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President's Message

Paula Ely and Dora Aschenbeck, Chapter Presidents

Sisters, thank you for coming out to our "Awesome Auction"! We had a wonderful time and appreciate everyone who could make it. We appreciate the wonderful items that were donated and that went home with a new owner. Hope you got some of your Christmas shopping at the auction. More pillows were made by loving hands at the meeting and will be delivered where they are needed. We give thanks for all our blessings! We hope that it was restful and all enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We hope to see you at Sharon Sharadin's home on Thursday the 3rd of December for our Christmas Party. Bring a \$15 gift for our White Elephant exchange. This chapter has had many trials

and blessings the past few months and we are all grateful for the many prayers that have been offered up. Please continue to remember Ana and Lili (back surgery), Sandy (her mom in hospice), Maureen (ongoing issues with fibromyalgia and surgery), Pat (struggles with breast cancer) and others awaiting tests!

You all are such wonderful "sisters"! Have a blessed holiday season!

Dora and Paula



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Expand the Vision: Educate, Inspire, Encourage

Mission Statement:

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision Statement:

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.

**Next Meeting: Thursday,
December 3rd @ Sharon
Sharadin's 806 Greenbelt Drive,
77079 Bring your gift!**



The Rose is a mobile clinic that serves 35 counties here in Southeast Texas. They have served over 36,000 women. About 10,000 of those women were uninsured! What an amazing program and special gift to those that they touched.

Newsletter Editor is Elke Eisenhauer-Sass. Please send ideas and articles for upcoming newsletters to:
elke.eisenhauer@gmail.com



As we go through this year, our focus as a chapter is to support those Sisters who are currently fighting, celebrating those that

have won the fight, and remembering those that have lost. Here is a story from Maria Piralla, a 5th grade teacher at Spring Shadows.

My name is Maria Piralla and I have been teaching for 21 years, 16 of those years here in SBISD at Spring Shadows Elementary. I am currently battling MS and am in the ending stages of breast cancer.

During a routine physical, I had a mammogram, like I do every year. I usually don't receive any phone call saying anything was wrong. I did this time. They found calcifications in my breast. This came on really fast. In the course of one year, I went from normal to abnormal. I immediately went in for the 3-D mammogram and a sonogram. They only did the 3-D and would decide if I needed the sonogram. Turns out, that indeed, I did need one. The radiologist came back and spoke with me. I have never in my life met one. I only see their signatures and the bill! She came in and spoke with me. She told me the calcifications are 5 cm in length. She told me that it looked to be ductile carcinoma in situ (DCIS). Within a week, I went to get a biopsy done. I got a phone call about a week later, I received news that yes, it was certainly breast cancer. The good news was that it was early stages and that it was encapsulated. I went to MD Anderson on Monday of the following week and was introduced to my breast surgeon/Oncologist. We spoke about my options for treatment. Surgery and chemo/radiation or surgery and reconstruction. I conferred with my husband and with friends. All said the same thing. Do whatever you have to do to be healthy. I made

my decision to have a double mastectomy to prevent the cancer from coming back. My plastic surgeon said that Diep flap was my best option for reconstruction. This is a microsurgery, like a tummy tuck. This way I will never have to do another surgery. Lymph nodes were checked and another biopsy was done, test results came back clean and clear. Throughout the whole process, the things that kept me going and not giving up was my personality and my husband. My husband's support in allowing me to choose my path for recovery. I have been dealing with the MS for all of these years, I am not one to just quit. I. AM. A. FIGHTER!

AUCTION UPDATE!!!

The totals are in! We raised \$738.00! WOW!
Way to go Sister!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our Treasurer has paid our dues to the State and all other outstanding debts and bills. As of the present day, we have a total of
\$3,440.34.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!

We currently have 41 active members. 3 members have made the difficult decision to become inactive and drop membership.

They are Dianne Gebhart, Carolyn Morris, and Elizabeth Roy. They hope to reinstate once schedules allow. Please make sure you are recruiting new faces to join our wonderful society!

Prayer Requests

"The desire is thy prayers; and if thy desire is without ceasing, thy prayer will also be without ceasing. The continuance of your longing is the continuance of your prayer."

~Saint Augustine

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The following graphics have been pulled from the following websites:

Merry Christmas:
http://www.pocatellosops.com/new_blogs/politics/?p=13302

Survivor:
<http://www.womenselevationmagazine.com/newsandentertainment/breast-cancer-survivor-seeking-videographers-for-web-series/>

Quote from Saint Augustine:
<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/prayer.html>



Meeting Dates for 2015-2016:

*December 3rd. Christmas Party at Sharon Sharadin's, 806 Greenbelt Drive, 77079. Hm-[281-493-6028](tel:281-493-6028), Cell-[281-813-0712](tel:281-813-0712)

Jan.14- SFM- Carolyn Mashburn, Speaker on Membership

Feb. 11- SFM- Guest Author, Toby Haberkorn wrote : "When My Grammy Forgets, I Remember"

Mar. 10- Memorial Drive Christian Church- Guest Speaker- Nancy Newton The History of the DKG Song

Apr. 14- Memorial Drive Christian Church- Initiation of New Members

May 12- Mary Ann Slaughter's-Ceremonial Celebration, Founder's Day,

Birthday Celebration and Installation of New Officers



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

November Birthdays

- 02- Ana Vazao
- 10- Cheryll Ownby
- 11- Terri Cardwell
- 20- Coye Emmons
- 30- Grace Harrington

December Birthdays

- 19- Jana Gwinn