

# ETA TAU 5 STAR NEWS

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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.***

## October Meeting

**When:** October 19, 2020 7:00 PM

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

**Where:** Home

**How:** Virtual via WebEx (6:45 PM)

**Program:** "Hands On" Project with Greg Rohde

**Inspiration:** Marion Horowitz

### **For the October 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. Have "on hand" the "Hands On" packet which was sent to you, so you can participate in the activity with Greg Rohde.





# *A Letter from Laura*

*by Laura Packard*

Dear Eta Tau Sisters,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our virtual chapter meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. We all missed sharing our dishes at our traditional Salad Supper, but we shared some favorite recipes old and new and caught up with each other as we transitioned from last year's business into our new year. Patti reflected on her biennium, Donna presented perfect attendance awards for the five meetings we managed to have last year, and I presented Patti with our 2020 Chapter Achievement Award before Lois led the installation of our new officers.

Marion and Emily have worked hard to find interesting programs that we can enjoy virtually. I hope you'll be able to attend our meeting on October 19 and participate in our craft project. Everyone who has RSVP'd to my October 3rd email will receive a package of craft materials in the mail so that we can braid along with Greg Rohde. It should be lots of fun. I'll send the link to the meeting out to all our Eta Tau members a couple of days prior to the meeting.

Love you all,

*Laura*





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

**Cathy Harris...** for getting all our state and international dues paid, treasurer's report sent in, and IRS 990-N filed in a timely way.

**Donna Slathar...**for earning us the 5-Star Award for our newsletter again.

**Mary Wallace...** for earning us the Exemplary Yearbook and Early Bird Yearbook awards again.

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## ***October Birthday Greetings***



*9<sup>th</sup> - Lola Carter*

*16<sup>th</sup> - Debbie Koehler*

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## ***Membership News***

**Where have you been??? What are you doing????**

Please send your news to [dwslathar@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.



# September Meeting

by Donna Slathar

Who would have thought that this time last year we would not be attending our chapter meetings together (in person)? However, in order to stay safe and keep our members healthy, Eta Tau experienced its first virtual meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Because Eta Tau was unable to meet since February, we caught up on some business which is usually conducted at our April meeting.

Ceremonial Chair **Lois Mayes** conducted the installation of our 2020-2022 officers. Taking on their new roles of leadership are President **Laura Packard**, Co-First Vice Presidents **Emily Farnsworth** and **Marion Horowitz**, Second Vice President **Debbie Koehler**, Secretary **Lois Mayes**, Treasurer **Cathy Harris**, and Parliamentarian **Mary Wallace**.

2018-2010 Membership Chair **Donna Slathar** presented perfect attendance (2019-2020) awards to six members. Bookmarks were sent before the meeting to the perfect attendees. The members recognized for their strong commitment to Eta Tau were **Patti Groce, Laura Packard, Cathy Harris, Lois Mayes, Mary Wallace, and Donna Slathar**.



President **Laura Packard** presented the 2019-2010 Eta Tau Chapter Achievement Award to Past President **Patti Groce**. The award acknowledged Patti's strong leadership, positive attitude, and ongoing dedication as Eta Tau's 2018-2020 president. Laura's husband was at Patti's door to surprise her with the biennium key charm. Also, a donation to ASTEF was made in her honor.

Since we were unable to enjoy tasting the variety of salads during this September meeting, members were eager to share some favorite salad and desert recipes. Just let a member know if you would like her to email the recipe to you.

Although we missed seeing our Eta Tau sisters in person, it was nice to see happy, healthy faces greeting us on the computer screen. Our first virtual meeting was deemed a successful experience and will now become the norm for future meetings until.....??

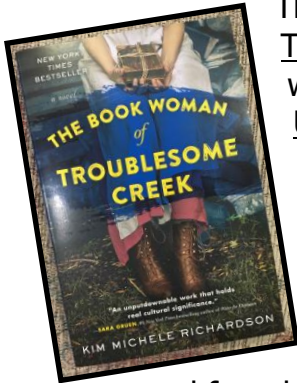
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# Happy Fall



# 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>

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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month - an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. You are very fortunate if you, a friend, or a family member has not been affected by breast cancer. Here are some ways you can help women in need this month:

- Make a one-time or monthly donation to support one of the programs that provides access to screening, treatment, or support.
- Educate yourself and others – not all breast changes indicate cancer.
- Volunteer to join virtually in *Helping Women Now*.
- Proudly wear a pink ribbon during October.

For more information : <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month>





## **Eta Tau Committees 2020-2021**

### **Society Business:**

#### **Membership/Attendance**

Chair: Debbie Koehler

#### **Ceremonies/Necrology**

Chair: Lois Mayes

#### **Nominations/Achievement Award**

Chair: Mary Wallace  
Donna Slathar  
Patti Groce

#### **Finance/Auditing**

Chair: Lois Mayes

#### **Communications/Publicity**

Chair: Donna Slathar

#### **Social:**

Chair Laura Packard

### **Educational Excellence:**

#### **Programs**

Co-chairs: Emily Farnsworth  
Marion Horowitz

#### **Research/Chapter Rules/Archives**

Chair: Patti Groce

#### **Yearbook**

Chair: Mary Wallace

#### **Service Projects/Global Awareness/ Personal & Professional Enrichment/ Scholarships**

Co-chairs: Marion Horowitz  
Emily Farnsworth

#### **Legislation:**

Chair: LaVonne Rogers

#### **Music:**

Chair: Cathy Harris



## ***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!***

**October 19** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual  
**November 16** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual  
**January 18** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting – Virtual  
**February 15** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting - Virtual  
**March 15** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting  
**April 19** – Eta Tau Chapter Meeting  
**May 1, 2021** – Founders Day Luncheon – Chez Zee  
**June 16-18, 2021** – 92<sup>nd</sup> 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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Photos by Donna Slathar

Send your Eta Tau committee reports and membership news to Donna Slathar. The deadline for the November newsletter is November 1, 2020.    [dwslathar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dwslathar@sbcglobal.net)

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Delta Kappa Gamma International  
Eta Tau Chapter  
September 21, 2020

The meeting was held virtually on WebEx. There were 9 members present.

### Call To Order

Laura Packard called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### Inspiration

Donna Slathar shared quotations from The Wisdom Project. The sayings were gathered to help people endure difficult times. Laura Packard ask members to sign up for the inspiration at future meetings.

### Past President

Patti Groce thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as president for two years. She did a recap of the many important events of the biennium. She related the many changes the chapter and the women had witnessed.

### Perfect Attendance

Donna Slathar present perfect attendance for 2019-2020 to six members. There were Patti Groce, Cathy Harris, Lois Mayes, Laura Packard, Donna Slathar, and Mary Wallace. Each received a book mark.

### Achievement Award

Laura Packard presented the Eta Tau achievement award to Patti Groce for her outstanding leadership as President 2018-2020. She received a biennium key charm and a donation to ASTEF was made in her honor.

### Installation of Officers

Lois Mayes conducted the Installation of Officers for 2020-2022.

### Program

The members shared recipes for delicious salads and desserts.

### Member News

Mary Wallace was on a vacation in New Mexico.

### Minutes

The minutes for the February 2020 meeting were approved. There were no minutes for the remainder of 2020 due to the cancellation of meetings because of the concern for the Covid-19 virus.

### Treasurer's Report

Cathy Harris reported a bank balance of \$3,043.58. All required forms have been filed with the proper authorities. Patti Groce paid the dues to the Austin Coordination Council.

### Programs

Emily Farnsworth and Marion Horowitz presented the programs for the year.

September 21, 2020——Salad Supper and business meeting.

October 19, 2020——- Demonstration hands on project, Greg Rohde

November 16, 2020—— Featuring the countries that have DKG chapters and business meeting

January 18, 2021———TBA (possibly someone from a non-profit)

February 15, 2021———Book Discussion - The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele



Richardson and business meeting  
March 15, 2021———TBA (possibly a trip to the Palace Theater in Georgetown)  
April 19, 2021———Birthday celebration and business meeting  
May 1, 2021———Founders Day luncheon. Speaker will be Becky Sadowsky,  
DKG International President.

## Chapter Rules

Patti Groce is responsible for amending the chapter rules to conform with the state rules.

## Yearbook

The members should contact Mary Wallace if there is a change in personal information.

## Communications

Donna Slathar requested that members send information for the newsletter.

Web Watcher International—*Bulletin* submissions are due Oct 1, 2020.  
Society Headquarters are closed to the public. Calls will be returned.

State——Fall 2020 *Lone Star News* is on line.  
Diane Moose, TSO webmaster is retiring. Applications on line.  
TSO Leadership Seminar —Feb 26-28, 2021, Arlington, applications  
are due Oct. 15.  
STAR applications are due Nov 1.  
*Get Connected* is on line.  
Suggestions on how to “Socialize While You Isolate.”

## Coordinating Council

Patti Groce reported that Eta Tau is responsible for the location, and the speaker for The Founders Day Luncheon. Mary Lou Clayton has reserved Chez Zee for May 1, 2021. She will help select the menu. Patti has secured the speaker, Becky Sadowsky, DKG International President.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Mayes