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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 16, 2020 7:00 PM

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

Where: Home

How: Virtual via WebEx (6:45 PM)

Program: World Fellowship Program

Inspiration: Mary Wallace

For the November 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. Be ready to share information about the country you selected.





A Letter from Laura

by Laura Packard

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

Our first virtual meeting program was a great success, thanks to the creative thinking of Emily and Marion and their friend, Greg Rohde. It had been hard for me to visualize what we would do with the little loom and threads that came in the mail, but it turned out to be an easy project that we could work on while we continued our meeting. And it was so interesting learning about Greg's weaving projects and his loom and seeing how it works. We never could have done that at an in-person meeting.

We will all enjoy trying out Marion and Emily's next great program idea on Monday, November 16, when we each share some interesting information about a country where DKG has chapters. We picked our countries during our October meeting, and hopefully we will share personal stories and experiences as well as fun facts about them. Mine will be about our rather unconventional trip to Canada last year. If you need a country to share just let me know, but if you just want to come and hang out with us that is fine too. We just want as many of us as possible to be together.

I am so thankful for everyone's resilience and flexibility in these challenging times. Stay safe during the upcoming holidays!

See you on the 16th!

Laura





Roses to.....

Marion Horowitz...for her original and thought-provoking inspiration at our October meeting.

Mary Wallace...for again compiling our excellent yearbook and completing it early.

Patti Groce...for representing Eta Tau so well as she serves as president of the Austin Coordinating Council.

December Birthday Greetings



21st - Lois Pendley



Membership News

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.



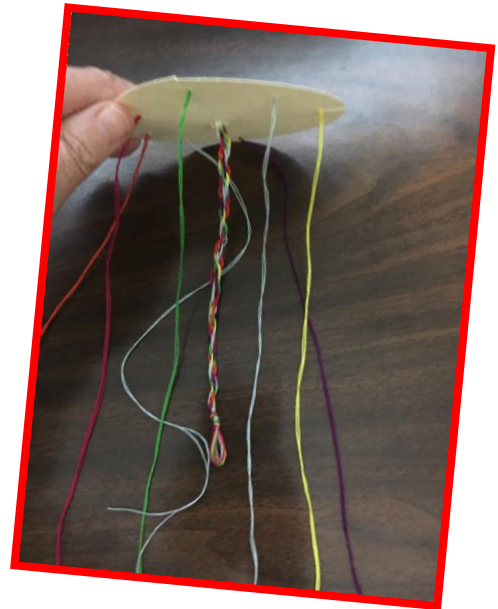
October Meeting

by Donna Slathar

At our October meeting, we were privileged to meet Greg Rohde, a German teacher at Summitt Elementary. Greg shared with us his passion for weaving along with a demonstration of his loom. Using a paper disc with slits and embroidery threads, Greg taught us how to do a simple weaving project. Some of us thought our woven ropes would make great bookmarks. Thanks for sharing your finished projects, ladies!



A work in progress



Lois M.



Marion



Donna

October's Inspiration

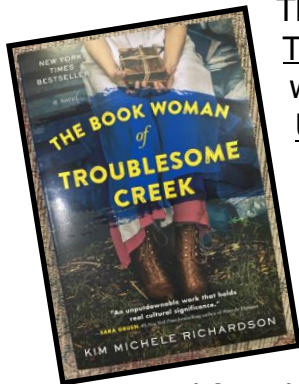
By Marion Horowitz

Thanks, Marion, for your thoughtful and original October inspiration...

"Halloween this year is most exciting. Instead of children complaining about wearing a mask, they are more than excited to wear one. This, in the eyes of children, is their inspiration of sincere happiness.

What is this I see, you ask?
Children happy to wear a mask!
So surprised they are able to voice,
To really wear a mask of their choice!
Finally going outside with many friends to meet,
As they go house to house to trick or treat.
This can be a COVID interpretation,
Needed at this time for inspiration.
To finally see a happy face
After a long period of shelter in place."

Get **READY** to **READ**!!



The book for our discussion at the February meeting is The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson. Kim Michele Richardson, has written four works of historical fiction, and a bestselling memoir, The Unbreakable Child. Her latest multi-award winning novel, The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek is a NYT and USA TODAY bestseller and has earned a 2019 LibraryReads Best Book award, Forbes Best Historical Novel, Book-A-Million Best Fiction, and is an Oprah's Buzziest Books pick and a Women's National Book Association Great Group Reads selection. It was inspired by the real life "blue people" of Kentucky, and the fierce, brave Packhorse Librarians who used the power of literacy to overcome bigotry, and fear during the Great Depression.

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://tinyurl.com/vyjj3e2e>

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 16 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual

January 18, 2021 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual

February 15, 2021 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting - Virtual

March 15, 2021 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting

April 19, 2021 – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting

May 1, 2021 – Founders Day Luncheon – Chez Zee, Austin, Texas

June 16-18, 2021 – 92nd Texas State Convention – Denton, 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. There will be no newsletter in December. The deadline for the January newsletter is January 4, 2021. dwslathar@sbcglobal.net



Happy Holidays



Lola

Mary

Debbie

Laura

Marion

Emily

Lois M.

Patti

Delia

Although our holidays may look and be observed differently this year due to COVID-19, please find “comfort and joy” in knowing that you are special and loved by your Eta Tau sisters!

Margaret

Donna

Cathy

LaVonne

Lois P.

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(A **business** meeting was not held on October 19. The following are notes taken from our meeting.)

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Eta Tau Chapter
October 19, 2020

Notes from the meeting

The meeting was held virtually on WebEx due to the Covid-19 virus. There were 9 members present. The inspiration was given by Marion Horowitz. She shared poems about celebrating Halloween during a pandemic. Emily Farnsworth and Marion Horowitz introduced Greg Rohde, AISD German teacher, who presented a program about loom weaving. He shared examples of projects he had woven. Then he demonstrated how to weave on his loom. After the demonstration, members were encouraged to make a rope on a circle loom using cotton thread.

Laura Packard ask members to choose a country where Delta Kappa Gamma has chapters. Members were to make a five minute presentation at the November meeting about the country each selected. Emily and Marion reported that CASA has asked our members to donate \$30 gift cards from Target or Walmart to be used as Christmas gifts for their teenage clients. The chapter has committed to donating 10. Gift cards or checks (made out to Marion) should be mailed to Marion by November 16. A \$25 Amazon gift card will be purchased for Greg Rohde as thanks for his program. Judy Medick and Carole Lowe will have a Zoom presentation on November 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m. to discuss how to increase membership. Members are encouraged to sign up to join the program.

Debbie Koehler reported that she had tried to contact members who have not been attending the meetings. She was able to visit with a few. She left messages with those who were not available. Donna Slathar would like for members to send pictures of the completed ropes that were woven during the meeting. Marion Horowitz reported that someone from The Sunshine Camp will speak at the January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mayes