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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.

Needed—two articles about the Society (none completed), our Chapter (none completed), professional issues (none completed), women's issues (none completed), and human interest stories (none completed) -- (total of ten articles, 250 words with a member byline).

Please submit the articles to Juanice Tyson and they will be published in the newsletters.



Greetings!

Please remember our "Salads & Desserts" luncheon meeting on Saturday, August 26th at 10:30 a.m. Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC), across from SPC campus.

Members are invited to bring a salad or dessert. Paper goods and drinks will be provided.

Casual dress.

Nancy Keeling and the Ceremonies Committee (Nancy Joplin and Virginia Yarbrough) will officiate the initiation ceremony of Debra Burnett and Kendra Watkins.

Hope to see you there. I have much to share from the Texas State Organization 88th State Convention. Theta Epsilon earned several awards.

Our new state President Dr. Jo Murphy has as her theme for this biennium "***Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow.***"

She has four goals to support this theme:

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.

See you August 26th!

Your President, Deborah Payne
 Theta Epsilon 2016-2018 Chapter President
 2015-2017 State DKG Nominations Comm.
 2013-2015 Area 12 Coordinator
 2011-2013 State DKG Music Chair



August Meeting Notes:

August 26, 2017
10:30 a.m.
 Christ United Methodist Church
 Levelland, TX

Program Title: "Touching Base" Salads & Desserts

Hostesses: All Members

Our ASTEF grant expenses were \$965 and we were funded for \$500, so we will need help from our members. Basic supplies from members requested are 10 of anything to put in sacks. 10 red/black/yellow gift bags—can be recycled from any that members have on hand. Inside we will put supplies for all the first year teachers, at least four are men, so we don't need frills, just the basics. It can be glue, sticky notes, binder clips, highlighters, Expo markers, etc. If you can purchase 10 of whatever you provide, that would be helpful. Otherwise, we will distribute whatever we can assemble. Thank you!

Theta Epsilon Minutes:

Deborah Payne, President, welcomed everyone. Minutes were approved from the March 4th meeting. The PACE application & 5 Star Award for Newsletter are due May 1st. Donations and money were given for the State Unifying project. Mrs. Payne gave a brief presentation for Founders' Day.

BaLeigh Pugh, chapter scholarship recipient, accepted her scholarship and spoke of her college and career plans.

Following the reading of the Collect, lunch was served from Great Western. Next meeting is August 26th at 10:30 a.m. @ CUMC. "Salads & Desserts" and Initiation Ceremony

Submitted by Deborah Payne for Kelly Kelley

MY GOALS by BALEIGH PUGH—2017 Theta Epsilon DKG Scholarship Recipient



Deborah Payne Presenting BaLeigh Pugh Scholarship Award



BaLeigh Pugh With Mom and Theta Epsilon Member Donna Pugh



BaLeigh Pugh—2017 Theta Epsilon DKG Scholarship Recipient

On a shelf in our living room is my school memories book. It is overflowing with STAAR scores, drawings and more. On the cover of each year's envelope there is a space for desired occupation. As the blanks were being filled, the decision seemed easy for me. I always wanted to be a veterinarian or so I thought. Some personal experiences changed my thinking—a visit inside the USDA food safety trailer and working with special needs students. Now, my educational goals are to attain an associate's degree in Human Sciences from South Plains College. I will transfer to Texas Tech University for my Family and Consumer Sciences education degree. Because the total cost for my college education will be \$60,000, I will continue to work, apply for eligible scholarships and seek student loans. Paying for a college education is a struggle for middle income families; mine is no exception. Even though I have saved and earned for college, additional help is a necessity. I will pay for and earn my college education. Remember the memories book? I can safely

complete the blank that asks my future occupation. I am going to become a family and consumer sciences educator.

Service Projects:

International Service Project: Schools for Africa

State Service Project: **2018 Unifying Project**

Local Service Project: Support of South Plains College Foundation and Bill's Backpacks

2016-2018 International Theme:

DKG - Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

State Theme:

The Heart of the Society is its Members

TSO Biennium Goals:

Hhealth: to encourage members to practice healthy lifestyles which promote healthier chapters

Educate: to educate members about the importance of membership and encourage them to make an impact on their communities and the world

Achievement: to achieve our goals as leaders in our chapters and recognize our accomplishments as key women educators

Reflection: to reflect on our heritage as we advance the Society

Teamwork: to work as members of a team to strengthen involvement in all levels of the Society

Area 12 Coordinator: Sharon McDougle

News From: www.dkgtexas.org

Area 12 2016-2017 Achievements and Successes

Texas State Organization Executive Committee
 Shalan Inmon, Recording Secretary, Alpha Sigma

2015-2017 Texas State Organization Committees – committee members

- Lisa Williams, Bylaws and Rules, Zeta Lambda
- Lindsay Inmon, Ceremonies, Alpha Sigma
- Robin Lock, Communication and Publicity, Kappa Iota
- Judy Evans, Finance, Alpha Sigma
- Gencie Houy, Membership, Alpha Sigma
- Kay Geiger, Necrology, Alpha Kappa
- Janet Mayo, Nominations, Beta Epsilon
- Deborah Payne, Nominations, Theta Epsilon
- Ann Gregory, Technology, Theta Epsilon
- Sharon McDougle, Legislation, Gamma Eta
- Paula Miller, Music, Alpha Sigma
- Josi De La Garza, Personal and Professional Enrichment, Alpha Sigma

- Debbi Ball, Programs and Service Projects, Gamma Eta
- Mary Jo Lovingier, Research, Alpha Sigma

2015-2017 Area Coordinator

- Janie Wigley, Gamma Eta

2016-2018 Chapter Presidents

- Hope Beyer, Alpha Kappa
- Josi DelaGarza, Alpha Sigma
- Dana Partin & Diane Castro, Beta Epsilon
- Lucy Barrington, Eta Rho
- Sharon McDougle, Gamma Eta
- Mary Ann Marshall, Gamma Tau
- Mary Alice Tynan, Kappa Iota
- Deborah Payne, Theta Epsilon
- Elizabeth Potter, Penny Perry, Zeta Lambda
- RoseMary Cardenas, Zeta Omicron

Five Star Newsletter (*Seal of Merit)

- Beta Epsilon*
- Gamma Eta*
- Gamma Tau
- Theta Epsilon*
- Zeta Lambda

Excellence in Coverage of Local Chapter news
Levelland & Hockley County News-Press,
 Theta Epsilon
Crosby County News
 Gamma Eta

Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

- Gamma Eta
- Theta Epsilon

Exemplary Yearbook (*Early Bird Award)

- Alpha Kappa*
- Alpha Sigma*
- Beta Epsilon*
- Gamma Eta*
- Gamma Tau
- Theta Epsilon*
- Zeta Lambda*
- Zeta Omicron*

Annie Award for Outstanding Program

- Gamma Eta: Suicide Awareness

TSO Certified Chapter Website

- Alpha Kappa
- Alpha Sigma
- Gamma Eta
- Theta Epsilon

Contributing Chapter to Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund

- Alpha Kappa
- Gamma Eta
- Theta Epsilon

Membership Award – Tudor Rose Award

- Gamma Eta
- Kappa Iota
- Theta Epsilon
- Zeta Lambda

- Zeta Omicron

Membership Award – Rosebud Award

- Gamma Tau

ASTEFL Chapter Donations to Scholarships (Scholarship Honors - \$1 per member)

- Alpha Kappa
- Alpha Sigma
- Gamma Eta – Honors for 10 or more years
- Gamma Tau

ASTEFL Chapter Donations to Scholarships (Scholarship Double Honors - \$2 per member)

- Theta Epsilon

ASTEFL Chapter Donations to Leadership (Leadership Journeyers - \$1 per member)

- Alpha Kappa
- Gamma Eta
- Gamma Tau

ASTEFL Chapter Donations to Leadership (Leadership Trailblazers - \$2 per member)

- Theta Epsilon

ASTEFL Chapter Donations to Projects (Projects Groundbreakers - \$1 per member)

- Alpha Kappa
- Gamma Eta
- Gamma Tau

- Theta Epsilon

ASTEFL Individual and Group Contributors

- Leadership 2017 Dream Girls (Gencie Houy, ar Participant17 Leadership Seminmember)
- Area 12 “Red Clutch Cash”
- Janie Wigley
- Alpha Sigma
- Debbi Ball
- Shalon Inmon
- Janet Mayo
- Sharon McDougale
- Deborah Payne
- Zeta Lambda

ASTEFL Project Stipends

- Beta Epsilon
- Theta Epsilon
- Zeta Omicron

Visual Arts Gallery

- Debbi Ball, Gamma Eta

Fall Mini-Grant Recipient

- Janie Wigley, Scandinavian Explorer

Spring Mini-Grant Recipient

- Deborah Payne, Texas Choral Directors Association Convention

State Conference Photos 2017



Day One of Conference, Deborah Payne third from left



Photo of Annie Webb Blanton



Photos of Founders



Accepting the ASTEF grant check



Installation of Officers—Deborah Payne



Rehearsing Installation of Officers, Deborah Payne third from left

Red Roses to:

Shannon Copeland, mom passed away
 Sherry Barsch, recent left hip replacement surgery
 Kay Daniel, stroke back in January
 Cherolyne Hendon
 Willa Dale Johnson

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 August 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m., Christ United Methodist Church, Levelland, Texas.

Aug 26, 2017	10:30 a.m.	CUMC	“Touching Base” Salads & Desserts
Oct 05, 2017	Thurs Eve	Wallace Theatre	“Culture & History in Our Own Community”

Check out these items on the web:

www.dkgtxas.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>

News From DKG News:

Angel Award:

The angel award was presented by Donna Pugh to Juanice Tyson.



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| 8-12 | Joanna Runkles |
| 8-20 | Mary Warren |
| 9-7 | Sycily Ann Gregory |
| 9-22 | Dianne Bridges |

Deborah Payne	President
Terry Reynolds	First Vice President
Liz Brandt	Second Vice President
Kelly Kelley	Corresponding/Recording Secretary
Ann Gregory	Treasurer
Kristi McCrummen	Webmaster
Terry Reynolds	Immediate Past President and Parliamentarian