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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 15, 2021 7:00 PM

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

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

***See you there!***

**Program:** Silent Auction

**Inspiration:** Mary Wallace





# *A Letter from Laura*

*by Laura Packard*

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

As we approach the holiday season in this year that has been very challenging and sad for my family and me, I am filled with gratitude. I am constantly buoyed by the support I receive from neighbors and other friends and especially from my Eta Tau sisters and many other DKG members from all over Texas and beyond. I so appreciate all the cards, texts, emails, phone calls, food, and donations to ASTEF and other organizations in Robert's memory. And since my vision is still compromised, I couldn't be getting by right now without all the wonderful people who take me to run errands and get me to my ophthalmologist appointments. I will have a long list to recite during Thanksgiving dinner!

I hear that attendance was great and that everyone learned some amazing charcuterie skills at the October meeting! Thank you to Emily and Marion and Cathy for getting the presenters and facilitating the program.

I know that we are all looking forward to our Silent Auction this year on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Bring your item(s) and cash or checkbook, and I hope to see you there. Remember that Marion will be collecting donations for CASA also.

Love you all,

*Laura*





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

**Emily Farnsworth and Marion Horowitz...**for conducting the October meeting in Laura's absence.

**Emily Farnsworth, Marion Horowitz, and Cathy Harris...** for organizing the Charcuterie Class at our October meeting.

**Marion Horowitz...**for coordinating our donations to CASA.

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

**Marion Horowitz...**for the inspiration on positivity during these challenging times.

**P**erky...always cheerful and happy

**O**ptimism...state of hopeful about the future

**S**mile...to have an expression of happiness on your face

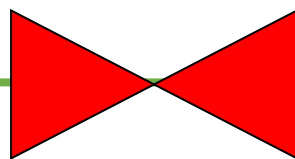
**I**lluminate...to give someone enlightenment

**T**rust...confidence in the honesty of a person or thing

**I**mprove...to make someone or something better

**V**alue...to attribute high worth

**E**lation...extreme happiness



***Holiday Greetings  
to all our Eta Tau Sisters and friends***

**Silent Auction**

**CASA**

# ***November Meeting***

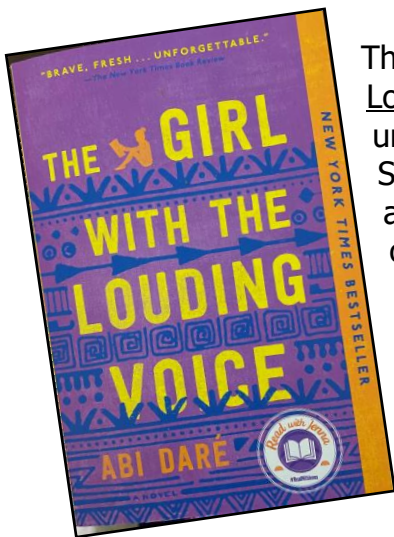
Start gathering your craft items, baked goods, or other items for the Silent Auction. In the past, popular items have been prepared dishes (ready to eat or ready for the freezer), a bag or basket with the ingredients to make a dish, holiday items, and other craft items. The money made from the event 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!!

We are not collecting gift cards for CASA this year. Instead, they have asked for a monetary holiday gift. If you would like to contribute, please bring your donation to the November meeting or mail it to Marion Horowitz.

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

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## **Get READY to READ!**



The book for our discussion at the January meeting is The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Daré. This is Abi Daré's debut novel. It is an unforgettable story of a teenage girl growing up in a Nigerian village. She longs to get an education so that she can find her "louding voice" and speak up for herself. Adunni never gives up hope to escape her life of poverty. Her story is an inspiration for all of us to reach for our dreams.

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>

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## ***December Birthday Greetings***



***21<sup>st</sup> - Lois Pendley***

# October Meeting



## Creating Charcuterie Boards

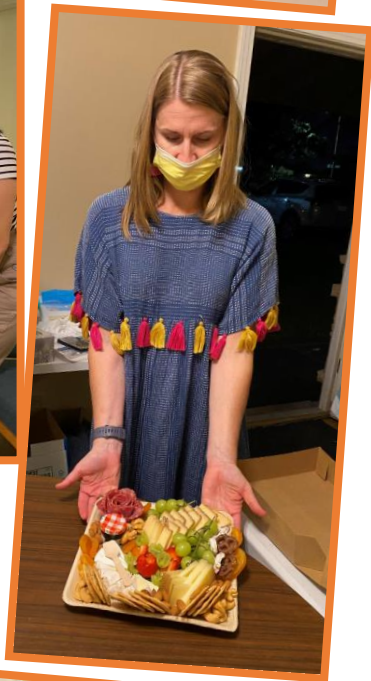
With knives and cutting boards in hand, Eta Tau members experienced the art of creating charcuterie boards at the October meeting. Cathy Nguyen and May Le demonstrated how to cut cheese and display it in a scissor style, make a salami rose, cut grapes into blossoms, and strawberries into hearts. We all went home with a very delicious and exquisite creation!



*Cathy and May*



# *Proud Creators of Charcuterie Boards*





## Fall Stewardship Campaign

Together We Win

October 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Fact #1: All TSO members are automatically ASTEF members.

Fact #2: ASTEF accepts contributions to the Scholarship, Leadership, and Project Funds. The IRS status of ASTEF is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Public Charity. All contributions to ASTEF are a tax deduction.

Donations made for honorariums and memorials need a form and check mailed to TSO Headquarters and made payable to ASTEF.

Contribution Form...<https://bit.ly/3oL9gLv>

To donate on line...<https://www.astef.org/>



## ***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!***

**November 15** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – St. John's United Methodist Church

**January 17** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual

**February 21** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting - Virtual

**March 13** – Performance at Palace Theatre in Georgetown

**April 18** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

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

**July 12-16, 2022** – International Convention – New Orleans, LA

**June 14-17, 2023** – 94<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention, McAllen, TX

### **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 January newsletter is January 3, 2022. [dwslathar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwslathar@sbcglobal.net)



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Delta Kappa Gamma International  
Eta Tau Chapter  
October 18, 2021

The meeting was held at St John's UMC. There were 10 members present.

## Program

A demonstration was presented by Cathy Nguyen and May Le from Moobox Cheez and Banh May Boards. Each member followed directions and made a Charcuterie Board. Three varieties of cheese, Italian Salame, crackers, fruits and nuts were placed on a tray. Boxes were provided for ease in carrying the creations home.

## Call to Order

Emily Farnsworth call the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

## Inspiration

Marion Horowitz gave an inspiration on the importance of being positive during these challenging times.

## Member News

Laura Packard's eye surgery has been postponed.

## Minutes

The minutes for the September meeting were approved.

## Committee Reports

Program - Mary Wallace will check with the Palace Theater in Georgetown about making reservations for the March meeting. A few weeks before the trip she will ask members to indicate if they plan to attend. A ticket costs \$30.

Emily Farnsworth plans to call the CASA office to determine if they still want \$30 holiday gift cards from Target or Walmart. She will email the membership when she knows the answer. If the cards are wanted, they need to be turned in at the November meeting.

Additions to the monthly agenda...Donna Slathar ask for volunteers to give the inspiration.

November...Mary Wallace, January...Patti Groce, February...Delia Quintanilla, April...Debbie Koehler

## Web Watchers

International—— 1. DKG has a temporary P.O. Box. 1801 E 51st Street, Ste. 365 Austin, TX  
78723

2. DKG Achievement Award...Nominations now open. Deadline March 1, 2022.

3. Bulletin: Collegial Exchange submissions due Dec 15.

4. 2020-2021 Fiscal year new members...2,850.

## Announcements

Area 7 Workshop is scheduled for August 20, 2022 at Patsy Sommer Elem. School, 16200 Avery Ranch Blvd., Austin.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mayes