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President's Message:

Dear Sisters,

I share with you readings from *Meditations For Women Who do too Much*, by Anne Wilson Schaef, 1st edition. "We women who do too much find the ending of an old year and the beginning of a new year to be a difficult time. There is always the temptation to try "tidy up" all our loose ends as the old year closes. We fall into the trap of believing that it is possible to get our entire life 'caught up" before starting a new year, and we are determined to do it. Also, there is the temptation to set up an elaborate set of resolutions for the coming year so that we can, at least, get it right.

As workaholics, we tend to be very hard on ourselves; nothing less than perfection is enough." Hopefully, on the first day of the year, you were able to remember that we are perfect just as we are. Congrats to Kelly and her family for their new handsome boy, blessings to Kathy for her beautiful grandbaby and Yvonne for her daughter who is expecting any day now. Let's take one day at a time and know deep within our hearts that we are trying the best that we can, always.

On another note, our quick plans were to ask, Marilyn, if she could bring her beautiful tea sets...but...I think that if you have your own favorite tea cup and saucer you should bring it to share its charm with us!

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Please join us

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

DATE: Thursday, January 8th, 2015

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

LOCATION: MacArthur Elementary

Newsletter Helping Hands:

A special "Thanks" to our newsletter contributors.

President's Message:

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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.

(President's Message Continued)

After all, we do have a little bit of Downton Abbey "fever" in our circle of sisters. I think that would be a neat touch to bring our "pretty" tea cup with us.

Please know that our Area Coordinator, Betty Jo Watts, will be joining the party.

I know it's going to be a bit chilly, so...tea will be just perfect. Warm tea and the warmth of friends, what else can a sister ask for!

Always a pleasure! ☺

Imelda Hernandez
Zeta Upsilon President
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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 Laurie Ballesteros for her wonderful program at the December meeting!

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/>)

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

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

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.

Bling on your DKG!

Thanks Silvia for helping get the shirt orders in. She will pick them up for us once the order is filled. Thanks for taking charge, Silvia!

Who's Hosting the Sisters?

All members will contribute for the following meetings.

March 12

Girls Night Out

We will let a restaurant do the cooking for us!

January 8 - Tea

February 7 - Initiation

April 9 - Birthday

* Hostess Chair

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 of 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.

Financial Footnotes:

The chapter only made one transaction during the month of November to December. A deposit of \$264 was made for the Auction Fundraiser held in November. The bank balance as of our last meeting on December 11, 2014 was \$823.75.

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

Meeting 12-11-14

Refreshments @ 5:30

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

Place: Cimmaron Elementary

- Meditations by Jeri Lynn -The gift of love is the most important thing.
- Program: Holidays in Houston by Laurie Ballesteros
- Everyone read and accepted the minutes.
- Barbara Vasquez presented her treasurers report-everyone accepted the report.
- Second reading of recommendations for membership and everyone accepted via vote
- Review of old business
- New business:
Survey Monkey-Annie Award Project reviewed-work with girls in the district.
Lead committee members Loyce Manahan, Yvonne Reed, Elizabeth Shepard
- Michael Parrot is taking all publication releases.
- Next meeting January 8th MacArthur (library).
- Close of meeting with prayer and singing Delta Kappa Gamma Song

Texas Goes International for DKG in 2018

Texas has been selected to host the 2018 International Convention in Austin, Texas. It will be held at the J.W' Marriot Hotel from Monday July 16 to Friday July 20, 2018. So mark your calendar now and let Zeta Upsilon know if you are interested in attending.

Sounds like a Zeta Upsilon ROAD TRIP that just could become one of those legendary sister stories! You don't want to miss out on this one.

Holiday Greetings from Ms. Watts

I know by this time your Christmas gathering have taken place and there was talking, talking and fabulous food. Oh the fabulous food! The wonderful projects you are doing were gathered and welcome by the receivers. Now please take this time to enjoy the holidays with friends and family.

As the New Year approaches and program plans are made remember to support women educators in our chapters, as well as, throughout the world.

Betty Jo Watts

(Via Area Three Newsletter)

Texas State Organization needs YOU!

If you are interested in serving DKG as part of the TSO 2015-2017 biennium team as an Area Coordinator, committee chair, or committee member, you may submit the [TSO State Personnel Recommendation](#) form for yourself. The deadline for submitting the form is February 1, 2015. (via Alpha State Website)