



**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 wanted to find a quote about life to share with you. So, I read a couple of really memorable ones by Marilyn Monroe, Rosa Parks, and Mother Teresa. In the past, perhaps, I probably would have used them; however, nowadays, there are people who are able to make a living by searching the internet to find anyone who has infringed on using material that is copy written. There is a test that lawyers use in order to figure out if a client or a potential lawsuit prospect has used material without the permission of an author.

In our case, I learned that if any of the DKG Chapters write or use material without the written permission, the individual chapters will be financially liable. At least this is what I understood when I attended the President's meeting during our Area 3 gathering in September.

It is for this reason that our newsletter might be a bit different this year. Under the Fair Use defense, if I did use Monroe's or Park's quotes, even though they have passed, their words have survived them and will survive them in some cases for more than 75 years (in some states, it might take even longer). We have to be cautious and count our words in the phrases that we chose to use in our newsletter in order to keep our chapter safe.

(President's Message continued on next page)

Please join us

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

**DATE:** Thursday, October 16th, 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:

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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)

I am sharing this information with you in my first message, because I wanted you to know that I am taking my job as one that is extremely important.

On another note, Together, the executive board, and I have planned a Strategic Action Plan for Zeta Upsilon. Furthermore, I want you to know that together as a chapter, we will work toward reviewing/revising it and making it part of the foundation that will cement our goals as women educators as we offer our time to help others in our community.

At this time, I ask you to take a few minutes to do some soul searching and reflection. Ask yourself what does, "helpful may we be," mean to you? Be ready to answer this question when we meet in our upcoming meeting.

Oh...wait, a quote, "Always a pleasure," Who said this? Yours truly. (It's less than 15 words, so it's okay.)

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/>

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

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

## Chapter News:

### Zeta Upsilon Committees 2014-2015

#### Programs:

Laurie Ballesteros  
Imelda Hernandez  
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Lissa Shepard  
Lynda Young  
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Gail Grant  
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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  
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Kathy Gant  
Janis Gaul  
Imelda Hernandez

#### 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

## Financial Footnotes:

Zeta Upsilon Chapter ended its 2013-14 year with a bank balance of \$86.75.

This year's dues will need to be paid by the October meeting. They are as follows: Active Members = \$75.00  
Reserve Members = \$28.00

### Note From Alpha State:

Every member in DKG is important! Members contribute leadership, talent and expertise to the Society and their dues provide revenue that supports the international organization.

(Taken from: <http://alphastatetexas.org/>)

## Member Shout-outs:

Whoo hoo! Our very own Silvia Lloyd was honored with the prestigious Red Apple award for her commitment to quality education for all of her students



## 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 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  
San Antonio, Texas  
June 24 - 27, 2015

Let us know if you are interested in attending.



## 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>

## 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.

CTAUN Conference Flyer

(Links courtesy of Alpha State web page)

## 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.

## Who's Hosting the Sisters?

### September 11

Imelda Hernandez \*  
Yvonne Maire  
Laurie Ballesteros  
Cynthia Kirchner  
Lissa Shepard  
Silvia Lloyd  
Barbara Vasquez  
Aurora G. de Freire

### October 9

Phyllis Fuselier  
Marilyn Schmidt \*  
Barbara Jo Land  
Lisa Robinette  
Betty Austin  
Cindy Stephens  
Andrea Jones  
Marquetia Christensen

### 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

## 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 the next meeting so please bring your monetary contributions



## 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.

DKG Zeta Upsilon Attends Area 3 Conference!!!



Words of wisdom and reflections from conference:

"Market your chapter, let the community know who you are."

"The Necrology ceremony always brought a deep sense of respect when the names are read. This time it brought emptiness—a void that only Ruth's smile could fill. Missing her!"

"I really liked that every chapter had a part in making the workshop a success. Greeters, breakfast, snacks, music, programs, piggy banks, honors, etc."

"I really enjoyed everything. The women were so uplifting and full of smiles."

## Classroom Blessings:

As a teacher, you know many days it seems you do anything and everything but teach. You tell yourself, "All this stuff is NOT teaching!" You ask yourself, "Why do I teach?" You mutter, "I'm DONE!" and count the days to retirement.

Then, you have a day where you step back and actually look at your students. They are NOT scores, they are not numbers on a spreadsheet. They ARE living, breathing, curious, little human beings.

Your heart smiles. You have of course known this all along. To touch a life, to create understanding, to see wonder in a student's eyes. That right there is why you teach. And No, you are not retiring at least not this week.

Here's to wishing you many days full of classroom joy, learning, and actual teaching

**Bling on your DKG!**



We are considering placing orders for this shirt. Would you wear it?

## 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.

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

### Meeting 9-11-14:

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

- Reading by Imelda Hernandez global view what is happen around the world.
- Minutes read and everyone agreed.
- Treasure's report read by Barbara Vazquez everyone agreed to the report.
- Everyone agreed to some type of fundraiser to make sure Zeta Upsilon has some money in the bank
- Membership survey interoffice or mail to G.V.E. to Mrs. Kirchner
- Reschedule Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to Oct.16<sup>th</sup>.
- Sign up on Facebook DKG Zeta Upsilon-- Aurora Gonzalez de Freire will accept your friend request.
- Pace Award we need more people to attend workshops.

### New business:

- Area of focus for the action plan
- Janis Gaul made a proposal to discuss Strategic Action Plan for the next meeting Jeri Davis seconded the vote. So, for next meeting come ready to discuss likes or dislikes about the action plan.
- Imelda Hernandez will send out email of the Strategic Plan.
- Maybe getting shirt with logo to wear to meetings.

### Next meeting:

- To discuss Strategic Action Plan
- Change Chapter laws and bylaws
- Maybe get together during the summer before school starts.