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**Mission Statement:** The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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*Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators  
 Impacting Education Worldwide*



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**Journey: Which way will you go?**

Hello DKG Friends,

I want to encourage you all to continue to invite 3 extraordinary women educators to our next meeting on October 6th! Maybe you have new members in mind or perhaps there are members we have not seen in a while that you would like to reconnect with at the meeting, either way I want to encourage you to reach out and invite them to come. While attending the Area 12 Workshop I was given two wonderful pieces of advice from Patti Belknap on inviting others to attend meetings.

The first piece of advice was “when inviting people, do not make that decision for a person by making excuses to not invite them into your chapter.” She told a story about an

extraordinary educator whom she worked with for years and yet never invited to be a member of DKG. She made the excuse that she had young kids and that she wouldn't want to join their chapter. After several years, the young woman confessed that she would've loved to have joined DKG. She is now an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Is there an extraordinary educator that you are hesitant to invite to our chapter? What if she is just waiting to be asked to join DKG?

Her second piece of advice was “come late or leave early; just come and be involved.” With that being said please know that you are missed at meetings. It makes no difference if you come late or leave early. We are all just eager to have you there for however long you can attend.

Our next meeting will be on October 6th at 5:00pm at the new Wilburn and Helen Wheeler Science Center at South Plains College. It would be a wonderful event to invite potential members to attend. Between the new building, the greenhouse, and the outdoor classroom it is

guaranteed to be a wonderful time! Hopefully we will also catch a glimpse of the tortoise that lives at the science building! At this meeting we will also collect \$1 per member as our contribution to the Eula Lee Carter Scholarship. We will also have a Hobo Basket. You may want to bring \$1 for that, too.

Lastly, please fill out your website release forms sent out via email and return them to me as soon as possible. **They are due by October 31st!** If you need assistance, please feel free to email me.

Respectfully,  
Ashley Davis

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**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



**When:** Thursday October 6th  
**Where:** Science Center at SPC  
**Program:** Tour new facilities  
**Community Service:** \$1 Eula Lee Carter Scholarship



Ashley Davis Daniel, our new President, called the DKG Chapter meeting to order at 10:30am in the LISD Boardroom. Ashley led us in a 't-paper' activity that encouraged us to meet and learn more about a member that we weren't as familiar with. Tracy Barker then introduced our scholarship recipient, Samantha Francis, a 2022 Levelland High School graduate. She provided information about her interests and college plans.

The chapter minutes from the April 2022 meeting along with the treasurer's current financial report were included in the meeting's Agenda and were approved by the members. Deborah Payne made the motion, and it was seconded by Donna Pugh.

Deborah Payne presented "Thank You" bags to members who helped with the State DKG Convention in June.

Community Service for the meeting was Bill's Backpacks. Members donated \$75 along with Goldfish and canned Peaches to the cause.

JoAnna Runkles created an engaging flyer that members can use to introduce and share our activities with prospective members.

In new business, President Davis discussed the need for the Webmaster to have written consent to post information about our members. She also asked if we would like to use the 'remind' App to receive messages as opposed to Email. All members present loaded and joined Ashley's 'Remind' class.

Our DKG chapter has set new goals.

1. Growing our membership. We want to grow by 5 new members this year. Suggestions were to escort them to one of our fun activities that they might find interesting.
2. Maintain our current awards status. These are levels that we must strive to attain, i.e., Website compliance, Eula Lee Carter donations and other awards that gain us recognition at Convention.

Members were asked to sign up for Committees. Vicky Harrison won the Hobo Basket, \$13 was donated to our Chapter.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20am and Members and guests were invited to enjoy a Baked Potato Luncheon.



Members of Theta Epsilon attended the Area 12 Workshop in Lubbock on September 10, 2022. From left, Ashley Davis, Debra Burnett, Terry Reynolds, Susan Nicholas, and Deborah Payne.



A Scholarship Luncheon was held on August 27th to honor the Theta Epsilon 2021-2022 recipient, Samantha Francis.



Shown above are Traci Barker, scholarship committee, Samantha Francis, scholarship recipient, and President Ashley Davis. Miss Francis is a 2022 Levelland High School graduate and will be attending SPC as an elementary education major. Shown below are members Maggie Husen, Jolene Sweeney, and Brenda Ewerz.



Red Roses to:



Thank You to Donna Pugh, outgoing President. Theta Epsilon has benefited from your great leadership! Donna, left, is shown with incoming President Ashley Davis.



Delta Kappa Gamma is an organization one of whose purposes is "to advance the professional interest and position of women in education."

**Calendar**

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
Thursday October 6, 2022	5 p.m.	South Plains College	\$1 for Eula Lee Carter Scholarship	<b>Let's SEE the New SPC!</b> (We will tour the new science department, garden, and outdoor classroom.)
Saturday December 2022	TBA	Lubbock Women's Club	Area 12	<b>Christmas Brunch</b>
Saturday January 21, 2023	10:30 a.m.	Capitol Elementary	Historical Society	<b>John Hope "Celebrating Hockley County"</b> Happy Birthday DKG!
Thursday March 2, 2023	5:30 p.m.	SPC Cosmetology	Change for Schools for Africa	<b>Spa Night</b>
Saturday April 22, 2023	10:30 a.m.	Levelland Wallace Theater	Wallace Restoration	<b>"What's Happening at the Wallace?"</b>  Induction of new members
Saturday May 2023	TBA	Lubbock Women's Club	N/A	<b>Founder's Luncheon</b>
Saturday August 26, 2023	10:30 a.m.	Capitol Elementary	Change for Schools for Africa	<b>Suzy Polk: "Stories from South Africa"</b>



- 10-18 Deborah Payne
- 11-14 Heidi Blair
- 11-14 Deb McVay
- 11-18 Catherine McMahan

Remember our goal: Invite 3 extraordinary women to join!!



Ashley Davis	President
Joanna Runkles	First Vice President
Liz Brandt	Second Vice President
Kelly Kelley	Corresponding/Recording Secretary
Shannon Copeland	Treasurer
Ashley Davis	Webmaster
Jayellen Wilson	Newsletter Editor
Terry Reynolds	Parliamentarian
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