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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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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.



***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

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





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.

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Saturday August 26, 2023, at 10:30am at Capitol Elementary School.



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



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



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.



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



**Red Roses to:**

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

**Calendar**

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

**Happy Birthday!**

August 12

August 15

August 20

September 1

Joanna Runkles

Christy Barnett

Mary Warren

Lori Satterwhite

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