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Letter from the President

My fellow chapter members,

Our year has drawn to a close, and summer is right around the corner! I hope everyone has something special planned for the break...maybe an exotic trip, a visit from family, or a great big pile of books to enjoy. How about attending the Alpha State Convention in June up in Lubbock? All our conventions are fun, and it's not too late to register at the [Convention Website](#). If you'd like to know more about the previous conferences, Kathy Gardner, Marie Helmy, and Debbie Connally attend almost every year! Gloria, Cathey, Clara, Sue, Wanda, and Chris are regular attendees, too.

This 2012-2014 term has been a wonderful experience for me. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve you all as your president. I was surrounded by you all...the most amazing members, who pitched in and helped me whenever I needed support. We had two successful Garage Sales run by Mary Moreno and Sue Thompson, and a nice Bake Sale and pumpkin patch managed by Martha Lynn Lewis. One of our meetings was a cultural learning experience where we learned to make tamales, headed up by Brenda Lozano. Tobey Unrath kept us in the music with her phenomenal writing talents, and Karen Harrell opened her home and her school library to us for perfect salad luncheon and meeting settings. Margaret Rankin kept us well-fed, and Clara Reimers kept our ceremonies beautiful with gorgeous bouquets of flowers, and our dear Ina was a cashier at every garage sale. Pat Kougar-Melton and Wanda Baker managed to get us yearly awards for our website and our yearbooks. Chris Morrison, Champion Treasurer Extraordinaire, kept track of our finances while also reworking our Chapter Rules. Cathey Jones and Brenda Lozano did a super job on our newsletters, Gloria Montalbano took minutes meeting after meeting! Two members, Wanda Baker and Mary Endress received DKG grants for their doctorates, while Terry Hibbert-Ismert was inducted into the Texas Thespians Hall of Fame! Many of you have volunteered to take part in various ceremonies, organized by Teresa Decker, and others of you have headed up committees: all important, all vital to the chapter. Quiet, consistent support came from all the rest of you in the form of attendance at meetings as you were able, phone calls, baking, and a myriad of other behind-the-scenes assistance that I could not have appreciated more, nor would I have been able to function these two years without you! Please forgive me for not mentioning you by name. I hope you enjoyed getting to know me as much as I enjoyed getting to know each of you better...Onward!



Fondly,
Leigh

85th State Convention in Lubbock



An exciting time waits those going to the State Convention in June. There will be two speakers: Lyn Schmid and Cathrine Hatcher. Lyn will be the keynote speaker at the Presidents and Founders Banquet and taught for 35 years. She served as a National Assessment of Educational Progress assessor for the U.S. Department of Education. Cathrine is the founder of Personas Image Dynamics and will explain how the 3 A's of Image (Appearance, Attitude and Ability to Communicate Effectively) help control impressions.

Registration starts at noon on Wednesday, June 18th with the Pre-Convention Welcome Party from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The opening session at the convention promises to be exciting with awards, presentations and surprises. There are many breakout sessions scheduled.

The TSO Unifying Project this year is the Genie Farley Harriman Center for Women and Children. They hope DKG members will bring socks, underwear, and personal items like sunscreen lotion, disposable cameras or gift cards. This might be a good time to look through gift cards you may have received at the end of the school year and decide to donate a couple. If you are not going to the convention but would like to donate any of these items, there are some of us driving and would be glad to take them for you. We will have gift bags and small boxes for them.

There will also be tours of Lubbock including Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, the Buddy Holly Center, McPherson Cellars, a self-paced walking tour and tours and wine tasting at the Llano Winery. This year's convention will be sure to please.

S.T.A.R comes to Texas

S.T.A.R stands for Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat and will take place in January 16-18, 2015 at Camp Allen near Navasota. The \$200 cost includes two nights' accommodations, meals and all craft materials to make a variety of fine arts and crafts project.

Important Dates:

May 6 - Founders' Day Banquet, Pappadeaux 5:30 P.M.

For more information and pictures visit
our great Website:

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



Vision Statement
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April Meeting Summary:

- Call to order
- Attendance/Quorum – no quorum
- Treasurer Report
- Thank you and Congrats from State Scholarship Chair (Kathy) – Kylie Schaper – Stratford, Lauren Iozzio- Northbrook and runner up Corina Mendoza – Spring Woods
- Recognize new officers
- Founders Day reminder
- Voting on new Chapter Rules – no quorum
- Voting on using \$500 gift for 3rd scholarship but no quorum
- The Child inside program
- Meeting Adjourned

Agenda for May Meeting

1. Welcome
2. Call to Order
3. Attendance/Quorum
4. Treasurer Report
5. Invocation
6. Dinner
7. Voting on new Chapter Rules (Chris)
8. Voting on using \$500 gift for third Scholarship, or split and help two finalists? Or keep in coffers?
9. Remembrance for Ina Schmidt - Teresa Decker
10. Hats off to DKG! - Founders' Day Program
11. Door Prizes
12. Virginia Johnson Award

Meeting Adjourned

Announcements coming soon!

Recipe

Easy Sopapilla Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 2 (8 ounce) packages refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and prepare a 9x13 pan with cooking spray.

Mix cream cheese, vanilla and 1 c sugar until smooth.

Spread 1 pk crescent rolls onto bottom of pan, press perforations to seal crust.

Spread cream cheese mix on crust.

Layer the 2nd pk crescent rolls on top of cream cheese mix.

Melt butter and add 1/2 c sugar and cinnamon.

Pour over top and bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown.