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OUR VISION

"Leading women educators impacting education worldwide"

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President's message

The message this month is simple as it focuses on the seven purposes set forth by our founders. In preparation for our November meeting where we will celebrate our founders, I challenge each member to reflect on the seven purposes that guide our organization. The seven purposes are:

- **To Unite** women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship
- **To Honor** women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education
- **To Advance** the professional interest and position of women in education
- **To Initiate, Endorse and Support** desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators
- **To Endow** scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to non-member women educators.
- **To Stimulate** the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action
- **To Inform** the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

I look forward to seeing each one of you on November 1st at 4:30 as we gather to celebrate our twelve founding members.



Crystal Werkheiser
President

November meeting

Date: November 1, 2021

Time: 4:30 PM

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

Meditation: Staci Gary

Hostesses: * Pat Briggs, Brandi Martin, Angela Abel, Vanessa Spiegel

Program Title: Could you be a Founder of Delta Kappa Gamma?

Program Summary: Members will match their lives and backgrounds against the lives and backgrounds of our 12 Founders of Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Members will learn more about the 12 founders as they find out who they most closely resemble.

Program Facilitators: Lisa Seaux, Angela Abel and the Ceremonies Committee

Service Project: Nursing home resident donations will be collected for the December meeting.

Music: *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song*

Minutes: October 4, 2021



Pat Parker
Recording Secretary

Delta Theta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at First Baptist Groves on Monday, October 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President, Crystal Werkheiser at 4:35pm. There were 22 members, and 2 guests present. Recording Secretary, Pat Parker, was present and recorded the meeting minutes.

Meditation: The meditation was given by Brandi Martin. She presented a prayer about finding strength in God to help you live your best life.

Program Title: Heroes and Programs That Keep Our Students Safe.

Members welcomed PNGISD School Resource Officer, Sargent Clint Nichols. Sargent Nichols graduated from PNGHS in 1998. He has worked as an investigator, in the Narcotics Division, and was promoted to Sargent. He is currently working for the PN Police Department and was asked to become the first School Safety Resource Officer at PNG High School. He arrives at the high school early and is there when students walk through the door. It is important that he is visible to the students. Once classes begin for the day, he checks all classroom doors. When asked about safety protocols he referred members to the website- I LOVE YOU GUYS! It was started by parents whose child was in a school shooting. It gives valuable input on what would work in case of an emergency. Sargent Nichols says there are protocols in place at the schools. One of the most important is to make sure the classroom doors are locked because most intruders will walk past locked doors. The school also has an App that students can use to anonymously notify the school of bullying. We certainly Thank Sargent Nichols for the job that he does to make sure the students return home safely each day.

Refreshments: Members were treated to an assortment of snacks courtesy of hostesses: Mary Simon, Wanda Borne, Linda Harrison, Kay Hooper, and Lynne James. Thank you, ladies for the wonderful snacks.

Business

Officer and committee reports:

Recording Secretary: Minutes from the September meeting were approved as written and published in the newsletter.

Treasurer: Roxanne presented members with a current budget report. She also reported that the current bank branch where Delta Theta's account is located is closing. She presented membership with the option of moving the accounts from BBVA to MCT Credit Union. A motion must be made and voted on to make that change. Lynne James made the motion to open a checking account at MCT Credit Union. Three names will be on the account Louise Lattimore, Roxanne Ferguson, and Crystal Werkheiser. Lynne Holloman's name will be removed from the account. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Legislation: Lynne James presented handouts on the Second Special Session- Part 1 that will impact public education in Texas. These included: 13th check for retirees, a one-time supplemental payment of up to \$2400. Critical Race Theory Bill, SB3 Funding for virtual/remote learning, SB15 through 2022-23 school year. Students must pass the STARR exam to participate in remote learning. SB9 addresses family and dating violence, and sex trafficking. Districts must provide instruction to students on the prevention of these offenses, parents however, must give permission for their child to participate. The second handout included information on Critical Race Theory.

Technology: Crystal reported that the website is compliant until October 2022. Renewal is due at a cost of \$96 with no ads or \$48 with ads. Membership agreed to \$48 with ads.

Global Awareness: Marlyn Trahan brought back the idea of the Brag Box, although she wanted to rename it the Blessing Box. Members can put in money if they have a brag or blessing to share. Marlyn bragged about Crystal Jordan being a blessing to a young person having a medical crisis.

Programs: Nov.- Founders Day Dec.- Christmas Party Jan.- Children's Museum Feb.- Tri-chapter March- Chapter Birthday and Recognition of members Apr.- Harbor Learning Center May- Installation of officers

Announcements

- Susan Daigle introduced Charlotte Conner. Charlotte is transferring her membership from the Houston area. She is employed at Bob Hope School as an Administrative Director.
- September and October birthdays were recognized: Sept.- Pat Parker and Andi Miller; Oct.- Sandi Jordan
- Baskets for Groves and PN Police Depts. will be assembled and delivered
- Please check the information for the yearbook and make changes if needed. The yearbooks will be printed and passed out at the next meeting.
- Service collections for Oak Grove Nursing Home in December include socks, toiletries, and anything else you can think of that an elder person may need. We will partner with High School organizations to help deliver the items to the nursing home.
- A special THANK YOU to Louise for putting out the Newsletter.
- Join REMIND if you haven't already done so.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Parker, Recording Secretary



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



TREASURER'S REPORT

September 2021



Roxanne
Ferguson

Balance on hand September 1, 2021 \$1846.87

Receipt

Dues/ Fees 75.00

Total cash received \$75.00

Disbursements

Sate Dues and Fees 63.00

International Dues 120.00

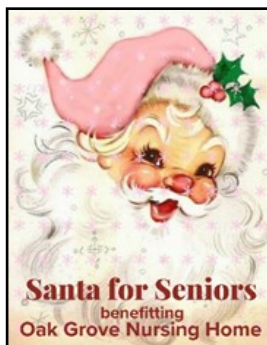
Total disbursements \$183.00

Balance on hand September 30, 2021 \$1738.87

SANTA FOR SENIORS

Oak Groves Nursing Home has requested the following items:

- Socks Male/Female
- No-Slip Socks Male/Female
- Liquid Body Soap
- Body Lotion
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Puzzles
- Large Print Crosswords or Word Puzzles



Please bring your donated items to the November or December meetings. We will deliver them in early December. Thanks!

Lisa Seaux

November Birthdays

None



Come Journey with DKG

This is a reminder about our Journey this year with DKG! Which way will we go together as the Delta Theta chapter of DKG? I have already seen some wonderful things happening in Delta Theta with the projects each meeting and new members joining our chapter. Let's look ahead to the Journey with **Area 2 Workshop!** Delta Theta is hosting the Area 2 Workshop, September 10, 2022. I know this sounds a long way off, but in order to have the best Area 2 Workshop ever, we need to begin to plan now. I am working on the budget for this event and need to know expense costs. Three things I need us to be looking into.

- 1.) I need ideas for our breakfast buffet as our registrants arrive.
- 2.) I also need some ideas for decorating our meeting room and the tables in that room. Our theme will be Journey—Which way will you go?
- 3.) I need ideas for attendee souvenir take-aways.

Thank you for all you will do to help with Area 2 Workshop!

Susan



Area 2 Coordinator
2021 - 2023
Susan Daigle



DKG Member Spotlight

Meet Angela Abel

- Angela is married to Patrick Bryan. They have been married for 28 years. Together they have 3 children. Ryan is 24 years old, Riley is 20 years old, and Rachel is 18 years old.
- She is the principal at Woodcrest Elementary in Port Neches.
- Angela received her Bachelor of Education from SFA. She received her Master of Education from Lamar University
- Her hobbies include reading and boating.
- Angela's interest is in gardening.
- She enjoys traveling to different islands.
- She doesn't have a favorite book because she loves to read lots of them.
- Her favorite message of Inspiration is "Vulnerability is the core, the heart, the center of meaningful human experiences." by Brene Brown
- Her favorite quote is "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference." by Reinhold Niebuhr
- Her favorite scripture is "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16



October Highlights

