



## Eta Delta Data

Eta Delta Chapter 172 Area 3, Houston

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### President's Message



Jane Flinn

Dear Sisters,

When this is published, fall will be here and, hopefully, we will be experiencing cooler fall temperatures. October brings with it the Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council (GHACC) President's Luncheon honoring our new State President, Marilyn Gregory. GHACC came about in the 1990's when Area

3 reached 36 chapters and Area 18 was formed. The area coordinators and chapter presidents of Areas 3 and 18 comprise the council.

GHACC sponsors Delta Kappa Gamma International Society learning and professional growth opportunities. Every odd year there is a Fall Luncheon. This year, on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Houston Racquet Club, from 11:00 until 1:00 p.m. we have the opportunity to meet Texas State President, Marilyn Gregory, and hear her deliver a message that will expand upon her theme, "The Heart of the Society is Its Members."

Eta Delta is responsible for registration on Saturday and the special project, "Bucks for Books." The heart of Eta Delta is truly its members. Please plan to attend this very special event in support of Ms. Gregory, Area 3, and Eta Delta.

In even number years, each Area (Area 3 for example) sponsors another learning opportunity for chapter members. The Area Workshop is held to provide instruction for newly elected officers and chapter members in the roles of the offices and committees in Delta Kappa Gamma.

The "heart" of Eta Delta is truly our members. Each of you is an invaluable part our chapter and to me. Thank you so much for your dedication, participation, and support.

*Sincerely,  
Jane*

### Next Chapter Meeting

When: GHACC Luncheon  
October 24, 2015  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Houston Racquet Club  
10709 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77024  
(713) 464-4811

### Lone Star News

The Fall 2015 edition of Lone Star News is out and, once again, Eta Delta shines. Jane Flinn is pictured along with other representatives of 2014-2015 Pace Award winners and Bonnie Moore is the author of a featured article entitled, "Making Learning Stick." To read Bonnie's article and other news, go to the website at <http://www.dkgtxas.org/> and click Publications.

## Eta Delta 2014-2016 Officers

Jane Flinn – President  
 Debbie McCart – First Vice President  
 Martha LaRue – Second Vice President  
 Debbie Elrod – Secretary  
 Nancy Malone – Treasurer  
 Donna Patch – Parliamentarian

## Schools for Africa

As discussed at last month's meeting (see minutes for details), Eta Delta will be continuing the Red Box Project. *Schools for Africa* became the Society's first official international project in 2010 and Eta Delta's Red Box Project, a means of easily gathering members' loose change and small bills, will continue to support that endeavor. *Schools for Africa* goals, the countries involved, and gains that have been made through this UNICEF sponsored project can be viewed at <https://www.dkg.org/content/schools-africa-0>.

## DKG-Girl Scout Patch

Did you know a Girl Scout could now earn a DKG patch? The curriculum followed for a DKG-Girl Scout patch allows girls to fulfill requirements suitable to each level of Girl Scout activity and is based on the seven Society Purposes. The activities focus on developing leadership skills while exploring various careers including education, developing an awareness of community and government, and investigating the history of DKG as well as the Girl Scouts.



## TSO Committees

The Texas State Organization (TSO) has a robust committee structure to foster achievement of the Society's Mission and Purposes. A complete list of the 2015-2017 TSO committees is available at <http://www.dkgtexas.org/committees.html>.

Eta Delta sisters serving on TSO committees include:

- Bonnie Moore, Chair  
2017 State Convention Steering Committee
- Jane Flinn, Publicity Chair  
2017 State Convention Steering Committee
- Leigh Elizondo  
Technology Committee

## New TSO Theme

The graphic included in our newsletter heading represents the new TSO theme, "The Heart of the Society is its Members."

An acronym for HEART, the biennium goals are:

**H**-Health-encourage members to practice healthy lifestyles to promote healthier chapters

**E**-Education-educate members about the importance of membership and encourage them to make an impact on their communities and the world

**A**-Achievement-achieve our goals as leaders in our chapters and recognize our accomplishments as key women educators

**R**-Reflection-reflect on our heritage as we advance the Society

**T**-Teamwork-work as members of a team to strengthen involvement in all levels of the Society



## Why do I teach?

by Kathy Froehlich

I was asked to share a few thoughts of why I teach. It is not something I consciously think about on a daily basis. It has just been such a part of me for so long that when I really sat down to put my thoughts on paper it was more difficult than I thought it would be. I couldn't come up with just one reason. I kept coming up with specific children in mind. THEY are the reason I teach!

During Guided Reading when the child looked up at me and smiled ear to ear and said, "Mrs. Froehlich I just read it all by myself!" During Math workstation time and a boy was able to finally make a complete pattern correctly and HE knew it! During our restroom time and the girls realized they had all gone and no one screamed in the stall. When someone fell in our room and the boy with the most trouble controlling his body is the first one to rush over and help the hurt child tenderly. When I am having a hard time with behavior and a few of the kids realize it is really bothering me and come and just give me a hug with no words. These times are why I teach!

Yes, I have been honored with awards, and have had many kind words from parents and these things are very nice, but the most important part of teaching is what some have forgotten---our kids. I know that sounds silly but I guess I have been teaching so long that I am able to reflect back on what REALLY matters when I am teaching! It is not the test scores. It is all those little moments when I see I really am making a difference no matter how small of a success it is! It is those small success that keep me teaching year after year after year! Twenty-eight years and still going!

### Member News

*Sue Ayers* has joined Ambit Energy as a Marketing Consultant.

*Karen Green* has been promoted to Assistant Principal at Sheridan Elementary School in CyFair ISD.

In September, *Jane Flinn* went to the National Book Festival. Dignitaries in attendance included Cokie Roberts, David McCullough, and Stephen L. Parker.

Over the summer, *Sue Ayers*, *Dede Drexler* and ten others enjoyed a Viking River Cruise to southern France.

Also this summer, *Kirbe Hunt-Montgomery* welcomed home a baby boy, Walter Montgomery.

#### October Birthdays

October 7 – Regina Williams

October 14 – Kathy Froehlich

October 24 – Debbie Brand

## Meeting Minutes September 12, 2015

**Call to Order:** 10:03 a.m.

**Inspiration:** Dede Drexler paid tribute to her parents who through words and example taught her love, respect and devotion.

**Thank You for Today:** Jane thanked Martha LaRue for the use of her home for the meeting. She thanked the Executive Board members for providing the luncheon.

### Program

#### Introductory Activity

- Each person wrote on a sheet of paper two truths and a lie. Then, going around the room, each person shared her truths and lie and the group tried to detect the lie. This icebreaker activity can be used in the classroom or in a new group. It also makes a good activity to check for understanding.

#### Schools For Africa

- Jane discussed the importance of the Schools for Africa Project that we participate in each year. She showed a short film on her computer that illustrated how the Chapter's Red Box Project benefits the children in Africa. She also talked about a new project that would help girls attend school more with feminine hygiene products that we could help put together. She will get a speaker to visit with us about Days for Girls.

**Minutes of May 22, 2015:** The minutes for the May meeting were accepted and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The proposed 2015-2016 budget that was developed in August was shared with the group. Kathy Froehlich moved and Donna Patch seconded the motion to pass the budget. The budget was approved. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**President's Report:** We received as many awards as possible at the convention. The Chapter is in charge of the registration table at the GHACC luncheon. We also are in charge of a project called "Bucks for Books". The reception and luncheon are October 23 and 24 with the cost of \$35.

### Committee Reports

- Programs – Thanks to those who completed the survey. Plans for upcoming programs will be shared at a future meeting.
- Membership - Debbie Brand presented a Thank you card from Shirley Felcman. There were 19 members present, 13 members absent and 6 reserve members.
- Social Committee - The October meeting will be the GHACC luncheon on October 24th at the Houston Racquet Club. The November meeting will be at Carol Gillingham's home November 7, 2015.

**Unfinished Business:** Correspondence was read from Hitchcock ISD for the school supplies donated during the Area 3 Fall Workshop.

### New Business

- Chapter Rules - Jane thanked Toni, Dede, Nancy, and Elizabeth for helping to revise the Chapter rules. The proposed rules were presented to the chapter with explanations provided for any changes. The proposed Chapter rules were approved and passed as of September 12, 2015.

(September 2015 minutes continued)

- New Caney Area 18 is forming a new chapter.
- The Chapter is responsible for the GHACC registration table and this year's Special Project, "Bucks for Books."
- The chapter will have a special speaker to discuss Days for Girls. Each year girls in developing nations miss up to 80 days due to a lack of personal hygiene products. Days for Girls provides, through "sewathons", sustainable products so girls continuously attend schools.

**Adjournment 12:20 p.m.**

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## Year at a Glance

### Chapter Meetings

Date	Hostess	Inspiration
November 7	Carol Gillingham	Kathy Froehlich
December 5	Kathy Froehlich	Bonnie Moore
February 6	Karen Green	Regina Williams
March 5	Junior League	Nancy Malone
April 2	Kirby Gor	Ellen Pritchett
May 7	Gerri Manlove	Lindsey Krumrine

### Other Upcoming Events

October 11-16, 2015  
 ASTEF/Road Scholar Trip  
 Savannah, Georgia  
[http://www.dkgtexas.org/uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/astef-dkg\\_savannah\\_2015\\_apr15.pdf](http://www.dkgtexas.org/uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/astef-dkg_savannah_2015_apr15.pdf)

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June 23-25, 2016  
 87<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention  
 Frisco Convention Center

July 5-9, 2016  
 2016 International Convention  
 Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center  
 Nashville, TN  
<https://www.dkg.org/content/2016-international-convention>