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## **GIFTS OF LOVE**

They enter with the hope of immediate relief, but leave with a hope for a new life.

Ted Johnson, a representative of the Star of Hope Shelters, accepted our gifts of books and toys, along with the Blanket of Love created by Eta Delta sisters. As Johnson explained the aims, mission, and programs of the Star of Hope, the appropriateness of the name became more significant.

The Star of Hope is more than a shelter with a bowl of soup—it's a lifestyle rescue. Those who enter the shelter must also seek long-term assistance as well. Immediate needs of food, clothing, and safe shelter met, the individuals enter the program. Substance abuse—the shelter has a ninety-day program. Domestic abuse—parenting classes and nutrition and cooking classes. Jobless—earn a GED, develop or update skills with classes.

The average stay is up to nine months, but once the people leave the shelter, they rarely return because they have been better prepared to live in society and to be a contributing member in that society.

The Star of Hope shelter needs year-round donations of food, clothing, diapers, school supplies, books and toys—anything except furniture. If you use it, they need it. Giving at the holiday season makes us feel good for contributing, but for places like the Star of Hope, they need the giving of the holidays all year long.



Ted Johnson from the Star of Hope Shelters.



For the December meeting, Kathy Froehlich provided a Martha Stewart-approved holiday setting! From the flower arrangements to the beautiful table settings, Kathy welcomed us. Everywhere was evident that she loves Christmas and Santa.



For inspiration, Nancy Malone recalled her childhood in Arkansas when her mother warned her that Santa knew if she were naughty or nice. Boldly, Nancy asked her mother, “just *how* does he know?” The answer was that Santa had little elves who helped keep an eye on little girls and boys. Nancy began to keep a close eye on those nick-nacks on the

shelves, especially ones with eyes! She now uses the same story with her grandchildren, purposely moving special ones around so that they know the elf had returned to the North Pole to report on their behavior.

To remind us that as adults we still need gentle reminders to be nice, not just at Christmas, but all year long, Nancy gave each of us a red-foil covered magnet with a gold bow and a tag that says “May each word we say be like a little pretty box with a bow on top” to encourage us to use words of kindness and encouragement in all we do.

Sometimes we forget how much we “depend on the kindness of strangers” in life.



Another gift of love was the \$200 Grant-in-Aid check given to Lisa Kelley for the spring semester. Martha LaRue presents the check.



*Have you heard . . .*

- You ought to be in pictures . . . and you might be. Check it out on Eta Delta's website <http://dkgalphastate.etadelta.weebly.com/> The web has additional pictures not included in the newsletter.
- **Gerri Manlove** has just discovered that her great, great grandfather from Philadelphia was famous for creating pewter ware serving pieces. At one time, pewter was the substitute for silver for the average family's daily use. Wow! The history in Eta Delta.
- **After thirty-nine years, Jane Flinn retired on December 30, 2013. Best wishes for your new**

## schedule of doing things your way.



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Cowie 3  
Bonnie Moore 14  
Gerri Manlove 20



### Brag About It

Eta Delta sisters have much to brag about: we will welcome three new sisters in February!

**Erica Brame, Ellen Pritchett, and Angela Sugerek.**

At, the February meeting, another three women will be presented as prospective members.



### Booking for Lubbock

Convention hotel reservations are now available at the convention headquarters *MCM Elegante*, directly across the street from the convention center, and *Overton Hotel* not far away. Be sure to ask for DKG rate.

Call *MCM Elegante* from 8-6 at (806) 763-1200 for reservations. Room rate is \$95 or \$115 for a king atrium suite. The number for the *Overton Hotel* is 1-888-776-7001; the room rate is \$129.

Both hotels have free shuttle service to and from the airport and free parking at the hotel.

Make your reservations now—you can easily cancel if later you find you cannot attend the convention.

May 20, 2014, is the deadline for making reservations for the Texas State Convention June 19-21.



### ADD IT UP

The current contributions to buy books for Red Elementary library is short of the \$330 goal. If you have not contributed, you may do so at the February meeting, or send a check to Nancy Malone

### Book Buzz

by Ann Mahan



Imagine having the newspaper refuse to print your mother's obituary because the paper could not verify the truth of it. That's what happened to George D. Morgan when his mother Mary Sherman Morgan died in 2004. Appalled, George set out to find concrete proof. ***Rocket Girl: The Story of Mary Sherman Morgan*** is her son's biography of America's First Female Rocket Scientist.

Fifty-seven years ago, life on earth changed forever. October 6, 1957, Russia launched *Sputnik*,

the first orbiting satellite: the space race was on *and America wasn't even at the starting gate!* Two people were significant in early space exploration: Walter von Braun and Mary Sherman Morgan. Everyone knows about von Braun, but who is Mary Sherman Morgan?

She invented hydine, the rocket propellant that boosted America's first satellite *Explorer I* into orbit on January 31, 1958—just three months after *Sputnik*!

Recommended by Carol Gillingham, *Rocket Girl* is an intriguing look at the life of an unknown pioneer of the American space program.

Next month, *The Ear of the Heart* recommended by Jane Flinn.



### COLLECTIONS

Once again, Eta Delta is collecting new and gently used books to give to the Wesley Community Center Literacy Program.

Book will be collected February, March, and April.



### BE PREPARED

*If you plan to attend the birthday luncheon, bring your checkbook to the February meeting. More details in the February newsletter.*