



Eta Delta Data

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Dr. Leigh Elizondo

Dear Sisters,

Each year I eagerly await the beginning of cooler nights and mild days that occur in the month of November. The leaves on the trees rustle in the wind, start to turn a golden color and fall out of their petiole signaling the change of another season.

November also brings Thanksgiving blessings and gives each of us the opportunity to reflect on our personal and professional lives. I personally have so many reasons to be grateful. My family and friends are warm and giving and my Eta Delta sisters fill my heart with joy and gratitude. I am so appreciative of your unselfish giving that serves those less fortunate in our community. Eta Delta continues to provide a wide scope of support targeting both children and adults in need. I am thankful for each of you and your contributions that make others' lives better.

Please take a moment to reflect on the things for which you are grateful. Phylicia Rashad, acclaimed actress from our home city of Houston, shares her view on gratitude and giving. With our work this month with Lord of the Streets, I thought you might appreciate this quote:

Any time women come together with a collective intention, it's a powerful thing. Whether it's sitting down making a quilt, in a kitchen preparing a meal, in a club gratitude, reading a book, or around the table playing cards, or planning a birthday party, when women come together with a collective intention, magic happens. -Phylicia Rashad

*Happy Thanksgiving!
Leigh*

Next Meeting

November 5, 2016
10:00 am-11:30 am

Debbie Cowie's home
[18132 Mallard Estates](#)
[Cypress, TX 77429](#)

Inspiration: Tina Hughes

Hostesses:
Karen Green
Lindsey Krumrine
Leigh Elizondo
Debra Rockefeller

November Birthdays
Debbie McCart - November 10 Joan Watson - November 15 Tonie Maheshwari - November 29

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

Want to connect with Delta Kappa Gamma?

Here are options beyond the website:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dkgorg

Twitter: @DKG_SI

Instagram: @DKGSI

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/delta-kappa-gamma-society-international

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/DKGSII/

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/DKGAustin

Spectacular Texas Art Retreat (STAR)

What are you doing MLK weekend in January? You could be attending the next STAR retreat at Camp Allen in Navasota.

“An opportunity to be taught new skills and a relaxing, artistic break from the responsibility for the education of others.”

“Time to enjoy my sisters in a beautiful setting with great food! So many creative opportunities and patient instructors - and lots of sharing of ideas to extend our experience.”

The registration deadline is January 1. Until November 15, registration is \$225. Afterwards, it goes to \$250. Go to <http://www.dkgtexas.org/index.html> and scroll down to find the registration form.

Eta Delta Committee Reports

Website Committee

5 November 2016

Lindsey Krumrine is the new webmaster for Eta Delta. The procedure for re-certifying chapter websites has changed and webmasters send in the information electronically. The Eta Delta website has been approved for the 2016-18 biennium.

Please submit information or pictures to Lindsey that you would like to share on the website. The photos can be published for public viewing or placed in the password secured portion of the website for chapter members only.

Yearbook Committee

5 November 2016

Debbie Cowie and the Yearbook Committee have prepared the 2016-17 Yearbook for the chapter membership. Information for updating the yearbook have been gathered through the appropriate committees with some minor changes to the format and sections. These changes were necessary to match Texas State Organization guidelines for submission.

The chapter yearbook has been submitted in time for an early bird submission. Thanks to everyone for their help in making this document useful and timely.

Meeting Minutes**October 1, 2016**

At 10:08 a.m. the meeting was called to order. Debbie Brand shared the inspiration. When she worked with student teachers, Debbie had them discuss their philosophies about education/teaching and read some of their responses.

Leigh Elizondo thanked Brenda Paulk for being the hostess for our first meeting of the year. She, also, thanked the executive council for bringing the food.

Minutes of May, 2016: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. They passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Malone reported that the finance committee approved and filed the final Treasurer's Report for the 2016 fiscal year. The balance on hand as of June 30, 2016, was \$7354.70. Since May, Nancy has collected contributions of \$210.00 to the general and scholarship funds in memory of Leigh Elizondo's mother. Our CD has matured and is in Green Bank with a total of \$14,011.76. The chapter currently has 35 active members, 5 reserve members, with a total of 40 members. Nancy is collecting dues today which are \$98.00 and has membership cards available. This Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

President's Report:

- Leigh discussed how Eta Delta was mentioned by name for the size of our membership at the Area 3 Workshop. We were well represented there. The chapter received an antique school bell for the highest percentage of membership attending the workshop.
- We won several awards at the state convention this summer and that it was lots of fun.
- At our next month's meeting, we will have an installation of officers who were not in attendance in May, Debbie Brand and Carol Gillingham.
- Past Bumpus wants to come to one of our meetings this year.
- Sue Ayers, chair of the finance committee, will discuss the recommendations of the finance committee under new business.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship – Debbie McCart reported that on “dkgtxas.org”, there was a place to apply for multiple scholarships. She asked the members to think of anyone who might benefit or qualify for a scholarship and to please consider it. Dede Drexler and Elizabeth McDowell, members of the By-Law Committee, will propose and present new dates which are more appropriate than current dates in the By-Laws in meeting scholarship deadlines at the December chapter meeting.

Membership - Jane Flinn talked about how our chapter added 2 members 2 years ago; however, last year we stayed even. The focus this year is to bring in new members, invite them to

Minutes (con't.)

business meetings, such as, November and December meetings, so they can learn what Eta Delta is all about. She discussed how we want to retain our members, especially those who don't attend many meetings. She suggested we write notes to members who do not attend half the time and passed out bags with notes in them for mailing out.

Social – Leigh Elizondo mentioned Game Night on February 14 hosted by another DKG chapter in Cy-Fair. Our chapter is invited to join in the fun. We were reminded that Feb. 14, is also ASTEF's Day of Giving, and that we could contribute a \$5.00 donation per person that night and make it a competition.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- The Finance Committee put together a proposed budget, going item by item. Sue Ayers, chair, reported fees and assessment changes: the general fund decreasing by \$.50 from \$27.50 to \$27.00. The \$.50 difference would go toward other awards at the state level. An additional \$10.00 would be included in the International Emergency Fund, going from \$10.00 to \$20.00 for catastrophes around the world, which hasn't been increased in years. Supplies were increased from \$25.00 to \$124.00 for items such as additional checks, updating materials, paying for new members' certificates, etc. Another increase was for Memorials and Gifts which was increased to \$206.00 from \$100.00. Dues remained the same, \$98.00 for active members and \$40.00 for reserve members. With the high cost of printing, it was recommended that reserve members continue to receive a hard copy of the newsletter and that a \$7.00 a month fee would be charged to anyone else who would want a hard copy; otherwise, the newsletter would be sent through email. Shirley Moan made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee and the members approved.
- Leigh Elizondo discussed having four business meetings a year, 2 in the fall and 2 in the spring, with the other scheduled meetings to complete committee work and projects.
- Leigh Elizondo asked for the Educational Excellence committee chairs to take a picture after the meeting was adjourned. Leigh also needed to know who was going to be on the Nominations Committee so we could get the information into the yearbook and submit it for "early bird"
- Debbie Brand reviewed the programs/projects for the coming year:
 - Nov. - make blankets of various sizes
 - Dec. - Father Capper representing Lord of the Streets – give blankets and toiletries
 - Feb. – Legislative update (required)
 - Mar. – Birthday Luncheon – book collection for Stelle Claughton Middle School, Spring ISD; invite Stelle and the librarian from Claughton Middle School – date changed from Mar. 4 to Mar. 11 due to another Jr. League event

Minutes (con't.)

- Apr. – Habitat for Humanity – Lindsay Krumrine will organize this event and let us know how we will be involved in this project
- May – Founder's Day/Chapter Awards

Note: Brenda Paulk suggested we participate in a summer book program for elementary aged students and up. Debbie Brand and Brenda will work together on that project before the end of the year.

- Nancy Malone explained to the members that we needed to be timely when considering bringing in new members. New members must be installed at business meetings as it will be reported in our newsletters. To present, vote and install new members takes 3 months. Leigh will discuss this with Pat Bumpus and then Debbie Brand will make a proposal to the chapter based on deadlines.
- Jane Flinn reported to the members about our Days for Girls Project. This project has become very popular and Fran is booked for the year. She will try to book her for next November, 2017 but we all concurred that we could do this project ourselves.
- Jane Flinn brought an article/handout and video on Schools for Africa sponsored by UNICEF with Serena Williams and DKG. The video was about what students need to go to school. We are continuing the Red Box Project where we put change in the boxes and bring them to the birthday luncheon in March. Jane passed out red boxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.



Educational Excellence Committee
Gerri Manlove, Brenda Paulk, Debbie Brand (chair), Debbie McCart and Dede Drexler. Not shown: Regina Williams

Year at a Glance

2016 – 2017 Chapter Meetings

Date	Location	Hostesses	Inspiration
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

88th Texas State Convention

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

Southwest Regional Conference

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