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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.

November Meeting

When: November 18, 2019 6:45 PM

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

Program: Silent Auction

Hostesses: Laura Packard
Debbie Koehler

Door Prizes: None

Inspiration: Mary Wallace

**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





P.S. from Patti

By Patti Groce

Dear DKG Sisters,

Our October meeting followed the suggestion from TSO to incorporate a project with a program. October's program increased our knowledge of the Peyton's Heart Project and the purpose of making and distributing handmade hearts with inspirational sayings attached. We made over 40 hearts that Laura Packard will take to Frost Elementary to distribute. Members definitely experienced fellowship as most of us struggled to complete our first heart, but improved on the next one we made. Although we were following the same directions, it was fun to see how each heart was different and expressed the maker's creativity.

As we worked on our hearts, Mary Wallace gave us an update on Libraries of Love the project Eta Tau continues to support. Members were also reminded of our support of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) in the purchase of at least eight \$30.00 gift cards. Service Projects Committee Co-Chairs Emily Farnsworth and Marion Horowitz will collect member purchased gift cards from Target and Walmart, or collect money and purchase the gift cards to send to CASA in time for Christmas distribution. Of course the meeting was made more enjoyable thanks to hostess Karen Alexander's bacon breadstick appetizers and other goodies. Hostess Lavonne Rogers provided her popular cookies despite not being able to attend the meeting.

Have you printed out the Eta Tau Yearbook, yet? Mary Wallace did a wonderful job as Yearbook Editor as always. The Yearbook is so helpful throughout the year to keep our Eta Tau members, activities and purposes straight. Our exceptional newsletter editor, Donna Slathar, helps keep us informed and connected with the 5 Star Newsletter. Don't forget to help Donna with your special news contribution to the newsletter.

I'm anticipating our November 18 meeting and posted auction with all the items provided by members. I hear there will be delicious food treats to bid on and potential Christmas gifts. The proceeds from the auction partially fund the projects that Eta Tau supports. Hopefully you can pick-up some items that will help with your holiday preparation. Our special guest will be Carole Lowe, Area 7 Coordinator who is looking forward to speaking with us and participating in our auction.

In Gratitude,

Patti Groce



Roses to.....

Karen Alexander and LaVonne...for hosting our October meeting.

Laura Packard and Donna Slathar...for providing door prizes at the October meeting.

Patti Groce...for presenting the program *Peyton's Heart Project* at the October meeting.

Laura Packard...for distributing the hearts we made.

Mary Wallace...for completing the Eta Tau's yearbook (early deadline) and sending it out to the members.

SHHH!
Going once,
Going twice,
Sold!

November Meeting

Start gathering your craft items, baked goods, or other items for the Silent Auction. In the past, popular items have been prepared dishes (ready to eat or ready for the freezer), a bag or basket with the ingredients to make a dish, holiday items, and other craft items. The money made from the event has been used for donations to various funds, such as the Scholarship Fund. Also, the money has been used to help members attend the State Convention. Come ready to outbid your Eta Tau sisters for that special goodie! You don't want to miss this special event!!

Remember that Eta Tau does not meet in December, so expect your next *Eta Tau 5 Star News* issue in January.



December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Lois P.!

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



Service Project

CASA Gift Cards

Just a friendly reminder to bring in your donations for CASA. We committed to **eight** gift cards this year. CASA is asking for gift cards to Target or Wal-Mart in **\$30.00** amounts which will be distributed to middle schoolers and high schoolers who are in need of having a better holiday season. We will be collecting cards/money again at our November meeting. Please feel free to go in together to purchase a card. Last year, our chapter donated nine gift cards! Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Special Projects Committee



Are you making your plans to attend the 91st Annual Texas State Convention?

It's not too early to start planning!

What you need to know.....

- ❖ **June 17 -19, 2020**
- ❖ **McAllen Convention Center-700 Convention Center Blvd. McAllen, Texas 78501**
- ❖ **Embassy Suites-800 Convention Center Blvd. McAllen, Texas 78501**
(Convention rates per night - \$134.00)
- ❖ **Visit the TSO Website (<https://www.dkgtexas.org>) for all the updated information including ***Convention Keys*** – a newsletter designed to provide information about McAllen and the convention.**
- ❖ **Start making your plans **NOW!****

Giving thanks for our Eta Tau Sisters

And

Wishing them a safe and

Happy holiday season!!

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!

November 18 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John’s United Methodist Church

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 9, 2020 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John’s United Methodist Church

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

June 17-19, 2020 – 91st 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 January newsletter is January 7, 2020. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net



(A **business** meeting was not held on October 21. The following are notes taken from our meeting.)

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Delta Kappa Gamma International
Eta Tau Chapter
October 21, 2019

Notes from the meeting

The meeting was held at St John's UMC. There were 8 members present. The hostesses were Karen Anderson and LaVonne Rogers. The inspiration was given by Donna Slathar. She shared quotes from famous people about living a good life. Volunteers for vacancies on the Finance and Nominations committees were requested. Lois Mayes volunteered for Finance, and Donna Slathar, Mary Wallace, and Laura Packard will serve on Nominations. Mary Wallace shared information about the March meeting at the Palace Theater in Georgetown. It was decided that the group will attend the musical, "Sweet Charity", on Sunday, March 15 at 2:00. The group will decide later if they want to eat together. Mary Wallace had more information about Libraries of Love. The program was about the Peyton's Heart Project. Patti Groce had information about the project. It was co-founded by Jill Kubin and Sue Harris in 2015. The mission is to help stop suicide and bullying and to help end the stigma surrounding mental health issues. The members made hearts using colorful yarn and attached a positive saying to each. Laura Packard will hang the hearts where they can be found by someone who might be in need of inspiration. Door prizes were provided by Laura Packard and Donna Slathar.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mayes