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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



## *Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow*



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

Treasurer. State deadline to receive is October 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a list in the newsletter for members who have already paid.

**Needed**—two articles about the Society (none completed), our Chapter (one completed), professional issues (none completed), women's issues (none completed), and human interest stories (none completed) -- (total of ten articles, 250 words with a member byline).

Please make plans to attend our October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting! Bring a friend! Participate in the auction items provided by some of our community businesses to **Endow Scholarships! Unite** with other women educators in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

Please submit the articles to Juanice Tyson and they will be published in the newsletters.

Your President, Deborah Payne  
Theta Epsilon 2016-2018 Chapter President  
2017-2019 State Membership Committee  
2015-2017 State DKG Nominations Comm.  
2013-2015 Area 12 Coordinator  
2011-2013 State DKG Music Chair



### **Greetings!**

Our next DKG meeting will be Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We will start the evening at the Wallace Theater. (Terry Reynolds has an article elsewhere in the newsletter with more details.) Alycyn

Keeling, Exec. Director at the Wallace, will be our host.

### **Dues:**

#### Paid for 2017-2018:

Barker, Tracy  
Brandt, Liz  
Burnett, Debra  
Copeland, Shannon  
Couch, Elsie  
Gregory, Ann  
Gregory, Merribeth  
Joplin, Nancy  
Kelley, Kelly  
McCormick, Jeanie  
McCrummen, Kristi  
Nicholas, Susan  
Payne, Deborah  
Pugh, Donna  
Reynolds, Terry

I will also be sharing the DKG campaign plan to assist members and chapters affected by Hurricane Harvey. There are two main components, **Member to Member** and **Campus Helping Hands**.

Special thanks to Donna Pugh and Tracy Barker for completing our chapter's "Let's Stay Sharp" project!

For those who have not paid yearly dues, please bring to this meeting or mail to Ann Gregory, Chapter

Sweeney, Jolene  
Watkins, Kendra  
Warren, Mary  
Williams, Laurie  
Yarbrough, Virginia

DKG allocation:  
ACTIVE: \$83 (\$40 International; \$20 State; \$23 retained by Theta Epsilon)  
RESERVE: \$44 (\$20 International; \$7 State; \$17 retained by Theta Epsilon)

PLEASE bring to October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting or mail to:  
Ann Gregory, Theta Epsilon Chapter Treasurer  
1840 N. Hwy 35  
Levelland, TX 79336

**October Meeting Notes:**

October 5, 2017  
5:30 p.m., Thursday Evening  
Wallace Theatre  
Levelland, TX

**Program Title: "Culture & History in Our Own Community"**

Theta Epsilon will meet at the Wallace Theater at 5:30 p.m., we will auction off free haircuts, reduced manicures, pedicures, services from SPC cosmetology, craft classes with Kenna and Patty and massages to go towards our scholarship fund. Those that want can move to Trilogy to cap off the meeting.

**"Bill's Backpacks"**

**Items needed:**  
peanut butter  
pancake syrup  
pancake mix **COMPLETE pkgs- only add water**

**Hostesses:** All Members

**Theta Epsilon Minutes:**

August 26, 2017



Initiation ceremony with Deborah Payne, Virginia Yarbrough, Nancy Joplin, Kendra Watkins, and Debra Burnett

The meeting was opened by Deborah Payne at 10:35 am. Deborah welcomed our new initiates Kendra Watkins and Debra Burnett. Concerns were shared from our members: loss of parents, personal illnesses and other various problems.



Initiation Kendra Watkins, Debra Burnett, Deborah Payne, Virginia Yarbrough, and Nancy Joplin

The initiation ceremony was held. We initiated two new members Kendra Watkins and Debra Burnett to our chapter. Our chapter recommitment ceremony followed.



New members Kendra Watkins and Debra Burnett

The minutes to the previous meeting were read and accepted. Correspondence from members were read. Sandra Tyler asked to withdraw her membership as she is moving. Her request was accepted by the membership with regrets. A thank you letter from Baleigh Pugh, our DKG scholarship recipient, was read. She expressed her thanks for our support and encouragement. Ann Gregory gave the treasurers report and reminded members to pay their dues for the 2017-2018 membership year.

**New Business:**

Deborah read through the list of Awards our chapter

received this past summer at the 88<sup>th</sup> TSO conference. Our chapter was presented with numerous awards including the PACE, 5 Star newsletter and others. Donna Pugh shared information about the '1<sup>st</sup> Year Teacher Bags' for Levelland ISD new teachers. Our chapter received a \$500 grant from DKG to fund this project.

Our next meeting will be on October 5, 2017 at the Wallace Theater in downtown Levelland; time to be announced. Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Members were invited to enjoy the luncheon of salads and desserts provided by the membership.

Submitted by Kelly Kelley

### **Service Projects:**

International Service Project: Schools for Africa

State Service Project: **2018 Unifying Project**

Local Service Project: Support of South Plains College Foundation, Bill's Backpacks, and "Let's Stay Sharp in 2017-2018"

### **2016-2018 International Theme:**

DKG - Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

### **State Theme:**

**"Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow."**



### **TSO Biennium Goals:**

1. Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
2. Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
3. Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
4. Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide.

**Area 12 Coordinator: Sharon McDougle**

**News From: [www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)**

The 2018 DKG International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas **July 16 - 20 2018** at the new JW Marriott Austin.

### **News From DKG News:**

#### **Angel Award:**

The angel award will be presented at our next meeting.

#### **Our Chapter: "Let's Stay Sharp in 2017-2018," by Donna Pugh**

Our DKG chapter received an ASTEF support grant of providing some start of the year basic school supplies for the beginning teachers in our school district as well as some small school supply kits for the rest of our approximately 500 Levelland ISD staff members. First year teachers are usually financially deprived as they begin their teaching careers as they anxiously await their first paychecks. By providing basic school supplies, we can take away the anxiety that comes with setting up classrooms. In addition, we will provide a small supply kit with a Sharpie, pen and pencil for other staff members with a motivational note and recognition for the DKG Theta Epsilon chapter. Notes and supplies will be centered upon the popular Sharpie; therefore, the title of our project is, "Let's Stay Sharp in 2017-2018." With the gracious and generous support of ASTEF, we will purchase the necessary supplies to implement this project.

The mission of ASTEF is "to provide funding for activities that support professional and personal growth of women educators in Texas and to promote educational excellence for Texas students." Our project—**Let's Stay Sharp in 2017-2018**—connects to the mission in the following ways:

- Theta Epsilon members are committed to implementing this project. Our members—even with the grant—will be asked to make a contribution of cash or school supplies to assist. Our membership generously helps to provide funding on the local level.
- Our school supply kits for all staff—new and returning—promote positive campus culture and climate. People enjoy their job more when it is a positive place to be. Therefore, this project supports staff personally and professionally. When staff are consistently happy and motivated, student learning improves. Providing some of their needs supports them professionally.
- In addition, this project will provide more assistance to first year teachers. This is

directly related to the international focus of supporting early career educators.

At each of our meetings, our members make some type of contribution to our community, our country, our world. This makes this project an easy way to outreach to members. We will solicit donations of cash or school supplies to begin our project. When all materials have been collected and/or purchased with support of our partner, ASTEF, members will be called upon again to prepare materials, to assemble school supply kits and to deliver to all staff members.

The impact of our project can be measured in at least two ways:

- Assistance and motivation to new staff members will help to promote retention. New teachers leave the profession statistically quick. With the support of fellow educators—our Theta Epsilon members—we can help promote retention—which is easily measured.
- Our school supply kits to all other staff can promote the work of our DKG chapter to all members. Therefore, we can use this project as a means of membership recruitment. We can measure impact relative to membership growth.

**Red Roses to:**

Sherry Barsch, death of her Aunt—hip surgery this summer-doing well; upcoming shoulder surgery later this month; also caregiver for mother & aunt  
 Juanice Tyson, death of her Aunt Rosie  
 TSO chapter members & families affected by Hurricane Harvey  
 Cherolyne Hendon

Willa Dale Johnson

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

**Calendar:**

Next DKG meeting will be October 5, 2017 at the Wallace Theatre, Levelland, Texas.

Oct 05, 2017	Thurs Eve	Wallace Theatre	<b>“Culture &amp; History in Our Own Community”</b>
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**Check out these items on the web:**

[www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)

- DKG: Broadcasting the Buzz—emailed also
- Communique—emailed also
- Lone Star News
- Schools for Africa
- TSO Legislative updates

Theta Epsilon Chapter Website

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



- 10-18 Deborah Payne
- 10-28 Merribeth Gregory
- 11-14 Heidi Blair
- 11-14 Deb McVay
- 11-22 Jeanie McCormick

Deborah Payne	President
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Liz Brandt	Second Vice President
Kelly Kelley	Corresponding/Recording Secretary
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Kristi McCrummen	Webmaster
Terry Reynolds	Immediate Past President and Parliamentarian