

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,

Each year Eta Delta sisters have opportunities to learn, grow and be involved beyond our chapter. This happens at several levels. The state convention in June is a wonderful time to go with other Eta Delta members and experience the Texas State Organization and to meet over 1000 of your closest Delta Kappa Gamma friends. Every convention has a flavor of its own and revitalizes your mind and heart for DKG. Next year's convention in Lubbock will be another one of those times – put June 19-21, 2014 on your calendar and plan to attend.

Learning, growing and being involved also means being a part of a very special group in the greater Houston area. In even numbered years, the Areas put together a great workshop where members can attend sessions based on their personal interests, learn more about DKG, and work together to forward the mission and service of our Purposes. During the odd numbered years, The Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council (GHACC) made up of 39 chapters from Areas 3 and 18 welcome the newly elected state president with a welcome reception and luncheon. This is a highlight in the fall that you don't want to miss. Please plan to be a part of the "Eta Delta Welcome Women" on Friday night, October 25 from 6:30 – 8:30 at the Houston Racquet Club and again on Saturday, October 26 at 10:45 am for the Welcome and Celebration Luncheon. Friday evening is free and the luncheon on Saturday is \$30. What a bargain to learn, grow, and be involved. Get your luncheon reservation and dues to Nancy Malone before October 15 to be a part of this special celebration.

Eta Delta is off to another great year. Keep learning, growing and being involved!!

Bonnie



*Greater Houston Area Coordinating
Council*

*October 25- 26, 2013
Houston Racquet Club
10709 Memorial Drive
Houston 77024*

FRIDAY EVENING

6:30-8:30

**Informal gathering to meet Nancy
Newton, Alpha State president.*

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

10:45-1:00

*Honoring Nancy Newton and 25, 50,
50+ year members. Remember to
bring Change for Children in a zip
baggie.*



Just a thought . . .

*Life must be lived going forward, but can only be
understood looking back.*

Kierkegaard



Professional Development

Donna Patch received a \$500 scholarship from the Houston Council of Teachers for professional development. She attended Rice University for AP Art History training.



Have you heard...

- The yearbook is going electronic! **Carol Gillingham** has worked diligently to convert the Eta Delta yearbook to represent the digital age of the 21st century. For those without a computer, a printed copy will be available.
- Celebrating membership in Delta Kappa Gamma. **Brenda Paulk** and **Ann Mahan**, 25 years. **Donna Patch** 29 years. **Shirley Felcman** and **Nancy Malone**, 30 years; **Boots Reese**, 31 years. **Helen Shoup**, 35 years. **Gerri Manlove** and **Jo Ann Miller**, 37 years. **Berta Deleza**, 39 years. Congratulations, Sisters!
- In July, **Donna Patch** celebrated her granddaughter's 5th birthday in Rhode Island. The temperatures were hotter there than in Houston—and most places have no air conditioning in Rhode Island.
- October 10-17, **Ann Mahan** will tour New England to see the changing of the fall leaves and enjoy cooler seasonal temperatures.



In Memoriam

Bonnie Moore's father Ross Neeley passed away September 18. His services will be October 19 in Michigan. Bonnie has asked those who wish to do so to make a contribution to Eta Delta's Grant-in-Aid Fund in his memory.





October Birthdays
Regina Williams 7
Debbie Brand 14
Kathy Froehlich 14



Best Buddies

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and you don't have to sign up for a walk-for-the cure event to do something positive.

Saturday, October 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sam's Club locations with a pharmacy will give away breast self-examination kits during a free in-club health screening. Membership isn't required.

Develop a habit of self-examination; the sooner discovered, the sooner cured. Schedule your regular mammogram. You know your body better than anyone—if you take the time to pay attention to the signals of your body. Be your own best buddy!



The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris

You know a book has “arrived” when study guides and lesson plans appear. Such is the case with David McCullough's *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*. McCullough's lengthy but entertaining narrative is the history of individuals who gained insight and inspiration in Paris between the years 1830-1900. Using essentially a series of short stories, McCullough tells of young Americans who would become important in art, education, medicine, literature and technological invention who went to Paris because they were “ambitious to excel in work that mattered greatly to them.” These Americans “were the first wave of talented, aspiring Americans bound for Paris [without] embarking in any diplomatic or official capacity—not as had. . . Benjamin Franklin or John Adams or Thomas Jefferson.” Each of these individuals with few exceptions were “well educated and reasonably well off, or their parents were.”

Some of those who “looked to the city as library and laboratory” include such notables as Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to earn a medical degree, Charles Sumner who discovers that blacks were capable of intelligent discourse and thus changed his view of American slavery; authors James F. Cooper, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mark Twain, Henry James, and Oliver W. Holmes. (Of the writers, only Twain expressed negative feelings about Paris.) Artists include Mary Cassatt and John Singer Sargent.

Today, the name Samuel Morse evokes the invention of the telegraph and the signaling code that bears his name, but an art teacher would remember him as an accomplished portrait painter or his painting *Gallery of the Louvre*. The idea of the telegraph came to Morse while in Paris. He also met early photography's Daguerre and would import his ideas to America.

Paris represents a city of culture, romance, and adventure, especially to the “young” Americans who arrive to absorb the essence that is Paris. Each of these soon-to-be-notable individuals develop an integral part of themselves that make them who they will become and set them apart in their fields.

The Greater Journey is an interesting reminder of the influence of the Roaring Twenties made famous by Hemmingway and Fitzgerald. An intellectual read, the book is worthy of your time.

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WOMEN EDUCATORS Society Business

85th Texas State Convention

June 19-21, 2014
Lubbock Convention Center
Lubbock, Texas

2014 International Convention

July 28-August 1, 2014
JW Marriott Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana

Southwest Regional Conference

July 22-25, 2015
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Wichita, Kansas

- **Annie Calling** Eta Delta is a healthy, fortunate chapter. In the last ten years, only two members have resigned from Delta Kappa Gamma entirely. Only a few have dropped Eta Delta membership because of moving far away or because of serious health issues. Nevertheless, a few sisters attend less regularly than others. Reach out to them. Call and ask if they need help for some reason. Just let them know their presence makes a difference.
- **Mentoring** takes a modern twist. In the time-crunched world we live in, writing personal notes still has a place, but the mailbox is now virtual. Sending an email message of encouragement is the modern equivalent of the little letters of our mothers. As often as possible, send a few words of praise and encouragement to that teacher new to the building or profession. Let them know that you care and are willing to lend a helping hand or a strong, soft shoulder.
- Nothing succeeds like success. Continue to collect change to donate to **Change for Children 2** to use for **Schools for Africa**. If you missed the September meeting, you need to contact **Jane Flinn** for your little red box to hold your change. Let's top last year's contribution! Also, those who attend the GHACC Luncheon should bring change in a zip baggie.
- Be sure to mail your chapter dues to **Nancy Malone**, 6158 Doliver Dr., 77057, before **October 25**. Make checks payable to Eta Delta Chapter.



*Without you, DKG is nothing.
Please pay your dues.*

Fulfill Purpose 1—*To unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship*—join your sisters at the Houston Racquet Club October 25-26. Send your \$30 check payable to Eta Delta Chapter by October 10.

Sisters' Special Sympathy

Dear Eta Delta Sisters,

Words cannot express my deep thanks for your incredible thoughts, prayers, cards, and offers of help. Losing my mother-in-law and now my father in one month has been difficult, but I am so comforted by your kindnesses and caring. Thank you for being such special gifts in my life.

Bonnie Moore

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