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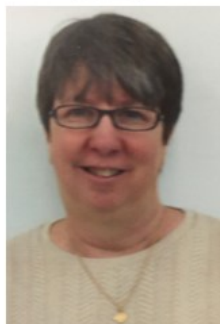
Eta Delta Chapter 172 Area 3, Houston

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Texas State Organization

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



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Dr. Leigh Elizondo

Dear Sisters,

The 2016 DKG Texas Area 3 Workshop is in the books and Eta Delta’s members were a huge part of the day’s success! Our chapter had 13 members attend a morning of targeted sessions that outlined information about the working of Chapter committees and their role in Society business.

It was exciting to see our Chapter greet over 110 participants. **Donna Patch, Debbie McCart, Debbie Brand, Dede**

Drexler and Nancy Malone made sure everyone was registered and knew where to find breakfast. **Jane Flinn** worked with a local Girl Scout troop to honor our nation’s flag before the general session was convened. **Bonnie Moore**, 2017 State Conference Chair, addressed Area 3 chapters with news of the upcoming convention to be held in Houston while **Debbie Brand** and **Debbie McCart** shared their expertise during breakout sessions. Workshop presenters were given personal technology assistance by **Debbie Cowie, Leigh Elizondo, Lindsey Krumrine, and Debra Rockefeller**. Our members ended the day by accepting the travelling school bell award for the highest percentage of chapter attendance!

What a wonderful start to the new biennium!! I can’t wait to see what else we can accomplish!

Leigh

Next Meeting

October 1, 2016
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Brenda Paulk’s home
[6106 Greenmont Drive](#)
[Houston, TX 77092-3336](#)

Inspiration: Debbie Brand

Hostesses: Executive Board

Click link above for map.
Bring your dues!!

October Birthdays!
Regina Williams – October 7
Kathy Froehlich – October 14
Debbie Brand – October 24

Eta Delta 2016-2018 Officers

Leigh Elizondo – President
 Debbie Brand – First Vice President
 Carol Gillingham – Second Vice President
 Dede Drexler – Secretary
 Nancy Malone – Treasurer
 Kathy Froelich – Parliamentarian

State Grants & Scholarships

The Texas Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International offers numerous opportunities to its members for grants and scholarships. Details can be found online, including forms and instructions, at the TSO website <http://www.dkgtxas.org/state-scholarships.html>.



Donna Patch, Dede Drexler, Debbie Brand and Nancy Malone staff the registration table during the September Area 3 Workshop.

2016 Mini-Grant Application

Mini-grants provide funds up to \$750.00 for members to attend non-traditional types of professional development. Non-traditional activities may include attendance at a professional conference, skill specific training to enhance your professional skills, or a research project. Opportunities within DKG are not eligible for these funds.

Mini-grant applications are offered twice a year, once in October and again in March. You are eligible if you have been a member in Delta Kappa Gamma for a minimum of 5 years and, if awarded, will remain active in the Society. Please postmark your application by **NOVEMBER 1st**. Click the scholarships link above for more details.

Help For Aspiring Educators

The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) offers financial assistance for aspiring educators up to \$300.00 for a 3-hour course and up to \$1,000.00 for 6 credit hours. Although the candidate is responsible for submitting all application information, the Eta Delta Scholarship Committee can help future educators work through the application process.

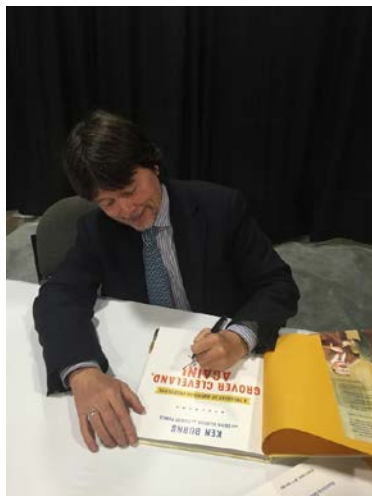
For more information, contact Debbie McCart, Scholarship Committee Chair. The application form and instructions are available at <http://www.astef.org/forms.html>. *Keep your eyes and ears open for promising educators-to-be who could benefit from the support of Eta Delta!*

Member News

In August, **Donna Patch** and her husband flew to Providence, Rhode Island, where her son and family live. They then rented a van and drove to Portland, Maine. After spending a few days there they continued to Camden, Maine. It was a very relaxing trip with beautiful scenery. Donna remained in Providence for a week, "grammie-sitting" with her 9 year old granddaughter, Zazie, until school started.

Ellen Pritchett and her husband are expecting a baby boy in late December.

Jane Flinn recently attended the National Book Festival at the Library of Congress (<https://www.loc.gov/bookfest/>) where she met authors Ken Burns, celebrated American documentarian, and Representative John Lewis, famed civil rights activist.



Ken Burns signs book for Jane Flinn.



Jane meets Representative John Lewis

Eta Delta members' babies - growing fast!



Kirbe Gor's daughter (Elizabeth McDowell's granddaughter)



Kirbe Montgomery's son, Walter

Travelling the World

by Donna Patch, Martha LaRue & Donna Paulk

During the recent summer months, Eta Delta members travelled the world – from Russia to Spain!

Donna Patch and her husband spent 2 weeks on a Viking River Cruise sailing and exploring Russia from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Viking River Cruises made all their air arrangements. The cabins on the Viking cruise ship were roomy; the outlet was the same voltage as in our house; the bath had a great shower, amenities and was cleaned every day. They could eat breakfast during a 3 hour span; lunch within a 2 hour span; dinner was served at 7. There was no formal dress for any meals and the food was fabulous with many different varieties. They could eat buffet style for breakfast and lunch or order from a menu.

Viking offers side or more in-depth trips which cost extra. For instance, Donna and her husband went to the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. Each night the staff provided a schedule of the next day's event, along with historical information about the places to be visited. Several times there was an information session; in 2 they tried to teach Russian to the travelers!!

Each night of the trip there was entertainment: songs by a musical group, dancing, vodka tasting one night, and other activities. Buses took the tourists to sites within the cities. Donna reports that, "traffic in Moscow and St. Petersburg was horrendous-worse than Houston at rush hour!!! Viking kept us informed and allowed us freedom and time to explore on our own."

Martha LaRue spent two weeks in Scotland with a travel group from her subdivision, Heritage Grand. They flew into Glasgow, then traveled by bus up the western side of Scotland through the hills and mountains of the Highlands where they stopped in Isle of Arran, Isle of Skye and Durness. They took a



Martha LaRue in Scotland

1 1/2 hour ferry ride to the Orkney Islands where they visited several Neolithic sites such as Brodgar Circle and Scara Brae. From there they traveled south along the North Sea and stopped in several towns including Inverness and St. Andrews.

One of their stops was at a sheep dog training farm where the border collies were put through several exercises to show their skills. They spent the last three nights in Edinburgh where they climbed the streets to Edinburgh Castle, which sits on top of volcanic rock. Also in the courtyard, they watched the Royal Military Tattoo at night. This is a showcase of military bands from around the world. Among Martha's favorite sights was the very round unshorn black-faced sheep that dotted the green hills.

Brenda Paulk experienced Portugal and Spain this summer while traveling with the Christ U.M.C., Sugarland choir. The group was

Travelling the World con't.

comprised of about 35 singers and 30 non-singers. The tour started in Lisbon, where they shopped and explored the quaint fishing town of Cascais and the Royal Exile town of Estoril.



Jeronimos Monestary

The choir's first concert was in the Jeronimos Monestary. They enjoyed a great tour of the Monestary and The Palace of Sintra (built in the 1500's), along with all the amazing sights of this seaside city. The group then traveled to Seville, Spain, where they saw the Plaza de Espana, the Alcazar Palace Complex, Flamenco dancing, and learned about the rich history, dating back to Roman times.

The group's next stop was Granada where the choir sang as part of The International Granada Festival and during a Sunday Mass.

From Granada, they traveled to Alhambra, where they had lunch and an extensive tour of the Magnificent Palace that was built by the Muslim Dynasty in the 13th Century.



Brenda Paulk in Granada

Lastly, the group traveled to Barcelona by the High Speed AVE Train. Barcelona was Brenda's favorite city. The architect, Antoni Gaudi, was instrumental in the style of many parts of the city, including Parc Guell, and Sagrada Familia. The choir sang two times in Barcelona, including the chapel of the Benedictine Monks of Montserrat, a 4,055 foot peak outside of Barcelona, where there is a Boys Choir School.

Brenda says, "I was blown away by the size and intricacy of Sagrada Familia. Gaudi began working on it in 1883. At the time of his death in 1926, it was less than a quarter completed. They are hoping to complete it for the centenary of Gaudi's death, which will be 2026. I am thinking of making a trip back to Barcelona for that!"

Year at a Glance

2016 – 2017 Chapter Meetings

Date	Location	Hostesses	Inspiration
Oct 1, 2016 10:00 am-11:30 am	Brenda Paulk 6106 Greenmont Dr. Houston, TX 77092-3336	Executive Board	Debbie Brand
Nov 5, 2016 10:00 am-11:30 am	Debbie Cowie 18132 Mallard Estates Cypress, TX 77429	*Karen Green Lindsey Krumrine Leigh Elizondo Debra Rockefeller	Tina Hughes
Dec 3, 2016 10:00 am-11:30 am	Kathy Froelich 1322 Del Norte St. Houston, TX 77018	*Jane Flinn Bonnie Moore Shirley Moan Regina Williams	Debbie Cowie
Feb 5, 2017 10:00 am-11:30 am	Gerri Manlove 5003 Oak Forest Dr. Houston, TX 77018-1909	*Nancy Malone Donna Patch Debbie Elrod Toni Maheshwari	Ely Nisayas
Mar 11, 2017	Junior League of Houston	Social Committee	TBD
Apr 1, 2016 10:00 am-11:30 am	Carol Gillingham 2218 Saxon Drive Houston, TX 77018	*Brenda Paulk Jenn Donaldson	TBD
May 6, 2017 10:00 am-11:30 am	Debbie McCart 9135 Western Dr. Houston, TX 77080	*Dede Drexler Sue Ayers Tina Hughes Trish Jenkins	TBD

*Agrees to serve as lead hostess for the meeting

In addition to our monthly Chapter meetings, consider participating in these upcoming events!

Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat 2016

Camp Allen, Navasota, TX
February 19-21, 2016

Southwest Regional Conference

July 4 - 7, 2017
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel and Resort
Honolulu, Hawaii

88th Texas State Convention

Hyatt Regency Houston
Houston, Texas
June 22 - 24, 2017

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL
MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES
2016-2017**

Name _____ Amount of Check _____

Payment Appropriations

	Active	Reserve
International Dues	\$40	\$20
State Dues	\$20	\$ 7
International Scholarship	\$ 1	\$ 1
Chapter Dues	\$37	\$12
General Fund	\$27.00	\$12.00
Scholarships Fund	\$ 2.50	\$0.00
Grant-in-Aid Fund	\$ 2.50	\$0.00
Other DKG Funds	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$37.00	\$12.00
Total	<u>\$98</u>	<u>\$40</u>

Initiation Fee (initiates only) \$ 10
 Purchase key pin (if needed) + \$ 18
 Initiates's Grand Total \$126

Donation (optional) to _____ Fund \$ _____

Please update any changes in personal contact information below:

New phone #'s (home) _____ (cell) _____

New e-mail address _____

New mailing address _____

_____ zip code _____

DKG is "moving forward ever!" Eta Delta has embraced the efficiency of technology to eliminate the high cost of printing and postage; therefore, our chapter newsletters will now be emailed to all active members. Reserve members who have access to email are encouraged to provide your email address so that you can also receive your newsletters in full color by email.

Thank you in advance for paying your dues and assessments at the October 1st chapter meeting or by mail by October 16th, so that the treasurer can forward our dues to State and International timely. Please make your check payable to Eta Delta Chapter and give/send it to Nancy Malone, 6158 Doliver Drive, Houston, TX 77057. Your promptness will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call her at 713-783-9559 or email her at nmalone@swbell.net.