

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,

Do you know how many ways there are to sing Happy Birthday? In a quick Google search, you get over 900 entries. If you check out Wikipedia, there are more than 1400+ entries. Looking at YouTube will give you 1600+ places to watch, listen and sometimes laugh out loud. No matter how you sing it - nothing is as special as Eta Delta's upcoming 50th Birthday. On Saturday, March 2 we will celebrate 50 incredible years of women educators doing what is best for students, staff and their community through Delta Kappa Gamma and here in Houston through Eta Delta. This will be a wonderful day to meet and hear from our special guests who include charter members, Alpha state representatives, Area III friends and our own sisters who are the heart of our chapter. This is one meeting you don't want to miss. Plan to join us at the Junior League at 10:45 and be ready to "sing out loud" as part of our birthday celebration.

With a song in my heart,
Bonnie



Just a thought . . .

Old friends are gold. New friends are diamonds. If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold because to hold a diamond always needs a base of gold.



We're 50!

**ETA DELTA BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON
MARCH 2, 2013**

TIME: **10:45-1:00***

LOCATION: Junior League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks
Houston 77027

**Please arrive by 10:45. Free Coverd Parking*

INSPIRATION: Bonnie Moore

GUESTS: **Katherine Reid**, Alpha State
2nd Vice President
Pat Osborne,
Alpha State Recording Secretary
Mary Ann Waldon,
Alpha State Past President and Area
Coordinator at Eta Delta's 25th
Birthday
Stelle Claughton Lacefield,
Eta Delta Charter Member

PROGRAM: *Lighting the Way to
New Possibilities*

PROGRAM FACILITATOR: Debbie McCart

SPECIAL HOSTESSES:
Shirley Felcman Nancy Malone
Martha LaRue Helen Lewis
Jo Ann Miller Shirley Cousins
Joan Watson

Bring Change for Children Boxes



(please tape boxes closed)



Little Things Mean A Lot

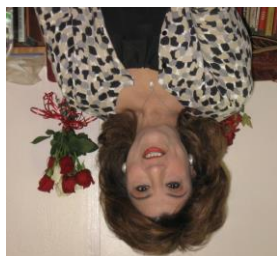
As the inspiration for the February meeting, Martha LaRue recounted an experience with a “class from hell.” At that time, classes were 90 minute blocks—a real challenge.

Martha’s solution was so simple, yet so meaningful. On Fridays, for the first half of the period before lunch class was as usual; however, after lunch was a treat. Martha read aloud to the class the novel *That Was Then, This Is Now*—but everyone also had to read along.

At the end of a particular chapter, a student told Martha he had planned to do something he probably shouldn’t, but after hearing the story he changed his mind. That was certainly a positive response to literature, but the best came when one boy came in on Monday, excited to tell Ms. LaRue what he had done over the weekend—he had gotten a library card! Later, he was recommended for AP English!

After her story, the guest speaker Mrs. Virginia Marez told of similar challenges as a new principal of an at-risk school. She, too, found that the little things added up to great gains. Mrs. Marez didn’t follow the previous path, but created her own way as she reached out to not only the students, but also to the mostly non-English speaking parents. As she gained their trust little by little, her school made gains as well.

Always remember, it’s the little things that count.



Mrs. Virginia Marez



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.

SCHOLARSHIP / GRANT-IN-AID: \$507 has been donated to the Grant-in-Aid Fund in memory of Allene Holman.



Have you heard...

- In addition to performing with her community theater, **Martha LaRue** teaches adult ESL classes twice a week.
- **Leigh Elizondo** has the Eta Delta website almost ready for preview. So exciting!
- At the February meeting, **Trish Jenkins** talked about a grassroots movement lobbying against high stakes testing. If interested, she encourages you to go to www.TAMSATX.org. Especially interested is the brochure with information about the incredible cost of testing.
- **Tonie Maheshwari** and **Shirley Felcman** are in better health and joining us! Welcome back, sisters.



March Birthdays

Ann Mahan	4
Helen Lewis	19
Helen Shoup	25

THE BUZZ FROM ALPHA STATE

The state nominations committee selected the following for **Alpha State Officers**: President, **Nancy Newton**; 1st Vice President, **Sharon Daughtery**; 2nd Vice President, **Shirl Hawes**; Corresponding Secretary, **Dr. Jo Murphy**; Recording Secretary, **Natalie Eustace**. Nancy Newton's Biennium Theme is *Expand the Vision*.

Now is the time to reserve your room for the state convention. Just go to the Alpha State website and click on Convention Website. Rooms are \$159 plus taxes and when you make your reservation. Be sure to identify yourself as part of the DKG block.

The unifying project for the convention is *Hands on Central Texas Program*, which distributes school supplies for early childhood and middle school students in central Texas. Even if you cannot attend the convention, you can contribute items for those who are going to take to Austin. Suggested items include anything a child needs to succeed in school.



The Power of Ten



Books collected will be bundled in sets of ten and donated to various organizations. Please continue to bring new or gently used books K-12. Thirty-one books were collected at the February meeting. Reading is powerful!



REAd News

Michelle Smith, Red Elementary Librarian, has provided the Houston Chronicle with an article about the books bought for the school with donations from Eta Delta. Each year the chapter supports literacy with generous contributions to buy books. Michelle also sent pictures to the Houston *Chronicle* showing children with the books purchased this year.



Literary DAFFYnitions

- **CLASSIC**: a book everybody praises, but few people actually read.
- **DIARY**: a book filled with things the writer already knows.
- **DICTIONARY**: a book where one word leads to another.
- **LIBRARY**: a place where dead men and women come alive and places take on new meaning.



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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March is a Month of Renewal

- Daylight Savings begins March 10
- Spring begins March 20
- Passover begins March 25
- Easter is March 31

1. Bring Change for Children red boxes.
2. Arrive by 10:45 at the Junior League.
3. Spring FORWARD. Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday, March 9th.



LEADERSHIP



Bonnie Moore with her 2013 Leadership Seminar "classmate" International President Dr. Beverly Helms and Alpha State President Joanne Davis.



MARY LOIS BARDEN

The frailties of living a long life (98 years!) prevents charter member and first president of Eta Delta Mary Lois Barden from attending our 50th celebration, but she will be with us in spirit!

She loves cards and letters from her friends. Her address is The Buckingham Plaza, 8580 Woodway, Houston 77063.

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 has a nonstop flight for \$226