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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



YOU are the key



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December 2020—President's Letter for DKG Newsletter

Hello DKG Friends,

For the first time since I have been working in Levelland ISD, we had the entire week of Thanksgiving off from school. WOW! It was wonderful! It was wonderful to sleep until I woke up (which is always before 8 a.m. anyways), to drink coffee in my PJs wrapped in my soft & warm blanket-covered chair. Of course, it is always nice to spend time with family (which includes our new grandson, Judson Tyler Pugh), more delicious food than we really need, and even a little time to put up Christmas decorations. Without a doubt, I will be campaigning to continue this on future school calendars. (It was nice, too, due to the many people who are unfortunately experiencing COVID or have been in close contact and have had to quarantine.)

December 5th was the day for our DKG Christmas Celebration in Lubbock. Unfortunately it was canceled. Then, under Joanna's leadership, we reached out to our members to determine whether or not to do a brunch locally. (That's what we said we do on our meeting outline.) Only three people were going to attend. Therefore, we will not have any kind of brunch or meeting in December. We will shoot for

our January meeting.

The January meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Levelland ISD Board Room. We will celebrate the birthday of DKG and we will get to hear and see projects from the students participating in Cathie McMahan's National History Day class. It will be a treat! Kelly Kelley was the lucky winner of our last HOB0 basket. She will have a new one ready to go at this meeting.

The Night of Pampering at SPC was relaxing and fun! It was enjoyable to see you all at our brief meeting, to visit with those getting a pedicure in the next chair and to work with these eager SPC students. Their energy and the way they worked with each other was fun to watch. The pedicure and facial were also a treat.

We have a few items of business to handle. We will meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, December 7th at the Blessing Box at Cactus Drive Church of Christ for a photo for the News Press. We want to advertise our ASTEF grant. Please join us if you can. Also, we need a short video clip of our past ASTEF project with Bill's Backpacks. Anyone up to that challenge please?

Be thinking of new members! Enjoy your holidays and the many blessings intertwined. And, of course, please stay safe & well!

Be Blessed,
DPugh dpugh@levellandisd.net

(PS The president gets to brag on their grandkids in the President's Newsletter Message. Keep that thought in mind! 😊)

Area 12 Coordinator: Judy Evans

Area 12 Mentor: Connie Rensink

News From: www.dkgtexas.org

Texas State Organization Convention, McAllen, June 17-19, 2020 ***was cancelled***

News From: www.dkg.org

2020 International Convention; Philadelphia, PA; July 7-11, 2020 ***was cancelled***

Theta Epsilon Minutes:

Donna Pugh called our DKG Chapter meeting to order at 5:00pm at the South Plains College Cosmetology Campus in Levelland, TX. Everyone in attendance was requested to complete a COVID screening questionnaire.

The AREA 12 chapter minutes were included in the Newsletter and approved by the members. We had 5 members attend this meeting by Zoom. Juanice Tyson passed the task of the Chapter's Newsletter on to Jayellen Wilson and her first attempt was fabulous.

The Treasurer's report was included in the meeting Agenda. Shannon commented that the Hobo basket donations have allowed our chapter to repair our fund balance. The membership agreed that they would like to continue this custom a little longer! Members donated to the Eula Lee Carter Scholarship.

Nancy Joplin and Alycyn Keeling have resigned their membership to DKG, accepted with regrets. Ashley Davis-Daniel asked that anyone who has not given her Permission to use their identity on the Website, do so tonight, it's just a formality. New Business:

The DKG leadership Conference is coming up. Donna will need to provide a letter of recommendation to anyone interested in this opportunity. Applications are due by October 15, 2020.

The chapter applied for the ASTEF grant last spring and was awarded \$800.00 in funds. The moneys will be use in our local 'Blessing Boxes'. Cathy McMahan volunteered to spear head this activity and Ann Gregory will assist her. Kelly Kelley won the Hobo Basket, a wonderful Fall

themed basket provided by Maggie Hussen. Our next Chapter meeting will be at the Christmas Tea at the Women's Club in Lubbock, in December, exact date yet to be announced.

The business portion of our meeting adjourned at 5:30pm. The members were then invited to "Pamper Yourself" and enjoy the services provided by the cosmetology students at SPC.



Hobo basket provided by Maggie Hussen at the October meeting and won Kelly Kelley.

Next Meeting:

Join us on January 23, 2021 as we celebrate the birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma. 10:30 A.M., Levelland ISD Board Room.

State Theme:



"YOU are the key."

Unlock the door to cooperative strategic planning through:

Knowledge of the Societies mission, purposes, and traditions

Engagement in purposeful programs and projects to increase member involvement

Yearlong involvement in recruiting, mentoring and leading

Support from officers, mentors, and others to increase stronger members and chapters



92nd Texas State Organization convention will be held in Denton, Texas. Activities will begin with the Children's Art Show and Leadership Seminar Reunions on Wednesday evening, June 16, and will conclude with the Celebration Brunch on Saturday, June 19. Read all about the upcoming convention in the convention newsletter *The Key*.

[The Key, Volume 2](#)
[2021 Convention Website](#)



Interested in serving on a TSO committee as a member or a Chair? How about being an Area Coordinator?

TSO needs YOU! Fill out the application and submit it by February 1, 2021. (TSO State Personnel Application).



Meet at Cactus Drive Church of Christ at the Blessing Box, Monday, December 7th for a picture for the News Press.

Service Projects:

Promoting



International Service Project: Schools for Africa.

Programs

Delegates to the 2010 DKG International Convention in Spokane, Washington, agreed to "transform lives through education" on the African continent when they unanimously voted to undertake the **Schools for Africa** project as the first official international project of the Society. Through DKG's support of this project, more than 5 million African children have gained access to quality basic education.

Local Service Projects: Blessing Boxes

Inside Out Foundation

Bill's Backpacks

Books for CHART

RED ROSES TO:



McVay Family –

Please be in prayer for Jeff and wife Debbie and family as Jeff's mother passed away. Prayers that God's grace will carry the family in this difficult time, and that His peace will be felt in a way that only He can give. Your prayers mean everything.

Kelley Kelly

Please let the editor know if you were missed, so your name can be added to our next Red Roses List.

Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
Jan. 23, 2021	10:30 A.M.	Levelland ISD Board Room	Blessing Boxes	Happy Birthday DKG! and National History Day Extravaganza (featuring Cathie McMahon's Levelland MS Students' NHD projects)
March 4, 2021 *\$86 DUES due now	5:30 P.M.	Mosaic	Change for Schools for Africa	Coffee and Crafts Ink Art with Jayellen and Whitney Wilson
April 24, 2021	10:30 A.M.	Levelland ISD Board Room	Inside Out (Gift bags and Tissue Paper)	Inside Out Foundation
May 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)
September 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
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Check out these items on the web:www.dkgtexas.org

- Communicque
- Lone Star News
- Schools for Africa
- TSO Legislative updates

Theta Epsilon Chapter Website

<http://thetaepsilon.weebly.com/index.html>

12-13 Kay Franklin

12-15 Kelly Kelley

12-26 Ashley Davis

1-16 Debra Burnett

1-31 Kay Daniel

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Liz Brandt
Kelly Kelley
Shannon Copeland
Ashley Davis
Jayellen Wilson
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