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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
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April 2021

President's Letter for DKG Newsletter

Hello DKG Friends,

Impressed we were with the Levelland Middle School students' National History Day projects! Thank you to Cathie McMahan for her work with these students. We held our meeting, were able to see the student exhibits and hear the awards. Several students advanced to state level competitions. Congratulations to all students, to Cathie McMahan, and to Levelland Middle School on another success!

Our April meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24th, 10:30 a.m. at the Levelland ISD Central Office Board Room. The program will be presented by the Inside Out Foundation. This was one of the suggestions from members, so come learn with us about this group who serves women with cancer. In addition, the Inside Out Foundation will be the benefactor of our community service for the month. They have requested Walmart or United gift cards. Please

bring one to the meeting.

Thank you for your contributions to our ASTEF grant project for this year—Blessing Boxes. Ann Gregory and Cathie McMahan purchased food with our grant funds (\$800) and filled the blessing boxes from October through February. Members contributed at least 668 items to place in the boxes in addition to what the grant purchased. WOW! Thank you all for “blessing” others in our community! The final report has been submitted and JUST IN TIME.

Just in time because we have made an application to ASTEF for a mental health project for school staff for next year. Educators always can use support; it is motivating. After this year, we felt this was an area we could help to address during the 2021-2022 school year. We'll get the results at the State Convention in Denton this summer. Continue to watch for great ideas. With receipt of the grant (fingers crossed), we'll use the best ideas we have. We will be looking for members to take leadership with this project, too.

Thanks for always, ALWAYS being ready to help with all of our service projects. We collected just over \$62 in our Change for Africa contribution at our March meeting. The Hobo Basket raised \$16 and was won by Laurie

Williams. Therefore, Laurie will be bringing the next Hobo Basket. Bring \$1 to participate.

Please be prepared to pay dues at our April meeting. Dues are \$86 for active members and \$53 for reserve. These must be submitted before summer so we will get them collected before everyone begins their vacations. If you will miss the meeting, please get a check to another member.

The May meeting will be the Founder's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 1 at the Lubbock Women's Club. We must RSVP prior to the event so we will do this at our meeting. It is always nice. We hope that you will be able to attend.

See you Saturday,

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Area 12 Coordinator: Judy Evans

Area 12 Mentor: Connie Rensink

April Meeting notes:

Date and Time: Saturday, April 24, 2021 10:30am

Place: Levelland ISD Board Room

Program Title: Inside Out Foundation

Community Service:
Inside Out Foundation

Theta Epsilon Minutes:

President Donna Pugh called our DKG Chapter meeting to order at 5:30pm at the Levelland Middle School, CSI Lab.

The Chapter minutes from our January 2021 meeting were included in the Agenda and were approved by the members. The treasurer's report was also included on the Agenda and showed a balance of just over \$2963.15; the chapter has reimbursed two members for the 'Blessing Boxes', our chapter's service project.

In new business, the Hobo Basket was a 'HOT pepper' Themed platter and accessories. Laurie Williams was the winner!

The Chapter agreed to donate to the Mary Rowlette honorarium.

Donations were solicited for Change for Africa. Kudos to Jaunice Tyson and Jayellen Wilson as our Newsletter was a 5 Star Award winner.

Annual Dues will be collected at the next Chapter meeting on April 24th, they are \$86 for active members. Treasurer Shannon Copeland is accepting checks today if anyone wants to pay now.

Our next Chapter meeting will be Saturday April 24, 2021 at 10:30 am at the Levelland ISD Central Office Board Room. The Program will be Inside Out Foundation and they are requesting gift cards to United or Walmart.

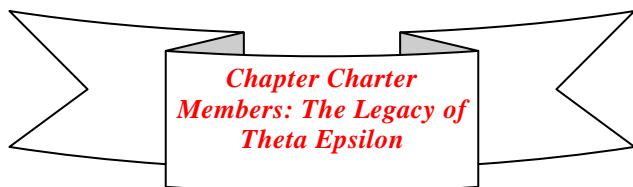
The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm. Members were invited to enjoy the National History Day presentations and Mrs. McMahan's student's projects. Refreshment included!



Stocking the Blessing Box is member Ann Gregory.



Finishing the Blessing Box refill is member Cathie McMahan.



As an extension of the thought that *the ideal of a strong professional organization for women educators, designed to support the work of educators and students, is just as relevant today as it was in 1929*, listed below are the Theta Epsilon charter members. If you, or someone you know, could submit any information about these women please send to ejwilson68@28star.net, and we will highlight some of these charter members in future newsletters.

Myra Beebe, Mildred Baker, Nina Birtciel, Hazel Blakely, Ruth Breed, Imogene Copeland, Ira Dee Cox, Cornelia Couch, Celestia Davis, Inez Grant, Dorine Harbin, Lonora Jackson, Julia Lanier, Elizabeth Leavitt, Myrtle Lucke, Laska McChristial, Lula Mae Mooney, Ora Pearl Morrison, Polly Ann Parmer, Bernice Railsback, Mable Ann Sanders, Evelyn Seagler, Lois Selmar, Roger Mae Smith, Marie Stockard, Freda Tubbs, Nina Rose Walker, Frances Watkins, Pauline Winningham, Inez Witte.

Excerpt from our History: The following officers were elected: President: Ruth Breed, 1st Vice President: Elizabeth Leavitt, 2nd Vice President: Inez Witte, Recording Secretary: Marie Stockard, Corresponding Secretary: Celestia Davis, Treasurer: Frances Watkins, Parliamentarian: Roger Mae Smith.



Read all about the upcoming State Convention in the convention newsletter [The Key, Volume 4](#)
[2021 Convention Website](#)

San Antonio 2021 July 21-24 Volunteer

Planners for the DKG International Conference, San Antonio are looking for individuals who are willing to make a contribution by helping out. Your assistance will make a huge impact on the success of this conference and the hundreds of women who will be in attendance. Please take the opportunity to attend the conference AND to volunteer to help make it a success! You will not be assigned to jobs to the extent that you will have no time to attend conference events. Whether you are able to come only for one or two days, or for the entire conference, we need you to come and volunteer! Check out the volunteer form at:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2021_International_Conferences/2021_International_Con_SanAntonio_TX.aspx



Red Roses To:

Deborah Payne on her announced retirement!
Brenda Ewerz on a new grandbaby!
Congratulations to both members!

Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
April 24, 2021 *\$86 DUES due now	10:30 A.M.	Levelland ISD Board Room	Inside Out (Bring United or Walmart gift cards)	Inside Out Foundation
May 1, 2021 TBD	TBA	Lubbock Women's Club	N/A	Founder's Luncheon --Lubbock
August 28, 2021	10:30 A.M.	Levelland ISD Board Room	Bill's Backpacks AND new Or gently Used Books for CHART	Scholar-Ship Recipient Luncheon (watch for sign-up sheet for Mexican Pile-on)
Sept-ember 2021	TBA	South Plains Fair-grounds	N/A	South Plains Fair- Let's participate With entries from members (Preserved foods, baked goods, antiques, craft and sewing items)
Thurs. Oct 7, 2021	5:30 P.M.	Levelland ISD Board Room OR TBA	\$1 for Eula Lee Carter Scholarship	Deaf Education-Whitney Wilson



4-2 Laurie Williams
 4-6 Shannon Copeland
 4-6 Willa Dale Johnson
 4-10 Judith Ward
 4-20 Terry Reynolds
 4-26 Brenda Ewerz
 5-1 Alycyn Keeling
 5-17 Sandra Parrish
 6-4 Cherolyne Hendon
 6-8 Jo Beth Walker
 6-23 Nancy Joplin
 6-27 Nancy Keeling
 7-22 Maggie Husen
 8-12 Joanna Runkles
 8-15 Christy Barnett
 8-20 Mary Warren

Donna Pugh	President
Joanna Runkles	First Vice President
Liz Brandt	Second Vice President
Kelly Kelley	Corresponding/Recording Secretary
Shannon Copeland	Treasurer
Ashley Davis	Webmaster
Jayellen Wilson	Newsletter Editor
Terry Reynolds	Immediate Past President and Parliamentarian