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*us for another  
exciting year!*



*Please mark your  
calendars and join*

Here is a list of our  
upcoming meetings for the  
year:

- October 17 – Saltgrass  
Steakhouse – 4:30
- November 14 – Woodview  
Elementary Library – 4:30
- December 5 - Terrie  
Cardwell’s Home –  
Christmas Party – 4:30
- January 9 – Wellness  
presentation – HEB  
Community Room – 4:30
- February 13 – Annual  
Auction – Bunker Hill  
Elementary Community  
Room (awaiting  
confirmation) – 4:30
- March 6 – Spring Branch  
Museum (Joint meeting) –  
4:30

# Zeta Tau News

Delta Kappa  
Gamma Society  
International

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Chapter Number 163 Area 18  
Houston, Texas  
Alpha State, Texas

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- April 10 – Initiation –  
Memorial Drive Christian  
Church – 4:30
- May 8 – Founder’s Day –  
location TBA – 4:30

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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.

## President's Post

By: *Martha Meyer and Donna Handlin*

Happy fall, y'all! Here we are 5-weeks beyond Harvey, and we see signs that recovery is underway and that there is so much to be thankful for amidst the devastation. First and foremost, we are thankful that all of our sisters are safe, secondly, we are thankful for the generosity of family, friends, and strangers across our city. It is heartwarming to hear the stories of love shown by so many. DKG International's Emergency Fund came through with monetary assistance for those who suffered such loss. Please pray for these sisters who experienced flooding: Amy Houser, Carol Thielmann, Jane Cooper, Ana Azazo, and Sasha Luther.

As we move forward, it is time to come together for our first meeting of the year! We will meet on October 7 at 4:30 at Saltgrass Steakhouse – 943 Katy Freeway. This will be a time for us to come together in sisterhood. If you have not sent your dues to Julie Eisenhauer, please bring the \$85 with you to the meeting. We will be on a short timeline for dues collection due to the cancellation of our original first meeting. If you would like to donate money to help a fellow Zeta Tau sister with her dues because of flooding, please include the additional amount in your check to Julie. Any amount will help lessen the financial burden that several of our sisters are facing as a result of Harvey. Please mark your calendars and join us as we gather in fellowship and love and begin to build the bridges that will connect yesterday to tomorrow". We look forward to seeing all of you!

As we reflect on last year, we are excited about all of the accomplishments of Zeta Tau. None of these happen without tremendous dedication by all of you – our sisters! We are looking forward to a great year. This year, we will continue our work and support of Woodview Elementary. They are in need of socks for their older students, and books, games and puzzles are always appreciated. We will also be working with them as we implement the ASTEF Grant we were awarded this summer. Stay tuned for ways in which you can support the students and teachers of Woodview.

The State Executive Committee has decided to suspend this year's PACE Award. However, this will not stop our chapter from achieving great things again this year. Our new Alpha State President, Dr. Jo Murphy, has challenged each chapter to:

- Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
- Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
- Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
- Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide.

*Love, Donna and Martha*

## 2017 CONVENTION UPDATE



The 2017 TSO State Convention has come and gone! After many, many months of work, more than 1100 sisters checked into the Westin Galleria to attend sessions, visit with DKG sisters and enjoy being in Houston Texas! There were many great courses offered for those wishing to earn CPE credit. The birthday luncheon celebrated the hard work of Child Advocates and exhibited what great hearts our sisters across the state have. There was lots of laughter, lots of hard work and lots of love present in the 3 days of the convention. The best part of it all was looking out and seeing our Zeta Tau sisters sharing their time and expertise volunteering where needed. The registration table was always full of our friends and the property room had many familiar faces watching over the goods. The Zeta Tau members on the

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steering Committee wish to  
end a heartfelt thanks to  
those who answered the  
call: Maureen Kraker, Diana  
Apsey, Jo Ann Arlitt, Dora  
Aschenbeck, Pam Calder,  
Lori Cleare, Jane Cooper,  
Paula Ely, Jana Gwinn, Donna  
Landlin, Martha Meyer,  
Dora Ringler, Elke  
Eisenhauer, Sandy  
Schneider, Susan Strait, Lili  
Buchhoff and Lorena  
Zertuche. Working  
together makes it all  
worthwhile and makes the  
work seem like fun! We all  
did have fun too. It will be a  
few years before the  
occasion comes back to  
Houston but it is a sure  
thing that Zeta Tau will  
never forget the summer of  
2017 at the Westin  
Galleria.

Love and thanks to all,  
Terrie Cardwell, Julie  
Eisenhauer, Pat Osborne  
and Mary Ann Slaughter

Newsletter Editor is Elke  
Eisenhauer. Please send ideas  
and articles



### DKG Southwest Regional Conference in Hawaii By: Pat Osborne

If you missed this conference, you missed a whole lot of history and culture of the Hawaiian Islands. Besides Society business, there were multiple breakout sessions on Japanese Tea Service, how to make a lei, how to dance a beautiful Hawaiian dance and many informative sessions on Hawaiian cultural schools. Have you ever heard of the Blue Eyed Doll Ambassadors that served as Peace Ambassadors before World War II? Fascinating story, we would be glad to share with you.

### Mark your calendar now!

Texas State Convention, "Building Bridges in Waco" will be in Waco, Texas, June 14, 15, 16. There are 4 Hotels close to the Convention Center. Registration will open in January. The convention schedule will be condensed,

there will be President's Training, Celebration Banquet Friday evening and a Brunch with Awards on Saturday morning

10:30-12:00. Convention ends at 12:00 noon. Y'all come!

### ASTEFL

Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEFL) is the fund raising arm of Texas State Organization. Through the efforts of ASTEF, Scholarships are awarded, The Leadership Seminar provides training for up to 30 Society members, and Programs and Projects provides grant money for individuals, chapters, and/or areas throughout Texas. This year ASTEF awarded \$37,000 to 35 different applicants.

At the Houston Convention, Zeta Tau won a \$1000.00 Grant to Make Texas History Come Alive for Fourth Grade Students at Woodview. You can assist us with this project by volunteering to work in a classroom to assist with the delivery of a hands on project for students. All you have to do is go to the SBISD website and complete the form to become a Volunteer in school. It's simple and we need you to participate. More information to come. This project is an extension of our service

project with Woodview last year  
that was so successful.

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## Texas State Scholarship

You still have a chance to apply for a Mini-Grant for non-traditional professional training. The Mini Grant deadline has been extended to November 1. Go on [www.DKGTexas.org](http://www.DKGTexas.org) go to STATE scholarship page and download the application and guidelines for October Mini Grant. The Grant is for \$750.00. It is open to both active and retired teachers.

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Upcoming events:

<http://hansonlibrary.org/2017/08/upcoming-events-library/>