

## Eta Delta Data

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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,*

Have you ever had compliments and accolades given to you when you were just doing what you loved to do and doing it because you were caring about and serving others? These compliments are a surprise and mean so much because the work was done for others. Eta Delta sisters, you received MANY of these types of compliments and accolades at the Alpha State Convention this summer. Thanks to YOU, Eta Delta received the PACE award and the Annie Award (for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row). YOU also received recognition for the Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund, Certified Chapter Website, Five Star Newsletter Award, Exemplary Yearbook and Early Bird Awards, Tudor Rose, Scholarship Double Honors, Leadership Trailblazers and ASTEF Project Builders. I don't think that there was an award or honor YOU didn't receive.

Eta Delta is an amazing chapter with incredible women educators who tirelessly give of themselves for others all the time. Education and Delta Kappa Gamma are what they are because of YOU. I am humbled by your involvement and caring. Thanks for a fabulous first year of the 2012-2014 biennium. Now that YOU have set the bar – here we go for another great ride together.

*Bonnie*

*Just a thought . . .*

*Learning is always rebellion. . . . Every bit of new truth discovered is revolutionary to what was believed before.*

Margaret Lee Runbeck



**Join Us for the First Meeting**

**REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2013**

**TIME:** 10:00 - 12:00

**INSPIRATION:** BRENDA PAULK

**PROGRAM:** *Legislation that Focuses Our Vision*

**PROGRAM FACILITATOR:** HELEN SHOUP

**HOME:** MICHELLE SMITH  
4307 McDermed Dr.  
Houston, 77055  
(713) 729-9415

**HOSTESSES:** EXECUTIVE BOARD PLUS

**DIRECTIONS:** *LOOK FOR THE COW!*

**COMING FROM NORTH:** Take 610 south to South Post Oak exit (near Meyerland). Exit straight to first light which is Willowbend. Take a left on Willowbend. Go through one traffic light (Cliffwood) then take the second left onto Greenwillow. (If you hit the railroad tracks you have gone too far.) Take the 4<sup>th</sup> left onto McDermed. We are the second house on the left. LOOK FOR THE COW!

**COMING FROM THE SOUTH ON 610:** Take the South Post Oak exit which exits from the left lane and follow the directions above.

**REMINDER:** Bring chapter dues and wear your keypin. Also, bring Box Tops and labels for Education to give to Michelle Smith.



## Money Matters

Chapter dues (active members \$98; reserve members \$51) will be collected at the September meeting because the GHACC Luncheon to honor our new state president replaces our October meeting. The GHACC Luncheon Saturday, October 26, at the Houston Racquet Club is \$30. You will receive more details about the GHACC functions in the next newsletter.

You may write a single check to *Eta Delta* for both your dues and the luncheon. If you cannot attend the September meeting, mail your check to **Nancy Malone**, 6158 Doliver Drive, Houston 77057 for the luncheon *before* October 10 and chapter dues *before* October 25.



## Have you heard...

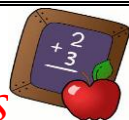
- Seen on a tee shirt: I'm not crazy because I TEACH. I'm crazy because I LIKE IT.
- Southwest Regional Conference in Branson was Fabulous! The programs and presentations had a professional and a proficient quality that was impressive.



Texas State President Nancy Newton (r) and Ann Mahan with the Texas banner.



## Birthdays



<i>August</i>	<i>Brenda Paulk</i>	3
	<i>Donna Patch</i>	16
<i>September</i>	<i>Trish Jenkins</i>	1
	<i>Elly Nisayas</i>	11
	<i>Shirley Moan</i>	12
	<i>Boots Reese</i>	23

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

- June 12-14, **Virginia Marez, Debbie Cowie, and Jane Flinn** participated in the conference Rigor, Relevance, and Relationship (RRR) hosted by Cy-Fair. Based on the National Model Schools Conference, the meetings hosted both national and local speakers. 1300 participants from across Texas and Puerto Rica attended.
- **Jane Flinn** attended the state-wide conference of the Texas Counsel of Administrators of Special Education (TCASE) interactive. Jane is Director of Special Education in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD.



## BOOK BUZZ

By Ann Mahan



At state convention, Donna Patch asked me why *The Great Gatsby* is considered a classic—what makes it so special. My answer also applies to other classics with one exception. First, the language is beautiful. Second, the novel captures the historical period. Third, the characters represent or reveal an aspect of humanity and we learn from the way the characters respond to the trials and tribulations of life. Fourth, and the one that doesn't fit all classics, the novel is one of the first to present the concept of the American Dream.

F. Scott Fitzgerald named the period of a world turned upside down by the Great War—the slice of life in his novel—*The Jazz Age*. Women bobbed their hair, smoked, drank, danced wildly, and lived for the moment. Men dared to break the pattern set by previous generations to do something different, greater.

Jay Gatsby is literally a self-made man. He gives himself a new name, puts himself in a position to learn how to be “a somebody,” and uses any opportunity to advance himself. He falls in love with a pampered rich girl who won't marry him because “rich girls don't marry poor boys.” So, he becomes rich believing that if he does so, he can have the girl. He can't. That's part of Fitzgerald's “message”—it's not enough to set a goal; it must be a worthy goal for true success.

If you have never read *The Great Gatsby*, read it for the language and the representation of the Roaring '20s. If you read it once long ago, read it again and remember the beauty of the language, the imagery of the time and place. Donna did; then, she went to see the new movie version.

A classic is always a good choice!



## Society Business



## LOOKING AHEAD

- Updating electronic information is important. If you have not recently updated your information with DKG, please go to [mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org) to provide your current email information; also, include your membership number to be certain that your information is yours. Your number is also on the mailing label of the *DKG News*.
- The Committee for Teaching about the United Nations (CTAUN) provides opportunities for educators and concerned citizens to learn, understand, and appreciate the work of the UN and to incorporate global awareness into curricula and school activities at all levels. CTAUN will host a one day workshop at SMU Saturday, November 2, 2013, from 9:00 – 4:00. Register at [ctaun.org](http://ctaun.org) to learn how to become involved.
- Each biennium, chapters must submit committee reports to the state. Begin to consider what to report for your committee. Reports are due on January 11, 2014.

### 85<sup>th</sup> 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

### ΔΚΓ

Alpha State Headquarters in **Dallas**  
[alphastatetexas.org](http://alphastatetexas.org)

International Headquarters in **Austin**  
[dkg.org](http://dkg.org)



- Bring your checkbook to pay chapter dues at meeting.
- Plan to attend GHACC events.
- Mini Grant Applications due October 1.
- Texas State Leadership Seminar Applications due to State Headquarters by October 15.

### ETA DELTA 2012-2014 OFFICERS

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<b>Nancy Malone</b>	Treasurer
<b>Donna Patch</b>	Parliamentarian
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