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Dear Friends,

As I write this, we're in the midst of another "rain event", and once again I'm so happy we live on the west side of Houston and not the east. I hope if you had family or friends who were affected by the storm, all is well now.

Our big service project this year is helping Spring Shadows Elementary (SSE), including boosting the morale of its teachers. That has begun. On August 28, when Terrie and I attended the faculty meeting, we took a flyer on DKG along with a little candy bar for everyone. On September 6, I went to hand out the dictionaries we had purchased for every 3rd grader as part of SBISD's Dictionary Project. (See story and pictures on page 3) And the week of September 16-21, several of us went to help with the Book Fair (see story and pictures on page 3).

Our next meeting will be at SSE, October 1, 4:30 pm in the library. I invited the principal, Rachel Martinez, and the Communities in School liaison, Yesenia Zapata Briones, to speak about the school and tell us about other ways we can help SSE.

The last weekend of September will see several of us traveling to Porter and to far east Houston to greet Patti Belknap as she begins her biennium as President of TSO. More about that in next month's newsletter.

The fall TSO Newsletter, "Lonestar News", is now available on the DKG Texas website. The registration for STAR, Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat, which occurs January 17-19, is also available there and is due November 1. Julie says they still have openings. I hope you're regularly checking both the Texas and International websites as more and more information is digital. Remember to check our website at www.zetatau.weebly.com Paige is doing a great job keeping it updated.

I want to thank Sasha and Terrie for putting on a fabulous program about strong, marvelous, and magnificent women last month. I know everyone learned things about our founders and our Zeta Tau sisters we had not known before.

Wishing you blue skies and cooler temperatures. Looking forward to seeing you on October 1.

Diana



MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting start time @ 4:30 unless noted otherwise

- Oct 1:** "Partnering with Spring Shadows" @ Spring Shadows
- Oct 22:** Happy Hour @ Ciro's
- Nov 5:** "You Are The Key" @ Frostwood
- Dec 3:** Preparing Teacher Bags for Spring Shadows @ Memorial Drive Christian Church, catered dinner
- Jan 14:** Social hour & Dinner @ Chavez
- Feb 4:** "February is for ASTEF" @ Frostwood
- Mar 3:** "Make and Take" with Sasha and Pam @ Frostwood
- Apr 7:** "Induction of New Members" @ Taste of Texas
- May 7:** "Birthday Celebration & Officer Induction" @ Chavez



September Meeting

Our first meeting of the 2019-20 school year was held September 3 at Frostwood Elementary where everyone caught up with each other from the summer over lovely snacks provided by Elizabeth Roy. During the regular meeting, we learned our Zeta Tau chapter received the Spring Branch Good Neighbor recognition due to our service projects. This year we have adopted Spring Shadows Elementary and Diana Apsey and Terrie Cardwell represented us already by attending and speaking at a faculty meeting. Donations were collected for the Dictionary Project and volunteers signed up for the school's first book fair. Next members donated \$1 for brags and pins. Sara Norton received Pablo's Mexican Kitchen gift card brought by Sasha and Paula Ely won a cookbook provided by Mary Ann Slaughter. After singing the DKG song, Terrie and Sasha presented "Magnificent Marvelous Women." We were asked to recognize and share two of our personal awesome traits, and Terrie shared the magnificence of our DKG founders. The lives of Mamie Sue Bastian and Dr. Eula Lee Carter were highlighted.

NEW FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

In the past, we've devoted one meeting to either a live or silent auction. This year instead, we'll have either a raffle or silent auction at each meeting. We raised over \$80 with the Pablo's gift card last month! Many have signed up to bring either a silent auction or raffle item. If you'd like to add an item, contact Sasha. Silent auction funds will be used for scholarships and raffle funds will go to the general account. Please make sure items are NEW and valued at least \$25. We would like to include the items in the newsletter prior to the meeting. Please send a picture of the item about 2 weeks before the meeting to Lora. As always, if you prefer to just make a donation to either account, please feel free.



October Donations for Auction/Raffle

Sign donated by Jo Ann and jewelry from Diana



Upcoming Events:

September 27-28

GHACC State DKG President Presentation

2020 Conventions

TSO Convention

June 17-19, McAllen

Notice the days have shifted as it starts on Wednesday and ends on Friday.



International Convention

July 7-11,

Philadelphia

DKG is offering a Go Ahead

Tour in New York City,

July 12-16. Registration

Deadline for the Tour is

September 27. Informa-

tion on the DKG Web site.

Area 18 Workshop

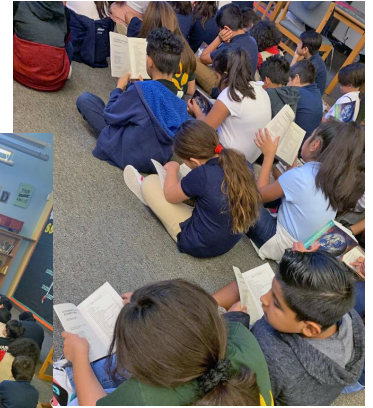
Saturday, August 29, 2020

Zeta Tau Helps Spring Shadows Elementary

September 6th: Diana gave a short presentation on the history of the Dictionary Project in SBISD and the importance of reading before handing out a dictionary/gazetteer to each 3rd grader at Spring Shadows Elementary (SSE).



She then showed students how to use the dictionary to look up the meaning of a word, find information about a state, find sign language page, and find biographies of presidents. The students were excited with them and couldn't wait to explore. Several came up to say thank you and give a hug because they were so happy to have their own dictionary.



Diana A. presenting dictionaries to SSE 3rd graders

Thank you letter from SBISD

September 19, 2019

Dear Diana,

Thank you for DKG Zeta Tau's sponsorship of The Dictionary at Spring Shadows Elementary this year. Your support made this gift of knowledge possible for our students and helped them start their new school year knowing that the community encourages their educational pursuits. Thank you for encouraging them to become life-long learners!

We have enclosed the invoice representing your sponsorship of the program. Thank you so much for making this experience possible.

I know that our students will use their dictionaries throughout their educational careers and will remember you and your generosity when they see the bookplate that goes in each dictionary acknowledging you as the sponsor.

Thanks so much for your support of our students and for all you do to make a difference in their lives.

Sincerely,

Linda Buchman
Community Relations Officer



Mary Ann and Paula at SSE Book Fair



Week of September 16-20: This was Book Fair Week at SSE. Since they have no PTA, several Zeta Tau members volunteered to help. Participating were Mary Ann, Paula, Patty, Julie, Jane, Sara, Terrie, Pat, and Pam.



Left: SSE Librarian and Diana checking out at the register; Julie running the register; Top Right: Jane showing off some books; Escaping the flooding: Pat, SSE Volunteer & Terrie after moving their cars to higher ground; SSE volunteers and Terrie watching the water rise.



Welcome Back to DKG!

I retired from Spring Branch ISD in 2009, after 40 years as an elementary school counselor, and teacher, on sixteen campuses in nine districts, and Richardson and Spring Branch, twice.

For the past 6 years, we had been living in Fayetteville, Texas, with a population of 258. I enjoyed serving as a docent at Festival Hill Institute in Round Top, where international music students come every summer for six weeks of study, and concerts.

Forty years ago, I was initiated into the Epsilon Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in



Carthage, Texas. My life has been enriched through all of the friendships I have formed as a result of my membership in eleven Delta Kappa Gamma Chapters, especially Zeta Tau, where I was privileged to serve as president from 1992-93.

Janet Kennedy

Another reinstated member is Robyn Flowers and Janet Kennedy. The following sisters dropped their membership: Kathie Bishop, Ann Brown, Beth Brown, Carolyn Morris, Tabitha Pena, Lili Suchoff, Robin Swanson and Ana Vazao.

Spotlight on a DKG Founder: Ruby Cole 1885-1940

Did you know? Ruby Cole started her higher education at then Sam Houston Institute in Huntsville but finished at Southwest Texas State Normal college or Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Later she completed graduate work at both College of the Incarnate Word and at Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio.



She was involved in school, civic and community organizations and activities in San Antonio working toward improving the area for tourism. From this work she was invited to be a founding member of DKG. In less than two months after the national society was created, Ms. Cole organized the first state chapter - Beta - On July 6, 1929 in San Antonio. She was the chapter's first president from October 1930 to September 1932. During the same time, she served as the national second vice-president until 1933.

From 1929 to 1940 she served on one or more national committees, and often concurrently. In addition to her deep involvement with DKG, she was an active member of TSTA on the Teacher's Retirement Committee and as chairman of the Legislative Com-

Picture and information from DKG website



BIRTHDAYS!

OCTOBER

- 03 Maureen Madden
- 07 Susan Strait
- 16 Robyn Flowers
- 18 Amy Houser
- 23 Donna Handlin
- 25 Jane Cooper
- 26 Sasha Johnson

NOVEMBER

- 10 Cheryll Ownby
- 11 Terrie Caldwell
- 20 Coye Emmons
- 30 Grace Harrington



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mittee on Elementary Principals. She spent her life working for better schools and teacher welfare. She passed suddenly on November 20, 1940 after suffering a heart attack.



2018-2020 OFFICERS:

- PRESIDENT: Diana Apsey
- 1ST VP: Terrie Cardwell
- 2ND VP: Sasha Johnson
- RECORDING SECRETARY: Jo Ann Arlitt
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Pamela Calder
- TREASURER: Julie Eisenhauer
- PARLIAMENTARIAN: Donna Handlin

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- CEREMONIES: Paula Ely and Dora Aschenbeck
- COMMUNICATIONS: Lora Ringler
- MEMBERSHIP: Jane Cooper
- YEARBOOK: Sasha Johnson
- ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: Linda Horstman and Cheryll Ownby
- LEGISLATIVE: Barbara Stephens
- PROGRAMS: Terrie Cardwell
- HOSPITALITY: Elizabeth Roy
- SCHOLARSHIP/GRANTS-IN AID: Lori Dismukes
- ARCHIVE: Mary Ann Slaughter

ZETA TAU MEMBERS ON STATE COMMITTEES:

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- FINANCE COMMITTEE: Terrie Cardwell
- NECROLOGY COMMITTEE: Mary Ann Slaughter
- BY-LAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE: Diana Apsey
- AREA 18 COORDINATOR AND STAR BOARD: Julie Eisenhauer

