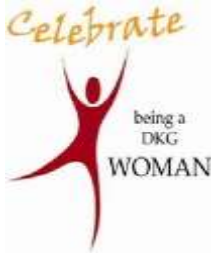


## Eta Delta Data

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Dr. Leigh Elizondo

Dear Sisters,

It was just last week that we were giving thanks, eating scrumptious food, and spending time with family and friends. For many, Thanksgiving marks the beginning of numerous seasonal festivities that extend into the second week of January. Christians, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Native Americans, and other groups each enjoy both religious and cultural festivities that enrich our lives. We are lucky to live in the Greater Houston area where diversity is embraced and opportunities abound for us to break down barriers and understand one another.

Hurricane Harvey reminded Houstonians that we are more alike than different. Enjoy your holiday by celebrating your traditions and seeking to understand the celebrations of others!  
*Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Id al-Fitr, Bodhi Day, Winter Solstice, and Happy Kwanzaa!*

*Leigh*

### Next Meeting

December 2, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

Kathy's Home  
1322 Del Norte St.  
Houston, TX 77018

**REMINDERS:** For the upcoming meeting, please bring:

- All completed applications for new members.
- Toiletries and socks for the homeless.

**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 Froehlich – Parliamentarian

**Sock It! to Homelessness**

Each year, Eta Delta collects toiletries to share with persons who are homeless. Our donations to Lord of the Streets have helped others by providing items to maintain basic hygiene and warmth on cool winter nights.

This year we are adding thick crew socks to our list of needed items. Please consider adding a pair of socks to your toiletry donations to be collected at our December meeting.

**Where's Annie?**

The Executive Committee and State Personnel are very excited to introduce the new Annie for 2017-2018! In the past, chapters were encouraged to apply for the Annie Award. This year, all TSO chapters are invited to participate in the **Annie Extravaganza** by submitting a program in a slideshow format. Each chapter slideshow will be shown at various times during the Waco convention.

By using this style of presentation, all members attending the convention will have access to the creative and innovative program ideas developed by TSO members. After the convention the slideshow will be available on the TSO website.

The new Annie will be introduced in the Winter Lone Star News. Instructions and a slideshow template will be available December 1 on the TSO website and the Programs and Service Projects website.

Where's Annie? Annie is in one of your chapter programs and we hope to see your Annie in Waco!

*Programs and Service Projects Committee*

*Michelle Grandinetti, Chair 2017-2019*

**Upcoming Birthdays**

Debbie Cowie – January 3

Bonnie Moore – January 14

Elizabeth McDowell – January 15

Gerri Manlove – January 20

Dede Drexler – January 23

Nancy Malone – January 26

## Harvey's Homeless

*by Debra Rockefeller*

The flooding associated with Hurricane Harvey led to the damage or destruction of roughly 1/3 of all housing in Houston. You read correctly – 1/3. Approximately 311,000 households.

Three months afterward, thousands of Houstonians remain homeless – living with friends, neighbors or relatives; sometimes in tents, hotels, or structures not fit for habitation.

- More than 22,000 of “Harvey’s Homeless” are children (<http://www.newsweek.com/hurricane-harvey-victims-homeless-fema-722640>).
- An interactive map at <http://www.khou.com/news/investigations/months-after-harvey-tens-of-thousands-of-students-remain-homeless/494038245> shows the number of homeless students by ISD.

This is often called the season of giving but the overwhelming need this year can simply overwhelm. When it does, try reminding yourself that no one person, organization or agency can address all the needs. This is truly a situation where it will take a village.

This year, more than ever, do what you can. Give one item more than usual to the food bank. Donate a coat or jacket from your closet to the coat drive. Pluck an Angel from a mall tree and grant someone’s wish. If you have limited financial resources but are physically capable, help cleanup – the amount trash remaining is almost unimaginable. If none of that is possible, smile at a stranger, open a door, or simply lend an ear to someone who is struggling.

*And if you are attending Saturday’s Eta Delta meeting, bring your contributions for Sock It! To Homelessness!*

## Meeting Minutes November 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Leigh Elizondo thanked Brenda Paulk for hosting the meeting and Lindsey Krumrine, Karen Green, and Debra Rockefeller for providing lunch. Karen Green provided the inspiration.

**October minutes:** Bonnie Moore moved to accept the minutes as posted in the November newsletter. Donna Patch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** The report was shared with membership and approved to be filed. Nancy Malone reported that dues were being mailed Monday following the meeting. Numerous attempts had been made to contact individuals who had not yet paid their dues and two individuals were on the cusp of being dropped from membership if not supplied by that date. Current chapter membership was reported as 34 active and 4 reserve.

**President's Report:** Leigh encouraged the group to work with Lindsey Krumrine before leaving the meeting to login to the DKG website and update member information.

Information was also shared related to the changes to the Annie Award and a brief discussion ensued. More details about the process will be distributed as they become available.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership**– Jane provided an update on members who were missing – illnesses, work and family obligations and travel – were all cited.

**Communication**– Debbie Cowie's work on the yearbook resulted in the chapter being recognized with the Early Bird submission. Leigh plans to distribute the yearbook to members soon.

Debra Rockefeller requested members submit articles or article ideas for inclusion in the chapter's monthly newsletter. Inaccurate meeting dates displayed in the newsletter were discussed with correct dates verified. Upcoming newsletters will reflect the correct dates.



**Minutes (con't.)**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Membership** – Names of several potential new members were shared. Completed applications are due at the December meeting.

**Early Career Educators** – Recipients were identified and the decision was reached to distribute gift cards at the December meeting for those who could attend.

**New Business:** none

**Program:** Jane Flinn shared two very poignant videos related to bullying and led a group discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.



## Year at a Glance

### 2017 – 2018 Chapter Meetings

Date	Location	Hostesses	Inspiration
2 Dec 2017 10:00 - 11:30 am	Kathy Froelich 1322 Del Norte St. Houston, TX 77018	<b>*Shirley Moan</b> Bonnie Moore Jane Flinn Regina Williams	Kirbe Montgomery
4 Feb 2018 10:00 - 11:30 am	Gerri Manlove 5003 Oak Forest Dr. Houston, TX 77018-1909	<b>*Nancy Malone</b> Donna Patch Trish Jenkins Toni Maheshwari	Debbie Cowie
10 Mar 2018 10:30 am	Junior League of Houston 1811 Briar Oaks Ln Houston, TX 77027	Social Committee	Jamie Ybarra
1 Apr 2018 9:30 am Initiation 10:00 - 11:30 am	Carol Gillingham 2218 Saxon Drive Houston, TX 77018	<b>*Chauncey Walker</b> Jamie Ybarra Kirbe Montgomery	Ellen Pritchett
6 May 2018 10:00 - 11:30 am	St. Christopher's Episcopalian 1656 Blalock Houston, TX 77080	<b>*Sue Ayers</b> Dede Drexler Martha LaRue	Kathy Froelich

\*Agrees to serve as lead hostess for the meeting

In addition to our monthly Chapter meetings, consider participating in these upcoming events!

89<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention  
Waco Convention Center  
Waco Texas  
June 14-16, 2018

2018 International Convention  
JW Marriott Austin  
Austin Texas  
July 16-20, 2018