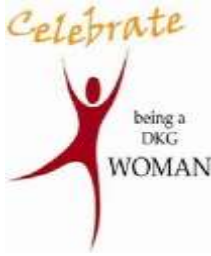


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Dr. Leigh Elizondo

Dear Sisters,

Can you believe that Houston experienced snow twice this year? It is said that colder weather often follows a hurricane. Either way, I long for the milder weather that we have come to appreciate in the Bayou City.

**Next Meeting
February 3, 2018
10:00 a.m.**

Nancy Malone
6158 Doliver Dr.
Houston, TX 77057

With February being our first chapter meeting of 2018, the Executive Board met in January to finish mapping out our next four meetings. Upcoming chapter programs were reviewed, Birthday Luncheon plans were confirmed, and timelines for new member initiation and officer nominations were finalized.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting as we kickoff the new calendar year and begin to see these plans come to fruition.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Leigh

REMINDERS: For the upcoming meeting:

- If you have new members to recommend, please bring their paperwork to the meeting.

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

Searching for New Members

Do you know a teacher who would be a wonderful addition for membership in Eta Delta? This teacher has at least 3 years of experience and is one who is a respected professional in teaching, exhibits care for students and others, and is a lifelong learner. Perfect! We will be discussing new members at the February meeting so please bring your new prospective member applications. Applications can be found at: <http://bit.ly/2nly8J6>.

Upcoming Birthday Celebration

It is almost time for our annual Birthday Celebration. We will once again meet at the Junior League of Houston at 11:00 am. The Social Committee has been hard at work determining a theme and menu that includes many favorites!.

The last page of this newsletter shows the menu choices. Please print a copy and circle your choices. Nancy Malone will be accepting checks made out to Eta Delta at the February meeting. If you prefer, you may mail your choices and check to Nancy no later than Wednesday, February 28th.

Carol Gillingham will be bringing a few extra copies of the form to the February meeting in case you are unable to print a copy from home.

Eta Delta Member to Attend ILS

Bonnie Moore has been selected to attend the International Leadership Seminar in Austin this summer. As one of 30 attendees, she will further her leadership studies and explore strategies for incorporating this knowledge in chapter, state and international functions. Please congratulate Bonnie on this wonderful accomplishment!

Women in the Arts

In 2017, the Texas State Organization approved a new committee for Women in the Arts. WIA sponsors two events: STAR (Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat) held during the Martin Luther King weekend, and Creative Arts Exhibit held as part of the State Convention. The 89th Waco Convention is currently accepting applications for members to share their artwork. The deadline for submission is April 15th. You can get your application at: <http://bit.ly/2nqLq6C>.

**Latin American Conference
Antigua, Guatemala**

by Connie Rensink and Bonnie Moore

While I was at the Southwest Regional Convention in Hawaii last summer, I was invited to go to Guatemala in October to the Latin American Conference with my friend, Connie Rensink, and so we made plans! The conference was in Antigua, a tranquil town about an hour from Guatemala City. It began on a Friday afternoon with informative sessions about DKG, followed by a reception with traditional appetizers, desserts, and music. We enjoyed the opportunity to get to know women from about ten different countries.

On Saturday, local teachers joined DKG members for a morning full of back to back academic presentations. I enjoyed the Spanish immersion and stretching my language skills. After a late lunch, everyone took an excursion to Hotel Museo Casa Santo Domingo. We rode along narrow streets with adobe walled buildings. Then we stepped through a small doorway into an exquisite and sprawling courtyard. The inside of the complex is 3 full city blocks and includes 6 museums, a pavilion, a chocolate shop, candle making, a crypt, a restaurant, and a hotel.

The next day the group took a day trip to scenic Lake Atitlan where we took a boat ride to a village to shop for indigenous wares and to eat lunch. The lake is surrounded by 3 of the country's 37 volcanoes and is often referred to as one of the most beautiful lakes in the world.

My friend, Connie Rensink, and I stayed a couple more days to be tourists. We made chocolate, did a walking tour of the city shopped in the local market, wandered the picturesque streets, and ate yummy food in unique restaurants. It was a wonderful trip and I will definitely go back to Guatemala to visit and enjoy!



**Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. and visitors were introduced.

Inspiration: Kirbe Montgomery – Summary: based on Michael Phelps story of him being hyper focused with the condition of ADHD and how he used his disability with enormous success.

Leigh Elizondo thanked Kathy Froelich for opening up her home for the December meeting. Hostesses for today: Shirley Moan (Martha LaRue took her place), Jane Flinn, Bonnie Moore, Regina Williams, Linda Jackson and Helen Chapman.

MINUTES: Brenda Paulk made a motion to approve the November minutes. Donna Patch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The financial report was read and details provided. This report will be filed for audit. Members were asked to bring their donations to the February meeting for the Stelle Claughton Middle School Library books. A recommendation will be brought forward from the finance committee at the February meeting related to the donated funds in memory of Shirley Felcman. Currently we have 32 active members, 4 reserve members, with a total of 36 members. We have 3 less members from last year due to Helen Lewis' death and dropping Elizabeth McDowell and Trish Jenkins from our roster.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- TSO 89th Convention, June 14-16, 2018, Waco, TX. Hotels will be available soon at the Hilton or Courtyard by Marriott. Webinars will complement live presentations.
- DKG International Convention, July 16-20, 2018, Austin, TX. Ambassadors are needed and will be shared by email in the "Convention News", TX. Edition.
- Annie Presentation due April 1st. Electronic submission is available under Deadlines and Forms.
- ASTEF Grants for Aspiring Educator and Chapter Projects are now available.

MEMBERSHIP: Jane Flinn reported that we have 22 people attending today's meeting. There are 19 members and 2 guests. Jane explained all of the absences today. Tonie Maheshwari's mother passed away last night in McAllen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jane Flinn asked that we turn in applications for new members. Two prospective members were presented to the membership: Dede Drexler presented retired teacher, Linda Burgess and Deb Rockefeller presented Carol Steinmetz, Director of Automated Library Services at Lone Star College. All applications for new members need to be completed and presented at the February meeting with voting being held at the March luncheon and initiation of new members occurring during the April meeting.

Minutes (con't.)

NEW BUSINESS: Jane Flinn and the Nominating Committee (Regina Williams, Shirley Moan and Karen Green) presented the 2018-2020 Officer Nominations. The nominations are:

President – Dede Drexler

1st Vice-President – Karen Green

2nd Vice-President – Regina Williams

Secretary – Shirley Moan

Parliamentarian – Kirbe Montgomery

The Treasurer is appointed by the nominee for President and the nominated executive board. The Treasurer will be included in the ballot at the February meeting if the appointment has been made. Members will vote at the February meeting and officers will be installed at the May meeting.

The official meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Debbie Brand presented the program, “Taking Care of New Teachers”. The recipients of the \$50 gift cards were: Cindy Santana, Farah Khan, Mayra Saucedo, Martha Lopez and Teresa Morales. Debbie outlined the seven purposes of Eta Delta, described the organization’s service focus and detailed the chapter’s projects for this year.

Year at a Glance


2017 – 2018 Chapter Meetings

| Date | Location | Hostesses | Inspiration |
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| 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 | *Chauncey Walker Jamie Ybarra Kirbe Montgomery | Ellen Pritchett |
| 6 May 2018 10:00 - 11:30 am | St. Christopher's Episcopalian 1656 Blalock Houston, TX 77080 | *Sue Ayers 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!

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| <p>International Here We Come!</p> <p>Pack your bags and head to Austin for the DKG International Convention July 16-20, 2018! Featured speakers include Nadia Lopez, principal/educational leader, and Benjamin Zander, Boston Philharmonic Conductor.</p> <p>Registration is open and can be completed online using your DKG login at http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2018_International_convention/Registration.aspx or by mail and must be received before June 16th. Members can stay at the JW Marriott and can register online at http://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGMEMBER/Events/2018_International_convention/Booking_Hotel_transport.aspx or call (844) 473-3959. Room rates are \$196.00 per night. Register today!</p> | <p>Building Bridges in Waco</p> <p>The 89th Annual Convention is being held in Waco June 14-16, 2018. This convention will be shorter to facilitate the International Convention being held in Austin the following month. Details about hotel and convention registration are posted on the Texas State Organization (TSO) website at: https://dkgtexasconvention2018.weebly.com/.</p> |
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ETA DELTA 55TH BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON
Saturday, March 10, 2018 11:00 AM
The Jr. League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Lane 77027

Soup OR Salad (choose ONE)

Cream of Zucchini with Gorgonzola Cheese

OR

Sicilian Salad with Romaine Lettuce, Olives, Tear Drop Tomatoes, Artichokes, Thinly Sliced Red Onions & Feta Cheese dressed with Italian Vinaigrette

Entrée (choose ONE)

Grilled Seasonal Vegetable Medley

(GF) Fresh Fruit Plate

(GF) French Country Chicken with Mushroom Sauce served with Baby Carrots and Minted Peas

Chicken Spinach Crepe topped with Mushroom Sauce and served with Asparagus and Broiled Tomato

Dessert (choose ONE)

Blackberry Cobbler

Pecan Ice Cream Ball

Strawberry Short Cake

(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 Wed., Feb. 28, 2018.**