

Eta Delta Data



Eta Delta Chapter 172 Area III ,Houston
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Texas State Organization

Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision Statement: Leading women educators impacting educators worldwide.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bonnie Moore

Dear Sisters,

(Sung to the tune of "You are My Sunshine)

Please be my Valentine, □□□□□
My dear, sweet Valentine,
You make me happy when you say "YES".
Eta Delta Sisters
Are always serving,
That is why I think you're the BEST!

In college, I belonged to a group that sold and then did Singing Valentines as a fund raising activity every year. We always looked forward to getting together, practicing the songs with our "new" lyrics and then making the calls. As we sang for people, they were surprised and found joy in getting something unexpected from a family member, friend or someone anonymous, who said call and make someone's day.

Eta Delta reminds me so much of this group. Taking time to do things for others as you share your time, talent, effort and passion. Each of you brings your unique gifts and talents and unselfishly gives them to help others. Your caring brings smiles, laughter and love to our community, our students and staff in schools, in our chapter and in the Texas State Organization. Let's share this with our three new members when we initiate them on February 1st at 9:15 am. As we get ready for February and Valentine's Day, know that you are my very special Valentine and I KNOW you are the BEST!

Bonnie

REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2014

INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS **9:15**
TIME: **10:00-12:00**
INSPIRATION: **DEBBIE MCCART**

PROGRAM: *Expanding Our Vision Across The Atlantic: Janet Horton with Thompson and Horton, LLC, will share her experiences with children in Africa.*

PROGRAM FACILITATOR: **JANE FLINN**

HOME: **GERRI MANLOVE**
5003 Oak Forest Drive
Houston 77018-1909
(713) 681-6875

HOSTESSES: Jane Flinn*
Debbie McCart
Jane Hall
Ann Mahan

DIRECTIONS: Take 610 to Ella, turn left on Ella. Stay on Ella to 43rd Street and take a left. Go to Oak Forest Drive (at the traffic light and Kroger's); turn right. Gerri's house is several blocks down on the left on the corner. (Allow for construction)

REMINDER: Wear your key pin and a smile. Make a donation for library books for Red Elementary. Bring a book for Wesley Community Center.



You're Invited

WHAT: Eta Delta's Birthday Luncheon
WHEN: March 1, 2014
WHERE: Junior League of Houston

Our Birthday Luncheon is always a special event and we want you to attend and bring a guest or guests. This is also a wonderful time to invite prospective members to join our celebration and learn who we are and what we do.

Nancy Malone will take checks for \$30 at the February meeting, but she needs a firm count for the Junior League by February 25. More information at the meeting.



Enter Our Company

If you have educators that you would like to propose for membership, please send that information to Debbie Brand by January 26. The chapter can hear the proposals at the February meeting, allowing time for voting at the April meeting, and initiating at the May meeting.

Eta Delta is growing and we welcome new sisters.



Have you heard...

- ▣ **Debbie Brand** performed with the Houston Horizon Chorus at a competition in Hawaii in November. Congratulations!
- ▣ **Eta Delta** helped raise \$642 at the GHACC luncheon honoring Texas State President Nancy Newton. The "Change for Chapters" went to ASTEF so that chapters could apply for funds for projects.
- ▣ This summer, **Brenda Paulk** will be traveling to Vienna, Budapest, and Prague June 29-July 9 with Choir of Christ United Methodist Church of Sugar Land.
- ▣ **Virginia Marez** needs our positive thoughts and prayers.
- ▣ Wonderful news! **Jane Flinn** will be a grandmother in August!

To follow your heart is easier for some than others. To do something that you have wanted all your life is different from being called to do with your life what you were always meant to do.

In the late 1950s, Hal Wallis put a beautiful young Dolores Hart under personal contract to *him*, not a studio. She starred with Elvis Presley—in fact, she gave him his first screen kiss—and later became a successful Broadway actress. She enjoyed positive public adulation, excessive flattery and admiration. Then unexpectedly, she left it all to follow her heart.

How could a successful actress leave a promising career to become—a cloistered nun?! It was no act. In 1970, Dolores Hart entered *Reginia Laudis*, a cloistered Benedictine monastery (later abbey) in Bethlehem, Connecticut.

The Ear of the Heart: An Actress' Journey from Hollywood to Holy Vows is the collaborative biography of Dolores Hart written with her dear and trusted friend Dick DeNeut. Friends since meeting in 1957, Dick knew Dolores as well as anyone and she trusted him to meet the restrictive conditions of the writing of her story. He lived in California; she is Connecticut. He was free to travel; she remained within the confines of her enclosure, donating only the few spare minutes in a day that she was free from her responsibilities.

Dolores had always wanted to be an actress—just *knew* she was meant to be one. So, her relatively easy acceptance as an actress came as no surprise to her. She enjoyed her life, yet she had the feeling there was something more she was supposed to do. A devout Catholic, she attended mass regularly, even during filming and stage rehearsals. Then, at the seeming height of her career, Dolores discovered the difference of doing what she wanted from being wanted for what she could do. Acting was a career; being a nun was a calling.

The Ear of the Heart is the story of dedication and devotion, of certainty and questioning, of accepting centuries of tradition and implementing changes, of using one's talents in the honor of God. The love and admiration of DeNeut is obvious in this story of the struggle between the modern world and the ancient truths still at work. Jane Flinn recommended this touching story, which has some parallels for those of us who see teaching as a holy calling, also.

Next month is master historian David McCullough's *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*.



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LOOKING TO LUBBOCK

The 85th Texas State Convention takes us to Lubbock and the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Located in the northwest part of Texas, Lubbock is the eleventh most populous city in Texas. Nicknamed the “Hub City,” Lubbock derives this name from being the economic, education, and health care hub of a multicounty region known as the South Plains.

Did you know that Lubbock is known for cotton, corn, grain sorghum, sunflowers, oil and wine? Yes, wine. Lubbock has become a leader in grape and wine production in Texas.

In short, Lubbock has everything but you, and you are warmly invited to be in Lubbock June 19-21 to see for yourself the attractions offered.

For more details, go to alphastatetexas.org and look at **Paint the Town Red and Gold!** on the home page.

REMINDER: 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.



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85th Texas State Convention

June 19-21, 2014
Lubbock Convention Center
Lubbock, Texas

2014 International Convention

July 28-August 1, 2014
JW Marriott Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana

Southwest Regional Conference

July 22-25, 2015
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Wichita, Kansas



Make a contribution to buy books for the Red Elementary library.

- *Continue to collect “Change for Children.”*
- *Bring new or gently used books for Wesley Community Center.*
- *Remember your Rose Sister*



Happy Valentine's Day