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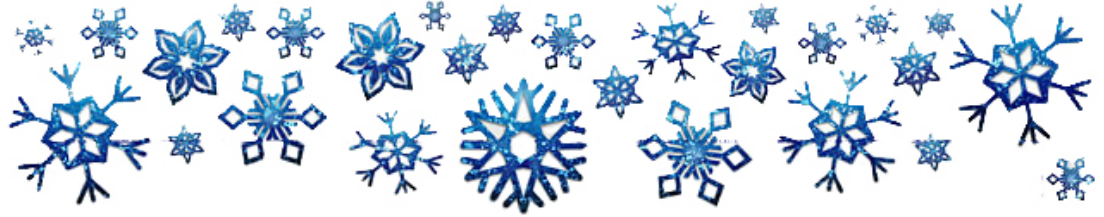
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# Zeta Tau News

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**Happy 2019!** Here's wishing you a year filled with health, happiness, and new adventures!!!

One of my adventures this year will take place in Frisco near the end of February when I join 29 other Alpha state members at the 2019 Leadership Seminar. From the website, the seminar is "designed to supplement and enhance leadership, communication, and management skills of Alpha State members. The seminar provides opportunities for professional and personal growth and is beneficial to both the individual member and the Society." I join a long line of Zeta Tau members who have been selected for this Seminar.

Another adventure will be attending the state convention in Arlington in June. Information on the convention, including room reservations, is available now at [dkgtexas.org](http://dkgtexas.org) For newbies, Zeta Tau will provide scholarships to help with costs. So, talk with a DKG friend, make your reservations, and get set for "Crossing the Bridge" in Arlington. Then for more adventure, join me in July, for the DKG regional convention in Costa Mesa, California. I'm going "tourist" first, visiting the Nixon Library (last in my quest to visit them all until President Obama's gets built) and to see the giant sequoias. Maybe you too can incorporate other activities in your time in the Los Angeles area before or after the convention. Many members bring their spouses or others along to enjoy the time at the convention destination.

I want to thank you all for your generous support for the Spring Branch Family Development Center at our December meeting. The pile of gifts was impressive and will so help the Center's Family U class. More information on that elsewhere in this newsletter.

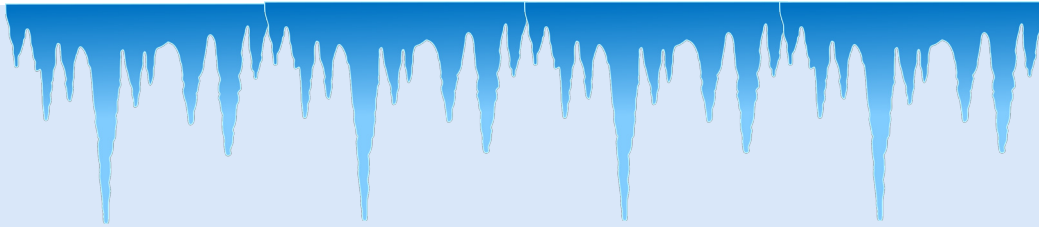
Great news! Our yearbook has won the Exemplary Award. Congratulations and thanks for all your hard work Sasha.

This month, we welcome new members Sara and Paige at our Induction Ceremony, which will be held on Monday, January 14, 4:30 pm at Taste of Texas. For those of you who say coming on Tuesday is a problem, we hope to see you on Monday! We will also continue our legislative work by writing cards to our state legislators as they convene for this year's session. Our voices need to be heard!

See you on the 14th.

Diana





# MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting start time @ 4:30 unless noted otherwise

- Jan 14:** New Member Induction @ Taste of Texas
- 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:** TBA
- May 7:** Founders' Day and Birthday Party @ Los Tios

## Upcoming Events:

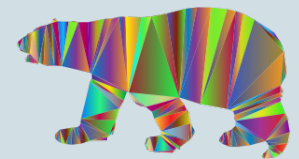


**June 20-22**

State Convention in Arlington

**July 17-20**

Southwest Regional Conference in Costa Mesa, California



## BIRTHDAYS!

### JANUARY

- 14 Kathie Bishop
- 27 Lori Dismukes

### FEBRUARY

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



## December Meeting Highlights

Zeta Tau sisters came together December 4 at Memorial Drive Christian Church to celebrate the Christmas season with a wonderful program presentation from Laura Segura of Spring Branch Family Development Center (SBFDC), a dinner catered by David Alcorta and afterward singing carols accompanied by Delmarie Gilbreath on the piano. The evening was festive with Christmas decorations and attire worn by twenty-four attending sisters.



Laura Segura, guest speaker

Laura Segura shared the development of SBFDC located at 8575 Pitner Rd. She provided all members with lovely folders containing multiple items explaining how the facility functions. She described the uniqueness of the center in the Houston area due to providing multiple resources from many agencies in a central location. As a chapter, we chose their pre-kindergarten program as recipients of our Christmas gifts this year. (This was in lieu of exchanging gifts among sisters.) Members brought items that were needed by the program and were given to Mrs. Segura that evening. Chapter member Jane Cooper acquired some photos of the center for us.



Diana and Laura

During our regular meeting, two applicants were approved for our January induction on January 14 at the Taste of Texas. They are Sara Norton of Sherwood Forest Montessori and Paige Lantier of Bunker Hill Elementary. Sponsors are Mary Ann Slaughter and Sasha Johnson respectively. After sharing a wonderful meal and camaraderie, we all had fun singing carols with



Activities at SBFDC



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Delmarie Gilbreath at the piano. Once more, Terrie Cardwell outdid herself in providing us a wonderful venue for our meeting and meal.

Christmas Collage: Top left and clockwise to bottom right: Singing carols, Paula and Pat sharing a good conversation; Terrie and friend Delmarie Gilbreath (guest pianist); Jane, Sasha, Julie and Lorena; Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Barbara and Paula; Tabitha and Cathy; Desserts for dinner.

## January Meeting!

Ring the new year in and two new sisters by joining us at our annual induction of new members Monday, January 14 at 4:30 at The Taste of Texas. And if your New Year's Resolution is attending more meetings, what a fantastic way to start! It's always a delight to share and enjoy a wonderful meal together amidst all the lovely Texan antiques and memorabilia. Reservations are required ahead of the meeting so please contact Terrie Caldwell by **noon Friday, January 11**. Don't miss this fantastic time! Send your email simply by clicking on Terrie's name above!

## In Case You Were Wondering...

### DKG State Scholarships

The Texas Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has several generous scholarships available to its members. There are scholarships available for graduate studies, continuing adult education, and educational travel. Scholarship information, instructions, and application forms may be printed from the links on this page. There are also links to last years recipients, a quick guide and more. **March 1** is the deadline for TSO Scholarship, Spring Mini-Grant applications, and the TSO Maetha Griffin Weatherby Educational Travel Scholarship. Talk to other members. Many have applied and received grants and scholarships in the past and would be happy to answer questions or help you out!



### Texas Retired Teacher Foundation Grants

In 2019, Texas Retired Teacher Foundation will award \$500 to 30 Texas public educators!

Today's classroom teachers use a variety of tools to educate children, but due to lack of sufficient funding, many find new technology items out of reach. TRTF's Classroom Assistance Grant program helps teachers improve the learning environment for students by giving **\$500** towards projects, learning platforms, software, and much more. Since 2008, TRTF has provided \$63,500 in grants to active educators all across Texas.

The **deadline** to submit completed applications for the 2019 award year is **February 28, 2019** no later than 5:00 p.m. Recipients will be announced at the 66th Annual TRTA Convention in Austin during the Foundation Breakfast on April 2, 2019. The names of the recipients will also be posted on the TRTF website on April 2, 2019 by noon. For forms and more information, go to <https://trtf.org/initiatives/classroom-assistance-grants/>



### Technology Update

Our website has once again been given the DKG Compliance Seal. Check out our website at [zetatau.weebly.com](http://zetatau.weebly.com). Also, we have a Facebook page. It's open to only members so if you'd like to join the site, contact Maureen Madden, [moetx3m@gmail.com](mailto:moetx3m@gmail.com), who'll set you up.

