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| **Theta Epsilon Chapter**Editor: Jayellen Wilson, 806.894.1837ejwilson68@hughes.net | **January 2024** |
| **Mission Statement:** The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. | **Vision Statement:** Leading Women EducatorsImpacting Education Worldwide |

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 ***SOAR to New Heights***

Hello DKG Ladies,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DKG! We will begin our 2024 year by celebrating DKG’s birthday. Additionally, at this meeting, we will learn more about Shelby's Bridge, a non-profit organization passionate about providing enriching life experiences for people with disABILITIES. Shelby's Bridge Gift & Thrift Shop is located in Sudan, Texas. They are proud to provide both an inclusive, meaningful work experience for adults and students with disabilities and a unique shopping experience that will leave shoppers excited to return. We will take up donations for Shelby’s Bridge at this meeting. Thank you in advance for your help with this contribution to such an essential organization in our West Texas community. Our January meeting will be at Capitol Elementary on Saturday, January 27, at 10:30 am. We will have a special guest, our Area 12 Coordinator, Terri Egerton.

Our January meeting will also be our annual Membership Drive. You may undoubtedly invite a prospective member to explore DKG at any time, and it has been encouraged as we are trying to reach our goal of 5 new members inducted before this April. However, we will make a list and encourage some of our peers to join our organization. Please come with a person's name to submit and visit with them beforehand to ascertain their level of interest.

In place of our Texas State Convention this year, there will be Regional Area Workshops. With our Regional Area Workshop being a one-day event in Lubbock, I encourage as many of our members to attend as possible. Our Regional Area Workshop will be held on June 22, 2024, at St. Luke’s Methodist (3708 45th, Lubbock) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Each chapter is asked to have each member donate $5 to ASTEF since there will be no ASTEF fundraisers at the Regional Area Workshop. We will take up a collection at our March meeting. Please get in touch with me if you would like more information about the Regional Area Workshop. If you have never attended a DKG convention/workshop or haven’t been in a while, it is a great time for fellowship, learning, and growing together!

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:** The March meeting is Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 5:30 pm at Studio K (806 Austin St, Levelland). We’ll enjoy a craft night, so make sure to bring $30 if you wish to participate in the craft event! If you do not want to create a craft, please feel free to come and join in fellowship! Thank you to Joanna Runkles for making these arrangements for us. It’ll be fun and is a great meeting to bring potential new members to since induction will be at our April meeting! **Remember, our goal is to have 5 new members inducted or reinstated this year!**

We hope you all can join us on Saturday, January 27th!

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

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**DKG**

 **Next Meeting**

**When**: January 27, 2024

**Where:** Capitol Elementary

**Program**: “Paths Toward Independence”

**Community Service** Shelby’s Bridge donation



These Theta Epsilon Members attended the Area 12 Delta Kappa Gamma Christmas Brunch in Lubbock on December 2nd.

Front row from Left: Brittany Dagley, Laurie Williams, Terry Reynolds, Deborah Payne and Donna Morehead Back row from left: Liz Brendt, Ashley Howard, and Ashley Davis.



Delta Kappa Gamma has many benefits for its members. One is the use of GoodShops. When shopping on this website, you will receive many coupons/discounts as members. Also, a donation is made to DKG from your purchase. Check it out at https//www.goodshop.com/valentines-day



DKG Prospect Card

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Regional Area Workshops

The Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma will be trying a new concept for 2024. Instead of a full state convention in one location, Regional Area Workshops will be held on **Saturday, June 22, 2024,** in seven different locations. Area 12 will have its workshop at St. Luke's Methodist Church, 3708 45th, Lubbock 79413. Please put this on your calendar and make plans to attend!

Planning for alternate years, the State convention will be held Monday, June 23-26, 2025, Embassy Suites and Convention Center, Denton, Texas.

**OUR MISSION**

**We promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.**

Have you thought of someone who would be an excellent addition to our chapter? Please take the time to fill out a Prospect card and give it to our President, Ashley Davis. She can send a prospect letter to help explain our organization and add our invitation to join! Help us grow!



**Leader, mentor, friend, sister—TSO honors Nancy Newton**

Nancy Newton, 2013 Past TSO President, died suddenly on November 4, 2023.In Texas’ Iota Pi Chapter, she began her successful ascent in the leadership of TSO. Nancy distinguished herself by overseeing an outstanding convention in Las Colinas, a posse of pigs to raise money for ASTEF, and Annie Calling, an initiative to reinstate members. Nancy was a caring woman, and TSO embraced her warmth with enthusiasm and was better for it.  ***She was our own Deborah Payne’s mentor during her tenure.*** There will be a celebration of Nancy’s life on January 27, 2024, at Alsbury Baptist Church in Burleson. It will be a come-and-go with the DKG ceremony at 3:00 pm.

**Calendar**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Location** | **Community Service** | **Program Title** |
| 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!** |

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



2024-2024 Officers

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| Ashley Davis | President |
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