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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.

March Meeting

When: March 11, 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: Health, Fitness, and Educational Opportunities
Jessica Gilzow, Culture and Arts Education Program
Manager of the City of Austin Parks and Recreation

Hostesses: Pat Guthneck
Donna Slathar

Door Prizes: Pat Guthneck
Laura Packard

Inspiration: Patti Groce

***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,

*The phrase “Beware the Ides of March “ was uttered by a soothsayer as a warning in Shakespeare’s play **Julius Caesar**. My husband loved repeating this phrase, since my birthday is on the Ides of March. Although the day was not so lucky for Caesar, I’ve found the day quite celebratory.*

*At our February chapter meeting, we inducted newest member, **Karen Alexander**, with a short but sweet ceremony prepared by **Lois Mayes**. The brevity of the ceremony gave us time for our February book discussion of Sue Monk Kidd’s *The Invention of Wings* led by **Mary Wallace**. It is always interesting to find out members’ perspectives and thoughts about the book. Mary researched and reported on the history of the real Grimké sisters. We all agreed that the author had portrayed the sisters accurately.*

*Our March program features **Jessica Gilzow**, the Culture and Education Program Director of the **Austin Parks Department**. I know you will be interested to hear about all the opportunities the Parks Department has to offer. This program will interest that friend of yours who would be an asset to our chapter and who would benefit from being a member of **DKG** and **Eta Tau**. Please invite your friend or acquaintance to our meeting.*

*Please mark your calendar for the **Founder’s Day Tribute** celebrating **90 years** of DKG. Our birthday luncheon will be on **May 4**, at the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center on the University of Texas campus. The Austin Coordinating Council and the Williamson Coordination Council are making this event very special. Our chapter’s part is the printing of programs and place cards. Do you have suggestions? Tickets are \$25.00. **Cathy Harris** will be taking money for the luncheon at our **March** meeting. The money needs to be sent in by Cathy with one check before our April meeting date, so please bring your money for this historic event. I am so proud to be part of an organization that has supported education and educators for 90 years!*

*At our March meeting, we will be selecting Eta Tau’s recipient of the **Outstanding Educator Award** to be presented at the Founder’s Day luncheon. Please bring your nomination of the outstanding educator who is a **DKG** member and lives in the Austin area.*

See you soon.

In Gratitude,

Patti Groce



Executive Board Meeting

***When: Monday, March 11, 2019
5:45 (before the chapter meeting)***

Where: St. John's United Methodist Church

***Who: Eta Tau Officers
All interested Eta Tau members***



Roses to.....

Cathy Harris and Marion Horowitz...for hosting our February meeting.

Patti Groce and Donna Slathar...for providing door prizes at the February meeting.

Mary Wallace...for leading our book discussion.

Lois Mayes, Patti Groce, and Mary Wallace...for conducting Karen's induction ceremony.

Eta Tau Members...for bringing donations for *Libraries of Love*.

Outstanding Educator Award

The Outstanding Educator Award is given every two years at the Founders' Day Luncheon. Each chapter is encouraged to select one member as Outstanding Educator. The Austin Coordinating Council Delta Kappa Gamma will announce and recognize the five ACC Outstanding Educators at the Founders' Day Celebration. Our chapter will nominate the Eta Tau Outstanding Educator at the March meeting.

Nominees will be limited to Delta Kappa Gamma membership.

Nominees will be women from the Austin area.

Nominees will be someone who has contributed to education in a significant manner.



Meet Karen

We are proud to welcome **Karen Alexander** to Eta Tau Chapter.



Patti, Karen, Lois, and Mary

Karen was born in New York, New York and lived in Westport Connecticut until 8 or 9 years old. Her family moved to Houston, Texas where she attended Duchesne Academy High School. After graduating from Centenary Junior College (New Jersey), she received a Bachelor in Business Administration from the University of Texas.

After graduation, Karen began working as a Computer Programmer and became a Systems Analyst writing and maintaining Cobol Programs in Midland Texas. She and her husband started their own Video Production Company in 1985 and videoed weddings, children's programs, sport events and created a few business presentations. Karen taught Computer 101 and Personality Improvement classes at International Business School. With "Midland Need to Read" resources, she taught a 65 year old woman to read English. In 2002, Karen started her own business, Computer Tutor, and has been actively helping people one on one with their computers, iPhones, iPads, and most other gadgets in their own home and at their own pace of learning.

Karen moved to Sun City in June of 2018. She enjoys singing with the Sun City Singers, learning to play Bridge, and meeting a whole of host of new people. She recently started a new group exploring Eckhart Tolle and awakening to our true selves, our "being beyond, behind, beside our "thinking mind." Her two dogs Sandy and Lilly are a constant joy in her life.

Karen Alexander was inducted into Eta Tau Chapter on February 18, 2019. **Welcome to Eta Tau, Karen!**



March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Patti, Margaret, and Emily!



Join our celebration!

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
90th Anniversary Founders' Day Luncheon
1929 - 2019

WHEN: May 4, 2019 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

WHERE: Under the Oaks Cafe – The University of Texas
Joe C. Thompson Conference Center
2405 Robert Dedman Drive Austin, Texas

PARKING: Complimentary in Thompson Conference Center Lot 40
Entrance off Red River -- first driveway south of Dean Keeton

LUNCHEON: Chicken Fajitas with all the trimmings (gluten free and vegan)
Delta Kappa Gamma birthday cake

PROGRAM: Honoring the Founders – Alpha Chapter

Guest Speaker: Jody Conradt
1976-2007 University of Texas Women's Basketball Coach

Outstanding Educator Awards

COST: \$25 per person – pay to your chapter treasurer



Are you making your plans to attend the 90th 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!**
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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!

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 April newsletter is April 4, 2019. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net



(A **business** meeting was not held on February 18. The following are notes taken from our meeting.)

Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
February 18, 2019

Notes from the meeting

The meeting was held at St John's UMC. There was no formal business meeting. The hostesses were Marion Horowitz and Cathy Harris. There were 9 members present and one guest, Dalila Weeks.

Karen Alexander was inducted into Eta Tau Chapter. The leaders were Lois Mayes, Ceremonies Chair, Patti Groce, President, and Mary Wallace, Vice President. A rose and certificate of membership were presented to Karen. She was welcomed by the members present.

Mary Wallace led a discussion of the book, The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd. The sisters, Sarah and Angelina Grimke, grew up on a plantation in South Carolina. They moved north and became abolitionists after seeing the cruelty to their slaves. The servants, Charlotte, Hetty (Handful) and Sky's experiences lead to the Grimke sisters believing that slavery was wrong.

Door prizes were furnished by Patti Groce and Donna Slathar.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mayes