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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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Our goal is to have 5 new members inducted or reinstated next month!



“SOAR to New Heights”

Hello Lovely DKG Ladies,
 Happy March! As we embrace the changing season and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead, we're excited to share the latest news and updates from our chapter.

Our next chapter meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at 5:30pm. We will meet at Studio K (806 Austin St. in Levelland) for this meeting. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend as this is a social craft night! If you are planning on attending, please make sure to RSVP with Joanna Runkles and bring \$27.50 if you want to participate in the craft (a cute spring floral arrangement). Joanna has done a fabulous job with scheduling and arranging this event for us! Remember this is our **BIG** night to invite our potential members since our induction ceremony will be our April meeting.

Our community service for March is ASTEF. ASTEF previously has blessed our chapter with funding for various community outreach projects. Typically, ASTEF does a big fundraiser activity at our State Convention, however in lieu of those we are having the Regional Area Workshops. Therefore, ASTEF is challenging each chapter to donate \$5 per chapter member. If we all rise to this challenge ASTEF will raise more money than ever before!

On that note, I do encourage you all to consider attending our Regional Area Workshop since it will be right here in Lubbock on June 22, 2024. The cost for attending is currently \$50, but this price will rise to \$65 after May 15. Registration forms can be found for the Northwest Regional Workshop at:

<https://www.dkgtexas.org/2024-regional-area-workshops.html>.

Just a kindly reminder that our March meeting is when we will collect dues, \$86 for active members and \$53 for reserve members. Your dues play a vital role in supporting our Delta Kappa Gamma's initiatives, events, and community outreach efforts. If you will not attend the March meeting, please mail your dues payment promptly to our Treasurer

Shannon Copeland (210 Cottonwood Lane in Levelland). If you have any questions or concerns regarding dues, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you to Shannon for keeping us all on track with dues!

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: April meeting is Saturday, April 6, 2024, 10:30 a.m. at Capitol Elementary. This will be our induction ceremony for our new members. If you have someone who is wanting to be inducted at our April meeting into our chapter, please make sure to send me an email with their name so we can make preparations.

Respectfully,
Ashley Davis

Area 12 Coordinator: Sonja Hanks
Area 12 Mentor: Patti Belknap

Service Projects:

International Service Project: Schools for Africa
Local Service Projects: Blessing Boxes, Books for CHART, Bill's Backpacks



Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Epsilon Chapter January 27, 2024

Ashley Davis called our DKG Chapter meeting to order at 10:30am in the Teacher's Lounge at Capital Elementary.

Guests were welcomed. Area 12 Coordinator, Terri Egerton, joined us for the meeting today as well as Samantha Lopez, a 4th grade Science teacher at Capital. The Chapter minutes from the October 5, 2023 meeting along with the Treasurer's report were included with the agenda. Both were accepted as presented.

Our Regional Area workshop will take place at St. Lukes Methodist Church in Lubbock this coming summer on Saturday June 22, 2024. Organizers are looking for individuals who are interested in Presenting at the Workshop, Applications are available online. Ashley quickly shared some of the topics of interest with the members. Nominations for new Chapter Officers has been requested. Those interested in serving need to share their interest. The chapter will slate new officers at the March meeting.

Terry Reynold introduced Donna Smith, the Director at Shelby's Bridge in Sudan, Tx. Donna shared her personal history in Education, both in the classroom and in Administration and the road that brought her back to the High Plains area. Her daughter had a dream that came to fruition with the opening of Shelby's Bridge. The passion for adult vocational training and opportunity has been realized and continues to grow. They have been able to serve over 200 students and currently have 50 on their roster. Shelby's Bridge is a 3500 sq..ft. building that houses a workshop, café and gift shop.

Donna brought a sampling of the goods with her today for us to view and purchase. She invited us all to come to Sudan and take a look the facility. It is open Tuesday-Friday from 9am to 4:30pm.

Hobo basket generated \$12.

Deb McVay provided a lovely breakfast/fruit snack, she always finds a creative way to feed us. The meeting was adjourned.

Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Thursday 3/7/2024 at 5:30pm at Studio K , located on the square in Levelland. We will be making a cute spring floral arrangement. Those interested in participating in the project will need to pay \$27.50.

It will also be a social and members are requested to invite a prospective colleague. Please be prepared to pay your annual dues, \$86 for current and \$53 for reserve members.





Deb McVay provides a lovely Theta Epsilon Birthday treat for our members!



Member Joanna Runkles, Sam Lopez (Guest), and Terri Egerton (Area 12 Coordinator) admire the Shelby's Bridge display.



Jolene Sweeney is with Donna Smith from Shelby's Bridge.



Theta Epsilon member Laurie Williams purchases Llama, Llama from Shelby's Bridge merchandise.



Red Roses to:

Brittany Dagley for completing her graduate school requirements!

Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
Thursday, March 7, 2024 <i>(Please pay your dues now)</i>	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



- 3-6 Susan Nicholas
- 3-17 Tracy Barker
- 3-25 Kristi McCrummen
- 3-26 Juanice Tyson
- 3-30 Donna Pugh
- 4-2 Laurie Williams
- 4-6 Shannon Copeland
- 4-6 Willa Dale Johnson
- 4-10 Judith Ward
- 4-20 Terry Reynolds

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