



# THETA EPSILON NEWS

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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*



**Editor's Note:** All clipart is from Microsoft Office®, Alpha State Texas Website and from DKG website; photos are provided by Theta Epsilon members.



### January 2021—President's Letter for DKG Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Yes, at midnight on December 31, 2020, we opened the front and back

doors to let out the old year. It has been full of challenges, but 2021 will be the year that we make it. Let's make it GREAT!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DKG! We will celebrate DKG's birthday at our January meeting. In addition, we will complete an Ink Art project under the guidance of DKG member, Jayellen Wilson and her talented daughter, Whitney. (We have had to juggle meeting programs to accommodate presenters.) Please join us on Saturday, January 23rd in the Levelland ISD Board Room at 10:30 a.m. All supplies will be provided for the craft project; please bring \$3 to cover the cost of the materials and RSVP so that they can plan for the needed supplies.

Our January meeting will also be our annual Membership Drive. You may certainly invite a prospective member to explore DKG. As a minimum, please come with the name of a person to submit and visit with them beforehand to ascertain their level of interest. Deborah McVay will be in touch with members to assist with refreshments.

Our January Community Service is to make donations to the Blessing Boxes. This is our chapter project this year as we have received an ASTEF grant to help us fund this. Please bring non-perishable food items that can be placed in the four Blessing Boxes in Hockley County. Anything will work—canned soup, rice, beans, Pop Tarts, etc. We put deodorant in one time and have seen hotel shampoos, etc. Thanks in advance for your help with this project.

Ann Gregory and Cathie McMahan have been purchasing food items and filling the Blessing Boxes to fulfill our goals for our ASTEF grant. Thank you to these ladies (and their families)! When we submit these grants, we must include how our membership will also support our goal. We want enough food items to show that ALL members participated and report that on our grant reports.

The 92<sup>nd</sup> TSO State Convention will be held in Denton on June 17-19, 2021. Any member is encouraged to attend. Also, Area 12 is responsible for a part of the state leadership team through committee work. If you would like to participate, please let us know. Would you like to get more involved?

**FOR YOUR CALENDAR:** Next meeting is Thursday, March 4, 2021, 5:30 p.m. at Mosaic Coffee. We will enjoy some coffee and hear from Cathie McMahan's Levelland MS students who are completing National History Day projects. Please plan to be impressed.

But first, we hope you all can join us on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>!

*"Don't get bitter. GET BETTER. Find the lesson and move on."* (Jon Gordon)

Bring on 2021!

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**Area 12 Mentor: Connie Rensink**



Rhonda Posey, President of ASTEF, has announced that "this year we will be celebrating ASTEF from February 1-28. Not only that, we will be sponsoring an online auction beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for promoting ASTEF. Remember, together we can make the ASTEF **February of Giving Month** a success!"

Members of the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) include all members of the Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. If you belong to a local chapter in Texas, you belong to ASTEF.

ASTEF is the fundraising arm of Texas State organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an educational honor society of women members who represent all levels of education. ASTEF promotes funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas. ASTEF also promotes educational excellence for Texas students. We offer scholarships, train leaders, fund projects in communities across the state and supply stipends to Aspiring Educators.

**In case you missed it:**

**From the December 8, 2020 edition of Levelland and Hockley County NewsPress:**



"The local chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Theta Epsilon, recently received an \$800 stipend from the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) to help fill Blessing Boxes around town.

This stipend will support the four Blessing Boxes that are located in Hockley County.

"At one of our meetings this year, chapter members selected this project as it was a new one for us," said Chapter President, Donna Pugh. "Grant funds will be used to purchase food items for all four of the boxes in the county. In addition, members will contribute food items, too."

Pugh said two members and their families have volunteered to use the funds to purchase items for the Blessing Boxes and keep them stocked through the grant.

**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.

We will also be doing a framed craft. See information below.





**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](#)

## Howdy Y'all

Annie Webb Blanton had a vision for our Society, and it will come alive at the San Antonio, **Texas International Conference July 21-24, 2021!** President Becky Sadowski invites us to celebrate the DKG: Opportunities • Contributions • Impact our members have realized because of their membership in the organization. The San Antonio Marriott River Center Hotel, situated on the vibrant River Walk in downtown San Antonio, TX, offers stunning views of either downtown San Antonio or the picturesque River Walk. The conference features engaging and real-world speakers, informative and timely workshops and short presentations, exhibits and vendors.



**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE DKG**

**APP!**

Download the **DKG App** and check out the discussion board to connect with other members going as well!

## **Service Projects:**

Promoting



Programs

International Service Project: Schools for Africa.

### **Local Service Projects:**

Blessing Boxes  
 Inside Out Foundation  
 Bill's Backpacks  
 Books for CHART



# ΔΚΓ

The name is a combination of the initial letters of three Greek words: Διδασκαοι—Didaskotikai meaning teachers; Κλειδουχοι—Kleidouchai meaning key; and Γυναικες—Gynaikes meaning women. Today we use DKG. "Society" designates the international organization. Society Headquarters is located at 416 West 12th Street, Austin, Texas 78701

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded May 11, 1929, at the Faculty Women's Club at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. Alpha Chapter of Alpha State Organization placed a plaque where the Women's Club once stood on campus. Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, member of the faculty of the University of Texas and a former state superintendent of public instruction in Texas, conceived the idea of an organization for women educators. Eleven women educators from Texas, representing various professional positions in education, were initiated by Dr. Blanton. Alpha Chapter was installed on June 3, 1929.

## **RED ROSES TO:**



Kelley Kelly – Has begun chemotherapy following December surgery. She should be done by Spring Break.

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 Crafting with Alcohol Ink
March 4, 2021 <b>*\$86 DUES due now</b>	5:30 P.M.	Mosaic	Change for Schools for Africa	National History Day by Cathie McMahan's MS kid's NHD projects
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.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org)

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

Theta Epsilon Chapter Website

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



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| 1-6  | Liz Brandt      |
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