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# February birthdays

- 09 Vanessa Spiegel
- 22 Meredith Brawner



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### Tri-chapter meeting

**Date: February 21, 2013**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Place: The Pompano Club, 330 Twin City Highway, Port Neches**

**Reservations: \$16 by February 14 to Louise Lattimore**

**Hostesses: Alpha Omega, Delta Theta & Iota Rho chapters**

**Guest Speaker: Judge Brad Burnett**



Brad Burnett is a life-long resident of Port Neches, elected as Justice of the Peace in 2002. A Port Neches-Groves High School graduate, he attended Texas A&M University on a football scholarship. But after an injury, he enrolled at Lamar University. He holds a Texas Real Estate Broker's License. His work experience ranges from being a small business owner to Plant Manager at U.S. Intec, Inc.

While serving as a three-term member of the PNGISD Board of Trustees, he led a Southeast Texas coalition seeking state funded health care for public school employees and retirees. Supported by the other members of the board, he called for random drug searches, advocated creation of the Purple Card discount for Senior Citizens, and sponsored a joint anti-drug resolution with Nederland I.S.D. that later was adopted by Texas Association of School Boards. He has earned a Lifetime PTA Membership Award and holds membership in the Texas Retired Teachers Association. Judge Burnett also serves on the District School Foundation Board and NISD Student Drug Abuse Response Team. He is also a member of the Jefferson County Child Fatality Review Team.

As a Justice of the Peace for Jefferson County, Brad Burnett has served on the Education and Legislative Committees of the Texas Justice Court Judges Association. Judge Burnett has

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received numerous community awards; among them Public Servant of the Year, Distinguished Citizen of the Year and the 2006 National County Achievement Award and the 2008 Friend of Education Award. Brad was selected “Best Judge” the past eight years in Readers Choice surveys conducted by local newspapers. Judge Burnett is in constant demand as a speaker for civic, school and church groups. He is an active advisor for the School District’s Drug Education programs. Judge Burnett and his wife Teresa, a school nurse, planned and presented the eye opening program “Drugs 101, For Parents Only” in conjunction with Port Neches-Groves I.S.D. and Nederland I.S.D. The presentations to area schools attracted over 700 concerned parents.

Working with the Nederland and Port Neches-Groves Independent School Districts has been one of Judge Burnett’s passions. He routinely meets with School Board Trustees, Superintendents, Principals, Administrators, Teachers and Student leaders to address school issues that are brought to his court. His innovative Student Truancy Education Program (STEP) was showcased in numerous publications and earned a national award for Jefferson County. As an invited speaker at the Texas School Board Association’s state convention, Judge Burnett discussed the success of his STEP program by detailing how schools and the courts can work together to combat truancy.

**YOU belong to Delta Kappa Gamma because someone believed you are *SPECIAL*.**  
**Nominate someone *you* think is *special* for membership in Delta Theta! Forms are due to Marlyn Trahan prior to the March meeting, at which time nominees will be presented to the membership for approval. A membership recommendation form is attached (both doc and docx formats).**

Often members resign from Delta Kappa Gamma because of the demands of their job and their family obligations. In time, those demands may greatly decrease or entirely disappear. Reinstatement to membership in DKG may help them to fill the voids of retirement and the empty-nest. If you know someone in this situation, invite her to attend the tri-chapter dinner with you. It will give you time to renew an earlier friendship while at the same time rekindle her interest in our Society. A list of former members has been attached. Consider inviting someone on the list to the tri-chapter dinner and “suggest” reinstatement to her if you think she may be ready to renew her membership.

## January meeting highlights



Left: Annette Meier begins the meeting with a meditation.

Right: Becky Tschirhart of Chick-fil-A speaks to the members about the corporation’s drive for personal satisfaction and a sense of obligation to the community and its young people.



- ♥ Lana Parker needs our prayers as she continues her treatments.
- ♥ Pray also for Dixie and Jerry Dubuisson as each has lost a parent recently and their grandson spent time in the hospital having surgery for pyloric stenosis.