



# Alpha Eta Newsletter

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Alpha Eta Chapter  
Tyler, Texas  
Founded April, 1932  
Texas State  
Organization  
Area 1  
Chapter 31

Vision Statement of  
Delta Kappa Gamma:

Leading women  
educators  
impacting  
education  
worldwide

The Delta Kappa  
Gamma Society  
promotes professional  
and personal growth of  
women educators and  
excellence in education.

Flower:  
Red Rose



International  
Theme:

85 Years and Beyond:  
Advancing Key Women  
Educators for Life

International  
Project:

Continuation of  
Schools for Africa  
and SEE



October 5, 2017

5:00 P.M.

Tyler ISD Career and Technology Center

1319 Earl Campbell Parkway

Hostesses: Linda Ashby, chairperson,

Marketta Tefeller, and Mary J. Williams

**Program: Tour of Tyler ISD Career and Technology Center and an update of new programs available to TISD students.**

## Minutes of the September DKG Meeting

The Alpha Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met September 9, 2017, in the home of Pam Jacobs at 10:00 A.M. Andi Middendorf called the meeting to order. She recognized Janice Sutton, Area 1 Coordinator and Patti Belknap, State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President.

Andi Middendorf briefed members about her attendance to the State Convention. Many more DKG members were at the convention. She encouraged members to attend a convention at some point.

The chapter financial information was disclosed by Andi.

New Chapter Business Included these items:

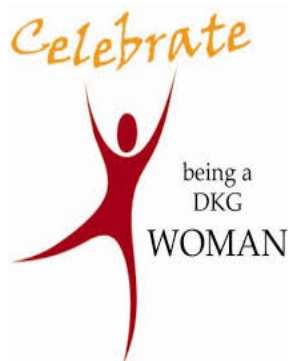
1. Membership Incentive: Use the sign-in sheet to track attendance, activity, involvement in chapter projects, paying dues and the member who has accumulated the most points would be honored in some way.
2. Chapter Projects: Two organizations were discussed at the meeting as possible projects. They were Highway 80 Mission in Tyler and the Christian Women's Job Corps. More information is discussed in another article of the newsletter.



September Birthdays

Sept. 8  
Sammie Saulsbury

September 22  
Mary Fuller



### 3. Christmas Fundraiser:

Two options for involving each member in fundraising efforts were presented.

First Option: To use raffle tickets to award items which were used in an auction previously, since only the attendees to the event were contributing to the fundraising event. In this case, five raffle tickets would be provided to each member. Members would sell tickets for \$5.00 or purchase tickets themselves and return \$25.00. The raffle tickets would be placed in a container for each item donated by members, just as the past. A drawing would be done for each item donated.

Second Option: To host a Wine Tasting/Pairing with each member to sell tickets, volunteers to assist at a table, or to help with a silent auction for members' donated items. Julie Simpson will gather information a Sommelier (wine expert). Members will be provided information so that each member will have a voice.

Our visiting officers provided ideas on bringing in new members and initiation. They also discussed ways to get these new members involved in the chapter. Each member in attendance was provided a "New Potential Member Card" and is expected to return it to Andi Middendorf at the next meeting.

Refreshments were served and furnished by Pam Jacobs, Julie Simpson, Mary Fuller, and Nella Wilbanks.



Member Update

Mary Beal and been very ill and Nella Wilbanks has had oral surgery. Let's support these two with cards and notes and love from the Alpha Eta Chapter members.

**A Special Thank-You:**

Thank you so much to Linda Ashby who took her time to share with me some very important thoughts and experiences regarding the newsletter. Her assistance has been immeasurable to me and opened doors that I was not aware.

Thanks,  
My DKG! Sister



## Chat and Check Meeting September 5, 2017



Janice Sutton, Area I Coordinator from Mabank chapter, and State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Patti Belknap attended the first meeting. Standing behind Janice and Patti are chapter officers Betty Berndt and Andi Middendorf.



Hostesses for the September 9, 2017, meeting from left to right were: Kathy Parker, Mary Fuller, Pam Jacobs, and Julie Simpson



Members Julie, Edwina, & Lynda enjoy food and fellowship.

## Making Members Matter

Every year about this time, members renew their commitment to DKG by paying their dues.

**“Commitment” may look different to different people and in different circumstances. Making members matter may mean understanding them for you they are and where they are at any given time. Members who pay their dues but don’t attend meetings may be at a time in life where robust involvement is not an option. However, in anticipation of a change in circumstances, holding on to membership is a priority.**

**A member who financially supports projects but rarely participates in related activities may be living her definition of “commitment.” For another member who thrives on interaction and is energized by the “hands on” involvement, her perfect level of engagement may look very different indeed.**

**To make members feel they matter, members at every level of engagement, involvement and commitment must be embraced without judgment. Just as diversity in membership should be include members of varied ages, ethnicity,**

## From the Desk of State President Dr. Jo Murphy:

### Bridges Connect Yesterday to Tomorrow

Biennium Goals  
2017-2018

- Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
  - Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
  - Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families. • Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide.



The bridge was chosen to represent the goals of the Texas State Organization for 2017-2019 because bridges connect. They are strong structures with an important purpose wherever they are built. They make navigation easier across places where normal roads and paths cannot be constructed. Streams, rivers, lakes and swamps are all examples of where bridges are built so that navigating the globe is facilitated. When a person encounters a terrain that cannot be walked through or driven through, she looks for a bridge to take her over or across that place. Modern day bridges must be strong, well planned, well built, and well maintained if they are to function as intended. In TSO, chapters and members must be strong like a bridge. Members doing the work of the seven Purposes will plan, build connections and maintain chapter strength. Chapters must be able to withstand membership and leadership challenges. The goals outline four areas that members in chapters should focus on to build strong bridges from yesterday to tomorrow in DKG. Remembering how DKG Founders chose women for membership who taught every subject in every type of school, chapters should be seeking members in all types of schools and all disciplines of the curriculum. ASTEF grants given at the 2017 TSO Convention were awarded to help classrooms, community agencies and individual populations meet common everyday needs of living. Chapters, striving to carry out and complete the specialized work for these grants, are growing stronger and building bridges that function to assist learning and living. More bridges like these need to be built. Today is a time in the world where being sensitive to the needs of others worldwide is not always popular. Global awareness and empathy for others is built by supporting education worldwide, and the lives touched are strengthened. Let us, in TSO, be about this work of building bridges to strengthen members, chapters, schools and families. The challenge is for each chapter to address the biennium goals in an individual manner.

Article: By Dr. Jo Murphy, State President  
taken from the Lone Star News, Fall 2017

## Community Project Information

career levels, personalities and professional content areas (just to name a few), a growing, vital chapter will include also include members with varied levels of commitment and different perspectives about what membership means.

This is what makes DKG so great: from all areas of education, from all around the world, from young to-not-so-young-anymore, from first-year members to 70 year members, we all are Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

(Article taken from the September/October 2017 DKG News)

### Highway 80 Mission

1. Center opened in 2015.
2. Assist men that come to the day center.
3. Christian oriented.
4. Courses include Bible Study, Health Classes
5. Individuals are taught management skills and resume writing, and job searches with the Work Force of Texas.
6. Non-profit organization

#### Chapter Project

Collect needed items: laundry detergent, socks, underwear, and coffee, or items the mission suggests.

### Christian Women's Job Choir

1. Non-profit organization.
2. Based in Tyler 17 years.
3. Equip women with job skills in a Christ centered environment.
4. 12 weeks of courses in: computer skills, resume writing, job search and interview skills, wardrobe selection.

#### Chapter Project

Prepare care packages of a box cake mix, icing, and a birthday card to honor each of the woman at the Job Corp facility on her special day.

