



Eta Delta Data

Eta Delta Chapter 172 Area 3, Houston

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Texas State Organization

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Dear Sisters,



Dr. Leigh Elizondo

February is a month for celebrations! On February 1st, we celebrate National Freedom Day. In addition, two U.S. Presidents were also born in February. Many of us have celebrated Valentine's Day since our childhood and more recently our country has set aside an entire month to celebrate American Heart and Black History.

February also reminds us of ASTEF's month of giving. Monies collected by ASTEF provide scholarships, support DKG members who attend Leadership Seminars, and help chapters impact their local communities by funding classroom projects. Your tax-deductible charitable contribution will make a difference in the lives of educators. Click this link <http://www.astef.org/donate-now.html> to donate now!

When we give cheerfully and accept gracefully, everyone is blessed. --Maya Angelou

*Happy Valentines!
Leigh*

Next Meeting

February 5, 2017
10:00 am - 11:30 am

Gerri Manlove's home
[5003 Oak Forest Drive](#)
[Houston, TX 77018-1909](#)

Inspiration: Ellie Nisayas

Hostesses:
Nancy Malone
Donna Patch
Debbie Elrod
Toni Maheshwari

REMINDERS!

- For the February meeting, bring new member applications.
- See the last page of this newsletter for Birthday Luncheon details. For the February meeting, bring your menu choices and a check **–or–** mail your form and check to Nancy Malone by Tuesday, February 28, 2017.
- Continue gathering loose change and small bills for Red Boxes for Africa. Boxes will be collected at the Birthday Luncheon in March.

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

Texas State Organization Annual Convention

Are you ready to attend a great convention? Although registration has not yet begun, you can **make your hotel reservations now.**

The convention steering committee requests you reserve one room only. Reserving more than one room keeps others from obtaining affordable rooms at the convention hotel. To make your reservation, click this link or go to the convention website at the TSO webpage. (<http://dkgtexasconvention.weebly.com/hotel.html>). The special room rate for the Westin Galleria Hotel is \$139 per night.

To view up-to-date information about convention registration, go to the TSO website and click the convention link (<http://dkgtexasconvention.weebly.com/registration.html>). Additional questions about the convention? Look for the Heartline and Lone Star News for additional information.

Spectacular Texas Art Retreat (STAR)

Brenda Paulk and Bonnie Moore, shown at the right, recently attended STAR 2017 at Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas.



Eta Delta Committee Reports

Membership Committee

- Jane Flinn contacted chapter members regarding the process and timelines for new members. Applications for new membership will be reviewed by the Eta Delta membership at the February 5th meeting. Recommended members will be approved at the March meeting. Initiation is planned for April.
- Jane Flinn also sent the Necrology Report to DKG Texas State Organization in mid-January before the February 1st deadline. The report was accepted and filed.



**Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2016**

At 10:00 a.m., the meeting was called to order.

Debbie Brand gave the inspiration due to Debbie Cowie being out-of-town. Debbie chose the book, the Gift of Nothing, by cartoonist, Patrick McDonald. To summarize, the book deals with what do you get someone who has everything? The story concludes with enjoying the people you're with and enjoy the spirit of being together.

Leigh Elizondo thanked Kathy Froelich and the hostesses for having the December meeting in her home.

Minutes of November, 2016 - The November minutes were in the newsletter. Bonnie Moore moved and Jane Flinn seconded the motion to approve the minutes. They passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Nancy Malone reported that the IRS 990N Epostcard confirmation was sent to TSO in a timely manner. After citing details in the financial report, the report was filed for review.
- The chapter currently has 31 active members, 5 reserve members, with a total of 36 members. Jane Hall and Kirby Gor resigned. Elizabeth Hensley and Idalia Cepeda never responded to deadlines and emails. An email was sent to let them know that they could come back at any time.

President's Report:

- Leigh met with Bonnie's planning group – there's a call for proposal for the TSO convention. Ideas to consider: technology programs relevant to classrooms now, women's health, how to alleviate stress, creative ways to enhance membership, how to recruit (what would make you want to be a part of DKG?). CPE credits will be awarded and the form is on the website. Debbie Brand suggested that Kathy Froelich and Regina Williams could have a session on the awards program. Natalie Christos and Lindsay Krumrine could have a session on feeling welcome in our organization.
- At the 2018 convention, our constitution will be amended. Any proposals for changes in the constitution will be due on October 1, 2017.
- We agreed, as a group, to continue with the food bank drive at the Wesley Center. The food will be collected at the May meeting.
- For the TSO convention in June, a discussion was held about having tee shirts made that we could wear as a group there, as well as, for any DKG activity/event. The shirt is approximately \$30.00 at Bullshirts at Beltway 8 and Little York.

Minutes (con't.)

- There is a booklet online now for our ceremonies. We can login, get what we need for our ceremonies and print it out. Karen Green is the chair of this committee.
- The International Scholarship is due Feb. 1. Please let Debbie McCart know if you're interested in applying.
- On Feb. 14, our chapter is invited to attend a games and fellowship night with the Kappa Alpha chapter.
- For the April meeting, Brenda Paulk and Jenn Donaldson need additional hostesses to volunteer. Natalie Christos, Kathy Froelich and Shirley Moan volunteered.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Jane Flinn reported 19 members present at the meeting. Father Capper, today's speaker, is running late. Helen Chapman is available for the February meeting. Absent from today's meeting: Martha LaRue - broken leg or foot, please sign cards for her, Deb Rockefeller at a conference, Trish Jenkins - didn't hear back from her, Tina Hughes – other commitments, Elizabeth McDowell – no, Ellen Pritchett-Luchak – trip with husband. Last month, Linda Jackson, was presented as a perspective member by Bonnie Moore, Carol Gillingham and Brenda Paulk. Linda is a semi-retired physical therapist from Katy ISD. If you forgot to wear your pin today, please put \$.25 in the red box.

Social – Carol Gillingham will collect menus at the February meeting for the birthday luncheon at the Jr. League in March. She will send menus ahead of time so that you can make your selections.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- Tonie Maheshwari heard from Leah Felcman, Shirley Felcman's daughter, with a photo of Shirley's gravestone which has DKG on it, along with red and white flowers. She is buried in San Antonio, TX. We were told that we can get a plaque for our own gravestone from DKG.
- At this time, we met with our committees.
- Father Steve Capper from Lord of the Streets was our guest speaker for the meeting. He shared in a presentation how Lord of the Streets exists to meet the needs of the homeless in a section of Houston. The church practices "radical welcome" where there is no condition for acceptance and that there is a commitment to the restoration of people's lives. The church is located on Fannin and San Jacinto near Holman and Alabama.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Year at a Glance

2016 – 2017 Chapter Meetings

Date	Location	Hostesses	Inspiration
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!

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

ETA DELTA 54th Birthday Luncheon

Saturday, March 11, 2017
The Jr. League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Lane, 77027
11:00 a.m.

Soup OR Salad (choose ONE)

(GF) **Mixed greens, Olives, Cucumbers, Grape tomatoes, Parmesan Cheese**
with Italian Vinaigrette dressing

OR

Chicken Sausage Gumbo -cup

Entrée (choose ONE)

Chicken Spinach Crepe with mushroom sauce, buttered asparagus and
Broiled tomato

(GF) **Grilled Seasonal Vegetable Medley**

(GF) **Fresh Fruit Plate-selection of seasonal fresh fruit**

**Asparagus & Brie Crepes topped with mushroom sauce, served with Haricot
Vert and braised carrots**

Dessert (choose ONE)

Pecan Ice Cream Ball

(GF) Cool Meyer Lemon Pudding

(GF) Fruit cup

Beverage (choose ONE)

Coffee

OR

Tea

(GF)= Gluten Free

NAME _____
Mark your choices and give them and your check for \$32.00 made out to ETA DELTA
to Nancy Malone. NO REFUNDS. YOUR CHOICES AND CHECK MUST REACH NANCY
BY Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017. Nancy Malone, 6158 Doliver, Houston, TX 77057