



## 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

Houstonians live for the promise of a few precious days of 60-70 degree temperatures. Since the emergence of spring, we have experienced lots of sunshine, fragrant flowers, unseasonably warm temperatures and TONS of oak pollen.

Spring also begins the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) season. The STAAR assessments have been implemented since 2012 and evaluate reading, writing and mathematics

proficiency for all students' grades 3-12. School districts and campuses acquire performance ratings by the success of (1) student achievement, (2) student progress, (3) closing performance gaps, and (4) post-secondary readiness.

In August 2018, the overall design of the accountability system will remain the same except for the implementation of HB 2804 which mandates schools be given a grade from A to F. Superintendents have shared that accountability systems are welcomed but must provide a true picture of what is happening in our schools. An A to F rating may give parents comfort in understanding a letter grade but those perceptions are based on what they know from their school experience, not necessarily what is listed in the performance standards.

I urge you to follow this topic closely. The more we know, the more we can communicate to our community. See you April 1st!

### Next Chapter Meeting

When: April 1, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

Where: Home of Carol G.  
[2218 Saxon Drive](#)  
[Houston, 77018](#)  
(713) 686-6078

Program: Habitat for Humanity

Please plan to arrive by 9:30 am to welcome new members.

### REMINDERS!

- Register for the TSO 88<sup>th</sup> State Convention being held in Houston!!
- May 30 is the deadline for securing a convention hotel room at the group rate (depending upon availability)

**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 Legislative Session**

As of March 28, 325 bills have been referred to the House Public Education Committee (up from 162 one month ago). A summary is available at the [committee's website](#) or you can view all of this year's legislative activity at [Texas Legislature Online](#).

**Annie Award Application Complete**

Eta Delta's 2016-17 Annie Award service project is the Lord of the Streets program which included members sharing hand-made blankets and collected toiletries. This worthy project helped members acquire a greater understanding of problems faced by Houston's homeless.



Father Steve Capper, shown left with Bonnie Moore, gave us an in-depth look into [Lord of the Streets](#) and how Eta Delta can continue supporting their work.

Thanks go out to Debbie Brand, Jane Flinn and Bonnie Moore for completing the application for review. Great job, sisters!

**88<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention**

Want to get a jump on the Texas State Convention schedule? Check out the spring edition of the Lone Star News. Mark your calendar for June 21-24, 2017 at the Westin Galleria hotel. Parking is free and the shopping is fantastic! Your [registration form](#) must be postmarked on or before May 16<sup>th</sup> to avoid a late fee.

Opening Session begins at 7:00 pm on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sessions will continue Friday and culminate with the Necrology service and TSO business meeting. You can check in to register from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm each day. Can't wait to see you there!

**Chapter Members' Biographies**

Have you completed or updated your chapter membership biography? After looking for the files, it has been noticed that some information is missing or incomplete. Please consider updating your biography and presenting it to the Archives Committee. Biography templates or a google document will be available at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Update yours now!

### Red Box Project



Our Schools for Africa project was a HUGE success. As shown at the left, members brought their Red Boxes with change collected since the September meeting and placed them in a basket at the March Birthday Luncheon. The basket was so heavy that the Red Boxes had to be carried out in stages! After the monies were counted and coins rolled, Eta Delta contributed \$358.00 to the DKG International Schools for Africa Project. Well done, sisters!!

### Travelling Annie Bear

Photos from the March Birthday Luncheon show a special guest, Annie Bear. Annie Bear has been travelling with Jane and others to spread the word about DKG and this year's state convention. Be sure to watch for Annie at various convention activities!!



*Seated at birthday luncheon head table*



*Harmonizing with Jane and Sue*



*Enjoying the Junior League's famous raspberry concoction*

## Year at a Glance

### 2016 – 2017 Chapter Meetings

Date	Location	Hostesses
Apr 1, 2016 10:00 am-11:30 am	Carol Gillingham 2218 Saxon Drive Houston, TX 77018	<b>*Brenda Paulk</b> Jenn Donaldson Kirbe Hunt-Montgomery Kathy Froelich
May 6, 2017 10:00 am-11:30 am	Debbie McCart 9135 Western Dr. Houston, TX 77080	<b>*Dede Drexler</b> 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**

Westin Galleria  
Houston, Texas  
June 22 - 24, 2017

#### **Southwest Regional Conference**

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

#### **International Convention**

JW Marriott  
Austin, Texas  
July 16-20, 2018

