



Lambda Alpha



Letter from the President

It was a busy summer for Delta Kappa Gamma members who attended the State Convention and the Southwest Regional Convention. In the company of Marie Helmy, Chris Morrison, and Norma Muñiz I was proud to represent our chapter and come back home with several awards for Lambda Alpha. Our newsletter was recognized with the Five Star Newsletter Award. Our yearbook was recognized as an Exemplary Yearbook and was also awarded the Early Bird Award. Our chapter received the Tudor Rose Award for increasing membership during the period of January 2010 to May 2011. In the category of programs Lambda Alpha was also awarded the Annie Award for outstanding programs. The State Convention was a fun, educational, and productive

event. DKG members enjoyed dynamic workshops, inspiring and entertaining speakers, and wonderful fellowship with other members from across the state. Chris Morrison also represented our chapter at the Southwest Regional convention in Denver shortly after the State convention.

Our chapter officers have worked diligently this summer to plan a full year of events for Lambda Alpha members. The results of the online survey from our members allowed the officers to plan according to our members' interests, needs, and preferences. Your feedback and your responses were invaluable to the decision making process of establishing goals and planning for the year. Thank you for sharing your ideas, suggestions, comments, and concerns. The

two main goals that will guide our programs and our events this year are:

- (1) reconnecting with DKG, and
- (2) encouraging, promoting, and providing opportunities for fellowship.

As we all get ready and plan for a new school year I encourage each of you to re-commit to Delta Kappa Gamma and to Lambda Alpha. Re-connect with your friends and sisters and enjoy the privilege of learning, serving, and being part of a first class international organization led by key women educators. I wish you a successful school year and I look forward to an even better year of working, enjoying, and sharing as we continue to build a stronger Lambda Alpha chapter.

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Left to right, Marie Helmy, Wanda Baker, and Norma Muñiz deliver the boxes from Lambda Alpha for the Texas Treasure Boxes unifying project at the 82nd State Convention in McAllen.



Marie Helmy was the lucky winner of a \$350 gift certificate for Southwest Airlines at the State Convention.

Important Dates

Sept. 10 Meeting – 11:30 AM–*Time to Catch Up With DKG Luncheon*

Location: Aban Rustomji's home at 526 Woodbend Lane Houston, Texas 77079 – Telephone: 281-493-1275 – Bring your favorite salad.

Oct. 4 Meeting–4:30 PM *Fall into Fall Décor* –Make fall decorations with your DKG sisters

Location: Shadow Oaks Elementary 1335 Shadowdale 77043

November 10 Meeting–4:30 PM *We Are Family-I've Got My Sisters With Me*–Review our DKG roots and launch our DKG book clubs

Location: Rummel Creek Elementary 625 Brittmoore 77079

Oct. 29 (Saturday) Fundraiser – 6:00AM to 2:00 PM - Garage Sale – Clara Reimer's home at 3011 Fontana Dr., Houston Texas 77043 –

Dec. 3-Luncheon at Junior League-(Bring a gift for Buffalo student)

Dec. ? Breakfast for Shadow Oaks

Feb 7 Meeting –4:30 PM Tri Chapter Mtg. *Share DKG Love* –Make jewelry or a craft for a women's shelter and visit with our mother and sister chapters

Location: Rummel Creek Elementary 625 Brittmoore 77079

March 8 Meeting–4:30PM *DKG Book Club Review*– Discuss the books we chose to study

Location: Rummel Creek Elementary 625 Brittmoore 77079

May 17-5:30-Founders' Day Dinner –Café Benedict 15455 Memorial Dr



Help Wanted!

By: Wanda Baker

It is time to ask yourself the following questions: What have I done in my chapter and for my chapter lately. When was the last time I truly served in a committee or displayed leadership in the organization? Challenge yourself this year to be more involved, do more, and take an active role in our chapter. Lambda Alpha has several openings waiting for members who want to get involved and want to contribute their time and energy to our chapter. The positions are:

- **Garage Sale Chairperson / Coordinator** – this position requires organizational skills, ability to ask others for help, a commitment to raising funds, and no previous experience. It helps to have some good friends who are willing to join your committee.
- **Garage Sale Committee Members** – this position requires team players, committed members, and people with a desire to help the organization and raise funds for scholarships and community projects.
- **Press Release Coordinator** – this position requires good writing skills, ability to ask for help, and a desire and commitment to attend most of the chapter's activities or events.
- **Personal Growth & Services Committee Chairperson** – with the help of committee members plan our chapter activities at Shadow Oaks Elementary School (breakfast or lunch for teachers), coordinate gifts delivery to children at Buffalo Creek after our Christmas lunch, etc.
- **Personal Growth & Services Committee members** – assist committee chair as listed above If you are interested in any of these opportunities to serve your chapter contact Wanda Baker and let her know. We will train you and provide you will all the necessary tools to be successful in any of these positions.

Get the “Edge!”

What is the Educator Edge? It is a service provided by the Society that offers professional development opportunities. Located at <http://educatoredge.org>, numerous choices are available to fit most needs. There, members will find professional development, including an awards page for information to help pay for the professional development activity of your dreams!

Award-winning Newsletter 2010--2011

Our Newsletter earned the Five Star Award for an Outstanding Newsletter from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Texas State Organization, Texas State Communications Committee

Southwest Regional Conference

By: Chris Morrison

The mountains were a beautiful sight every morning from the hotel window for the more than five hundred DKG members from six countries with twenty-one state organizations in the Southwest Region that met in Denver June 29 – July 2. Those of us from Texas were somewhat in a daze after just completing our own state convention in McAllen, but were soon energized by the great speakers and seeing old friends from other states. A highlight for me was hearing Carlotta Walls LaNier tell of her experience as one of the Little Rock Nine African-American students who integrated Central High in 1957. Workshop sessions gave me lots of new ideas on personal, professional and Society topics. Opening Night featured the presentation of banners of all of the state organizations, and the brand new Texas banner was designed by our new Area Coordinator, Terrie Cardwell. At the All-States Breakfast, over \$10,000 was contributed to the DKG Emergency Fund. The conference closed Saturday night with the elegant President’s Banquet. Read more details in the next issue of the DKG News. I hope you’ll be there with me at the 2013 SW Regional in Branson, Missouri!

Pictured: Chris Morrison with Pat Osborne, Julie Eisenhower and Terrie Cardwell from Zeta Tau chapter. Terrie is our new Area 18 Coordinator.



If you had to speak to someone about DKG and all it has to offer, if you had the opportunity to invite a key woman educator to join DKG would you remember the most salient aspects of the organization? Get re-acquainted with the organization by reading the new re-orientation guide for existing members. You can find it at www.dkg.org on the Membership Committee page.

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Accomplishments and Celebrations

Mary Bett's grandson graduated from Texas A&M and is heading on to Virginia Tech for his Master's in Architecture. Her other grandson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and is now a 1st. Lt. in the Marines stationed at Quantico. Also, her granddaughter got married on June 11 in College Station. Following the college theme, three more of her grandchildren are continuing college--two at A&M and one at Notre Dame. She also traveled to Chicago, Baltimore and New York this summer.

Erin Johnston's husband Grant Johnston is running for The Texas House of Representatives, District 133. His goal is to bring common sense into the House, focusing on Education and Healthcare issues.

Mary Kay Buehler retired in June from public education and took a part-time teaching job at Lutheran High North as their choir director. So far it's fun. She has one class period per day, plus chapel on Thursdays. It's the right amount of stress for her these days.

Tobey Unrath's first grandchild, Daniel Todd Unrath, was born May 20. Her son, Jonathan Unrath and his wife, Heather, have moved from Ft. Huachuca, AZ, to Ft. Hood, TX where Jonathan is a 2nd Lt. in the Army. He will soon deploy to Iraq. Her younger son, David Unrath, is at Marine boot camp in San Diego, CA.. Hopefully, he will graduate in early Oct. and become a United States Marine! Semper Fi, David!

Emily Farmer is one of two new librarians in Pasadena ISD at Pasadena H.S.

We thank these ladies for their hard work and for making us proud of their accomplishments. You represent our chapter well and raise the bar for others in terms of excellence, dedication, and commitment to your profession and your duties.

If you or someone you know deserve to be featured in this section please e-mail me at ejohnstonunv@gmail.com.

Friendly Reminders:

Don't forget to check out Lambda Alpha's NEW website: <http://lambdaalphdkg.weebly.com/>

Also be sure to check the TSO website: <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/>

We can't wait to see you at the Salad Luncheon/First Meeting on Sept. 10th!

Are you considering working on a master's or doctoral degree? Find out about the many scholarships available at the State and International levels.

Mission Statement:

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

"The direction in which education
starts a man will determine his
future life."
~Plato

