

Eta Delta Data



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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bonnie Moore

Dear Sisters,

Spring brings *new* in so many ways. New budding flowers and tress, newborn animals, and new lawns and gardens are just part of the beauty and newness of spring. For many of us, spring means spring-cleaning (or at least the thought of it). We find “new” things in old places. We clean out, organize and feel refreshed as we start the spring and summer with a new, less cluttered perspective.

As Eta Delta sisters, this is a wonderful time to do the same with our commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma. Read the seven purposes and become re-energized by their spirit to go out and share DGK and all that we have to offer others. It is a perfect time to commit to go to convention in Austin in June and rejuvenate and have fun with your DKG sisters from Eta Delta and across the state.

Plan to attend our April 6th meeting to meet and greet our Area III Coordinator, Kim Birkelbach and to experience the newness of spring with Eta Delta. I look forward to seeing each of you as we share our spring together.

Bonnie



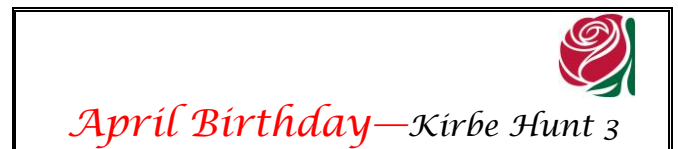
Just a thought . . .

A mind stretched to a new idea never goes back to its original dimension. Oliver Wendell Holmes



REGULAR CHAPTER MEETING APRIL 6, 2013

- TIME:** 10:00-12:00
- INSPIRATION:** Debbie Elrod
- PROGRAM:** *Let Our Vision Light the Way through Exploring and Understanding Other Cultures*
- PROGRAM FACILITATOR:** Leigh Elizondo
- HOME:** Nancy Malone
6158 Doliver Drive
Houston 77057
(713) 783-9559
- HOSTESSES:** Leigh Elizondo*
Carol Gillingham
Elizabeth Hensley
Ann Mahan
- DIRECTIONS:** Going west (toward San Antonio) on I-10, exit at Voss and turn left on Voss. Go to San Felipe and turn left. Turn left on Briar Ridge and Nancy's house is on the right corner of Briar Ridge and Doliver. Going toward town on I-10, exit at Voss and turn right, then follow the directions above.
From the Southwest Frwy, exit Hillcroft, which becomes Voss. Turn right on San Felipe, left on Briar Ridge.





FRONT: Jo Ann Miller, Tonie Maheshwari, Trish Jenkins, Martha LaRue. SEATED: Stelle Claughton Lacedfield, Shirley Felcman, Bonnie Moore, Debbie Elrod. BACK: Ruthie Estes (guest), Debbie McCart, Joan Watson, Gerri Manlove, Katherine Reid, Elenor Nichols (guest), Carol Gillingham, Donna Patch, Regina Williams, Dr. Mary Ann Waldon, Michelle Smith, Nancy Malone, Shirely Moan, Elly Nisayas, Debbie Brand, Jane Flinn, Brenda Paulk, Pat Oaborne (guest) Helen Shoup, Ann Mahan.

Birthday Celebration Success

Members and guests filled the Junior League Tearoom March 2 for a joyous celebration of achievement for Eta Delta. Pictures of past events and people still dear to hearts were a center of interest. The favors doubled as table decoration. A bud glass with the Keypin and date held a single red rose. Everything was lovely.

All of the special guests Katherine Reid, Pat Osborne, and Stelle Claughton Lacedfield had kind words of praise, but Dr. Mary Ann Waldon went a step further and wrote a poem. (See page 4.)

Members attending were Jo Ann Miller and Joan Watson (out-of-towners), Shirley Felcman, Gerri Manlove, Tonie Maheshwari, Brenda Paulk, Carol Gillingham, Helen Shoup, Kathy Froehlich, Shirley Moan, Debbie Brand, Michelle Smith, Donna Patch, Regina Williams, Martha LaRue, Trish Jenkins, Elly Nisayas, Nancy Malone, Debbie Elrod, Ann Mahan, and Bonnie Moore.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: Two new members have been recommended for membership: **Deborah Cowie** and

Virginia Marez. You will vote for them at the April meeting.

50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: The committee thanks those who contributed to the success of the 50th Birthday Luncheon.



Reading Rocks!

Eta Delta Cares and Shares



March 6, 2013, members of Eta Delta demonstrated acts of kindness, caring, and service by reading to classes at Bane Elementary School in Cy-Fair ISD. Bane Elementary is in a most-at-risk-community of mostly non-English speaking students. When Virginia Marez arrived as principal, she knew she had to tackle the issues plaguing her school head-on. As a result, Bane Elementary has been rated recently as both recognized and exemplary. Ms Marez created an environment where students now love learning.

In celebration of the successes of literacy and to reinforce the value of reading, Ms Marez accepted the offer of having members of DKG read to various classes. Nancy Malone read *Three Billy Goats Gruff* and *Can I Have a Stegosaurus, Mom? Can I? Please?* to two different classes of second graders. "The children were attentive and they really got into these favorites that never get old. Reading to them was really a great experience," Malone said. Debbie McCart agreed that she enjoyed reading *Goldilocks* and *Three Little Pigs* to two different first grade classes.

Two second grade classes heard Debbie Brand read one of her own favorites, *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein. The children's captivation with the rhythm, rhyme and humor in poetry was delightful! "I'm ready to go back!" she exclaimed.

Jane Flinn who coordinated the read-in at Bane, enjoyed reading the *Cat Sang Flat* to the Life Skills class and *Ping* to a fourth grade class.

The school librarian pre-selected the books so that the volunteers could go straight to the classes. Teachers also received a treat; Eta Delta provided two sheet cakes for the staff lounge. Ms Marez expressed appreciation for giving her students a wonderful experience of having guest teachers for the day.



Literacy Leads Learning

Program focus on literacy made collecting books a natural extension of those programs. Asked to bring new or gently used books K-12, members donated 131 books that were given to the Wesley Community Center.

Eta Delta selected WCC, an organization helping women and children since 1904, in support of the literacy program launched in August 2012 that teaches reading from children of all levels to adults.

Book Ambassadors **Helen Shoup**, **Carol Gillingham**, and **Bonnie Moore** presented the books to Lucy Schork, Director of Educational Programs and Diana Garbis Executive Director of Wesley. While there, Carol and Helen read books to some students in the preschool program.

Because of Eta Delta, to paraphrase Dr. Seuss, "Oh, the places they will go!"



Helen Shoup, Carol Gillingham, Bonnie Moore present Diana Garbis, Executive Director, the books collected by Eta Delta.



THE POWER OF "CHANGE"

At the first meeting last fall, Jane Flinn distributed small, red boxes labeled "Change for Children." The idea was for members to fill the boxes with loose change and send the proceeds to Schools for Africa.

At the Birthday Celebration, Jane collected the little red boxes. Thanks to you, the "change" totaled \$394.78. Jane will send a certified check in April.



Have you heard...

- **Joan Watson's** fourteen-year-old granddaughter Drew Watson qualified for the Junior Nationals for gymnastics in May and she then qualified to compete in the Nastia Liukin Cup in Boston where she placed seventh. In a recent newspaper article, Drew credits her "Grandma Joan Watson" as the most influential person in her life.
- Those of you who were unable to attend the Birthday Luncheon still have an opportunity to purchase the commemorative bud vases. Those who would like to purchase another may also do so. Talk to **Nancy Malone** regarding the bud vases.
- March 22-23, **Ann Mahan** attended her 50th high school reunion in Shreveport, LA.



THE BUZZ FROM ALPHA STATE

- **CONVENTION REGISTRATION** form and the convention schedule is now available in *The Lone Star News* online at alphastatetexas.org. The paper copy of LSN will be out soon.
- **What's in a name?** A rose is a rose is a rose, but some familiar Alpha State committee names have been changed, modernized. For example, **Communications** will now be *Communications and Publicity*; **Professional Affairs** is now changed to *Personal and Professional Growth* while **Personal Growth and Services** will be known as *Programs and Service Projects*; **Constitution / Bylaws** – *Bylaws and Rules*; **Program—Educational Excellence**. Finally, **World Fellowship** becomes *Global Awareness*. Names may change, but the commitment continues.




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Bonnie Moore	President
Jane Flinn	First Vice President
Debbie McCart	Second Vice President
Shirley Moan	Secretary
Nancy Malone	Treasurer
Donna Patch	Parliamentarian
Ann Mahan	Newsletter Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



84TH ALPHA STATE CONVENTION
 June 20-22, 2013
 Renaissance Hotel*
 Austin, Texas
Make Reservations Now

SW REGIONAL CONFERENCE

July 17-20, 2013 
 Hilton Branson Hotel
 Branson, Missouri
Southwest flies nonstop

Especially for Eta Delta

This is the poem that I wrote to share with Eta Delta for your celebration.

I honor Eta Delta with this poem I have written for the occasion:

Fifty years! A need to celebrate!
 Let's begin to see how we rate.

Continuous loyalty we know
 Otherwise we would not grow.

Leaders developed that was a must
 In whom all members begin to trust.

Genuine fellowship did always abound
 You would know if you were around.

Professional development that came too;
 As opportunities opened always anew.

Personally each individual member growing
 And her inner beauty she is showing,

As she shares her own ability
 That helps the chapter with more stability.

So let's give a cheer today!!
 Eta Delta you have come a long, long way!!

*Written by Dr. Mary Ann Waldon
 March 2, 2013*



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