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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



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Greetings!

WOW! What a learning summer this has been! In June, I was able to attend the State Convention in Waco with Deborah Payne and Terry Reynolds. It was an enjoyable and

learning trip and helped in our preparations for the 2018-2019 year in Theta Epsilon. Upon our return, your executive committee met to plan an informative, exciting and fun schedule of meetings and events for the year. These are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

First up is the Area 12 Workshop which will be held on Saturday, September 8 at the Lakeridge United Methodist Church in Lubbock. Pre-registration was required and has been paid. Members who preregistered will need to pay \$10 to Shannon Copeland, our new treasurer. If others would like to attend, they are welcome but the late cost is \$15. Let me know if you plan to attend and were not on our original list. **Shannon Copeland, 210 Cottonwood Ln., Levelland, TX 79336**

Our October Theta Epsilon meeting will be a treat! We will have an "Evening of Cosmetology" at SPC. In other words, this will be an evening of pampering. We can all enjoy that! As soon as we have the date finalized, we will send an E-mail.

In the changing of the guards (or switching of officers), we are learning more about the inner works of our chapter and we will need plan accordingly. This will include a review of our budget and, hence, a look at our dues. We are also exploring some meetings on evenings, rather than Saturday mornings every time. We want to know your thoughts, too.

The officer team is excited to serve with you this year. We want everyone to have a place to belong in our chapter and we want everyone to find their way to contribute as that is what makes our organization GREAT!

Lastly, we were excited to be recognized for an ASTEF grant at the State Convention. Our chapter received \$2,325 to implement a portion of the *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* program. It was so exciting to receive the award, but it was equally gratifying when the week after we announced our grant application plans Elsie Couch delivered a sack of books to contribute and then Nancy Joplin began sewing backpacks for foster students to have their own bag and books. More books arrived, too. That is what is really cool about DKG and Theta Epsilon. Our members were already in action and we didn't even know if we were grant winners.

Looking forward to many more great stories in Theta Epsilon this year.

Your President,

Donna Pugh
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September Meeting Notes:

Date and Time: September 8, 2018 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Place: Lubbock, Lakeridge United Methodist Church

Program Title: Area 12 Workshop (RSVP required by August 1st, cost is \$10 for those who reserved a place and \$15 for those who did not)

Theta Epsilon Minutes:

Minutes will be presented at the next regular meeting and in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Kelly Kelley

Theta Epsilon New Officers 2018-2020:

The chapter voted on a slate of new officers:

President - Donna Pugh

1st Vice President - Joanna Runkles

2nd 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.

Service Projects:

International Service Project: Schools for Africa

State Service Project: **2019 Unifying Project**

Local Service Project: Support of South Plains College Foundation, Bill’s Backpacks, and “1000 books before Kindergarten.”

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 McDougale

News From: www.dkgtexas.org

2018 DKG State Convention June 14-16 in Waco.



“THETA EPSILON—Deborah Payne, Donna Pugh and Terry Reynolds, members of Theta Epsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG), joined with women educators from around the state of Texas in Waco, on June 14-June 16, for the 89th annual Texas State organization Convention. Theta Epsilon was presented with a check from the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) for \$2,000 toward its project, “1000 books before Kindergarten.” Deborah Payne is the outgoing chapter president and Donna Pugh is the incoming chapter president for Theta Epsilon.” *Levelland & Hockley County News Press*, Sunday, July 15, 2018—5



“PRESTIGIOUS AWARD—Deborah Pyne, Levelland High School Choir Director and member of Theta Epsilon chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International (DKG), was awarded one of the five prestigious state achievement awards at the 89th annual Texas State Organization Convention held June 14-June 16, in Waco. DKG is a professional honor society for women educators with more than 77,000 members. Payne is the outgoing chapter president for Theta Epsilon.” *Levelland & Hockley County News Press*, Sunday, July 15, 2018—5



Deborah Payne's State Achievement Award



DKG State Achievement Recipients, Deborah Payne second from right side

News From: 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.*



2018 DKG International Convention July 16-20, 2018



Deborah Payne and Debra Burnet at DKG International Convention held in Austin, TX



Deborah Payne at International Convention



Ben Zander, Guest Speaker at DKG International Convention



Area 11, 12, 13, and 14 at DKG International Convention, Debra Burnet back row right and Deborah Payne front row right

Angel Award:

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

Red Roses to:

Merribeth Henry-Gregory and Debra Burnet – DI team Globals! Congratulations!

Juanice Tyson, broke her ankle in June and daughter is going through breast cancer treatments

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 September 8, 2018 at the Lubbock Lakeridge United Methodist Church 8:45 a.m.

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
Sept. 8, 2018	8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	Lubbock-Lakeridge United Methodist Church	N/A	Area 12 Workshop (RSVP required by August 1st; cost is \$10 for those who reserved a place and \$15 for those who did not)
October TBD (Pay dues before Nov. 1.)	TBA	SPC Cos-metology	Bill's Backpacks	SPC: An Evening of Cosmetology (Each October, we are going to go see dynamic programs in our schools.)
Dec. TBD (1st or 2nd Sat.)	TBA	Lubbock Women's Club	N/A	Christmas Brunch/Tea
January 19, 2019	10:30 a.m.	Levelland ISD Board Room	1,000 Books (new or gently used books)	Pacing & Planning & Happy Birthday, Technology is in Your Future (Google)
March 7, 2019	5:30 p.m.	Studio K (on the S side of the Square)	Change for Schools for Africa	Let's Create at Studio K with Kenna Trotter (Social) (Note: There will be a fee for the

				project for participants.)
April 13, 2019	10:30 a.m.	Levelland ISD Board Room	Bill's Backpacks	Money Talks presented by Joey Pierce
May, 2019 TBD	TBA	Lubbock Women's Club		Founder's Luncheon
August 24, 2019	10:30 a.m.	Levelland ISD Board Room		Scholarship Recipient Lunch (Bring salads & desserts.)
October , 2019 TBD	TBA	Levelland High School		Culinary Arts Showcase

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>



- 8-7 Kendra Watkins
- 8-12 Joanna Runkles
- 8-20 Mary Warren
- 9-1 Lori Satterwhite
- 9-7 Sycily Ann Gregory

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