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INTERNATIONAL****Delta Theta Newsletter****ALPHA STATE, TEXAS****THE HEART OF THE SOCIETY IS ITS MEMBERS****Delta Theta Chapter Area II No. 104****VOLUME 62 ISSUE 7****APRIL 2016****President's message**

At the March meeting Jeanette Rhyan made a creative cake helping us celebrate Delta Theta's 62nd birthday. We were also reminded of our Founders and all they did to start Delta Kappa Gamma.

The weather has been beautiful and many of you have probably begun new vegetable and /or flower gardens. I hope that all of those still working had a wonderful Spring Break! If you plan to attend the 2016 Convention in Frisco on June 23-25, we would like to send all of our registrations in at the same time and they need to be postmarked by May 16th. The forms can be found at dkgtexas2016convention.weebly.com. If you guess the mystery sister and /or if you find your member number in the newsletter, email me at kadenby@pngisd.org.

*Karol***April meeting****Date:** April 4, 2016**Time:** 4:30 PM**Place:** First Baptist Church Parlor, 4000 Grant, Groves**Meditation:** Tanya Davis (Annette Meier)**Hostesses:** *Susan Daigle, Beverly Guidroz, Lori Halbert, Kay Hooper, Laura Atkins, Alicia Barnett, Mandie Champagne**Program Title:** Delta Theta Chics Take on Chico's

Program Summary: Chapter members will be treated to a style show featuring some members modeling fashions by Chico's in Beaumont that feature professional dressing opportunities for educators . Kelly Sellers, store manager, will offer tips for dressing professionally in the classroom setting.

Program Facilitators: Susan Daigle**Music:** Putting on the Ritz & The Delta Kappa Gamma Song

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# Minutes: March 7, 2016



**Delta Theta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** met in the parlor at First Baptist Church, Groves, on March 7, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President Karol Denby at 4:30 PM. Twenty-two members were present along with a very special guest and her husband.

**Meditation:** Andy Miller read the story *Teacher Attitude*. The story reminded members to always see the good in students as did Mrs. Crosby.

**Refreshments:** The hostesses for this month were Suzann Benson, Linda Harrison, Lana Parker, Christina Puente, Vanessa Spiegel, and Donna Cole.

Crystal Werkheiser  
Recording Secretary

## Officer and Committee Reports

**Recording Secretary:** The minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

**Treasurer:** Copies of the treasurer's report for February 2016 were distributed and will be submitted for audit.

**Global Awareness:** Emily Rueda still challenges members with the task of "filling the jar" for global awareness. She will bring the flower jar to each meeting for members to give whatever their hearts desire to fill the jar. The jar is looking empty so please remember to be generous.

**Research & Archives:** Suzann Benson asked members for nominations for the Friend of Education award. Please send all nominations to her as soon as possible.

**Membership:** Karol reminded members that we will not be initiating any new members this year. We would like to build our membership with dedicated and committed members who plan to advance the purposes of the Society. No one correctly identified her member number in the newsletter. Denise Standley and Susan Daigle correctly guessed that the mystery sister was Elisa Breuer. Congratulations to these ladies!

**Nominations:** Denise Standley presented the following names for officers selections for the upcoming biennium: Susan Daigle for President, Mary Simon for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Denise Standley for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Emily Rueda for Corresponding Secretary, Pat Parker for Recording Secretary, and Louise Lattimore for Treasurer. The office of Parliamentarian will be appointed by the new Executive Committee at a later date. Sisters voted unanimously to accept these nominations for officers which will be installed at the May meeting.

**Program:** The program this month was "Happy Birthday Delta Theta" presented by State Convention Committee Chair Jeanette Rhyan. Jeanette and her husband traveled from Fort Worth to help us celebrate Delta Theta's 62<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. Jeanette, along with her sous chef Susan, used the 12 Founders, the 7 purposes,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of faith, 1 cup of traditions, 1 cup of dedication, 1 tablespoon of patience, and 1 tablespoon of understanding to build the base layer of the cake. They then used 8 meetings, 2 cups of society business, 2 cups of educational excellence, 2 cups of ASTEF, 1 cup of chapter programs,  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of courage, 1 cup of integrity, and 2 tablespoons of generosity to build the middle layer. Finally they used  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup of honor, 1 cup of truth,  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of justice,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of inspiration, the chapter officers,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of laughter,  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup of fun,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of love, and a "BAM" of rose petals to build the top layer. Members helped decorate the cake with various facts about Delta Theta. Some of those facts include the foundation date of March 20, 1954, the fact that Bobbsie Ferguson was the first chapter president, and Delta Theta has 47 active members. Jeanette inspired members with her beautiful blessings for a happy and successful birthday.

## Announcements

March birthdays were recognized by Karol Denby.

Please bring a "We Missed You" card to a sister who was unable to attend the meeting.

Please remember to pay a fine of \$.25 if you didn't wear your Delta Kappa Gamma Pin. **463041**

Susan announced we will continue to collect art supplies and money for the school in Haiti, but we need all donations at the April meeting. Please also collect the pledge donation cards and return at the April meeting. Karol announced we collected \$255 at Tri-Chapter and Van Buren collected \$276.

Brag time: Karol has a new grandson, Brady Wayne Denby, born to Mark & Kristin Denby in December and her oldest son John will be graduating in May with his doctorate from Southern Seminary. He will begin a new chapter in his life at a smaller church in Nacogdoches. Jeanette praised Susan and Denise for their dedication to Delta Theta and thanked them for inviting her to help celebrate Delta Theta's 62<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. She bragged on their enthusiasm at convention and thanked them for sitting on the floor during her session at convention.

Susan reminded members to visit the Founders Day board and encouraged members to get to know those wonderful ladies.

The meeting concluded at 5:35 pm with the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Crystal Werkheiser, Recording Secretary



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AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.



## Treasurer's report

February 2016



|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance on hand February 1, 2016  | 1783.70   |
| Receipts                          |           |
| Dues                              | \$45.00   |
| Forgotten Pins                    | 1.00      |
| Tri-Chapter                       | 204.00    |
| Total Receipts                    | \$250.00  |
| Disbursements                     |           |
| Tri Chapter                       | \$286.75  |
| Emergency Fund                    | 100.00    |
| Educational Foundation            | 48.00     |
| Scholarship Fund                  | 48.00     |
| Total Disbursements               | \$482.75  |
| Balance on hand February 29, 2016 | \$1550.95 |

April birthday

28—Louise Lattimore



## Friend of education . . .

### Who will it be?

To nominate someone for the award, follow the guidelines listed on page 33 of the 2015-2016 chapter yearbook. Previous winners are listed on page 19 of the yearbook.

Members must submit, in writing, the name and qualifications of the nominee by **April 1st** to a member of the Research Committee (Suzann Benson, chairman). Voting will take place at the April meeting. Presentation of the award(s), if any, will take place at the May meeting.

## April reports due

|               |                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Suzann Benson | Research/ Friend of Education         |
| Annette Meier | Nominations/Chapter Achievement Award |
| Sheri Furby   | Grant-in-Aid                          |
| Susan Daigle  | Haiti Project                         |



January's Mystery Sister  
was Elisa Breuer



## Sip and Style

Join us April 4, 2016 @ 4:30 p.m.

for a  
Delta Theta Style Show and Tea Party.  
First Baptist Church Groves ~ Heritage Hall  
Chico's Boutique in Beaumont will help us

## Step into Spring in

Style

## March meeting highlights



Susan measures ingredients and begins to decorate the cake.

**Row 2:** Jeanette instructs Susan on the finishing touches; the 62nd birthday cake for Delta Theta is complete; Bill and Jeanette Rhyan lead the refreshment line followed by Pat Parker, Denise Standley, and Crystal Werkheiser.

**Row 3:** DKG Founders are honored in a special display; Ann Daniels, Andy Miller, Suzann Benson, and Linda Harrison join in singing *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song*.

**Top (left to right):** Donna Cole, Linda Harrison, Christina Puenté, and Suzann Benson admire the birthday cake they prepared for members; Andy Miller delivers the meditation; Jeanette Rhyan and Susan Daigle prepare to bake a Delta Theta birthday cake;

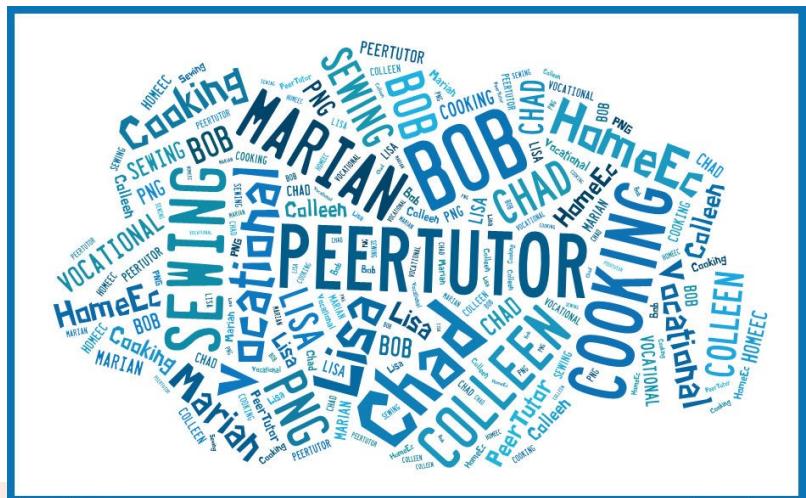
### ~~Mystery Sister~~

### Who's in the Cloud?

From the clues at right, guess which Delta Theta Sister listed below is profiled?

Linda Harrison  
Christy Elliott  
Donna Cole  
Jennifer Fecowycz  
Mary Jane Moore

Lynne James  
Pat Briggs  
Jamie Evans  
Alicia Barnett  
Andy Miller



## Delta Theta inspirations . . .



Mary Elizabeth Grubb  
Initiated 1954  
Delta Theta

Mary Elizabeth Grubb was my music teacher at West Groves Elementary from 1956-1960. As a child, she fascinated me with her "holiday" accessories. In the fifties not very many teachers wore "flashy" jewelry; therefore, she immediately caught my attention. During music if a child could not reach a high note, she would stand them in a chair so they could reach the note. I can remember standing in a chair at home to practice. She inspired me to be the best, even if I had to stand in a chair to do it. Mary Grubb was a charter member of Delta Theta.

*By Beverly Guidroz*



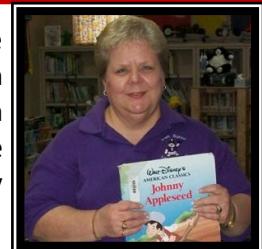
Beverly Guidroz  
Initiated 1983  
Delta Theta



Marian Flynn  
Alpha Omega

During my senior year in high school, I was president of my school's chapter of the Future Teachers of America. That year we won first place at the State Convention for our Service and Exploration in Education, or SEE Project. Seniors interested in a career in teaching went into the elementary schools and helped out in the classrooms. It was my time in Marian Flynn's class at Sam Houston Elementary that solidified my decision to become an educator.

*By Louise Lattimore*



Louise Lattimore  
Initiated 1996  
Delta Theta



Helen Prejean  
Initiated 1965  
Delta Theta

I knew I wanted to be a teacher since I was five years old. I "taught" any friends who would play school with me; if no one was available, I taught my dolls. I had two teachers in elementary school who heightened my desire to be a teacher, but the teacher who influenced me the most was my cooperating teacher, Helen Prejean. She was a master teacher who recognized the talents and needs of every student in her class and went the extra mile to teach those children many considered "unteachable." She taught me to never give up on a child and to love the "unlovable." She is now deceased, but her influence continues to inspire me to be a better teacher.

*By Sandie Jordan*



Sandie Jordan  
Initiated 1993  
Delta Theta



Beverly Guidroz  
Initiated 1983  
Delta Theta

It seems like yesterday, but it was at least 40+ years ago when I first had Beverly Riley as my teacher. I can remember she was my first *young* teacher. I thought all teachers were old, but not Mrs. Riley. She had the prettiest legs and face that I could remember. She always wore shorts and bright white tennis shoes. I loved her shiny whistle. She was my PE teacher at Woodcrest. It was at this time that she became a role model to me. She was strict, yet we knew she loved us. I originally wanted to be a PE teacher. However, when I was in college, Mrs. Riley became a kindergarten teacher.

*By Suzann Benson*



Suzann Benson  
Initiated 2008  
Delta Theta

**Y**ou belong to Delta Kappa Gamma because someone believes you are **SPECIAL**.

## DKG portal now available . . .

If you are a newly elected officer or have been selected to chair a committee, then help is available. All information about committee responsibilities and information to help you fulfill your duties is available at the TSO website: <http://www.dkgtexas.org>. Furthermore, if you have not explored the new DKG website, you are invited to visit [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org). The new site from the international office also offers information and resources you need, plus new features like . . .

- access to your personal account and members-only resources,
- a portal to modify contact information in the international database,
- the opportunity to create a DKG profile, and
- a secure community within which to connect with members around the world.

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Sign In (use Member ID as Username)

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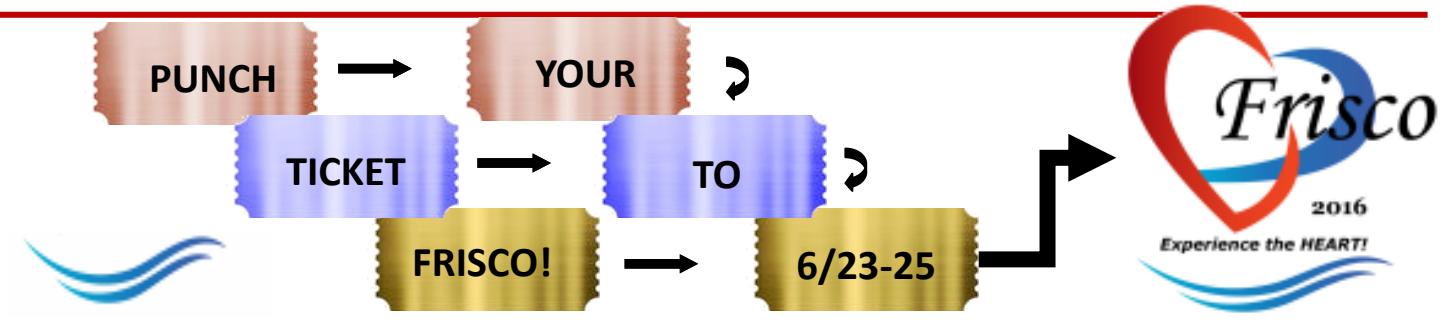
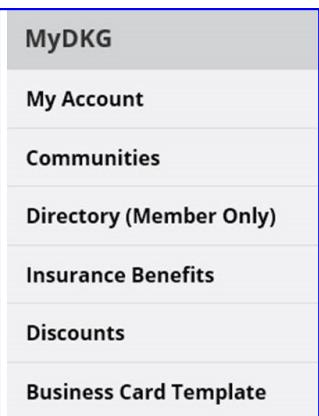
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Non Member Sign In

For assistance, email [mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org).  
512-478-5748  
888-762-4685 (US and Canada only)

The new site requires members to log in for registering an event, visit the DKG Store, and other features and resources. As a member, you already have an account under your member ID number. This member ID number is your username. When prompted to sign in, use your **six digit member ID number** (on membership card or only first **six digits** of the seven digits on your publications labels) as your username and the default password, **dkg2014society**. Once logged in, you can change your password to a preferred password at any time in your account under **My DKG**. Your username cannot be changed and will always be your member ID number. The Communications & Publicity Committee has provided a step by step instructional video on how to update the My Account area under "videos" on the C & P Committee page. Please contact Society Headquarters by phone (512-478-5748) or email ([mem@dkg.org](mailto:mem@dkg.org)) for assistance. They are now open with extended hours: 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.



## Proposed membership changes . . .

When DKG members gather in Nashville at the 2016 International Convention, they will consider several proposed changes in the International Constitution. All state and local units of the Society must comply with the International Constitution. One proposed change focuses on membership and the fact that so many members (approximately 9,000 annually) choose to leave DKG. Reasons vary from family and/or job responsibilities to the fact that the needs/expectations of these members are not being met at the chapter level. These members may have retained DKG membership if an option existed for state organization/international membership without having to associate with a local chapter. This will be made possible if ISR 3.03 is amended to read as follows: **An active or reserve member may drop chapter membership and request state organization membership, which includes membership at the state and international levels. State organization membership refers to the unit to which the member belongs. 451184**

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## A learning experience . . .



On Saturday, February 20, five Delta Theta sisters (see photos at bottom) joined a busload of other adults on a day-trip to Darrow, Louisiana, home of the Houmas House Plantation, where the 1963 film *Hush Hush, Sweet Charlotte* was filmed. It is regarded at the *Crown Jewel of the River Road* near New Orleans. The day-trippers departed Orange, Texas, early in the morning and spent several hours touring the home and the gardens before ending their visit with a spectacular meal at the Burnside Café, named for one of the plantation's previous owners. The first owners of the plantation were the indigenous Houmas Indians, who were given a land grant to occupy the fertile plain between the Mississippi River and Lake Maurepas to the north. The Houmas sold the land to Maurice Conway and Alexander Latil in the mid 1700's. The original French provincial house that Latil erected on the property is situated directly behind the mansion, adjoined by a carriageway to the grand home described during its antebellum heyday as "*The Sugar Palace*." The original home was later used as living quarters for the staff that served the great house. Ownership has changed several times in the three centuries since then, and is currently



owned by Kevin Kelly, who fulfilled a life-long dream by acquiring the property in the spring of 2003. Kelly actually lives in the mansion today! The mansion exemplifies the best parts of each period in its rich history alongside the big bend in the Mississippi River. The tour was part of the Leisure Learning Experience of Lamar State College--Orange.



**Left:** Pat Parker, Lynne James, Ann Daniels, Susan Daigle, and Denise Standley pose for a photo atop a giant turtle at the Atchafalaya River Basin Visitor's Center on the way to Houmas House Plantation.

**Right:** Ann, Denise, and Susan relax on the Houmas House Veranda after a day of sightseeing, education, and dining.



## *The Heart of the Society Is Its Members.*



## Save the date . . .

Are you a new officer? A new committee chairman? Or a fairly new member? Do you want to learn more about the Society? Learn more about your office or committee? Meet other DKG members in SE Texas? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, put **August 6** on your bucket list and your calendar. **Area 2 Fall Workshop** will be held at the new West Orange-Stark Elementary School, 2605 MLK in Orange. Activities will get underway at 9 and will conclude by 12:00 or 12:30, just in time for lunch at PK's Grill, Robert's, Two Amigos, Luigi's, or any other local eatery. Registration forms will be available in May, so be ready to select your workshop(s). **393160**

## Be on the lookout . . .

Each year Delta Theta members are asked to update their membership profiles. This profile is used by the chapter president and the following committees: nominations, membership, yearbook, communications and publicity, research and archives, personal growth and achievement awards, and ceremonies and necrology. In other words, it is **vital** to the work of our chapter. When you receive a request for information update, please do your best to complete all portions of the membership profile and return it as requested. Once the profiles have been updated in the

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