

Eta Delta Data



Eta Delta Chapter 172 Area III ,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 educators worldwide.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bonnie Moore

Dear Sisters,

Lights! Lights! Lights! Everywhere we go, we see the bright, shining, twinkling lights of the season. Christmas lights that glow in many colors, the beautiful menorahs of Hannukah, the Festival of Lights, and the soft, warm glowing candles of Ramadan. When we see these lights, we smile and often share that smile with others. I hope this season you will become the bright, shining, twinkling lights of Delta Kappa Gamma. Sharing our vision and sisterhood with our communities and especially those women educators who have the "spark" to become members of Eta Delta. Light their way to Delta Kappa Gamma. Nominate them for membership. Let others see your light in what we do in our projects – Change for Children for Schools in Africa, getting to know and share Houston with our foreign exchange students, and working our literacy efforts for Red Elementary, other area schools, and collecting books for the Women's Shelter of Houston. Light does not stay in one place. It starts from the source and shines as far as space will let it.

See you at Brookwood on December 8 as we begin to shine our lights in our community and enjoy the light of others.

Shine far and wide Eta Delta!

Bonnie



Just a thought . . .

Each of us is given a moment in time when what we do makes all the difference. Kathy Herman



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2012

TIME: 10:00-12:00

PROGRAM: Envisioning a Successful Future for Others

PROGRAM FACILITATOR: Trish Jenkins

LOCATION: Brookwood Community Center
1752 FM 1489 Road
77423

DIRECTIONS: Take I-10 toward San Antonio to Brookshire. Exit at #731 (Koomey/Simonton Exit). At the stop sign, turn left and go south over the freeway. Drive about a mile on FM 1489. Brookwood is on the right.



REMINDER: The December meeting will be held at Brookwood the 2nd Saturday rather than 1st. In addition to bringing money for your lunch, be prepared to be tempted by an array of holiday items, and especially beautiful poinsettias!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP:

- Total membership 28 active and 3 reserve; sixteen (16) members attended the November meeting.
- Recommendations for new members must be made ASAP. The information can be sent by email or snail mail to Debbie Brand no later than January 15. She will then notify everyone by January 25 for a chapter vote in February; orientation will be in March, and initiation in April.

TREASURER: Balance on hand as of November 1, 2012, including scholarships and grant-in-aid, \$5362.95.

SCHOLARSHIPS: review pages 20-21 of your *Handbook* for kinds of scholarships available. Also, for those who love to travel, check p.12 of *The Lone Star News Winter 2012*.



Have you heard. . .

- **Tonie Maheshwari** continues to need our love and support as she comforts her son who needs a kidney transplant. Tonie has recently learned she is a match as a donor. Let's keep them in our prayers.
- **Carol Gillingham** has been made a knight of the realm—and judged the ugliest dressed teacher at her school! Ask her for details.
- **Gerri Manlove** missed the November meeting because she was in Panama for the Foreign Exchange Coordinator's International Conference.
- **Bonnie Moore** has been asked to attend the Advanced II Session of Neurobusiness Coaching at Harvard in the spring. She is thrilled to have been chosen 1 of 14 out of a possible 150. Congratulations, Bonnie!
- **Jane Hall** has been diagnosed with stage three kidney disease, but she continues to teach.

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Change for Children

Continue to drop your spare change in your Change for Children box. Don't have a red box to fill with change? Ask Jane Flinn for yours and save your change until you get your box. The money collected will go to Schools for Africa. If you fill your box before March, you can bring your change to Jane and start collecting again. (You will bring your filled boxes to the Birthday Celebration.)

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Membership Perks

The lucky number to receive a gift at the December meeting is **463031**. Good luck! Debbie McCart was the November winner.

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The Big 5-0

The Special 50th Birthday Committee is making plans for Eta Delta's 50th birthday in March. Members may be asked to go through their ΔΚΓ pictures, menus, programs, etc., that help tell the story of our chapter.

If you have a "treasure trove," tell Shirley Cousins, Shirley Felcman, Nancy Malone, Jo Ann Miller, Martha LaRue, Helen Lewis or Joan Watson what you have. Let's share the memories.

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Caring, Sharing Community Project



Loving parents watching adored children open presents in the Norman Rockwell idealized holiday setting. Idealized concepts never exist. The Women's Center exists because all too often the true scene is one of neglect, need, and abuse.

As a result, each holiday season requests for gifts for the less fortunate are almost overwhelming, yet more than almost any other time of the year, the Women's Center needs gifts for all ages. Everyone usually thinks of young children first, but teens are

just as in need of reassurance that someone cares. Remember mom, too.

Reach out to the community with gifts of love during this holiday season. If you will bring a new, wrapped toy, books for all ages, CDs, games, etc., with you to Brookwood, Bonnie will take them to those in need.

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Seasons Greetings

The Twelve Days of Christmas: Another Perspective

Poetry has a long history of conveying double or symbolic meaning, and turning that poetry into song makes remembering the words easier. Early Christians secretly communicated through signs and symbols, such as the fish. Later, once England split from the Catholic Church, faithful Catholics had to practice secretly. One legend has it that Catholics used the song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” as a catechism.

- Partridge in a pear tree = Jesus
- 2 turtle doves = Old and New Testament
- 3 French hens = faith, hope, and love
- 4 calling birds = the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
- 5 golden rings = the first five books of the Old Testament, the Law or Torah
- 6 geese a-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 swans a-swimming = the sevenfold *gifts* of the Holy Spirit: *prophesy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership, and mercy*
- 8 maids a-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 ladies dancing = the nine *fruits* of the Holy Spirit: *love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control*

- 10 lords a-leaping = the Ten Commandments
- 11 pipers piping = the eleven faithful disciples
- 12 drummers drumming = the twelve points of belief in the Apostles’ Creed

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ETA DELTA 2012-2014 OFFICERS

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

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alphastatetexas.org



International Headquarters in **Austin**
dkg.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

84TH ALPHA STATE CONVENTION
June 20-22, 2013
Renaissance Hotel
Austin, Texas

SW REGIONAL CONFERENCE
July 17-20, 2013

November 2012 Meeting Minutes

Eta Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held its regular meeting on Saturday, November 3, 2012, in the Guild Room at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church at 1656 Blalock. President Bonnie Moore and Recording Secretary Shirley Moan were present when President Bonnie Moore called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Brenda Paulk read "An Ordinary Woman," a story from *Chicken Soup for Teachers*, which told about a Black woman whose obituary said she was survived by 57 children and 428 grandchildren. Of course, those weren't her flesh and blood. They were the many Black children and adults she had taught to read; people she had taught not only to read, but also how to live useful, productive lives.

THANK YOU FOR TODAY

President, Bonnie Moore, thanked Debbie McCart for arranging for us to use the Guild Room at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church for our meeting today. She also thanked our hostesses Trish Jenkins, Joan Watson, Debbie Brand, and Elly Nisayas for providing our luncheon.

MINUTES OF MAY AND OCTOBER, 2012 MEETINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

The May minutes have not yet been found. We'll approve them at a later date. The minutes of the October 6, 2012, meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Secretary Shirley Moan read the correspondence that had been received since our last meeting.

- We received two donations to the Grant-in-Aid Fund in memory of Allene Holman from Bill and Judy Biggs and Edwin and Astrid Zaal.
- Acknowledgement cards were sent to thank Bill and Judy Biggs and Edwin and

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nancy Malone reported a balance on hand as of November 1, 2012, to be \$5,362.95. Nancy explained the receipts and disbursements and the report was filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bonnie presented the following information:

- Bonnie expressed our condolences to Helen Shoup on the loss of her mother and our beloved member, Allene Holman. She also announced that Helen had requested that Allene's Necrology Service be held in February 2013 since February 2012 was the last time her mother had attended a meeting.
- Bonnie also thanked:
 - Nancy Malone for the great job she's doing as our treasurer.
 - Carol Gillingham for getting our yearbook turned in so that we qualify for the "Early Bird Award".
 - Jane Flinn for the outstanding job she's doing in organizing our social calendar and our "Schools for Africa" collection.
 - The whole chapter for sending notes to members who were unable to attend the last chapter meeting. She asked that we continue to send cards and notes to members to let them know they are missed.
- Bonnie also urged the members to check the International and TSO websites for news.
- She also reminded us to get news to Ann Mahan for our newsletter.
- It's also very important for us to focus on membership this year.

- Nominate and get information about possible candidates to Debbie Brand by January 25, 2013.
 - We'll vote on the candidates at the February meeting.
 - New members will be initiated at the April meeting.
 - Finally, Bonnie urged us to attend as many meetings as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Finance Committee:** Chairman, Shirley Moan, announced that the Chapter's books have been audited and found to be in order. Shirley also presented the Proposed Budget for 2012-2013 for the Chapter's approval. She pointed out the changes that have been made.

- From our Scholarship Fund, we recommend that we make a contribution of \$2/member to the ASTEF Scholarship Fund and the ASTEF Leadership Seminar Fund.
- The committee also recommends that we reinstate the \$1/member donation to the Eula Lee Carter Fund.
- The committee also recommends that from our Chapter Dues, we add a donation of \$2/member to the ASTEF Special Projects Fund, and that we continue our \$1/member donation to the World Fellowship Fund.

Bonnie asked for the Proposed Budget for 2012-2013 to be approved. The motion was seconded and approved.

2. **Program:** First Vice-President, Jane Flinn, gave out Change for Children boxes to the members who were absent last month. She explained that we're

collecting our change to be donated to International's project "Schools for Africa". She also reminded everyone to get menu selections to her for our trip to Brookwood as soon as possible. Guests are welcome to attend.

3. **Membership:** Membership Chairman, Debbie Brand,

a. Our attendance for today's meeting is 16 present and 12 absent out of 28 active and 3 reserve members. Regina Williams and Kathy Froehlich had work commitments; Elizabeth Hensley was attending son's football game; Kirbe Hunt was ill; Gerri Manlove was in Panama; Michelle Smith was attending a funeral; Jo Ann Miller lives out-of-town; Tonie Maheshwari's son is ill; Shirley Cousins was unable to drive because of eye surgery; Shirley Felcman was not yet ready to return since her house fire; Martha La Rue was on a cruise; Jane Hall did not contact us.

b. Elizabeth Reese requested Reserve Membership because of health problems. Bonnie asked for and received a second to the motion. There being no discussion, the vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

4. **Communication:** Yearbook Chairman, Carol Gillingham, announced that she had made the "Early Bird" deadline. However, she also needs to get together with the telephone committee. Helen Shoup and Carol are working on biographies for everyone. If you haven't returned your form, Helen will send you another one. Next year, Carol

is hoping to completely redo the yearbook and digitize everything to make future changes easier to do. Leigh Elizondo volunteered to help.

5. **Scholarship:** Chairman, Ann Mahan. Reminded us about scholarships that are available for those seeking Master and Doctorate degrees. The deadline is February 1, 2013, and you must have been an active member for at least 3 years. More information is available on the TSO website and also on pp. 20-21 in the “Go-To Guide”.
6. **Music:** Chairman, Brenda Paulk, announced that she was looking for music for special occasions such as our February, April, and May meetings. She’ll be contacting her committee members soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Bonnie asked members about the length of our business meetings. October’s meeting was especially long, and today’s ran about an hour and 20 minutes. She asked if there were any suggestions on how to shorten the meeting. It was suggested that committee chairmen send their reports to Ann Mahan who would print them in the newsletter so that members could be aware the information beforehand. That way if further discussion was needed, members could be prepared for it. If no discussion were needed, then the report would be accepted as printed in the newsletter. No decision was made on this idea, but Bonnie asked that we be thinking about ways to shorten our business meetings.

Bonnie reminded everyone that our next regular meeting will be on December 8, 2012, at Brookwood in Brookshire. She also announced that the Executive Board meeting will be held January 5th again at St. Christopher’s.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

PROGRAM: Jane Flinn led us through an overview of the “Go-to Guide” by dividing us up into small groups and assigning certain pages for each group to report the significant information that could be found on those pages. We all learned at least one thing we hadn’t known before we did the activity.

After the program, everyone enjoyed the fall luncheon provided by Debbie Brand, Trish Jenkins, Elly Nisayas. Joan Watson, and Debbie McCart.

REMINDER:
No chapter meeting in January—only executive board+ will meet on January 5, 2013.