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President's Message:

Dear Sisters,

We may often think that we are in charge of what goes on each day of our lives and for the most part we come to expect that we will always have happy moments. The truth is that the sky isn't always blue and we hope that we could continue living life like it was yesterday, when everything was just right. I know that for the most part, we have had our share of sad moments, but with the holidays upon us, we have to look toward tomorrow with a smile.

There are numerous reasons I smile every day. One of the smiles that I get to wear belongs to Delta Kappa Gamma because I am THANKFUL and extremely GRATEFUL that we are continuing to expand our vision in regards to how we decide to serve our community. Your Survey Monkey suggestions, express a yearning to help our girls in our secondary schools.

I believe that this cause is definitely worthy of our time and commitment as a chapter. Looking ahead, we could expand our fundraising efforts to help cover some of the costs of this commitment. One way more funds can be raised is by participating in a new event at my campus. On December 15th, teachers and parents at Cimarron Elementary will be able to attend a Christmas Drop-n-Shop. (Message continued page 2)

Please join us

****Next DKG Meeting Information****

DATE: Thursday, December 11th, 2014

TIME: Meeting will start at 6:00 P.M. with refreshments preceding meeting at 5:30

LOCATION: Cimarron Elementary

Newsletter Helping Hands:

A special "Thanks" to our newsletter contributors.

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Society Mission Statement

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

If everyone likes this idea, we could bring a new beautiful, festive or useful gift item to sell at the event. Vendors will have their own table; we would need some of our members to help man the Zeta Upsilon booth from 8:30 to 2:00 p.m. This would mean that each of us would need to volunteer to bring an item to our meeting on December 11th. Remember, every item sold equals another dollar for Zeta Upsilon's community involvement.

Another exciting piece of news is that YOU could become one of our reinstated members by standing up to our "Annie Calling" Alpha State, Texas initiative. Be inspired, be encouraged and help our high school girls.

If you haven't been with us in a while, come meet our new members who are doing a great job with YOUR newsletter and website. RSVP via email and let me know if you will attend our meeting next week, so that we can prepare for YOUR reinstatement. I encourage YOU to be in charge, have a happy moment and let the sunshine in because I expect that your days will be filled with more smiles when you see your sisters again. To our current sisters, I ask that you pass along this opportunity for reinstatement to any sister that has dropped from active status.

Finally, THANK YOU, for allowing me to be part of your yesterday, today and tomorrow!

Always a pleasure! ☺

Imelda Hernandez
Zeta Upsilon President
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Find us on the Web!

Zeta Upsilon now has an award winning, State Certified website!

<http://zetaupsilondkgtexas.weebly.com/>

Oh, please remember, we are needing your media release on file with Michael Parrot as she will be running the website.

We also have a Facebook Page that is for our chapter members only.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dkgzetaupsilon/>

ASTEF Program:

Zeta Upsilon will be collecting for ASTEF so we can feed the piggy at the state chapter.

What is ASTEF?

The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation - ASTEF - is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established to What is ASTEF? The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation - ASTEF - is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established to support and enhance activities of Texas State Organization (TSO), The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. All gifts to ASTEF are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

What is the Connection between TSO and ASTEF?

TSO is the originator of ASTEF, the fundraising entity that assists TSO in fulfilling its purposes. TSO chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma invite women educators to membership. All members of TSO are also members of ASTEF. As ASTEF seeks external funding to support its projects, the foundation's nonprofit status allows broader recognition for the work of TSO. [TSO and ASTEF: A Partnership](http://alphastatetexas.org/) (Taken from: <http://alphastatetexas.org/>)

Financial Footnotes:

The ending balance at the November meeting was \$559.75. The auction fundraiser added \$264.00 to the account bringing the chapter balance to \$823.75.

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the auction and to everyone who purchased these lovely items.

CTAUN Save the Date

The Global Awareness Committee announces the upcoming CTAUN Conference Saturday April 11, 2015 in Houston, Texas. The Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN) focuses on teaching children about a world made increasingly interdependent by globalization. North American University 3203 N Sam Houston Pkwy W Houston, Texas 77038. **We need to form a list of DKG sisters who will attend this session. Please start thinking ahead to clear schedules so Zeta Upsilon will be wonderfully represented! We always have Fun!**

Member Shout-outs:

Thank you to every sister who helped make the auction a success. We raised \$264.00 for Zeta Upsilon.

What's in the News:

Join DKG at Convention:
86th Texas State Convention
Grand Hyatt San Antonio
June 24 - 27, 2015
Let us know if you are interested in attending

Chapter News:

Zeta Upsilon Committees 2014-2015

Programs:

Laurie Ballesteros
Imelda Hernandez
Barbara Vasquez
Lissa Shepard
Lynda Young
Marilyn Schmidt
Gail Grant
Aurora G. deFreire
Karen Hattaway

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Carolyn Gordon

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Karen Hattaway
Lissa Shepard
Kelly Martinez
Laurie Ballesteros
Claudia Ware Dempsey
Jeri Davis
Janis Gaul
Imelda Hernandez

Nominations:

Lissa Shepard
Karen Hattaway
Cynthia Kirchner
Aurora G. de Freire

Social:

Lynda Young
Loyce Manahan
Aurora G. de Freire
Janet Ables
Anna Bussel

Reach out and touch a sister:

Gentle reminder if you have signed on to adopt a reserve member, please make sure that they are receiving all newsletters and updates. In case anyone needs a refresher, here's the list of sponsors and adoptees.

Karen Hattaway -- Janice Andrews
Janet Ables -- June Cathey
Gail Grant -- Mary Cobb
Cathy Hernandez -- Bobbie Cox
Kathy Gant -- Annette Fisk
Janis Gaul -- Mary Landry
Jerri Davis -- Martha McCollum
Marilyn Schmidt -- Izeal Murdoch
Judy Evans -- Ouida Pyle

And all sisters, please don't be shy, offer to drive a reserve member to a meeting or event. Or just call them up to say "Hello."

Educate Inspire Encourage:

The International Communications and Publicity Committee has curated a list of websites and mobile apps that our members have found to be useful and have recommended. Some are general and some are subject specific. This list is available on the website's resource page:

<http://www.alphastatetexas.org/pdfs/dkg.mobile.apps.pdf>

If you have tried any of these and love them, please let us know.

DKG In the Community:

This year Zeta Upsilon is considering ways to make a connection with mentoring local high school girls. If voted on, this project will be submitted for our Annie Award.

Classroom Humor:

"Mrs, my mom told me to tell you she is done doing your projects!"

"Um, sweetie, you're the one in my classroom, therefore the project should be done by YOU not mom...oh and tell her we do at least 6 projects a year."

Classroom Blessings:

Teachers spend each day trying to cover at least 100 different things on their "To Do List." Fridays have me doing these 100 things at warp speed because I trade classes with my partner early in the day and activity period cuts time out of the block that I have my students. I have to do spelling test, reading test and check in homework. Not a moment to lose.

In the middle of a spelling test, one of my little girls raises her hand to say, "Mrs, do you know why I left early yesterday?" I was in a rush to finish the spelling test so I gave the standard "You went to the Dr./dentist...next word is ____." routine. She interrupts again, "Mrs...I left early yesterday because my grandmother had just died at her house."

Suddenly, that spelling test didn't seem that important at all as I rushed to hug my student who by then had burst into tears.

I am thankful for reminders that my students are little people with needs, feelings, and many preoccupations. Nonetheless, my heart hurts at the depth of pain someone so young is going through.

Bling on your DKG!

We were considering placing orders for a bling DKG shirt. At least 6 shirts were ordered...Yeah!!! Thanks Silvia for helping get the orders in.

Zeta Upsilon Meeting Minutes (Written in Memoriam of Ruth Stephenson)

Meeting was held 11-13-14

Refreshment @ 5:30

Start: 6:00p.m. - Adjourned: 7:15 p.m.

Place: Cimarron Elementary

Meditations by Yvonne Reed about taking time for yourself and unplugging from the world for just a minute.

Minutes from last meeting were read and approved.

Barbara Vasquez shared treasurer's report and it was accepted.

Reading of four recommendations for prospective membership.

Review of old business

New business:

Survey Monkey-Annie Award Project reviewed.

Taking stock of Zeta Upsilon members: 44 Active members and 12 reserve members.

Discussion on "Annie Calling" Program to reach out and possibly reinstate members.

Barbara's spoke of bottle cap collecting project.

Michael Parrot is currently taking all publication releases as she is now our webmaster.

Fall auction fundraiser was carried out to the enjoyment of all.

Next meeting will be December 11th at Cimarron Elementary.

Meeting was brought to a close with a special prayer for our sisters and their families that are going through difficult times.

Delta Kappa Gamma Song was sung and meeting was adjourned.



Pumpkin Pie Tartlets (These were so awesome at our November meeting)

Ingredients:

- 16 (2 ½ inch) foil baking cups
- Nonstick cooking spray
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 large egg whites
- 1 can (15 oz.) Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 can (12 fl. oz.) Nestle Carnation Evaporated Fat Free Milk
- 1 cup fat free whipped topping
- 12 small gingersnap cookies, broken into ¼ inch pieces (I sprinkled cinnamon sugar instead of cookies)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Place baking cups on baking sheet with sides.

Spray each cup with cooking spray.

Combine sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, ginger, and salt in small bowl. Beat egg whites in large bowl.

Stir in pumpkin and sugar mixture. Gradually stir in evaporated milk. Spoon ¼ to 1/3 cup of mixture into each prepared cup.

Bake for 25 to 28 minutes or until knife inserted near centers comes out clean. Cool on baking sheet for 20 minutes. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Top each with whipped topping and gingersnap crumbs.

Bites of Wisdom:

As veteran teachers, we have a wealth of information to share. How about we start a list of resources to share with a teacher who is starting her career. What "bite" of wisdom would you share? It can be a resource, a classroom management tip, a student motivator, a sanity saver, anything at all that can benefit a new teacher and their students. Please send your ideas to newsletter editor Aurora Gonzalez de Freire.

Needing Uplifting Prayers:

Please continue to uplift our sister, Loyce Manahan, in prayer as she continues to recover and clear major milestones—proof that Prayer Works!!!

Kathy Gant, Claudia Ware Dempsey need prayers for healing for themselves or a loved one.

Also, educators and education as a whole can always benefit from united prayers.

If you would like for us to pray for you, please let us know.

Who's Hosting the Sisters?

December 11

Michael Parrot
Jeri Davis *
Lynda Young
Loyce Manahan
Karen Hattaway
Cathy Hernandez
Judy Evans
Kiley Munslow
Anna Bussell

March 12

Girls Night Out
We will let a restaurant do the cooking for us!

* Hostess Chair

All members will contribute for the following meetings.

January 8 - Tea

February 7 - Initiation

April 9 - Birthday

"Going Once, Going Twice, Sold"

In the spirit of good old fashioned fund raising, Zeta Upsilon held a Fall Auction. The beautiful items that were lovingly donated did not disappoint and neither did the fast and furious bidding fun that ensued. Those bidding paddles got a quite a workout indeed. Here are pictures of some of the items that now have happy homes.

