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State Theme: JOURNEY: Which way will you go?

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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 13, 2022 2:00 PM

Where: Georgetown Palace Theatre*
810 South Austin Avenue
Georgetown, TX 78626

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

See you there!

Performance: 9 to 5 : The Musical

Music and Lyrics by Dolly Parton. Book by Patricia Resnick

After: Wildfire Restaurant
812 South Austin Avenue
Georgetown, TX 78626
<https://www.wildfiretexas.com/>

*The theater is ½ block south of the square, and there is parking on side streets and around the square, plus a bank parking lot at 9th Street and South Austin Avenue which should be available to us on Sunday afternoon.





A Letter from Laura

by Laura Packard

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

I wrote last month's letter on one of our icy days, and now four weeks later it's looking like spring. Soon we'll be seeing the bluebonnets again!

We had a fun but challenging craft project at our February meeting. I hope some of us have been able to complete our Fröbelstern using the YouTube videos Greg Rohde shared with us. Our Texas State Organization President, Shalan Inmon, brought us the latest news, we voted on our donations to the International Emergency Fund and ASTEF, and we elected our new officers for the 2022-24 biennium. The new officers will be installed when we celebrate Eta's birthday at our in-person meeting on April 18th, so be sure to plan to attend that last meeting of the year

We're going to have a good crowd, including several guests, at the Palace Theatre in Georgetown on March 13th, with snacks or early dinner at Wildfire Restaurant after the show. We'll coordinate with those who bought tickets by separate email.

Virtual hugs to all our wonderful Eta Tau sisters,

Laura





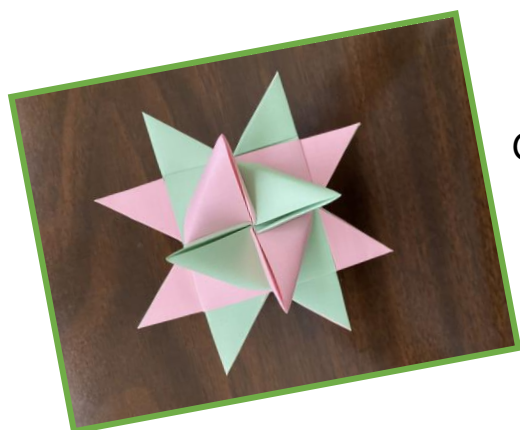
Roses to.....

Delia Quintanilla... for her inspiration at our February meeting reminding us of how we as teachers inspire our students.

Cathy Harris... for handling our donations this year.

Laura Packard...for making our reservations at Wildfire Restaurant.

February Meeting



Greg Rohde taught us how to make an origami Froebel Star (German: Fröbelstern). A Fröbelstern is a decoration made of paper, common in Germany. It is named after its inventor, Friedrich Wilhelm August Fröbel. It was one of many activities for children in kindergarten.

March Birthday Greetings



15th Patti

18th Margaret

19th Emily

ETA TAU CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2021 -2022

Every other year (even numbered years) Eta Tau Chapter gives a special award to one of its members who has willingly used her time and talents over a period of time for the good of the chapter and has shown sustained interest in chapter activities.

The Nominations & Achievement Award Committee would like for you to vote for an Eta Tau member to be given this award. Regular attendance at chapter meetings and significant service to Eta Tau Chapter should be given primary consideration in your vote.

This special award will be presented at the April meeting. All votes need to be received by the committee by March 31, 2022. If you cannot attend the March meeting, mail the form to **Mary Wallace 704 Holly Court, Pflugerville, TX 78660**. You can also email your vote to marywallace55@yahoo.com.

Donna will bring ballots to the Palace Theatre for anyone who would like to vote at the restaurant.

ETA TAU CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

1977 Lois Mayes	1992 Wilda Scott	2006 Lola Carter
1978 Margie Thompson	1993 Sandra Allison-Holt	2007 Marilyn Elrod
1979 Margaret Eisenbeck	1994 Cindy Werland	2008 Laura Packard
1980 Nona McClure	1995 Miriam Tormollan	2009 Margaret Eisenbeck
1981 LaNell Coltharp	1996 Gail Allan	2010 Janie Knolle
1982 Molly Lou Keeling	1997 Frankie Robinson	2011 Pollye Hofstedt
1983 Elizabeth Ramee	1998 Donna Slathar	2012 Donna Slathar
1984 Ruby Nell Walters	1999 Lois Mayes	2013 Wilda Scott
1985 Miriam Tormollan	2000 Veronica Sharp	2014 Polly Hofstedt
1987 Julia Yancey	2001 Karen Graves	2015 Jean Fajkus
1988 Gail Smith	2002 Cathy Harris	2016 Pat Guthneck
1989 JoAnn Slack	2003 Mary Wallace	2018 Laura Packard
1990 Jeanne Groff	2004 Donna Slathar	2020 Patti Groce
1991 Janie Knolle	2005 Lois Pendley	

*In 2017, the Eta Tau Chapter voted to award our Chapter Achievement Award every other year.

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BALLOT

I would like to vote for

to receive the 2021 – 2022 Eta Tau Chapter Achievement Award because

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TSO Virtual Meeting – April 5, 2022

This is TSO's second virtual meeting and the last one scheduled for 2021-2022. Participation is limited to 150 on Zoom for the meeting. The first 150 who complete the registration will receive an invitation to the meeting. Registration is free.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, go to Laura's email (dated Tuesday, March 1). You will find the information and link you need to register.

Happy



Day



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!

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

July 12-17, 2022 – International Conference – 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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Photo by Donna Slathar

Send your Eta Tau committee reports and membership news to Donna Slathar. The deadline for the April newsletter is April 5, 2022. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net



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Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
February 21, 2022

The meeting was held virtually on WebEx. There were 9 members present. Shalan Inmon, Texas State President, was introduced by Laura Packard.

Call to Order

Laura Packard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Program

Greg Rohde told the group about Herr Fröbel who encouraged the development of kindergartens in Germany. Fröbel thought that young children learn best with hands on experiences. Greg demonstrated how to use four strips of paper to make a star using a combination of origami and weaving.

Inspiration

Delia Quintanilla said that teachers connect to children through their needs and desires inspiring them to learn.

TSO President

Shaman Inmon encouraged the members to attend the State Convention in Lubbock and the International Convention in New Orleans. She requested that we do four things to be better members. 1. Nurture 2. Serve 3. Educate 4. Wonder. The recent TSO Virtual Meeting was the result of wondering.

Member News

Patti Groce reported that 130 women registered for the TSO Virtual Meeting. It began with a speaker who addressed the entire group. Then they broke up into 3 virtual rooms to discuss different topics. The next meeting will be on April 5, 2022. Patti was happy to report she won a \$10 Amazon gift card.

Mary Wallace was in Houston with her husband at the annual University of Illinois golf tournament. Susan Harmon was in Midland. Cathy Harris read a letter from Margaret Eisenbeck expressing her approval of our support for Libraries of Love. Margaret worked with adult literacy.

Minutes

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Harris reported a balance of \$3,704.29. Members contributed \$340 for Libraries of Love. An additional \$340 will be withdrawn from the treasury to match the amount given by members.

Committee Reports

Program

Laura Packard reported that Mary Wallace had received checks for 11 members to attend the March meeting at the Palace Theater in Georgetown. Laura will make reservations for a meal at Wildfire after the performance. Cathy Harris has reserved St John's UMC for the April meeting.

Membership

Debbie Koehler expressed appreciation to Donna Slathar for including membership information in the newsletter.

Web Watchers

Donna Slathar presented the information from Web Watchers.

International—Communications and Marketing Committee is hosting a series of webinars on Zoom, March 5, 11:00 a.m. Password is on the web site.

Information for the National Legislative Seminar March 6-8 in Washington D.C. is on the website.

March 1—International Achievement Award Recommendations

March 1 DKGIEF project applications

March 1- Bulletin Journal Submissions

State—————State Convention, Lubbock, June 15-18, 2022. Virtual Arts Display applications are due April 15.

March 1—State Scholarship and mini grant applications

March 1—ASTEFA Aspiring Education applications

March 15—Chapter President and Treasurer form due

March 15—2022-2024 Chapter officers report to International and State on Form 110

Legislation

Laura Packard encouraged each to vote in the Primary election on or before March 1.

New Business

An election for the chapter officers and a nominating committee was held. The following were selected.

President—Mary Wallace, 1st Vice President—Patti Groce, 2nd Vice President—Debbie Koehler, Secretary—Susan Harmon. Nominating Committee - Laura Packard, Lois Mayes and Debbie Koehler.

Donations to state funds were discussed. It was moved and seconded that the same amounts given last year will be sent this year. International Emergency Fund - \$25 and ASTEF - \$45.

A gift card will be purchased for the Unifying Project, Shelby's Bridge. The amount will be determined at the April meeting. Shalan Inmon said that Shelby's Bridge is an interesting place helping individuals with special needs. There are several areas that encourage participants to learn (a cafe, flowers shop, thrift shop and vendors).

It was moved and seconded that a \$25 gift card be given to Greg Rohde in appreciation of his program.

Announcements

Area 7 Workshop, August 20, 2022 - Sommer Elem School - Theme "Oh the Places You'll Go!"

\$15 registration \$18 at the door. Members register by sending a check to Cathy Harris. A check from Eta Tau is due to the workshop treasurer by May 1. Two \$10 gift cards for door prizes and a basket worth \$25 for ASTEF will be purchased.

Adjournment

Laura Packard adjourned the meeting at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mayes