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**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



***Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow***



**Editor's Note:** All clipart is from Microsoft Office®, Alpha State Texas Website and from DKG website; photos are provided by Theta Epsilon members.

members are making, please get them to me by May 25<sup>th</sup>. I will take to the TSO convention in June.



**Greetings!**

Our April 7<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting was a pleasant celebration of two DKG ceremonies: Initiation of 3 members and Officer Installation! We welcome Ashley Davis, Alycyn Keeling and Lori Satterwhite as Theta Epsilon sisters.

The 2018-2020 Slate of Officers include: Donna Pugh -President; Joanna Runkles- 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Liz Brandt- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Kelly Kelley- Recording and Corresponding Secretary; Shannon Copeland-Treasurer; Juanice Tyson-Newsletter; Ashley Davis-Web Master and Deborah Payne-Parliamentarian. July 1<sup>st</sup> will be the official transition date.

Thank you, Nancy Keeling and committee, for conducting the ceremonies.

Other chapter business included Donna Pugh's presentation of the ASTEF application. The project title is "1000 Books before Kindergarten." Debra Burnett, along with the retired teachers organization, instigated this reading initiative and our project application encourages collaboration with civic clubs, county library and local school districts.

Ashley Davis and Nancy Joplin prepared *Welcome note cards* for the International convention. If other



Welcome cards top made by Nancy Joplin, bottom made by Ashley Davis—Thank you for your hard work!

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Lubbock Women's Club. The Area 12 Founders Day luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$15.00.

**Please rsvp to me by April 30<sup>th</sup>.** My address is at bottom of this letter. That's the day I have to turn in the count to the Alpha Sigma chapter in Lubbock.

You may pay at the door. Remember if your name is on their reservation list, Theta Epsilon is responsible for payment.

Area 12 Workshop is at Lakeridge United Methodist Church in Lubbock September 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-12:15. That cost is \$10 for reservations by August 1; \$15 after) Donna will be sharing more on that after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Your President,

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Theta Epsilon 2016-2018 Chapter President  
2017-2019 State Membership Committee  
2015-2017 State DKG Nominations Committee  
2013-2015 Area 12 Coordinator  
2011-2013 State DKG Music Chair

**Reminder concerning SPC Foundation Scholarship donation—minimum of \$25 per member: PLEASE bring to meeting or mail to:**  
Ann Gregory, Theta Epsilon Chapter Treasurer  
1840 N. Hwy 35  
Levelland, TX 79336

**May Meeting Notes:**

May 5, 2018  
11:30 a.m.  
Lubbock Women’s Club, Broadway, Lubbock, Texas

**Program Title: Lubbock Area 12 Chapters Founders’ Day Luncheon**

**Hostesses:** Lubbock Alpha Sigma Members

**Theta Epsilon Minutes:**

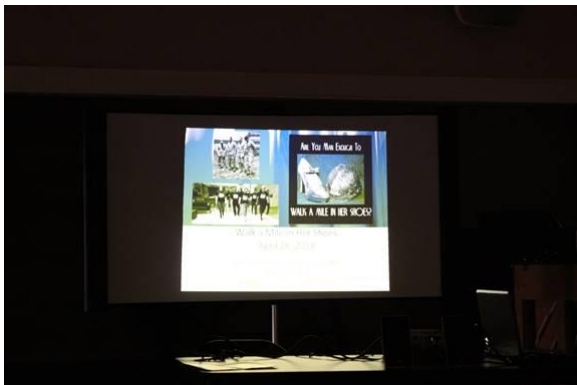
March 3, 2018—abbreviated minutes  
Deborah introduced our guest speaker, Kim Stark from Voices of Hope, Rape Crisis Center in Lubbock, TX. Kim presented on the topic of Sex Trafficking and the types of services Voices of Hope provide for the community. Voices of Hope provides services 24 hours a day seven days a week through a sex trafficking hotline. They provide emotional and physical support for victims and/or family members if there is a need for medical attention or law enforcement guidance. They provide case management and referrals for counseling. All services are free. It is important that school personnel be aware that the average age of sex trafficking recruitment is 12-14 years of age, and that under eighteen years, law enforcement does not have to prove coercion. Social media is a major contributor in recruitment. Voices of Hope will be having their annual fund raiser ‘Walk a Mile in her Shoes’ April 28, 2018.

The chapter voted on a slate of new officers:  
President - Donna Pugh  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Joanna Runkles  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Liz Brandt  
Correspondence/Recording Secretary – Kelly Kelley  
Treasurer – Shannon Copeland  
Newsletter – Juanice Tyson  
Webmaster – Ashley Davis  
Parliamentarian – Deborah Payne  
The officers were presented and the proposal was passed.





Kim Stark presenting "Human Trafficking 101"



Walk a mile in her shoes, April 28, 2018

Submitted by Kelly Kelley

**Service Projects:**

International Service Project: Schools for Africa

State Service Project: **2018 Unifying Project** is Storybook Christmas. More information available at [www.storybookchristmas.org](http://www.storybookchristmas.org)

Local Service Project: Support of South Plains College Foundation, Bill's Backpacks, and "Let's Stay Sharp in 2017-2018"

**2016-2018 International Theme:**

DKG - Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

**State Theme:**

**"Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow."**



**TSO Biennium Goals:**

1. 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.
2. Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
3. Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
4. Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide.

**Area 12 Coordinator: Sharon McDougle**

**News From:** [www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)

**2018 DKG State Convention** June 14-16 in Waco.

**News From:** [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

The 2018 DKG International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas **July 16 - 20 2018** at the new JW Marriott Austin. Reservations are now open online. *Remember: This is not a Texas event-we are only Ambassadors.*

**Upcoming deadlines:**

- **March 1-** TSO scholarships; Mini-grant applications
- **April 1-** ASTEF Project Stipend applications; Annie Extravaganza applications
- **NOTE:** The Executive Committee of the Texas State Organization (TSO) of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has chosen to suspend the President's Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) application and award for the 2017-2018 year. An electronic survey will be distributed to chapter presidents no later than January, 15, 2018. The results of the survey will be announced at the Waco Convention. Contributions to TSO and ASTEF funds will continue to be recognized at Convention  
*Posted September 28, 2017 on TSO website*

**Angel Award:**

The angel award was presented by Ashley Davis to JoAnna Runkles.

**Red Roses to:**

Congratulations to **Shannon Copeland**—you were recognized in the Spring 2018 *Lone Star News* for

receiving the Levelland Chamber of Commerce Educational Professional of the Year award!

Merribeth Henry-Gregory – DI team advanced to Globals!

Willa Dale Johnson

Cherolyne Hendon

Please let the editor know if you were missed, so your name can be added to our next Red Roses List.

**Calendar:**

Next DKG meeting will be May 5, 2018 at the Lubbock Women’s Club, 11:30 a.m.

May 5, 2018	11:30 a.m.	Lubbock Women’s Club	<b>Lubbock Area Chapters Founders’ Day Luncheon</b>
August	TBA		<b>“Initiation Ceremony”</b>
Sept. 8, 2018	TBA	Lakeridge Methodist, Lubbock, TX	<b>Area 12 Workshop in Lakeridge Methodist Lubbock, TX</b>
Oct.	TBA		<b>“An evening at SPC Cosmetology”</b>

**Check out these items on the web:**

[www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)

- DKG: Broadcasting the Buzz—emailed also
- Communique—emailed also
- Lone Star News
- Schools for Africa
- TSO Legislative updates

Theta Epsilon Chapter Website

<http://thetaepsilon.weebly.com/index.html>



- 5-1 Alycyn Keeling
- 6-3 Susan Watkins
- 6-4 Cherolyne Hendon
- 6-8 Jo Beth Walker
- 6-23 Nancy Joplin
- 6-27 Nancy Keeling
- 7-20 Elsie Couch
- 8-12 Joanna Runkles
- 8-20 Mary Warren

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