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Zeta Tau News

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Ladies,

Spring is in the air. Trees are greening and those first flowers of the year are popping up and out. I love this time of year with its sense of renewal and new beginnings.

Our February 19th meeting theme will be **giving** and will be in three parts. First, we will do our final service project of the year, putting together goody bags for Spring Woods Middle School Faculty and Staff. The second and third parts go together. Since February is ASTEF Giving Month, we're going to learn more about ASTEF from Carolyn Mashburn, one of the original directors. Then we're going to raise money for ASTEF by playing Left, Right, Center. It's new to me, but I'm told it's a lot of fun. **You'll each need to bring 3 one-dollar bills to play.** The pot at the end of the game will be donated to ASTEF. Prizes will be given to winner(s). If you'd like to make an additional contribution to ASTEF, go to **www.astef.org** and use the donate button at the top of the page.

Have you made your plans for the Texas Convention in Arlington? It will be held June 20-22 at the Arlington Sheraton which is right next door to the Rangers Ballpark. Information on the schedule and accommodations is available at www.dkgtexas.org. I hope we continue the tradition of having a large contingent of Zeta Tau members attending.

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned I was going to the Regional convention in Costa Mesa in July. But that's not quite right. There are no longer Regional conventions, but rather International conventions based on themes. For example, the Costa Mesa convention's theme is technology. The others are in Ashville, NC (Arts & Humanities), Des Moines, IA (Leadership), Reykjavik, Iceland (Professional Research and Practice), and Mashantucket, CT (Global Awareness). So, if your summer travel plans or interests fall in better with one of these, check them all out at the DKG website. Remember, you need your ID number to sign in. While there, make sure your email is up to date so that you are receiving all information from headquarters.

If any of you are interested in serving on a state committee, the deadline has been extended. You'll find the form on the state website. Get it in soon.

I forgot to mention at the last meeting that I had talked with Coye Emmons, our only charter member still with us. She couldn't attend our meeting but is able to get out some with the help of her daughter and son-in-law with whom she now lives. She mentioned how much she loves getting the Zeta Tau Newsletter. **So, here's a big shout-out to Coye!!!**

Speaking of the last meeting, what a nice Induction Ceremony we had to welcome in our new members Sara and Paige at Taste of Texas. Thank you, Paula and Dora for your work making it so lovely.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Diana



MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting start time @ 4:30 unless noted otherwise

- Feb 19:** Gaming with ASTEF; Service Project; speaker - Carolyn Mashburn @ Frostwood
- Mar 19:** "Fostering a Healthy Mind and Body with Natural Products and Essential Oils" with Sasha and Pam @ Frostwood
- Apr 16:** "Looking Across the Bridge" @ Frostwood
- May 7:** Founders' Day and Birthday Party @ Los Tios



Past Happenings

January Meeting Highlights

Zeta Tau started the new year January 14, 2019 with a lovely Induction Ceremony of our two newest members Paige Lantier and Sara Norton while enjoying fantastic food, camaraderie and sisterhood at the Taste of Texas. The ceremony was coordinated by Paula Ely and Dora Aschenbeck. Jane Cooper, Membership Chair, presented the new inductees and then sponsors Sasha Johnson and Mary Ann Slaughter joined Paige and Sara. The ceremony proceeded with Diana Apsey, Terrie Cardwell and several other sisters within the audience assisting reading the induction ceremony. The inductees then signed the book, lit their candles from the main DKG candle, were pinned by their sponsors, accepted their red roses and then were welcomed and congratulated by all others in attendance.



Paige, Sasha, Sara, Mary Ann

Also during the meeting, Diana shared a lovely thank you note from Spring Branch Family Development Center in appreciation of all our donations from the December meeting for their Family U Program. Barbara Stephens, our Legislative Chair, spoke about current legislative activity and encouraged everyone, both active and retired, to write their appropriate legislator regarding teacher health insurance and retirement issues. She provided sample letters and stationery to assist and encouraged us in letting our voices be heard.



Barbara Stephens

STAR Weekend

The **STAR** or **Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat** weekend is a retreat at Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas. It was started by a group of six DKG women interested in doing crafts and other creative

Upcoming Events:



June 20-22

State Convention in Arlington

July 17-20

Southwest Regional Conference in Costa Mesa, California



BIRTHDAYS!

FEBRUARY

- 01 Linda Horstmann
- 10 Diana Apsey
- 12 Barbara Stephens
- 20 JoAnn Arlitt
- 27 Lillian Suchoff

MARCH

- 10 Robin Swanson
- 13 Paula Ely
- 23 Beth Brown
- 30 Judy Grisell



activities. It is self funded and recently was endorsed as part of the Women In Arts State Committee. This past January 18-20, it just celebrated it's fifth year with an attendance of 112. This year, Julie Eisenhauer, Mary Ann Slaughter, Paula Ely, and Pat Osborne attended. In previous years Terry Cardwell taught classes. Julie is the Treasurer of the STAR team and Pat Osborne is the Secretary/Scheduler. In addition to celebrating the fifth anniversary, we celebrated Dr. Mary Ann Walden's 90 birthday year!! If interested in attending, the registration form is now available online for next year's retreat January 17-19, 2020. If interested or you have any questions, please speak with Pat or Julie.



Dr. Walden



Meet Our Newest Members!

Sara Norton

I was born in Dallas and moved to Houston as a child. After attending HISD schools, I graduated from Sam Houston University with a BS in elementary education and a ME degree from the University of Houston in curriculum and instruction. After teaching second and third grades in Houston and Pasadena schools, our family moved to the Spring Branch Memorial area of Houston where I have lived for over fifty years. My children were young, so instead of returning to teaching in the local school district, I worked part time in a local Montessori school where my children attended. My interest in this self-pacing curriculum and the multi-aged groupings fell in line with my educational philosophy; I became a credentialed Montessori teacher for ages 3 years to 9 years and have spent my career in Montessori education. For fifteen years I was with School of the Woods and in 1977, I opened Sherwood Forest Montessori School. I have served as an early childhood teacher, lower elementary teacher, and head of school for the past forty years. For many years I was on the staff of Houston Montessori Center as lower elementary program and an intern supervisor of student teachers. Center several years ago and am ac-



Paige and Sara

Paige Lantier

I am originally from the small town and raised. Most all of my family to get some home cooked food. My brother, Jason, who lives in Houston the west side of town with my time with all of my younger cousins, taking Beau to the dog park, cooking, baking, eating, and then complain-

ing about gaining weight! of Scott, Louisiana where I was born still lives there and I go home often parents still live in Scott and I have a ton and works as an architect. I live adorable dog Beau. I enjoy spending

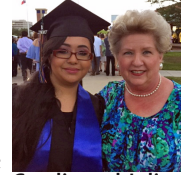
I attended The University of Louisiana at Lafayette and received my Bachelors in Elementary Education. My first job was in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina teaching an Extended Math course for all of the new student evacuees; I was their fifth teacher in three months! During that time I was recruited by Spring Branch and moved to Houston for the following school year. I have taught 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and an 8th grade high school credit course over my fourteen years of teaching. A few years ago I returned to school at the University of St. Thomas and earned my Masters degree in Educational Leadership. I am looking forward to what the future may hold for me on this leadership path.

Sisters in Our Community!

SBISD Mentor Program

By: Julie Eisenhauer

After retiring from teaching for 38 years, I added several volunteer activities. I really wanted to continue to work with children so I began mentoring children at Hollibrook Elementary in SBISD. This has been such a wonderful experience! My first mentee, third-grader Cyndia, was very shy and it took a while to see her "bloom". I am still working with Cyndia who is a sophomore at Sam Houston State University studying Criminal Justice. She has a 3.5 grade point average, but more importantly she is now more confident and self-assured than at the beginning. She is also more outgoing and loves working in new situations.



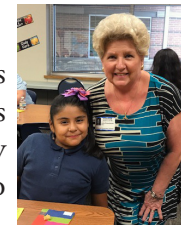
Cyndia and Julie



Sarahi and Julie

I also have a mentee, Sarahi, who is a seventh grader at Northbrook Middle school. She too was very shy, but like Cyndia, Sarahi is blossoming. She is a member of National Junior honor society and has very good grades as well. She was recently chosen by the counselor to be guide for the fifth graders visiting the middle school on a field trip. I'm so very proud of her and her accomplishments.

My newest mentee is Evelyn, in the third grade at Hollibrook. She is not as shy as my other two girls so I can only imagine what adventures she may have. Right now she is struggling with math a bit, so we play games that include some kind of math element. I look forward to many years of helping Evelyn know that the world is full of possibilities.



Evelyn and Julie

My church is partnered with Hollibrook for the mentoring program and I am the coordinator of the program at Hollibrook. I recruit new mentors every year and plan activities for all the mentees and mentors. We usually have 20 to 25 mentors at Hollibrook at a time. If you're interested, we can always use more!! You don't have to belong to my church, in fact two of our Zeta Tau members, Lora Ringler and Jane Cooper are currently mentoring in the middle school, but they started with us at Hollibrook!!!

Expanding their horizons has been very helpful to them I am sure, but it also has enriched my life! To me, there is no greater calling than being a teacher and this is the next best thing.



*A woman with a book
and a pen
has the power
to move nations.*



*A woman with a mind
and a voice
has the power to change worlds.*



Sasha Temerte

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