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Presidents' Corner

Martha Meyer and Donna Handlin, Chapter Presidents

Happy February! Wow, this first biennium is going by so quickly, and before we know it, new member initiation, Founder's Day, and the Texas State Convention will be upon us. With all of that in mind, we hope you have saved the dates, because you won't want to miss any of this excitement and fellowship.

In just a couple of weeks, we will gather at the H-E-B Community Room for our annual auction. Mark your calendars and gather your donation(s) for Tuesday, February 21 at 4:30 for an afternoon of friendly competition as we try to outbid our sisters for the perfect item. We challenge each of you to bring a potential new member as this will be a wonderful opportunity for them to get to know us and to participate in our largest fundraiser of the year. If you cannot make the auction, please consider making a donation to support Zeta Tau.

If you have not already done so, please send the name(s) of potential new members to Amy Houser. The membership prospect card was sent to all members on January 24. Please complete the card and email it to amy.houser@springbranchisd.com. If you cannot find the email, please contact Amy and she will be happy to send the information to you. Please remember that our chapter grows only with your recognition of and invitation to fellow women educators. Who are you going to invite to join our sisterhood?

In May, we have a real treat for our Founder's Day celebration. We will be having our meeting at the Taste of Texas, and Nina Hendee will be speaking to us. It is our understanding that Nina's presentations are not to be missed. Mark your calendars for May 16 at 4:30.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Texas State Convention will be in Houston this year. What a wonderful opportunity to see and experience why it is such an honor to be a part. Many of our members have taken on leadership roles for the convention, and each of us is needed to assist. There is a role for each of us to utilize our gifts. At our next few meetings, each of you will have the opportunity to sign up. As those famous words reflect – WE NEED YOU. There is no contribution of time that is too small. Whether you have attended a state convention in the past, or this is your first time, Convention will deepen your love of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Plan to be at the Westin Galleria June 22 – 24.

As we reflect back on the first half of this first biennium, we are blessed beyond measure to be serving as presidents of Zeta Tau. A big thanks to all of you for your generous support of Woodview Elementary School. The students and staff have been overwhelmed with our outpouring of support and love. Zeta Tau rocks!

Donna & Martha

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DKG

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, Feb. 21
at HEB Bunker Hill Community
Room at 4:30pm.**

2017 CONVENTION UPDATE



2017 Unifying Project

Child Advocate Needs for DKG – TSO June Convention

Gift cards to:

- Target
- Amazon
- Walmart
- Visa/Mastercard
- Amazon
- Office Depot
- Costco/Sams

Younger Children:

- Childrens' Books
- Coloring Books and Crayons
- Stuffed Animals
- Action Figures
- Educational Toys
- Educational Games
- Art Sets

Preteen and Teen Girl:

- Manicure set, Nail file, nail polish
- Hand cream or lotion, Lip gloss or bath wash
- Decorative t-shirts or Cute socks
- Books, journals, colorful pens
- Small Purse, wallet

Preteen and Teen Boy:

- Manicure set
- AXE shaving cream or deodorant
- Comb/Brush
- Decorative t-shirts or Socks
- Books, journals
- Keychain or Wallet



The Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat was held at Camp Allen in Navasota over the MLK holiday. It is held from Friday night to Sunday afternoon. There were about 100 ladies that attended. Throughout the weekend, many laughs were shared, stories were told, and many crafts were done. There aren't many spots left for next year. If you haven't attended before, it is certainly something that is highly recommended and very much enjoyed. Don't believe me?? Would these pretty faces tell you wrong?



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Committee Update

By: Sharon Sharadin

Scholarship Committee Meeting:

Ana Vazao, Maureen Madden and Sharon Sharadin were in attendance on January 24, 2017. We determined that the proposed \$1200.00 would be awarded to two high school seniors. There will be a 1st place and 2nd place recipient with \$700.00 and \$500.00 awarded respectively.

Applications will be given to the 5 Spring Branch ISD High School counselors by February 13, 2017. Applicants must have applications submitted to Zeta Tau by March 22, 2017. They will be submitted to Ana Vazao via email.

Each application will have a cover letter with the mission statement and vision of Delta Kappa Gamma. Two recommendation letters are required and may be written by a principal, school counselor and/or teacher.

A small committee will meet and select the top two recipients with the use of a rubric. The two seniors will be awarded their scholarship at the Founder's Day meeting on May 16, 2017.



In light of what has been happening in our country as well as around the globe. I feel it is pretty safe to say that we are all in need of a little good news.

Opening our Doors and Hearts

By Jo Ann Arlitt

Nottingham Elementary, Spring Forest Middle and Stratford High Schools have opened their doors and hearts to a growing number of refugee students. I recently had the pleasure of talking to one of them, and his story makes me truly appreciate the roof over my head, the food on my table, and the clothes on my back. We are blessed to live in America!

When this particular student landed in Houston last August, he was 19½ years old. His caseworker told him he should forget about school and find a job. He said education is very important to him and he planned to go to college after high school. What he didn't know is that Texas requires 5 End of Course exams to be taken and passed in order to graduate. He passed the Algebra test without any problems, but Biology and US History were another story. This is where I stepped in. I simply gave him copies of the tests that TEA releases and answer keys. I suggested he highlight the correct answers and study them. He took the tests again and passed both! We're still working on the English tests, but I have faith in him. His grit and resilience are amazing.

My daughters and I are avid readers and swap books regularly. The week after I first spoke with this student, one of them brought [This Voice in My Heart: A Runner's Memoir of Genocide, Faith, and Forgiveness](#) by Gilbert Tuhabonye. Reading this memoir was like hearing the student tell his story all over again. I highly suggest reading this book. You, too, will have a deeper appreciation for our great land.