



Eta Delta Data

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

The Vernal Equinox on March 20th marks the beginning of longer days and the hope of Spring. Although we will have the same number of hours to complete our many tasks, we look forward to warmer days and lots of sunshine.

This month also brings our Eta Delta birthday luncheon where we will celebrate 54 years of service

Next Chapter Meeting

Birthday Luncheon!

When: March 11, 2017
10:45 a.m.

Where: Junior League of Houston
[1811 Briar Oaks Ln](#)
[Houston, 77027](#)
(713) 622-4191

and friendships. On March 9th, the first chapter President, Mary Lois Barden, and twenty-seven newly initiated women gathered for the first meeting in HISD. One of those women, Stelle Claughton, will be our honored guest at the birthday luncheon.

As former Principal, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services, Ms. Claughton’s career spanned an incredible forty-two years of service. Her life’s work not only touched thousands of students and parents but has also influenced our chapter past and present. We are excited to be able to have her join us at the Junior League of Houston and to share our gift of Lone Star Books to the Stelle Claughton Middle School library. I look forward to seeing you at the luncheon!

Leigh

REMINDERS!

- Please bring your Red Boxes for Africa to the Birthday Luncheon!!
- Daylight Savings Time begins March 12th – set your clocks ahead 1 hour.
- May 30 is the deadline for securing a convention hotel room at the group rate (depending upon availability)

<p>Eta Delta 2016-2018 Officers</p> <p>Leigh Elizondo – President Debbie Brand – First Vice President Carol Gillingham – Second Vice President Dede Drexler – Secretary Nancy Malone – Treasurer Kathy Froelich – Parliamentarian</p>	<p>Founder Mamie Sue Bastian Houstonian</p> <p>Did you know that one of the twelve Founders of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was from Houston? A product of the city’s public schools and a graduate of the Houston Normal and High School, Mamie Sue Bastian later became a principal at Bowie Elementary and Crockett Elementary schools.</p>
<p>85th Texas Legislative Session</p> <p>As of February 28, 162 bills have been referred to the House Public Education Committee. A summary is available at the committee’s website or you can view all of this year’s legislative activity at Texas Legislature Online.</p>	<p>The “About Us” section of the DKG International website depicts Mamie Bastian as a vibrant, vivacious personality who would light up a room at her arrival. Miss Bastian is attributed with numerous Society achievements but in March, when we celebrate the chartering of Eta Delta Chapter, it also seems appropriate to recognize Founder, Houstonian, Mamie Sue Bastian who introduced the idea of a Birthday Luncheon.</p>
<p>Cornetet Scholarship</p> <p>The Cornetet Scholarship is available to members who wish to participate in professional development activities outside of DKG. Awarded funds may be used to attend seminars, training, initial national board certification, or other non-degree courses. Deadline to apply is May 1st. Interested members can visit www.dkgef.org for details.</p>	<p><i>"It was Miss Bastian who initiated the idea of the Birthday Luncheon, who encouraged lively Delta Kappa Gamma songs to add color to drab lives of teachers. Because Mamie dearly loved to sing, she always inspired others to join in the fun when she directed."</i></p>
<p>Update Your Contact Information</p> <p>Have you recently moved or changed phone numbers? Do you want to see if your personal contact information is correct? Log into the DKG website and locate the “My Account” link to edit your personal information. If you need assistance logging in, ask any Eta Delta officer or members from the Communications or Technology Committee. Keeping your information up-to-date with the Society ensures that you receive timely news and communications from the Texas State Organization and you stay in the know!</p>	



**Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2017**

At 10:02 a.m., the meeting was called to order.

Jane Flinn, past president, presided over the meeting today due to Leigh Elizondo's absence. Jane thanked Lindsay Krumrine for picking up the materials for today's meeting from Leigh's house. Jane thanked Gerri Manlove for sharing her home for the meeting and thanked the hostesses, Nancy Malone, Donna Patch, Debbie Elrod and Toni Maheshwari for preparing our meal.

Debbie Brand asked Carol Gillingham to give the inspiration since Elly Nisayas was absent. Carol talked about Patricia Polacco, children's author and illustrator, known for books such as, Thank You, Mr. Falker, Babushka's Doll, and Thunder Cake, to name a few. Carol went on to describe the story, Thank You, Mr. Falker, which is Patricia's own story. The girl in the story starts school and is learning to read; however, she struggles when all her letters and numbers are jumbled up. Mr. Falker recognizes her problem and takes the time to lead her to the magic of reading.

Minutes of December, 2016 – The December minutes were in the newsletter. Debbie Brand moved and Donna Patch seconded the motion to approve the minutes. They passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Eta Delta's fund balance was discussed and current. The International Fund disbursement for \$100.00 was deducted, the budget balanced, and updated. The chapter currently has 31 active members, 5 reserve members, with a total of 36 members. Nancy Malone reminded the membership that donations for the Stelle Claughton Middle School Library Fund would be accepted. Books purchased will be mailed to the campus and Jane Flinn suggested that we do a short presentation for them. Nancy will also accept checks for the birthday luncheon at the Junior League.

President's Report:

- February is ASTEF month for giving and they are doing a Valentine's Day drive. By making a donation, you will be able to deduct it from your income tax. If you make a donation to our chapter, the chapter will get credit but you cannot deduct it from your income tax.
- Please bring your Red Boxes for Schools for Africa to the March birthday luncheon. This is an important project between UNICEF and DKG.
- Registration forms for the state convention will be out in the March edition of the Lone Star News. Bonnie Moore asked everyone to attend the convention which is from June 22-24. Areas 3 and 18 will be hosting the DKG birthday luncheon. We need to be there to hostess a table.
- Upcoming committee report process – put discussion on hold until Leigh is here to explain it.
- Eta Delta will be participating in The Christmas in May Food Drive for the Wesley Community Center. Bring your food donations to the May meeting.

Minutes (con't.)**Committee Reports:**

Membership – Jane Flinn reported that 17 members were in attendance today. Those absent were: Debbie Cowie – flu, Jen Donaldson – at another event, Karen Green – anniversary trip, Debbie McCart – keeping her boys, Leigh Elizondo and Deb Rockefeller – loss of their dog, Ellen Pritchett-Luchak – new baby, Regina Williams – HISD issues, Sue Ayers – ill, Helen Chapman – ill.

We are proposing new members for Eta Delta. Lindsay Krumrine has introduced Jaime Ybarra, 1st grade teacher at Hemmenway Elementary in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. Carol Gillingham is proposing Chauncy Walker, a 4th grade teacher at Carol's school in Klein ISD. Bonnie Moore is proposing Linda Jackson, who we all met in December. We will be voting on these three perspective members at our March birthday luncheon.

Necrology – Debbie Cowie, chair, was absent.

Social – Carol Gillingham – payment to Nancy Malone for the luncheon is due by Feb. 28. Everyone needs to fill out their menu choices and send it to Nancy Malone.

Unfinished Business: Please give your donations to Nancy Malone for Lone Star Books which will be given to Stelle Claughton Middle School library in Spring ISD. Some members will be making a presentation at the middle school.

New Business: All presentation proposals for the state convention are due on Feb. 17. It was suggested that break-out sessions could be delivered by current classroom teachers which would have a great impact on the audience. Jane Flinn brought Valentine's Day cards for us to sign for our reserve members.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The day's program was a Legislative Update presented by Dede Drexler.

Year at a Glance

2016 – 2017 Chapter Meetings

Date	Location	Hostesses
March 11, 2017	Junior League of Houston	Social Committee
Apr 1, 2016 10:00 am-11:30 am	Carol Gillingham 2218 Saxon Drive Houston, TX 77018	*Brenda Paulk Jenn Donaldson
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

*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

International Convention

JW Marriott
Austin, Texas
July 16-20, 2018