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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



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SOAR to New Heights

Hello Ladies,

I hope this newsletter finds you all brimming with enthusiasm to make a difference this coming school year! Your commitment to nurturing young minds, fostering inclusive learning environments, and igniting the spark of knowledge is truly inspiring. These qualities of being an excellent woman educator lead a member of DKG to recommend you for membership. We all work with and know women who share these qualities that would add excellence to our chapter. This past year, we added four such sisters to our chapter: Ashley Howard, Brittany Dagley, Kristy Sanders, and Carrie Young! Please help me in welcoming them to Theta Epsilon!

Congratulations and thanks are due to all chapter members! This year, our chapter received a website compliance seal, 5-Star Newsletter Award, Early Bird Yearbook Award, Exemplary Yearbook Award, Eula



Lee donation, Local Chapter News Media Award, ASTEF chapter donation (Area 12-Silver Donation) and grew our membership by four members (with a fifth pending dues)! These

accomplishments were only possible by all our members actively contributing to our chapter's growth, development, and success. Our chapter's focus this year will remain on membership growth. We are aiming to add five new excellent women educators to our chapter.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, August 26, at Capitol Elementary starting at 10:30 a.m. We will recognize and celebrate our scholarship recipient with a Stuffed Baked Potato Bar prepared by our members. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet in your emails, and please bring your item ready to serve. Our community service for the month is donating to Change for Schools for Africa. To complement our community service this month, we will also hear from educator Suzy Polk about her travels and work as an educator in South Africa during our August meeting.

There will be many opportunities to serve this year, and I hope you will all find a way to contribute that suits you. I commission veteran members to encourage, mentor, and welcome our new members. New members, I encourage you to invest in your chapter. DKG at all levels (state, national, and international) has several opportunities for you to grow as an individual and a professional. Take those opportunities and make the most of them while serving your chapter. For all members, invite

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excellent women educators who you know to our meetings and encourage them to join our chapter! In closing, I look forward to seeing you all on August 26!

Bring on the 2023-2024 school and DKG year!

Respectfully, Ashley Davis

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Area 12 Coordinator: Terri Egerton
Area 12 Mentor: Shalan Inmon

Service Projects:

International Service Project: Schools for Africa Local Service Projects: Blessing Boxes, Books for CHART, Bill's Backpacks



When: Saturday August 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Where: Capitol Elementary **Program:** Scholarship Luncheon

Community Service: Change for Schools for

Africa



Theta Epsilon members of Delta Kappa Gamma. Front row: Kelly Kelley, Asley Davis, Tracy Barker, Debra Burnett, Kristy Sanders. Back row: Donna Pugh, Liz Brandt, Nancy Keeling, Area 12 coordinator Sonja Hanks, Carrie Young, Deborah Payne, Jaunice Tyson Jolene Sweeney, Terry Reynolds, Shannon Copeland, Deb McVay.



Delta Kappa Gamma Minutes Theta Epsilon Chapter April 15, 2023

Ashley Davis called our DKG Chapter meeting to order at 10:30am. The meeting was held at the Wallace Theater in downtown Levelland.

President Ashley Davis introduced Alycyn Keeling, Executive Director of the Wallace Theatre. Alycyn shared information about the history and the importance of the current function of the Wallace Theater in the Levelland and Hockley County community. Alycyn stressed the access of Fine Arts in smaller, rural communities. She indicated that through grant funds and donations, the Theater continues to be developed, increased seating capacity, the addition of dressing rooms, rebuilt stage and storage areas. She asked that members sign the wall downstairs.

The Chapter minutes from the March 6, 2023, meeting along with the Treasure's report were included with the agenda. A reminder that dues need to be paid, \$86 for Active members and \$53 for Reserve. The minutes were accepted as written.

Ashley welcomed Sonja Hanks, the Area 12 Coordinator, she attended our program this morning and met with the Executive Committee.

Chapter initiated two new members, **Carrie Young** and **Kristy Sanders**. Deborah Payne presented Ashley with the Chapter President's Pin.

The Chapter recognized the following members for their leadership roles:

Laurie Williams, 1997, membership, badges, door prizes and signature book.

Juanice Tyson, 2000, Past President and previous Newsletter guru.

Donna Pugh, 2004, Past President and current project Grant writer.

Terry Reynolds, 2009, Past President and area/state involvement in conventions.

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Liz Brandt, 2012, Yearbook editor with state recognition for her efforts.

Deb McVay and others from the refreshment committee provided a delicious breakfast snack for our Chapter members.

Liz Brandt won the Hobo basket, it generated \$17 to our general fund.

Members donated to the Wallace Theater to help offset summer student tuition.

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Alycyn Keeling, Executive Director of the Wallace Theater presents the history of the Wallace to Theta Epsilon members.



Ashley Davis recognizing Deborah Payne for her long-time leadership in chapter, area, and state activities.



Accepting recognition were members Jaunice Tyson, yearbook; Donna Pugh, grant writer; Terry Reynolds, area, state involvement; Liz Brandt, Yearbook.



One of the highlights of the Texas State Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma for member Terry Reynolds was reconnecting unexpectedly with her sixth-grade teacher, Betty Vines, the former state treasurer.



Red Roses to:

Ashley Davis, Theta Epsilon (Levelland-12), was awarded the Mamie Sue Bastian Scholarship by DKG International

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<u>Calendar</u>

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
Saturday, August 26, 2023 *New member	10:30 a.m.	Capitol Elementary	Change for Schools for Africa	Scholarship Recipient Luncheon Speaker: Suzy Polk, "Stories from South Africa"
nominations				
Thursday October 5, 2023 "Invite potential new members"	6 p.m.	Levelland High School	\$1 for Eula Lee Carter Scholarship	Khris Oaks and students: Culinary Arts Showcase: Let's Eat Cake!
Saturday December 2, 2023	10:00a.m.	Lubbock Women's Club	Area 12	Christmas Brunch/Tea
Saturday January 27, 2024 (Please make plans to pay \$86 dues in March)	10:30 a.m.	Capitol Elementary	Shelby's Bridge	Shelby's Bridge "Creating Paths Toward Independence for Adults with disABILITIES" Happy Birthday DKG! Election of new officers
Thursday, March 7, 2024 (Please pay your dues now)	6:00 p.m.	Studio K, Levelland	ASTEF chapter donation	Let's Get Crafty! Please bring \$30 to create
Saturday, April 6, 2024	10:30 a.m.	Capitol Elementary	Bill's Backpacks (\$ or food items	Don't be a Victim – Self Defense Induction Ceremony
Saturday May 4, 2024	11:30 a.m.	Lubbock Women's Club	N/A	Founder's Luncheon, Lubbock
Saturday August 24, 2024 (New member nominations)	10:30 a.m.	Capitol Elementary	Change for Schools for Africa	What's Happening at the Salvation Army?
Thursday, October 5, 2024 (Invite potential new member)	6:00 p.m.	SPC Library	Little Libraries Donation (\$ or books)	Let's SEE the New SPC!



Happy Birthday!

August 12 Joanna Runkles
August 15 Christy Barnett
August 20 Mary Warren
September 1 Lori Satterwhite

Ashley Davis	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	Parliamentarian	
Donna Pugh	Immediate Past President	

Remember our goal: Invite extraordinary women to join Delta Kappa Gamma!