



### Chapter Information:

Area 111, Chapter 164 Galena Park, Texas  
Alpha State, Texas Zeta Upsilon  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Leading women educators impacting education



## Delta Kappa Gamma News Letter Omega Zeta Upsilon Chapter

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### President's Message:

Dear Sisters

I was extremely elated to leave our last meeting because just as our International society has had an extensive, Strategic Action Plan for the 2012-2014 Biennium, Zeta Upsilon now too has begun creating our very own Strategic Action Plan. I am glad to share that we have received acclamations from our State President, Nancy Newton, and she is looking forward in learning how we continue to move forward. I also learned more regarding our SAP with the article, *AS the SAP Rises*, it states, "the plan is more likely (to be successful) when discussion leads to questions being asked and answered by the members of the chapter, and when there is meaningful involvement of the total group."

We missed those of you who were not able to attend October's meeting. We discussed our objectives and proposed changes to our SAP were shared by everyone present. Of course, there is work yet to be done. As your President, I appreciate the trust you place in me to lead this wonderful group of Ladies, Sisters, Professional Educators.

In order to continue steering Zeta Upsilon in a direction of growth though I am truly needing of your assistance. I hope you were one of the  
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### Please join us

### **\*\*Next DKG Meeting Information\*\***

**DATE:** Thursday, November 13th, 2014

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

**LOCATION:** Cimarron Elementary

### Newsletter Helping Hands:

A special "Thanks" to our newsletter contributors.

President's Message:

Imelda Hernandez

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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)

sisters that took a moment to respond to the survey. If not, please know that your input is vital. Please do not keep quiet as I inquire to learn more about your needs as a chapter. I ask you to honestly reflect on how you can be an advocate for the new directions and new visions that State is asking us to embrace. Also, I ask you to remember that "in-box thinking" eventually runs out of fresh ideas. Remember, that status-quo concepts can risk our hopes of improving the key components of our chapter. The International SAP speaks to how chapters often stop growing/embracing change and therefore become an "outdated, unfulfilling entity." With your help, this is a description that will not ever be pinned to our chapter!

One great aspect of changes in our International Society today is that attendance to our monthly meetings is no longer a requirement to be part of a chapter. Does that mean I want you to stop attending? By all means I answer with a resounding "NO!" In fact, I want you to bring an absentee sister with you! Nonetheless, when I asked our state president, Nancy Newton, she reminded me that in order to request reserve status, she responded that reserve status is granted "If a member cannot attend because of distance/transportation or health issues. The health issue can be interpreted as declining health of a spouse as well as the member." Hence, if a current member believes in her heart that there is a valid health concern issue; then, please follow through with a formal reserve status request so that it may be submitted to our chapter accordingly.

One of her other bits of knowledge was that, "It is important that we continue to respect our history

because it has been "through (that remembrance of history and embracement of) diversity - that has helped our society chapters develop a broader understanding of our world today." (Newton, Nov. 2, 2014). As members, I ask that we are always cognizant of the fact that Zeta Upsilon is a branch of an International Society. Ask yourself, "How do we strengthen that branch?"

Remember, I was elated after our meeting, because we know our purpose, we know our objectives and we know the outcome that we yearn for: key women educators who are the BEST AT WHAT THEY DO. For our next meeting, please make sure that you have your prospective DKG sisters' forms ready to help continue our growth and/or bring your suggestions of reinstatements of our current members in order to help them help us continue to help others (wow, that's a lot of helping going on!— that's what we do)

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/>

## Financial Footnotes:

WhooHoo!! 44 members paid in full!!!

Zeta Upsilon Chapter ended October 16<sup>th</sup> with a bank balance of \$1,495.75. A check has been sent to State on behalf of Omega Zeta Upsilon to cover memberships for this year.

An updated balance will be available once the check clears the bank.

## 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!**

## What's Blooming:

Please help Zeta Upsilon and DKG Support the advancement of teaching worldwide...one learner at a time. We will be discussing world fellowship at a next meeting so please bring your monetary contributions

## 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

#### Finance:

Barbara Vasquez  
Yvonne Maire  
Jeri Davis  
Lynda Young  
Kiley Munslow  
Imelda Hernandez

#### Membership:

Cynthia Kirchner  
Imelda Hernandez  
Barbara Jo Land  
Cindy Stephens

#### Professional Growth and

#### Action:

Gail Grant  
Imelda Hernandez  
Cathy Hernandez  
Yvonne Reed  
Andrea Jones  
Loyce Manahan

#### Society Connection:

Marilyn Schmidt  
Judy Evans  
Kathy Gant  
Janis Gaul  
Imelda Hernandez

#### **ASTEF Program:**

#### Communications and

#### Publicity:

Aurora G. de Freire  
Imelda Hernandez  
Silvia Lloyd  
Charlotte Elder  
Phyllis Fuselier  
Lisa Robinette

#### Music:

Laurie Ballesteros  
Claudia Ware Dempsey  
Carolyn Gordon

#### Ceremonials and Music:

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

## Member Shout-outs:



Mrs. Silvia Lloyd! Recently, the Pasadena Target donated school supplies to Mrs. Lloyd's first grade bilingual class and then she was awarded a book grant from the First Book Company.

Silvia, some of your Zeta Upsilon sisters are beginning to think your lucky streak merits the purchase of a lottery ticket to be split by all who contribute a dollar to the ticket purchase!!! We just might have to rename this segment to, "Let's shout for Silvia!" We love ya oodles!

## What's in the News:

Join DKG at Convention:  
**86th Texas State Convention**  
Grand Hyatt San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas  
June 24 - 27, 2015

Let us know if you are interested in attending

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 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/>)

## Classroom Humor:

"Mrs., Mrs., I'm sorry but I have really bad hip pops today!"

Teacher thinking to self..."Hip pops, hip pops...are they contagious, Darn what did Teaching 101 tell me about hip pops?"

"Mrs. Mrs. (snapping teacher's mental tangent) Can I please drink some water for my hip pops?"

Aha....student has the hiccups and his hips are just fine...thank goodness!

## Classroom Blessings:

## 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
Janice Gaul	--	Mary Landry
Jerri Davis	--	Martha McCollum
Mariland 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 new educators feel welcomed and supported. The idea of resource boxes has been discussed. If voted on, this project will be submitted for our Annie Award.

When a student out of the blue, in passing, as they leave the classroom just looks at you and says, "You're the best teacher ever," and quickly bounces off to bus dismissal, you can only look up and say, "Thank you for the ability to make a difference."

## Bling on your DKG!



We are considering placing orders for this shirt. Would you wear it? was our original question

So, we discussed this at the last meeting....it was an even split between the yes's and no's.

Another shirt idea was also mentioned. Even though as a chapter, it was not decided to get shirts, many of us still want to fund one of our own to wear with pride. We will need to finalize orders soon.

## 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!!!

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.

## DKG Mailbag:

Dear Imelda,

## 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.

## Who's Hosting the Sisters?

### November 13

Yvonne Reed  
Charlotte Elder  
Kathy Gant  
Claudia Dempsey  
Gail Grant  
Kelly Martinez \*  
Janis Gaul  
Carolyn Gordon  
Janet Ables

### 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

Your first newsletter was filled with information! How exciting to read it tonight. You have definitely set the mark for a most successful and informative biennium. I'll be waiting to read in future columns what Zeta Upsilon's SAP contains.

I was so pleased also to see that your editor included information about the April CTAUN conference. This is our first time to have it in Houston and your members will be so impressed and learn so much about teaching for global understanding. I hope a number of your members are able to attend.

Imelda, please remember that we officers at the state level, your AC, the state chairmen, and our excellent headquarters staff are all here to help YOU and your chapter. Please don't hesitate to call on us if you need us.

Nancy Newton, 2013-15 President  
Texas State Organization  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Hi Imelda,  
I enjoyed reading the October issue of the Delta Kappa Gama Newsletter. You did a great job formatting all the information making it easy for your members to read. I was pleased to see that you included all the required heading elements. Good job!

I loved your President's message. I wish more presidents would put that information in their newsletters. The pictures were wonderful. I especially liked the article, Classroom Blessings. Who wrote it?

Keep up the good work and I look forward to reading future issues of the Delta Kappa Gamma Newsletter.

Sincerely,  
Jeanette Rhyan TSO Communications and Publicity  
Committee Chairman  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International