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President's message

If you are interested in attending the TSO state convention in Frisco, be sure to bring your registration form and money to the meeting so that all forms can be mailed together by the May 16th deadline.



It has been my pleasure serving as your president for the past biennium. A BIG thanks goes out to all of my officers and committee chairmen that did their jobs well and made my leading much easier.

Karol

May meeting

Date: May 2, 2016

Time: 4:30 PM

Place: First Baptist Church Parlor, 4000 Grant, Groves

Meditation: Pat Parker (Emily Rueda)

Hostesses: * Denise Standley, Karol Denby, Ann Daniels, Louise Lattimore, Andrea Miller, Crystal Jordan, Mary Simon, Sandie Jordan

Program Title: Installation of New Officers

Program Summary: Officers for the 2016-2017 Biennium will be installed. Immediately after these ceremonies, members will extend personal greetings to new officers as they enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

Program Facilitators: Lynne Holloman and members of the Ceremonies Committee

Music: The Delta Kappa Gamma Song



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Minutes: April 4, 2016



Crystal Werkheiser
Recording Secretary

Delta Theta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met in Heritage Hall at First Baptist Church, Groves, on April 4, 2016. The meeting began at 4:40 PM with Tanya Davis offering the meditation. Twenty-three members were present along with a very special guest.

Meditation: Tanya Davis shared *A Principal's Friday Moment*, written by Dr. Marc Keith, entitled *Path to nowhere—Are you creating a path to somewhere for someone?* In this inspirational message, Dr. Keith reminds teachers to remember their job involves more than monitoring state mandated tests. Teachers have a unique opportunity to help students navigate life by clearing obstacles from their path and helping students realize their potential. We are all encouraged to help create a path to somewhere for all of our students.

Refreshments: This month's style show was concluded with a tea party. Sisters enjoyed tea using authentic tea cups and eating several sweet treats. The hostesses for this month were Susan Daigle, Denise Standley, Lori Halbert, Crystal Jordan, and Mandie Champagne.

Officer and Committee Reports

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

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

Research & Archives: No *Friend of Education* nominations were sent to Suzann Benson.

Membership: No one found her number in the newsletter. Be sure to read the newsletter and look for your membership number to win a prize. Denise Standley, Crystal Jordan, and Crystal Werkheiser correctly guessed that the mystery sister was Pat Briggs. Congratulations to these ladies!

Communications: Elisa Breuer read a heart-felt thank you note from Jeanette Rhyan. She thanked the members for the opportunity to share in our birthday celebration. She also thanked members for the donation to Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEFL) in her honor.

Scholarship: The committee is working on nominating a grant-in-aid recipient.

Personal Growth & Achievement: The committee is in need of nominations for the Shining Star award.

Program: The program this month was "Delta Theta Chics Take on Chico's." The program featured several sisters strutting their stuff in high fashion. Linda Redding with Chico's emceed the fashion show. Karol Denby modeled a woven mixed pullover with linen pants, and Denise Standley modeled a long-sleeved collared top with white girlfriend flare pants. Both sisters looked lovely in their orange-hued professional attire. Crystal Werkheiser entertained sisters with classic white slacks paired with a black and white double-layered sheer top. Pat Briggs, Pat Parker, and Mary Simon looked flawless in several lovely shades of blue. Mary Simon modeled an exquisite mixed blue poncho while Pat Briggs flaunted vivid blue linen pants with a classic tie-front white collared shirt. Pat Parker modeled comfortable professional attire with a pullover top in soft blue. Ann Daniels and Crystal Jordan exploded onto the stage with their multi-colored spring tones. Ann wore a flowy top decorated with beautiful spring colors while Crystal flaunted a modern movement colored top with white Capri pants. Sandie Jordan highlighted the comfortable educator in jeans and a tan linen shirt. Finally, Susan Daigle wowed sisters with a mixed green poncho paired with a comfortable linen pant. The true highlights to this memorable fashion show were the fine baubles worn by each model. The bracelets, necklaces, and earrings added the finishing touches to each carefully chosen outfit. Members were treated to ten new styles for the professional educator. Andy Miller was thrilled when she won a \$25 gift card donated by Chico's. Members were ecstatic when Linda announced that Chico's is offering a 10% discount good through Saturday, April 9th, to members who attended the style show.

Announcements

The lone April birthday, Louise Lattimore, was 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.

Susan reminded members that Alison and Mackenzie Howell will attend the May meeting to accept all of the art supplies and monetary donations collected for the New Life's Children Home in Haiti.

Karol reminded members that convention registration forms and money are due at the May meeting.

Susan asked members to think about projects in the local community that need our attention. She praised the members for the effort to support international efforts, but would like to focus on the local community next year. Please email Susan with any suggestions for local projects.

The meeting concluded at 5:40 pm with the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Crystal Werkheiser, Recording Secretary

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 PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH OF WOMEN EDUCATORS
 AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.



Treasurer's report

March 2016



May birthdays

10—Elisa Breuer 19-Lori Halbert
 20-Christy Elliott 21-Madie Champagne

June birthdays

6—Laura Zito 18-Tanya Davis
 23-Christina Puenté
 24-Mary Jarrell & Pat Briggs

July birthdays

1-Mary Simon 9-Marlyn Trahan
 13-Crystal Jordan 20-Emily Rueda



2014-16 committee chairmen . . . Important!!

Balance on hand March 1, 2016		1550.95
Receipts		
Pins & Brags	\$5.00	
Tri-Chapter	51.00	
World fellowship	84.00	
Total Receipts		\$140.00
Disbursements		
Tri Chapter	\$10.00	
Leadership Fund	48.00	
Projects Fund	48.00	
UNICEF	25.00	
World Fellowship	84.00	
Total Disbursements		\$\$215.00
Balance on hand March 31, 2016		\$1475.95

May reports due

Annette Meier 458158	Book Project & Awards
Sheri Furby	Grant-in-Aid



April's Mystery Sister
 was Pat Briggs

If you are currently serving as a committee chairman, remember to organize the folder or binder that was given to you when you assumed your committee chairmanship to include forms and other information gathered during the current biennium. Return this folder/binder at the May chapter meeting so that new information can be added and passed on to the new committee chairmen. If you are remaining in your current position, keep the binder and include new information as it is made available to you. 148182
 Thank you for you service 2014-2016!

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

April meeting highlights



Top (left to right): Mandie Champagne, Lori Halbert, Susan Daigle, and Denise Standley provide sweets to accompany the tea party atmosphere; Linda Redding of Chico’s provides style show commentary; Ann Daniels and Pat Parker model fashions while Louise Lattimore records them with her tablet. **Row 2:** Other models include Sandie Jordan, Crystal Jordan, Mary Simon, Denise Standley, and Susan Daigle; Lauren Gary enjoys her first style show from her mother’s lap. **Row 3:** Andy Miller receives a gift certificate to Chico’s from Linda Redding; Crystal Jordan, Christy Elliott, Marlyn Trahan, Elisa Breuer, Michelle Judice, and Emily Rueda enjoy the tea party!

~~Mystery Sister~~

Who’s in the Cloud?

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

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|---------------|-------------------|
| Mary Jarrell | Lynne James |
| Pat Parker | Charlene Williams |
| Lana Parker | Elisa Breuer |
| Annette Meier | Suzann Benson |



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A new biennium begins . . .

President-elect 2016-2018



Susan Daigle

Susan Daigle has been a Delta Theta member since 2011 during which time she has served as recording secretary and second vice president. She has been awarded the Shining Star for outstanding service to the chapter. In the role of second vice president, she has successfully directed two important service projects: *Komputers for Kenya* and *Helping Hands for Haiti*. A graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur (1970) and the University of North Texas (1973), Susan spent the major part of her teaching career as director of the pre-kindergarten program at First Baptist Church in Bridge City. She and her husband Clifford are now members of First Baptist Church in Groves. They are the parents of twins Mark and Misty and the grandparents of Chloe, Donovan, Vanessa, and Courtney.

First Vice President-elect 2016-2018

Mary Simon was initiated in 1995 and has served Delta Theta as president through two biennia (2000-2004) and will soon be first vice president. She has chaired the following committees: program, ceremonies, legislation, archives, contact, and hospitality and served as parliamentarian. She served on the TSO yearbook and bylaws and rules committees and is currently a member of the TSO personal/professional enrichment committee. She served on the 2006 TSO state convention steering committee as secretary and worked as a facilitator and on the tote bag committee. Mary attended the TSO Leadership Seminar in 2011 and was Area II Coordinator 2012-2014. She received the Chapter Achievement Award in 2005. Mary retired in 2014 and is now director of religious education at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Groves. She and Raywood have two sons, Brian and Cody, and two grandchildren, Courtney and Aslyn. **317542**



Mary Simon

Second Vice President-elect 2016-2018



Denise Standley

Denise Standley has served Delta Theta as chapter president twice and was given the Chapter Achievement Award following her first biennium in 2011. She currently teaches title reading at Van Buren Elementary. She began her career in education in 1975 as a resource teacher Kingsville ISD. She resumed her teaching career in 1985 as a pre-kindergarten teacher at FBC-Bridge City, followed by resource and homebound duties in PNGISD before her current assignment, which began in 1992. Denise is famous for her cooking (cookies, bread, etc.). She and husband Kenneth have two children, Nathan and Dawn, and one grandson named Keagan.

Recording Secretary-elect 2016-2018

Pat Parker was initiated in 2014 and is already making her mark as a devoted chapter member. She currently serves on the finance committee, the nominations committee, and the programs and services committee. She is retired from Buna ISD after thirty-five years; she was a speech therapist for nine years and a kindergarten teacher for twenty-six years. She attended high school at Thomas Jefferson in Port Arthur and received her B.S. degree in speech and hearing from Lamar University in Beaumont. She and husband Tommy are interested in vintage cars, and she also enjoys crafting, gardening, and fishing.



Pat Parker
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Emily Rueda

Corresponding Secretary-elect 2016-2018

Emily Rueda came to Texas from New Jersey, where she graduated from Mary Help of Christians Academy. She is currently chairman of the global awareness committee and has also served on the ceremonies committee. She received a B.A. from William Patterson University and her M.S from Stevens Institute of Technology. She currently is a math Instructor III at Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont and previously taught math and computer science at PNGHS. She holds certification in both mathematics and computer information systems. Her special interests include reading and scrapbooking. She is professionally affiliated with TexMATYC, TSTA, NEA, TFA, TCCTA, and TADE.

Treasurer-elect 2016-2018

Initiated into Delta Theta in 1996, Louise Lattimore has served as chapter treasurer since 2000. In 2010 she received the Chapter Achievement Award. She has been the librarian at Van Buren Elementary since 1993 after working as a third grade teacher for two years in Garland ISD and fourteen years in Port Arthur ISD. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur (1974) and earned degrees from the University of Texas in Austin (1977), Lamar University (1983), and Sam Houston State University (1991). She has certifications in elementary education, kindergarten, and learning resources (B.S.), supervision (M.Ed.) and library science (M.L.S.). Louise is a member of the Service League of Port Arthur and the Mid-County Rainbow Room Board of Directors.



Louise Lattimore

Project ideas needed . . .

As a chapter we have done well enriching the literacy in Africa and Haiti. Looking toward our next biennium, local projects will be our focus. Please begin now to look within your sphere of contacts to locate literacy or social needs that Delta Theta can impact and enrich. Please bring your thoughts and suggestions to the May meeting for the programs and projects committee to work on during the summer.



Susan

Time to move on . . .

Not you. ME! While I have thoroughly enjoyed being the newsletter editor for the last four years, my creative juices have virtually run dry, thanks in part to the stringent requirements from TSO for a 5-Star Newsletter and a Seal of Merit. However, I have received tremendous help from many chapter members, especially Denise Standley and Karol Denby, whose president's messages have always been inspiring. Dedicated committee members have been instrumental in reaching TSO requirements with articles about members, professional development, legislation, technology, state and international projects, and other contributions that have helped us win the Seal of Merit, awarded to chapters whose newsletters exceed the basic requirements for 5-Star designation. So, a special thanks to Kelsey Crippen, Brenda Duhon, Dixie Tucker, Jennifer Fecowycz, Tanya Davis, Karol Denby, Staci Gary, Mary Jane Moore, Michelle Judice, Lana Parker, Kathryn French, and Susan Daigle for the many hours you spent researching and composing articles for the newsletter. A special thanks to Louise Lattimore for always getting the financials to me early and to Susan Daigle and Crystal Werkheiser for being the best secretaries in DKG! I could always count on you to fit the minutes to just one page! I will be tackling some new projects when the next biennium begins, and a new communications and publicity team will take over after this, my last newsletter. It has been work, but more than anything, it has been fun!

Lynne

Device tracking . . .

From AARP Technology Education Knowledge

You can track your mobile device and remotely delete the data off of it before any harm can be done, but you must set up the tracking feature before your device is missing!

HOW TO TURN ON FIND MY iPhone



Tap the **Settings App**
 Tap **iCloud**
 Sign in with your **Apple ID**
 Tap **Find My iPhone** to the on position

Tap **Send Last Location** to the on position

NOTE: Send Last Location will show the last known location of your device if you track it and the device cannot be found.

If your iOS device is missing, log onto icloud.com/find to locate it, play a sound to help find it (if nearby), lock it, prevent purchases being made from it, or lock it.

HOW TO TURN ON DEVICE TRACKING ON ANDROID



Tap the **Google Settings App**
 Tap **Security**
 Tap **Remotely locate this device** to the on position
 Tap **Allow remote lock and erase** to the on position
 Tap **Send Last Location** to the on position

NOTE: Your device needs to be signed into your Google Account and also have location services turned on for Device Manager to work.

If your Android device is missing, log onto android.com/devicemanager to locate it, ring it (if nearby), lock it, or erase your data.

HOW TO TRACK YOUR DEVICE



Tap the **Find My iPhone*** app → Login → Tap  to see devices → Select the device → Tap device on map → Tap **Lost Mode** → Tap **Turn On Lost Mode...** → Enter a phone number → Tap **Next** → Tap **Done**



Tap the **Device Manager*** app → Login → Tap the device name → Select the device → Tap **Lock** → Enter a **Password** → Swipe upwards to enter a phone number → Enter a phone number → Tap **Lock**

*Find my iPhone is available in the App Store, and Device Manager is available in the Play Store.

OPTIONS WHEN YOUR DEVICE IS LOST






Play Sound Ring




Lost Mode Lock




Erase iPad Erase

- ⇒ **Play Sound** or **Ring** is used if you are in the general vicinity of the device on the map but still can't find it.
- ⇒ **Lost Mode** or **Lock** locks your device to keep its contents safe, but not erase them.
- ⇒ **Erase** is a last resort, but this will remotely wipe the information on your device so that your information is safe if the device is in the possession of someone else.

Remember to return your membership profile as soon as possible. You should receive the update request before the May meeting!

Delta Theta Communications and Publicity Committee
 Lynne James (editor), Michelle Judice, Lana Parker



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AREA 2 FALL WORKSHOP

The Area 2 Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at West Orange-Stark Elementary School located at 2605 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Orange (IH-10 exit 874B to MLK Jr. Drive.) All Area 2 members are encouraged to attend this important event. It is especially important to in-coming officers and committee chairmen, new members, and members who have not attended an area workshop before. A continental breakfast will be offered at 8:45 a.m. The sessions will start at 9:15 a.m. and conclude by 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be on your own. You will be provided with a list of local restaurants – all just minutes away from the school! TSO President Marilyn Gregory will be the State representative. We will have separate training sessions for chapter presidents, treasurers and membership chairs. All other members will stay at the same location (cafeteria) and listen to the presentations relating to Bylaws and Rules, Communications/Publicity, Ceremonies, Technology, Programs/ Service Projects, Personal/Professional Enrichment, Leadership Seminar, Legislation, and Global Awareness. **The registration fee is \$12 per person. The deadline is June 1, 2016. Chapter members who would like to attend should notify Louise Lattimore by May 22 with your check made out to Delta Theta.**

Committee assignments for 2016-2017 are listed below. Chairmen are listed first.

Research and Archives: Lynne Hollomon, Lynne James, Mary Jarrell, Elnita Stanley

By-laws and Rules: Lynne James, Kathryn French, Laura Atkins, Alicia Barnett, Charlene Williams

Communications and Publicity: Tanya Davis, Lynne James (brochure), Pat Parker, Emily Rueda, Ann Daniels

Finance Louise Lattimore: Vanessa Spiegel, Laura Atkins

Ceremonies and Necrology: Staci Gary, Dixie Tucker, Linda Harrison, Lori Halbert, Ann Daniels, Suzann Benson, Michelle Judice, Crystal Werkheiser, Crystal Jordan, Jennifer Fecowycz

Membership: Mary Simon, Brenda Duhon, Michelle Judice, Marlyn Trahan

Yearbook: Brenda Duhon, Mary Jarrell, Kay Hooper

Technology: Crystal Werkheiser, Lynne James, Mandie Champagne, Mary Jane Moore

Audit: Vanessa Spiegel, Kathryn French, Dubuisson

Contacts: Emily Rueda, Mary Simon, Linda Harrison, Andy Miller, Lori Halbert, Tanya Davis, Sandie Jordan, Julie Weeks

Hospitality: Marlyn Trahan, Karol Denby, Christy Elliott, Jaime Evans, Crystal Jordan, Andy Miller, Donna Cole

Meditations: Jamie Evans, Staci Gary, Dixie Tucker, Christina Puenté

Nominations: Ann Daniels, Suzann Benson, Donna Cole, Lana Parker, Beverly Guidroz

Programs and Service Projects: Denise Standley, Crystal Jordan, Christy Elliott, Pat Briggs, Lynne James, Annette Meier, Laura Zito, Karol Denby, Elisa Breuer, Pat Parker, Lynne Hollomon

Personal Growth and Achievement Karol Denby, Sandie Jordan, Mandie Champagne, Lana Parker, Sheri Furby

Professional Enrichment and Scholarship: Pat Briggs, Sheri Furby, Alicia Barnett, Crystal Werkheiser, Annette Meier, Mary Jane Moore, Laura Atkins,

Music: Annette Meier, Karol Denby, Laura Zito, Julie Weeks, Charlene Williams

Legislation: Lynne James, Christina Puenté, Elnita Stanley, Kay Hooper

Global Awareness: Christy Elliott, Elisa Breuer, Linda Harrison, Beverly Guidroz, Jennifer Fecowycz