



## 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.



Dr. Leigh Elizondo

It's hard to believe that we are only a month away from school being out. Students are anticipating long summer days while teachers dream of a needed break before they turn their thoughts to the next school year.

It's not that school winds down in May. After all, most Texas state assessments occur in the second week and last for 5 long days. By the end of the testing week everyone is exhausted. Teachers then rush

to finish important curricular tasks and implement interventions for students who still need to meet state standards. May comes and goes in a rush of excitement and relief for a year well spent.

Enjoy a richly deserved break from the hustle and bustle of the school year. I can't wait to see you at the TSO State Convention!

*Leigh*

### Next Chapter Meeting

When: May 6, 2017  
9:30 am-11:30 am\*

Where: St. Christopher's Episcopal Church  
[1656 Blalock Rd.](#)  
[Houston, 77080](#)

\*Please note start time. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. to initiate another new member!

### MEETING REMINDERS!

#### Please bring:

- Red Boxes for Africa if you have not yet done so.
- Collected box tops.
- Food pantry donations (see list at end of newsletter).
- \$\$\$ for Eta Delta polo shirt (\$23) and convention scarves (\$4) if you ordered one.

**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

**Chapter Bylaws**

Eta Delta has been awarded a certificate acknowledging alignment of chapter bylaws with the International Constitution and Standing Rules and Texas State Bylaws and State Rules. This certification is for the 2015-2017 biennium. *Congratulations to all who worked on the chapter's bylaws and rules!*



**Ongoing Adventures of Annie Bear**

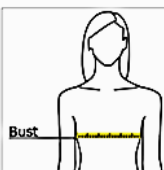
You may recall that Annie Bear has been travelling the state to spread the word about DKG and this year's state convention. Annie recently attended the Astro's opening day and enjoyed a night at the theatre with Carol Gillingham. What a wonderful ambassador for Child Advocates of Houston and Delta Kappa Gamma!

**Eta Delta Spirit Shirts**

It's not too late to order your Eta Delta polo shirt! The shirt is a deep red with a white DKG rose logo, our chapter name and state. Currently we have 14 members who have indicated interest.

Sample shirts will be available at the May meeting for those who have sizing questions or you may use the chart below to select your size. Shirts are \$23.00 with checks made out to Leigh Elizondo.

**HOW TO MEASURE**



**BUST**  
With arms down at sides, measure around the upper body, under arms and around the fullest part of the bust.

**SIZE CHART**

	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL
Size	2	4/6	8/10	12/14	16/18	20/22	24/26	28/30
Bust	32-34	35-36	37-38	39-41	42-44	45-47	48-51	52-55

**Lone Star Books**

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Eta Delta members will present Lone Star Books to the Stelle Claughton Middle School Library. Please contact Jane Flinn if you would like to participate.

**Time is Running Out!!**

May 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to avoid late registration fees for the TSO 88<sup>th</sup> State Convention June 22-24, 2017. An additional \$25.00 will apply if you register after that date. If you haven't mailed your form, click <http://bit.ly/2pnk6lQ> and do it today!!

### TSO Unifying Project

Each year, the steering committee identifies a local charity to unify members and chapters in one cause during the state convention. In 2017, Child Advocates (<http://www.childadvocates.org/>) is the focus of the TSO Unifying Project.



Child Advocates serves nearly 4000 children who have been exposed to life-threatening abuse or neglect and are placed in foster care. Child Advocate volunteers are court appointed and work to ensure childrens' needs are met--one child at a time.

Requested items focus on comfort, entertainment, and hygiene. A list of suggested items is posted at <http://bit.ly/2q7ZuCh> . Donations brought to the May meeting will be contributed during the 88<sup>th</sup> TSO State Convention in June.

### Meeting Minutes

**April 1, 2017**

9:40-10:00am Initiation of New Members.

10:01 meeting called to order.

President Leigh Elizondo offered congratulations to new initiates Chauncey Walker and Jaime Ybarra shown in the photo at the right.

Sue Ayers read an inspiration entitled "*Time to Live*" by Patrick Barton, a speech professor at Lone Star College, in which he reminds us that time is not a commodity like money. We can neither deposit more nor withdraw any time. We must cherish the time we do have.



### Membership Report

Nineteen members were present. Member absences were reported for a variety of reasons—spending time with family and traveling and Brenda Paulk was on an outreach mission at the prison.

The chapter is proud to acknowledge that Leigh Elizondo will continue to serve on the state technology committee and Bonnie Moore will be the state parliamentarian next year.

## President's Report

We had an amazing, successful Birthday Luncheon at the Houston Junior League. Annie Bear even had a raspberry beverage. Thank you Carol Gillingham and Martha LaRue.

The chapter's Schools for Africa Project, or the Red Box Project, was so successful the coins had to be carried out in stages. So far, \$358 has been counted. If anyone still needs to turn in their Red Box funds, please bring it to the next meeting. The money goes for school supplies but also supports hygiene, buildings and clean water among other things.

Debbie Brand has submitted the application for the Annie Award for Outstanding Program. It was turned in before the deadline but notification has not yet been received.

As a part of the State Convention, we will be collecting items for donation for the Unifying Project. Child Advocates serves thousands of children each year, some of those court appointed. If you cannot attend the convention, bring your donated items to the May meeting.

Box Tops for Education should also be brought to the May meeting. Bane Elementary School in CFISD will be the recipient.

The chapter is also collecting donations for *Christmas in May* for the Wesley Community Center. Bring your food pantry items to the May meeting.

Eta Delta members have previously completed biographies but many cannot be located. If you have an original or copy of your biography, please bring it to the May meeting. If you have not completed one or wish to update yours, please fill out the Biography Form that was provided. The form has three sections: Education; Professional; and Personal.

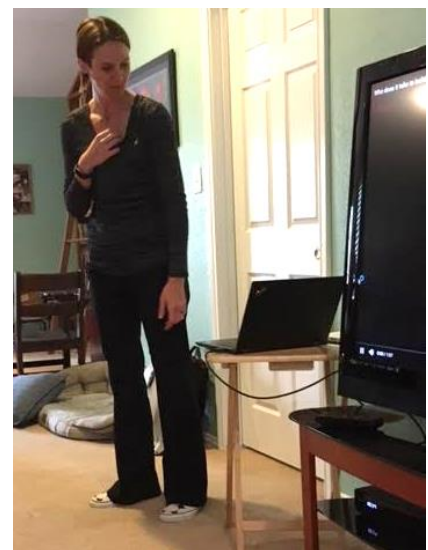
At the state convention, chapter members will be asked to serve as hostesses. Convention organizers want hostesses to wear scarves which cost \$4 each. Leigh will forward information to everyone. By the next meeting, Leigh will also have a mock-up of the chapter shirt for convention attendees to wear. The shirts will be Columbia Red and the cost will be about \$30 each.

The sign-up sheet for hosting and serving as hostesses at next year's meetings was circulated.

## Program

Shown at the right, Lindsey Krumrine demonstrated her technology skills while sharing information about Habitat for Humanity and options for future chapter participation.

11:24 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.



**Year at a Glance**

**2016 – 2017 Chapter Meetings**

Date	Location	Hostesses
May 6, 2017 9:30 am-11:30 am	Debbie McCart St. Christopher's Episcopal Church <a href="#">1656 Blalock Rd.</a> <a href="#">Houston, 77080</a>	<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

*Upcoming Birthdays*

Berta Deleza (reserve) May 25th	Jennifer Donaldson June 3 Carol Gillingham June 15th Jane Hall June 18th Debbie Elrod June 27th Shirley Cousins (reserve) June 28th	Leigh Elizondo July 15th Jane Flinn July 24th Martha LaRue July 28th	Brenda Paulk August 3rd Lindsey Krumrine August 8th Donna Patch August 16th
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*Christmas in May*  
Wesley Community Center

Food Pantry Donations (*bring to May meeting*)

Canned goods – pop top lids preferred

	Meals in a can (stew, chili)
	Low sodium soups
	Canned meats: tuna, chicken, salmon, spam, Vienna sausages
	Canned fruit in its own juice or water (no sugar added)
	Low-sodium canned vegetables (corn, beans—green, pinto, black, kidney; diced tomatoes, etc.)

Other suggested Items – NO JARS

	Rice
	Dry beans (pinto, navy, etc.)
	Spaghetti, pasta, egg noodles
	Spaghetti sauce (cans)
	Instant potatoes
	Macaroni & cheese
	Peanut butter
	Jelly
	Low-sugar whole grain cereals like Cheerios
	Saltine crackers
	Healthy snacks (granola bars, low-salt popcorn, unsalted nuts, dried fruit)