

ETA DELTA DATA

Eta Delta Chapter 172, Area 3, Houston
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Texas State Organization



Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators,
 Impacting Education Worldwide



President's Message

DEAR SISTERS,

When I think back a year ago, it's hard to believe that Hurricane Harvey has been so vivid in our minds and hearts throughout this time. What comes to mind as I saw so often on the news, were the human chains made to get people to safety. A pregnant woman who needed to be rescued said, "I just kind of held onto them, one person at a time and crawled along their arms until the firemen helped me up the ladder onto the truck". There were so many incredible stories of courage, kindness and human endurance that emerged throughout Harvey's aftermath.

Let's come together this year, as a human chain, and hold onto each other to build a stronger Eta Delta Chapter. As your incoming president, I will need all of your help and support to strengthen our chapter and keep it the pride of DKG. I look forward to the new year!

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ETA DELTA 2018 - 2020 OFFICERS

- **Dede Drexler** - President
- **Karen Green** - 1st Vice President
- **Regina Williams** - 2nd Vice President
- **Debra Rockefeller** - Treasurer
- **Shirley Moan** - Secretary
- **Kirbe Hunt-Montgomery** - Parliamentarian

Upcoming Birthdays

Elly Nisayas - September 11
 Shirley Moan - September 12

Elizabeth Reese - September 23

State/International News

Two great conventions were attended this summer by several chapter members. The first convention was TSO in Waco, TX. and the next one was DKG International Convention in Austin, TX.

The state convention provided lots of information from the keynote speakers to the varied breakout sessions.

We took away many great ideas to broaden our own strengths and seek ways to build a better chapter. One of the keynote speakers, Wendy Gates Corbett, spoke about, "Personal Belongings: Believe, Belong and Become". She encouraged us to connect with each other but to connect with ourselves.....pause and be silent, listen to our head, heart and souls. Wendy discussed, "Respect". She asked us to tell a peer how much you value and respect the things they do. This gesture will help cultivate a feeling of belonging. Wendy, also, mentioned protecting our humanity, an inherited dignity in every single person.

Our Eta Delta members who attended the convention were: Leigh Elizondo, Nancy Malone, Bonnie Moore, Carol Gillingham and Dede Drexler.

The DKG International Convention consisted of Biennium Reports, Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and varied breakout sessions. Meeting other chapter members from all over the world was amazing!!!!

Visionary teacher, conductor and author, Benjamin Zander, was a favorite keynote speaker. He is known worldwide as a teacher of thousands of musicians and a celebrated speaker on leadership. He took all of us on a journey that offered a startling new perspective on leadership. Those members in attendance were the recipients of the Shirley Felcman Participant Incentives:

Brenda Paulk, Donna Patch, Martha LaRue and Dede Drexler. Also, in attendance were: Bonnie Moore and Lynda Jackson.



UPCOMING MEETING

- **When:** October 6, 2018
- **Where:** Brenda Paulk's Home (6106 Greenmont, Houston, TX 77092)
- **What:** We will have a full agenda since our first meeting is already in October. Jane Flinn will be facilitating our program, "Days for Girls". You will be receiving an email from Jane with details of this program and items we will need to bring. We will be stuffing bags for around 50 girls.
- **Additional Information:** Each member can bring a new potential member. If the potential member applies for membership by Nov. or Dec., we could present them at those meetings, vote in Feb. and initiate in Apr. This event could be a wonderful part of our meeting and show off what we do for others and have fun while doing it!!!

REMINDERS

Membership Dues

All members must pay their dues no later than October 15th. Members are \$98 and reserve members are \$40. Please make checks for chapter due to Eta Delta.

Workshop: Building Bridges in Area 3

When: September 29, 2018

Where: Garden Oaks Montessori Elementary School, 901 Sue Barnett, Houston, 77018.

What: This will be a great way to network with other chapters in our area, learn, make new friends and train for our roles and responsibilities in our chapter

Additional Information: The fee is \$20.00 per person; It is due by September 10. Please send it to our Treasurer, Deb Rockefeller at: 12235 Cardston Ct., Tomball, TX., 77377.

May Meeting Minutes

At 10:00 a.m., the newly elected officers for the 2018-2020 bienniums were initiated. The officers are:

President – Dede Drexler

1st Vice-President – Karen Green

2nd Vice President – Regina Williams

Secretary – Shirley Moan

Treasurer – Debra Rockefeller

Parliamentarian – Kirbe Montgomery

The meeting was called to order by Leigh Elizondo at 10:20 a.m. Leigh thanked Debbie McCart for arranging our meeting at St. Christopher's Church. She thanked the hostesses, who included, Sue Ayers, Linda Burgess, Shirley Moan and Dede Drexler. The inspiration was shared by Kathy Froelich. She discussed the book, Heart of a Teacher, by Paula Fox. The book encompassed how children come to school as a mystery box and that the teacher doesn't just fill the box with knowledge but assists in creating a piece of art which is valued and loved. The teacher builds a sense of pride and a safe classroom with plenty of encouragement. The author stresses having a heart for children, not the subjects we teach.

MINUTES: Shirley Moan moved to approve the minutes. Carol Gillingham seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy Malone reported that we had a balance on hand of \$7,754.69 as of April 30, 2018.

Nancy explained that we would announce the first timer's award for the TSO Convention in Waco later in the meeting. Leigh Elizondo will receive \$100.00 for the TSO Convention as past President and Dede Drexler will receive \$200.00 to attend the TSO Convention as the incoming Shirley Felcman Participant Incentive. Each of these members will receive \$300.00 to attend the International Convention in Austin: Dede Drexler, Martha LaRue, Donna Patch and Brenda Paulk. Currently, our chapter has 34 members and 4 reserve members with a total of 38 members. This report will be filed for review.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Leigh congratulated our 2018-2020 Officers; she thanked the chapter for her presidency.
- Carol Gillingham, Teacher of the Year, Eiland Elementary Klein ISD, received the first timer's award for TSO Convention in Waco.
- Eta Delta Food Drive for the Wesley Community Center
- GHACC Update – Jane Flinn represented our chapter at the event – There are a total of 40 chapters, divided into 4 chapters of 10 in each. Areas 3 and 18 will be divided into 2 groups in each area. Area 18 will host a workshop next year at St. Timothy's near the Willowbrook area. Dr. Jo Murphy, state President, will attend.
- Presidential Memory
- DKG International Convention, July 16-20, 2018, Austin, TX., has 871 people registered and 72 days until the event.
- TSO 89th Convention in Waco, TX., will have exciting sessions, "Speed Training" to help officers with their new jobs, ASTEF Projects and a Saturday Morning Brunch. Registration is still open but late fees will apply for registrations received after May 16th.
- Waco Unifying Project is Storybook Christmas to break the never-ending cycle of illiteracy and the poverty that results from illiteracy. Books should be for ages 3-10.
- Annie Presentation for Waco is completed and accepted.
- There are 21 members in attendance today.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donna Patch went to Galveston for the STAR Workshop. She participated in craft events which included: felt roses, napkin folding, t-shirt bags, mini bags, etc. The event was well-organized and they were served catered sandwiches, chips and cookies.

Shirley Moan invited the members to a rally, Texans for Public Education, on May 19, at Discovery Green. There is a website to view and to show support for elected candidates who support public education. They want a big showing, the rally will be held from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. and please wear purple.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Our program was presented by Regina Williams where she designed a crossword puzzle for Founder's Day. Kathy Froelich organized and shared our famous Chapter Awards for the year.