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### NEWSLETTER

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## OUR VISION

*"Leading women educators impacting education worldwide"*

# THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

## Delta Theta Newsletter

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## President's message

Hello Sisters!

I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful spring weather and all of the opportunities that the season brings. I hope you have been able to plant a garden, tending some flowers, or just find some time for peace and reflection. This time of year also brings many things that our chapter must take care of. Firstly, please send any suggestions for the Friend of Education honor to Brandi Martin by April 1st. Secondly, if you plan on attending the TSO convention in June, please let me know so we can help you get registered. Lastly and most importantly, please send new member nominations to Lisa Seaux by April 1st. I hope to see you on April 4th.



Crystal Werkheiser  
President

## April meeting

**Date:** April 4, 2022

**Time:** 4:30 PM

**Place:** First Baptist Church Heritage Hall, 4000 Grant, Groves

**Meditation:** Andi Miller

**Hostesses:** \*Crystal Jordan, Melanie Howard, Sandra Jordan, Lynne Hollomon

**Program Title:** How are local daycares preparing students for Kindergarten?

**Program Summary:** Stacy Fitzgerald from Kid's Harbor Learning Center will present a program on preparing their children for their future education. She will discuss their curriculum and programs that enhance their student's future education. Also, she will share how they help their afterschool age students to be successful in the classroom.

**Service Project:** Donations for The Rainbow Room

## Minutes March 7, 2022



Pat Parker  
Recording Secretary

Delta Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at First Baptist Groves on Monday, March 7, 2022. The meeting was called to order by President, Crystal Werkheiser, at 4:30pm. There were 19 members present. Recording Secretary, Pat Parker, was present and recorded the minutes.

**Meditation:** The meditation was given by Louise Lattimore. It was titled "American Education Fable." It was a story of a young lady named Nancy who wanted to become a teacher. She asked what was needed to achieve this goal and was told that she must face three obstacles: 1) Swim the sea of children; 2) Climb mountain of paperwork; 3) Duties and committees. If she could persevere and perform and make it through the obstacles she would then be a teacher. The moral is that teachers face many challenges beyond just teaching and they must be willing to accept them and conquer each one.

**Minutes:** The minutes were published in the Newsletter. They were approved as written.

**Treasurer:** The treasurer report was published in the Newsletter and was approved. Treasurer Roxanne Ferguson announced that Chapter Dues must be paid by the May meeting. Dues are \$100 and can be split: \$50 in April and \$50 in May or can be paid in one payment.

**Global Awareness:** Marlyn Trahan announced that they are still collecting for Global Awareness. Anyone wishing to donate can do so at this meeting so that the money can be sent to Chapter Headquarters.

**Membership:** Lisa Seaux asked for names of prospective members to be turned in to her as soon as possible. She has three names so far: Elisa Breuer, Port Arthur ISD, is a former member. Brittany Cozad, PNGISD, ASL teacher, and Sandra Hebert, PNG 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Please send names of any other candidates to Lisa so members will have a chance to see their qualifications before the vote. New members will be inducted at the May meeting.

**Achievement Award:** Brandi Martin asked for nominations for service awards to be given to her.

**Friend of Education:** Brandi Martin announced that there are papers with qualifications for the friend of education award on the table. Please take one and fill out if you know of someone that deserves that honor.

**Scholarship:** Pat Briggs will work on getting the recipient named.

**Nominations:** Ann Daniels announced the nominations for officers for the 2022-2024 biennium. The names include:

**President- Crystal Werkheiser**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Lisa Seaux**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Paula Ryder**

**Recording Secretary- Pat Parker**

**Treasurers- Crystal Jordan/ Denise Standley**

**Corresponding Secretary- Andrea Miller**

**Parliamentarian- Pat Briggs**

Susan Daigle made the motion to accept the nominations and it was seconded by the members. Crystal called for a vote and it was unanimous. They will be inducted at the May meeting.

### Program: Let's Celebrate!!!

Delta Theta honored several members with 25 or more years of service to Delta Kappa Gamma. Special refreshments were provided by hostesses: Roxanne Ferguson, Ann Daniels, Staci Gary, and Crystal Werkheiser. Thank you, ladies, for such a wonderful treat.

Members recognized were, 25yrs-Louise Lattimore; 26 yrs-Mary Simon; 28 yrs- Sandie Jordan; 29 yrs- Pat Briggs; 33 yrs- Vanessa Spiegel; 38yrs-Beverly Guidroz; 41 yrs- Marlyn Trahan; 45 yrs- Linda Harrison, Lynne James, and Dixie Tucker; 46 yrs- Lynne Holloman and 54 yrs- Kay Hooper. Thank you, ladies, for devoting your time to the exceptionalism of women in education. The second part of the program was to honor the strength and determination of the founders of Delta Theta. The chapter was founded in 1954. Angela Abel along with the help of Roxanne Ferguson presented a program showing the strength and resilience of members. They likened the strength of a rock turned into a birthstone to the strength of the members. Each birthstone has special characteristics like the members that come together to make Delta Theta unique.

### Announcements:

Happy March Birthdays go to Zara Holmes on the 24<sup>th</sup> and Linda Harrison on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to everyone that donated supplies for the Children's Museum. They will be greatly appreciated.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Parker



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL PROMOTES  
PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH OF WOMEN EDUCATORS  
AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2022



Roxanne  
Ferguson

Balance on hand March 1, 2022 \$1395.48

### Receipts

Dividends .07

Dues 100.00

World Fellowship 129.00

Total cash received \$229.07

### Disbursements

Tri-Chapter 50.00

DKG World Fellowship 129.00

Total disbursements \$179.00

Balance on hand March 31, 2022 \$1445.55

## Calling New Members

Delta Theta set a resolution this year to initiate new members! Absolute final deadline for recommendations is April 1st. Contact First Vice President and Membership Chairman Lisa Seaux with names if you haven't already done so.

We will be voting in April and inducting new members in May.



## 2022 - 2023 Dues

2022 - 2023 dues are \$100. The deadline is May 31st. You can bring them to Roxanne at the April or May meetings, send them to her at Woodcrest, mail them to her home, or venmo her at Roxanne-Ferguson-3.

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## World Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who donated to World Fellowship this year. Because of your generosity, our chapter was able to contribute \$218 to this very worthy cause.

Thank You!!!!

## April Birthdays

28 Louise Lattimore



## Friend of Education

Deadline for nominations is April 1st. Contact Brandi Martin for more information. Criteria for nominees are listed below.

- Nominee should be someone who has made a significant contribution to education.
- Nominee should not be an employee of PN-GISD unless the contribution is not directly related to his/her professional duties.
- Nominee should not be a current school board member.
- Nominee should not be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

# Area 2 Workshop

## Delta Theta—Host Chapter

### Where does your name fit in for Workshop help?



Area 2 Coordinator  
2021 - 2023  
Susan Daigle

I know this is a season of “counting down the days” for those of you still in the classroom or in administration. It is also a season of “counting down the days” until Area 2 Workshop. September 10th sounds like a l—o—n—g way off, but if we are not in the mode of preparation for September 10th, it will show up suddenly when school is back in full swing and find that we are not ready to host this B-I-G event for Area 2.

These are some things **I need** and some things **I heard** at one of our meetings that **you volunteered** for:

**Crystal Werkheiser**—Breakfast items and needs

???????????? - Breakfast set-up and organization

**Brandi Martin & Roxanne Ferguson**—Table Decorations and table coverings

???????? - Help with decorations and table set-up

**Lisa Seaux**—Signage for school location/restrooms/breakout rooms

**Lori Halbert**— Member attendee gift/bags?

???????? - Help assembling/making gift/bags?

**3 people** ????? - work the registration tables that morning

**Crystal Werkheiser**—Technology/sound

**Several** ????? - Hospitality

**Denise Standley**—Registrar/Name Tags/First Timers

**Louise Lattimore**—Treasurer

**Lynne James**—Program design

Don't see your name? Give me a call or catch me at the meeting to get your **name** on this most important list!

**Registration Fee — \$15**  
**Checks payable to:**  
**Delta Theta**

**Registration Deadline**  
**is June 1, 2022**

# 93rd Texas DKG State Convention



Lubbock Memorial Civic Center  
1501 Mac Davis Ln  
Lubbock, TX 79401

June 15-18, 2022

<https://www.dkgtxas.org/2022-convention-lubbock.html>

## 2022 International Convention

New Orleans, LA

July 12-16, 2022

The convention agenda is packed with speakers and sessions, providing a variety of opportunities from which you can select. Electing new international officers and voting on proposed amendments to the governing documents are Society business matters that will take place at the convention. Every DKG member has a voice, so make your vote count by attending the convention.

[https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2022\\_Convention -  
NOLA/2022 International Convention.aspx](https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2022_Convention_-_NOLA/2022_International_Convention.aspx)



Did you know Delta Theta has a  
webpage? Check it out:

<http://deltathetatexas.weebly.com/>

## DKG Member Spotlight

### Meet Paula Ryder

I was raised in Port Arthur and was a 1993 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School. I attended Lamar University and earned a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in Early Childhood. I also have a supplemental certification in English as a Second Language.

I began my teaching career at Lee Elementary in Port Arthur in January 1999 as a First-grade teacher. The following year, I moved to a Kindergarten position, and taught there until May of 2006. In the fall of 2006, I began teaching Kindergarten at Taft Elementary in Groves and am currently still in this position. This year I will complete my 23<sup>rd</sup> year as an educator.

I am married to Brett Ryder who was in my Kindergarten class! He was my best friend throughout middle school and high school. We got married in May of 1999. This year we will celebrate 23 years of marriage. We have three children: Haden (20), Haley (18) and Hope (16). Haden will graduate from Lamar State College in May with a degree in Instrumentation. Haley will also graduate in May, from PNG High School and plans to pursue a degree at Lamar University in Education. She wants to teach Kindergarten. My youngest, Hope, is a sophomore at PNG High School. She is still undecided currently. All our children make us proud.

I love to read and enjoy spending time at the lake and playing with our miniature schnauzer, Tucker.



### The Rainbow Room

The Rainbow Room is an in-house emergency supply center located inside our local Child Protective Services office, benefiting the abused and neglected children in Port Arthur, Groves, Nederland and Port Neches, TX. It is stocked by volunteers with new items, such as diapers, wipes, pack-n-plays (portable beds), car seats, toys, household cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items and clothing for infants and children. Children removed from homes are often turned over with only the clothes on their backs. Caseworkers pull items needed by children and place them in specially purchased blue duffle bags. The volunteers at the Rainbow Room strongly feel that no child under their watch should ever have to carry their belongings in a garbage bag.



### Items Requested by the Rainbow Room. New Items Only!

Baby Diapers (newborn thru size 5)

Baby Lotion/Shampoo/Body Wash

Pack n Plays Play Yard Sheets

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Infant, Toddler & Children Clothing (complete outfits if possible) Newborn to Size 12

Baby Wipes "unscented" if available

Pack n Plays Portable Play Yards

Car Seats: Infant, Convertible and Booster

Lice Shampoo

# MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

## Honoring our Members



54 Years of Service.



45 Years of Service.



Members with 25+ years of service.



Members and best friends.



Catching up with old friends.



Yummmm!!!



Learning what our birthstones mean.



Donations for the Beaumont Children's Museum.



Announcing slate of officers.