

Eta Delta Data



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

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Vision Statement: Leading women educators impacting educators worldwide.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bonnie Moore

Dear Sisters,

November is one of my favorite months of the year. It means apple cider, pumpkins, cooler temperatures, fall leaves, family gatherings and the wonderful, warm feeling I get as we focus even more on being thankful. This year will be even more meaningful as I have 29 outstanding sisters and a great chapter to be thankful for. Here are just a few of the reasons I am thankful for Eta Delta and for each of you and the things you do.....

- Attending meetings
- Serving on committees
- Providing leadership and support to each other
- Writing notes and connecting to others
- Bringing great food to our luncheons
- Welcoming impressive women as new members because you have shared DKG with them
- Participating in our projects to make them a success
- Supporting Eta Delta and Delta Kappa Gamma with your talents and your financial gifts
- Planning to go to convention so that we can continue to share DKG at other levels
- Adding information and stories for our fabulous newsletters
- Always saying "YES" when asked to do something

I could go on and on and on! Each of you makes a positive and permanent difference in the lives of our members, our chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma. I am excited to see you at our November

meeting so that I can personally speak with you and say..."Thank you for all that you add, bring, and do for our chapter, for being the Light that shares our vision – THANK YOU for being YOU!"

Bonnie



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2012

- TIME:** 10:00
- INSPIRATION:** Brenda Paulk
- PROGRAM:** Shining the Light on American Culture
- PROGRAM PRESENTER / FACILITATOR:** Jane Flinn
- LOCATION:** St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
1656 Blalock
Houston 77055
- HOSTESSES:** Trish Jenkins,* Joan Watson,
Debbie Brand and Elly Nisayas
- DIRECTIONS:** SEE PAGE 3

BRING TO NOVEMBER MEETING

- the new *Handbook: Go-To Guide for Chapter Members*.
- items or correspondence that signifies America (to be presented to exchange students at February meeting).



The December meeting will be held at Brookwood, but you will select your meal and pay for it at the November meeting. Carpools are being arranged; let Jane Flinn know if you need a ride..



Meet Your New Sisters initiated October 6, 2012
Kirbe Hunt, Kathy Froehlich, and Leigh Elizondo.



Have you heard...

- **Carol Gillingham** will distribute the 2012-2014 yearbook. *In preparation, remove all pages that refer to 2010-2012.*
- **Shirley Felcman** continues to improve and truly appreciates the cards and notes. For now, if you want to get a card to her, send it to Bonnie Moore at 2121 Allen Parkway #1085, Houston 77019 and Bonnie will get it to Shirley. We miss you, Shirley. Rejoin us soon.
- **Shirley Cousins** hopes her eyes will soon allow her to drive again. Her cataract surgery went well, but only time returns the eyes to customary use.
- Continuing her annual commitment, **Donna Patch** participated in the *Race for the Cure* October 6. Go Donna!
- **Martha LaRue** sails again! She leaves November 2 on a European adventure.
- In July, **Debbie Elrod** fell preparing to go to a world skating competition. She has been in physical therapy and wearing a boot, but hopes to be "normal" soon.



Membership Perks

Beginning with this issue of the newsletter, you will find a number; in fact, the number is on your membership card. The winner will claim a prize at the next meeting. The lucky number to receive a gift at the November meeting is **451428**. Good luck!





November Birthdays

Debbie McCart	10
Michelle Smith	12
Joan Watson	15
Shirley Felcman	16
Tonie Maheshwari	29



Change for Children

If you missed the October meeting, you missed receiving your red box to fill with change. (You will bring your filled boxes to the Birthday Celebration.) The money collected will go to Schools for Africa. Ask Jane Flinn for your box.



Fall Back

Before going to bed Saturday, November 3, set your clock back one hour. Finally, a good reason for an extra hour of sleep!



Just a thought . . .

Thankful for Each Other

Dear Lord,
As we gather together around this table laden with your plentiful gifts to us, we thank You for always providing what we really need and for sometimes granting wishes for things we don't really need. Today, let us be especially thankful for each other—for family and friends who enrich our lives in wonderful ways, even when they present us with challenges. Let us join together now in peaceful, loving fellowship to celebrate Your love for us and our love for each other. Amen.

By Joanna Fuchs



In Memoriam

Allene Holman's death has left a void in Eta Delta; she truly will be missed. Because Allene's last regular meeting was February 2012, her daughter Helen Shoup has requested that her necrology ceremony be held February 2013.

Also as requested, donations to the Grant-in-Aid Fund were given in Allene's memory: \$282 from individuals and \$120 from the general fund for a total of \$402. Instead of a floral arrangement being sent, Helen requested the money be given to the Grant-in-Aid Fund.



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

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
1656 Blalock
Houston 77055

FROM 290

- Take the Cypress N. Houston exit and turn South (Home Depot/Comcast will be on your left)
- Continue across Hempstead Hwy and the railroad tracks; the road will become Blalock.
- Proceed several miles (crossing Clay, Emnora, Hammerly and Campbell).
- Turn left across median into St. Christopher's parking lot

FROM I-10

- Take the Blalock exit and turn North (Adams Car Repair will be on your right)
- Continue on Blalock across Westview and Long Point.
- Turn right into St. Christopher's parking lot.

After entering the parking lot, park by the Day School buses and look for the Delta Kappa Gamma signs by the front gate; you'll be entering the Guild Room inside the office area of the campus.

Call Debbie at 281-682-4945 (mobile) for more information or assistance



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OCTOBER 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Eta Delta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held its regular meeting on Saturday, October 6, 2012, in the home of Michelle Smith. President Bonnie Moore and Recording Secretary Shirley Moan were present when President Bonnie Moore called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Bonnie welcomed our newly initiated members – Leigh Elizondo, Kathy Froehlich, and Kirbe Hunt. They were initiated into The Society prior to the beginning of today's business meeting.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES

There were two Inspirational Messages given at the meeting.

1. Jane Flinn read "Thanks for..." by an unknown author in the absence of Helen Shoup. We all felt that it served as a tribute to Helen's late mother and our beloved sister, Allene Holman.
2. Michelle Smith honored her late mother, Beatrice Smith, by sharing a synopsis of her mother's life, especially her impact on the lives of the young children she taught.

Bonnie then thanked Michelle for opening her home to us. She also thanked the Executive Board Plus-Jane Flinn, Debbie McCart, Shirley Moan, Nancy Malone, Carol Gillingham, and Ann Mahan – for providing our lunch.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. A card from Denise Kaminski informing the chapter that she plans to transfer to a chapter in LaGrange, Tx, where she is moving in the very near future. She thanked the chapter for introducing her to DKG. She hopes to visit us whenever she's in Houston.
2. A thank you note from Michelle Smith thanking the chapter for its donation to the Eta Delta Grant-in Aid Fund in memory of her mother, Beatrice Smith, who was a retired teacher in New York.
3. A thank you note from Shirley Moan thanking the chapter for awarding her the Chapter Alpha State Convention Scholarship for her first State Convention.

Bonnie next explained that two of our members have requested to change their membership status to Reserve Member. Bonnie explained the requirements for Reserve Membership status. She then asked for Finance

Committee Chairman, Shirley Moan, to explain the dues that Reserve Members are expected to pay.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. Chairman Shirley Moan explained that Reserve Members must pay DKG International and State dues as follows:
 - a. DKG Dues \$20
 - b. TSO Dues \$ 7
 - c. International Scholarship \$ 1
 - d. Total DKG Dues \$28
2. The Finance Committee feels that Reserve Members should also pay Chapter dues.
 - a. General Fund \$12.00
 - b. Scholarships Fund \$ 2.50
 - c. Grant-in-Aid Fund \$ 2.50
 - d. World Fellowship \$ 1.00
 - e. Total Chapter Dues \$18.00

Therefore, Shirley made the following recommendation: Reserve Members of Eta Delta Chapter shall be required to pay \$28 for International and State dues and \$18 for Chapter fees which is a total of \$46. If the Reserve Member wants the chapter newsletter mailed to them, they should add an additional \$5.

Bonnie asked for a second to the motion. It was seconded. Since there was no discussion, Bonnie called for the vote. The motion was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nancy Malone reported a balance on hand of \$3961.15. The balances of the Scholarship CD and the Grant-in-Aid CD are \$7,168.43 and \$6,306.98 respectively. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit.

Nancy also announced that she had filed IRS form 990N with the State Treasurer. She also announced that Form 15 was sent to the State Treasurer by Shirley Cousins, former treasurer, before the July 15th deadline.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bonnie announced that Eta Delta had received the following awards:

1. Yearbook: Jane Flinn, last year's yearbook chairman, earned the chapter the Early Bird and Exemplary Awards.
2. Newsletter: Ann Mahan earned the chapter the 5-Star Award for her outstanding newsletter.

3. Recognition for Contributions made by Eta Delta:

- a. World Fellowship
- b. Double Honors for Scholarship
- c. Trailblazer Award for Leadership
- d. Tudor Rose Award for increased membership
- e. Annie Award 2011 and 2012
- f. PACE Award – Honorable Mention
- g. HISD’s Community Partner of the Year Award – Bonnie read the letter from Red Elementary’s Principal thanking Eta Delta for our continued support of Red’s library whose librarian is our own Michelle Smith. Members have made donations to the library for several years. Michelle uses these extra funds to buy the Bluebonnet Series books. Michelle nominated us for this award.

Bonnie also asked for our assistance in completing the Chapter Wellness form that will be due. During this time, we also discussed our Goals for the Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Program:** First Vice-President, Jane Flinn, outlined the programs for the year.
 - a. November: Review of the “Go to Guide” to refresh everyone’s memory about DKG .
 - b. December: Luncheon at Brookwood Community on the second Saturday of December
 - c. January: Executive Board Meeting
 - d. February: Meeting and Getting to Know our Foreign Exchange Students
 - e. March: Birthday Luncheon at the Junior League
 - f. April: Literacy in Reading – Bring gently used books for the Houston Women’s Shelter.
 - g. May: Founder’s Day

Jane also announced that we’ll be collecting our change from now until March for Schools for Africa. We each received a collection box to fill and bring to the Birthday Luncheon in March.

2. **Membership:** In the absence of Membership Chairman, Debbie Brand, President Bonnie Moore read her report.
 - a. We welcome our 3 new members – Leigh Elizondo, Kathy Froehlich, and Kirbe Hunt.
 - b. Debbie encouraged members to check out the DKG website and The Texas State Organization website to learn more about our International and State organizations.
 - c. The following members were unable to attend today’s meeting: Debbie Brand (out of town caring for aunt); Donna Patch (involved with Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure); Shirley Cousins (waiting for new glasses following cataract surgery so she can drive); Helen Lewis (hearing difficulties and volunteering at Charity Guild); Toni Maheshwari (family matters); Joan Watson (not in town today); Martha LaRue (out-of-town company); Brenda Paulk (out of town); Shirley Felcman (recovering from recent house fire); JoAnn Miller (has moved to Longview); Denise Kaminski (has moved to LaGrange); Gerri Manlove (death of a friend); Debbie Elrod (ill); Boots Reese (unable to contact); Helen Shoup (death of her mother and our dear sister, Allene Holman); Berta DeLeza (health problems); Elizabeth Hensley (unable to contact); Jane Hall (unable to contact).
 - d. Our attendance for today’s meeting is 14 present, 18 absent, and 1 death (Allene Holman).
 - e. We have two members – Berta Deleza and Helen Lewis – who have requested Reserve Membership. According to the Guidelines from DKG, Reserve Membership shall be granted to a member who is unable to participate

fully in the activities of the chapter due to physical disability and/or geographical location. Since both Berta and Helen have physical disabilities that prevent them from participating fully in chapter activities, the Membership Committee moved that Berta Deleza and Helen Lewis be granted Reserve Membership status.

Bonnie asked for and received a second to the motion. There being no discussion, the vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

3. Communication:

- a. Yearbook Chairman, Carol Gillingham, reported that she is on pace to have the yearbook submitted on time to International. She asked that we check our personal information and make any necessary changes on the list that was being circulated.
- b. Newsletter Chairman, Ann Mahan, asked us to do the following:
 - i. If anyone prefers not to have her picture in the newsletter, just let her know.
 - ii. Please inform her when you have professional and personal accomplishments so she can put it in the newsletter.

Please continue to send her health and safety tips to pass along to everyone.

4. **Technology:** In the absence of Technology Chairman, Elizabeth Hensley, Bonnie announced that new member, Leigh Elizondo, has agreed to work with Elizabeth on getting our website up and running.

5. **Ceremonials:** Chairman, Trish Jenkins, welcomed our new members. She also stated that a new Contemporary Initiation has been developed by DKG. Her committee will look at it and report about its differences with our Traditional Initiation.

- a. Nancy Malone inquired about our plans to have the Necrology Service

for Allene Holman. Bonnie said she would check with Helen about when she would like for us to hold the service for her mother.

6. Social: Second Vice-President, Debbie McCart, apologized for not having the completed Social Calendar available for us. She will e-mail the calendar to everyone before the next meeting. She did announce that the November meeting will be held at her church at 10:00 a.m. on November 3rd. The address of St. Christopher Episcopal Church is 1656 Blalock between Hammerly and Long Point.

Debbie also asked us to sign the sympathy card for Helen Shoup.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

PROGRAM: Bonnie Moore and Jane Flinn presented our program, “Honoring Our Members and Lighting Our Way”. As part of the program, Bonnie asked those who had attended the State Convention in June to share their thoughts and remembrances. Jane distributed bags containing four (4) note cards and stamps. She asked that we use the cards to send to someone we missed not seeing today.

After the program, everyone enjoyed the fall luncheon provided by the Executive Board Plus.