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# Zeta Tau News

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## Presidents' Corner

Martha Meyer and Donna Handlin, Chapter Presidents

Fall is upon us! Can you feel it in the air? Sense the change in the seasons? This time of year always signals the beginning of celebrations with our families and friends. How lucky we are to have such a wonderful Zeta Tau sisterhood with whom we celebrate!

The last few weeks are a blur, but one thing that stands out is our September chapter meeting at Chavez Mexican Restaurant. We enjoyed being together and starting the year with a celebration, despite the torrential downpour that greeted us at the restaurant. Thanks to Terrie for a fun getting to know you activity – we learned so much about each other!

This year, our chapter has adopted Woodview Elementary School's children and staff, and we will be working through the year to support them. Each meeting, we will be

asking our members to donate items for the campus. We are currently collecting children's socks, underwear, and gently used board games.

Our October meeting was at held at Woodview Elementary on October 18. Pam Pennington, Woodview principal, was with us and shared information about her campus so that we can get to know them better.

Remember our next meeting is at Blue Willow Bookshop on Memorial Drive on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

We can't wait to see you and catch up!

Donna and Martha

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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: Tuesday, Nov.  
15<sup>th</sup> at Blue Willow Bookshop at  
4:30pm.**

## 2017 CONVENTION UPDATE



Zeta Tau News Convention update  
Pat Osborne

### Share Your Heart: Houston 2017

Texas State Convention

Five of us from Zeta Tau are already involved in planning Houston 2017 Convention at the Downtown Hyatt. We've had three meetings already and each of us has special assignments. Mary Ann Slaughter is one of the Co Chairman who is responsible for acquiring all the vendors as well as overseeing several committees. Julie Eisenhauer is the Registrar and will be looking for lots of help from all of you. Terrie Cardwell is the Treasurer and will be paying the bills. Let's hope she doesn't have to get out her own credit card. I am a consultant to the convention. Zeta Tau and I will be responsible for setting up the State Personnel Dinner. Donna Handlin is the Chair in charge of Signs and Posters. This is the year that Zeta Tau members can share their gifts and talents. There will be big jobs and small ones too. When asked to help remember a Delta Kappa Gamma Sister always says yes! Together we can make this one fantastic convention.

### GLOBAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Chair Pat Osborne

Global Awareness is a part of the Educational Excellence Committee. It focuses on World Fellowship,

Schools in Africa (an International DKG Project), promoting the DKG/CTAUN relationship and exploring and learning about our member countries. CTAUN is the Committee on Teaching About United Nations that sponsors a United States Forum in Washington DC every other year. The next US Forum is in January, 2018.

Could you name the 17 member countries? Look for the answer at a Chapter Meeting.



### TSO Convention Frisco, Texas, June, 2016

11 members of Zeta Tau attended the Frisco Convention at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

There were approximately 1001 state members in attendance. Zeta Tau won the PACE award on opening night! Yahoo

Friday began with the celebration of Life and Remembrance, followed by a "first", Chartering a brand new chapter before the entire assembly. It was quite impressive. The Birthday Luncheon was on Friday with an entertaining LA Donna Gatlin as the

main speaker. A busy Friday concluded with a walk to the Dr. Pepper Baseball Stadium to watch the Frisco Rough Riders, have a Bar-b-que dinner, and watch an outstanding Fireworks Display.

At the Business Meeting, Membership was reported as follows:

7,592 Active members. A collection for the DKG Emergency Fund totaled \$7,073. There were stimulating breakout sessions and an excellent array of vendors for some great shopping. We tried it all.

DKG International Convention  
Nashville, Tennessee, July 5-9, Opryland Hotel

Three members of the Zeta Tau Chapter attended the Convention along with approximately 120 other Texans. The total in attendance was 1700 people from 17 countries. Opening session began with the parade of flags from all member countries most of whom were in cultural costume. Opening night featured speaker was Kai Kight, a motivational speaker and classical violinist. His message was

do not just follow the notes others write, write your own. He is a composer of very contemporary violin music and rhythms. Tennessee night was a delightful mix of country performers that caused a whole lot of the 1700 folks to get up and dance! At the Second General Session, the speaker was Mike Figliulo who walked everyone through the Maxims that guide his life and his decisions. His message was each of us must find our own Maxims to name the values we embrace. The United States Forum announced the next forum to be held in Washington, DC will be March 18-20, 2018. "Be the Change" luncheon for 1100 people was delicious and a miracle of serving. Fourth General Session speaker was author and humorist, Judith Viorst who entertained us all with her witty and clever poetry and view of life from the age of 87! She mesmerized the audience with her strength and humor. A great time was had by all and it is an experience you owe to yourself some

one of these years. Powerful to rub shoulders with so many enthusiastic and committed DKG members from all over the world.

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**INTRODUCING  
The ever lovely and  
talented...  
Mary Ann  
Slaughter**

Past President Mary Ann Slaughter has been married to Ray for 41 years. They have 3 wonderful grandchildren. Mary Ann taught first grade (in the same classroom) at Pine Shadows Elementary for 35 years. She continues another 10 years in a part time capacity at Pine Shadows and Terrace Elementary. She has one sister, Geri that lives in Houston and 2 very precious black and white kittens, Sophia and Pickles.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
YOU!!!!!!**

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Maureen Madden**
- 4  
Sharon Sharadin**
- 7  
Susan Strait**
- 18  
Amy Houser**
- 20  
Lois Dianne Gebhart**
- 23  
Shana Gordy  
Donna Handling**
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Deborah Rossi  
Sasha Luther**

*Happy Birthday to our  
BOO-tiful October babies!!!*