In order to receive the group rate, the tickets will need to be paid for by Friday, February 18th.

-Mary Wallace

DKG News

DKG NEWS 79-1 Jan/Feb 2022 edition is available now.

Here is the link for flipbook version :

<https://publication.dkg.org/News/79-1/index.html>

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!

January 17, 2022 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual

February 21, 2022 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting - Virtual

March 13, 2022 – Performance at Palace Theatre – Georgetown, Texas

April 18, 2022 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

June 14-18, 2022 – 93rd Texas State Convention – Lubbock, Texas

June 12-16, 2022 – International Convention – New Orleans, LA

August 20, 2022 – Area 7 Workshop – Patsy Sommer Elementary School, 1600 Avery Ranch Road

June 14-17, 2023 – 94th Texas State Convention, McAllen, 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. The deadline for the February newsletter is February 5, 2022. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net

Draft

Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
November 15, 2021

The meeting was held at St John's UMC. There were 9 members present. A silent auction was held.

Call to Order

Laura Packard called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Inspiration

Mary Wallace read a few quotes from "31 Inspirational Quotations for Thanksgiving."

Member News

Laura Packard expressed her appreciation for the love and kindness extended to her during a difficult time. Her eye surgery is scheduled for December 1.

Minutes

The minutes for the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Harris reported a balance of \$3,226.29.

Committee Reports

Web Watchers - Donna Slathar gave the report.

- International——1. International Convention in New Orleans, LA, July 12-16 2022.
- 2. Go Ahead Tour after the convention from New Orleans to Memphis
July 17-21, 2022
- State—————1. 93rd Texas State convention in Lubbock, June 14-18, 2022
- 2. ASTEF Fall Stewardship Campaign through December 31, 2021

Nominations - Mary Wallace will consult with Donna Slathar and Patti Groce to select a slate of officers for 2022-2024.

Yearbook - Mary Wallace will make corrections to the yearbook. She will email the corrections to Donna Slathar to put in the newsletter.

Unfinished Business

Marian Horowitz collected \$185 for CASA.

New Business

It was moved and seconded that two \$25 gift cards from Trader Joe's be purchased for the presenters of the October Charcuterie Board Program. Emily Farnsworth will buy them.

Laura Packard suggested that the chapter consider a Spring Service Project similar to The Austin Sunshine Camp and Libraries of Love which we have supported in the past.

Announcements

Area 7 Workshop August 20, 2022, Patsy Sommer Elem School, 1600 Avery Ranch Rd.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mayes