Letter from the President

Happy Halloween to Everyone!

The chapter enjoyed a pumpkin selling mania this past weekend as this chapter’s pumpkin creations were sold in two locations. A huge word of appreciation goes to Wanda Baker who first introduced this craft to the chapter at a fall meeting several years ago. I still have and use the two pumpkins I made at that meeting. This craft idea has really morphed into an assembly line operation of chapter members who meet frequently during the summer to cut, stitch and glue pumpkins. That night at Spring Woods High School, none of us dreamed that pumpkin making would turn into the chapter’s major fundraising initiative.

The Texas Foreign Language Association conference venue netted the chapter close to $500. My previous boss May Dell Jenks designated a wonderful location for our table. Each conference attendee had to pass our little pumpkin patch. Thank you to chapter members Brenda Lozano, Martha Lynn Lewis, Cathy Jones and guest Janet Smith for helping to man the TFLA venue table. I was able to join them on Saturday. As a former TFLA member, it was fun to catch up with friends and try to convince them that they really needed a pumpkin. Sue Thompson and Martha Lynn Lewis manned the second venue. This craft fail location brought in $260 for the chapter. The grand total of pumpkin sales for the weekend is $749.

Please put on your thinking caps for fundraising ideas. Brenda and I thought of a by invitation only sale Treasures Sale. We will tell you more about this idea in the future.

15 members attended the October meeting to learn more about technology. Thank you to all who brought food or introduced technology tips to our members.

Speaking of pumpkins, it is beginning to look a lot like the holidays. Even though we have not yet celebrated Halloween or Thanksgiving, Town and Country Center and Memorial City Mall are decorated for Christmas. I truly hope that each of you will be able to join us for some holiday fun this fall.

Pie with the President - On Saturday, November 21 we will enjoy a fun outing of lunch and pre-holiday shopping in old town Tomball at the Whistlestop Tea Room. We will meet at Memorial Middle School at 10:15 to car pool to Tomball. There are great boutiques and antique shops near the tearoom. Please email me if you will be able to join us. So far I have heard from Eileen, Brenda and Tobey.

Christmas Luncheon at the Junior League - December 5. Don’t forget to mail in your menu selection and check.

Mary
At 5:00 p.m. Lambda Alpha board members gathered at Memorial Middle School. The first 30 minutes was spent socializing. At 5:37 p.m. First Vice President Brenda Lozano called the meeting to order and stated that since the minutes of the previous meeting had been published in the Newsletter they could stand as written by Recording Secretary Mary Moreno. Sue Thompson moved to approve the minutes as published in the Newsletter and Cathey Jones seconded. Total attendees were 14 members and one perspective member.

The treasure’s report was not formal and Toby Unrath, Treasurer handed out a copy of the treasurer’s report for all to see. As of 10/13/2016 the checking account balance is $2,965.77 and the savings account balance is $2,690.13. According to Tobey we doing very well.

Old Business – Some of the pumpkins were brought in by Brenda Lozano so that members could see how much they have changed in design from what they used to be in the past. The pumpkins that we have left right now will be taken to the Teachers of Foreign Language Association (TFLA) this Friday and Saturday, October 16th and 17th from 8:00 – 4:00 to be sold at the conference taking place at the Westchase Marriott at 2900 Briarpark Dr.

On Saturday between 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. pumpkins will also be sold at the Advent Lutheran Church at 5820 Pinemont Drive and Saturday October 29th at Tallowood Baptist Church times to be announced. Should we run out of pumpkins we might call an emergency pumpkin making meeting.

A conversation was started about providing money in the budget for outreach. Clara had brought to the attention of the Executive board that the Landrum Middle school football teams needed refreshments between school and game times. While we were trying to see if our budget would allow a donation, the teams were fully funded. We need to be prepared to have funds available for Outreach. The finance committee will need to meet to discuss how to make this happen.

Christmas Luncheon takes place December 5th at the Junior League. Forms were available for choosing menu and were sent with the September newsletter and will be included in the October one too.

Brenda Lozano and Mary Moreno attended the Spring Branch Good Neighbor dinner at the Omni Hotel on Eldridge and I-10. A plaque was awarded to our Lambda Alpha chapter of DKG.

New Business – Saturday November 21st, we will be having Pie with the President at the Whistletop Tea room in Tomball, Texas. Everyone will meet at Memorial Middle School at 10:15 before we set off.

Brenda Lozano briefly mentioned January and February meetings. January’s meeting will be Cards with a purpose; we will be making greeting cards and these cards will go to a Nursing Home. February’s meeting will be the International meeting hosted by Brenda Lozano at her home. We will celebrate the aspects of the 13 different countries that have DKG. March meeting will be with a speaker on Cognitive Diversity.

Brenda Lozano started the technology portion of the meeting by demonstrating a few of the technological things we can do on computers, iPads or phones. Mary Moreno demonstrated access to Remind 101 which she uses at school to remind students of upcoming quizzes, tests etc. Lambda Alpha could be set up on Remind 101 for those that can receive texts. Everyone present got involved in technology with their phones, iPads, tablets etc. Sue Thompson provided handouts to make labels and to do mail merge. We did not have time to go down the list of things we could have done technology wise. All participants received a new phone. (chocolate)

A door prize was awarded and Kathy Gardner was the lucky recipient.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Mary Moreno
Recording Secretary
Important Dates:
1. October 29th pumpkin sale at Tallowood Church $5 box lunch if wanted
2. November 21st Pie with the President. Lunch and pre-holiday shopping in old town Tomball at the Whistlestop Tea Room. We will meet at Memorial Middle School at 10:15 to car pool to Tomball.
3. December 5th – Saturday at 11:00 at Junior League Christmas luncheon and collection of Christmas gifts for students
4. January 12th – Tuesday at 5:00 pm refreshments and socialization with meeting at 5:30 MMS Cards with a Purpose (distribution date to be announced)
5. February 9th – Tuesday 5:00 at Brenda’s house International celebration and voting for officers
6. March 29th – Tuesday 5:00 for refreshments and socialization with meeting at 5:30 MMS Cognitive Diversity
7. April 30th – Saturday at 11:00 The Café at Brookwood Founders’ Day
8. June 23rd-25th – 87th Texas State Convention in Frisco, Texas

Birthdays!
October: None
November: 15-Debbie Connally, 23-Teresa Decker, 24-Brenda Lozano
If we have missed someone, please let us know. We are going off the information in the Year Book and do not want to miss a single Birthday.

Pictures of Our Pumpkin Sales

$749 of pumpkins were sold at the two sales on October 16th and 17th. Thanks to all the worker bees this summer and to Martha Lynn, Sue, Cathey, Mary E., Janet Smith and Brenda for manning the sales.

For more information and pictures of DKG visit our great Website:
http://lambdaalphdkg.weebly.com/
Highlights of our Lambda Alpha members

This month we are highlighting another of our new members of Lambda Alpha:

**Dana Dorsett**

Dana Dorsett is currently an ESL Facilitator in the Department of Teacher Development in Fort Bend ISD. During Dana's 22 year career, she has worked as an ESL teacher and facilitator in various districts including Katy and Bryan ISD. Dana lives in Katy with her husband Tom and they have three children, Maci age 18, Brooke age 16, and Carter age 7. Maci is a freshman at Blinn College in Brenham and plans to transfer to Texas A & M, Brooke is a sophomore at Taylor High School in Katy, and Carter is in first grade at Pattison Elementary in Katy. When she is not working, Dana enjoys reading, working out, and spending time with her family. She also became a member of Delta Kappa Gamma last spring. Dana has taken the time to express what membership in Delta Kappa Gamma means to her.

“Being a member of Delta Kappa Gamma helps me to be a part of a community of like-minded educators that practice philanthropy benefitting children. Delta Kappa Gamma has provided me the opportunity to help children who are less fortunate enjoy a better Christmas Holiday through Lambda Alpha’s toy collection for Buffalo Creek Elementary School. I believe that helping the child feel whole enables the child to thrive academically. Bringing teachers Valentine treats at a local elementary school in the Houston area was another way to give back to the community. I value the workshops on using technology and attending social gatherings celebrating holidays and sharing our cultures with other DKG sisters.”

“Delta Kappa Gamma has allowed me to give back to the community and meet other educators who have the same values as I do. I am honored to be a part of such a supportive group of educators and am proud to be part of Delta Kappa Gamma.”

Interview by **Eileen Kress**
After our Birthday celebration at our Oct. 13th meeting, the program was technology. Mary Moreno, Sue Thompson and Brenda Lozano provided handouts or training on computers, iPads or phones. Mary Moreno demonstrated access to Remind 101. Sue Thompson provided handouts to make labels and to do mail merge. Brenda demonstrated the new features of the new iOS including markups on pictures. Everyone present got involved in technology with their phones, iPads, tablets etc. All participants received a new phone. (Chocolate) Thank you to Ruby, Cathey, Gloria, Martha Lynn, and Brenda for providing the refreshments.
Wreaths across America

During the past summer, we have all watched the news tell about soldiers at home who have died at home just doing their jobs. We have also heard of soldiers overseas who have perished at the hands of our enemies. How sad the families, friends, and teachers of these soldiers must feel.

Do you have a son or daughter, brother or sister, father or mother, grandfather or grandmother, in-law, or uncle or aunt who served in the military? Are they still serving? Have you thought of honoring their service by having a Wreath placed on the grave of a veteran?

We in Lambda Alpha have chosen to participate in the Wreaths Across America sponsorship drive to provide wreaths for as many military gravesites as possible. Since we are a Texas Chapter, the wreath sponsorships we collect provide wreaths that are placed on a grave at the Houston National Cemetery, which is one the busiest National cemeteries in the country. According to Wikipedia, “Houston National … encompasses 419.2 acres only about half of which is developed. The cemetery had more than 85,000 interments as of 2014.” Wouldn’t it be nice if all of these gravesites with a wreath during the holiday season?

For each sponsored wreath, our chapter receives 1/3 of the collected fee. Funds received prior to November 15 are applied to this year’s Wreath Drive. Funds received after that time is applied to the 2016 Wreath Drive, so we can collect sponsorship applications at any time. Donation forms are attached to the newsletter. There are two different forms. The tri-fold is for a general donation. If you are wanting to donate in the name of a veteran or military person, please use the two sided form so that their information can be added. Please consider either donating a wreath yourself, or encouraging another to donate one.

Sue Thompson

Trifold Brochure

Sponsorship Form

The forms are hyperlinked above. If you click on them they should open for you to be able to print. You have the forms in your red folder but feel free to e-mail Sue or Brenda if you need a form.
Spring Branch ISD Good Neighbor Award

Thursday October 8\textsuperscript{th} Mary Moreno and Brenda Lozano attended the SBISD Good Neighbors celebration where Lambda Alpha was one of the many groups recognized for actively supporting the students and schools of SBISD. Last year Lambda Alpha collected and delivered holiday gifts to students at Buffalo Creek Elementary. Gift cards were donated for the faculty and staff also. Goodie bags were prepared and delivered for the teachers. Lambda Alpha also raised funds to award a $750 scholarship for a senior girl going into education.

Christmas Luncheon

Where: Junior League
When: December 5 at 11:00 am
1811 Briar oaks lane
Houston, 77027

Cost: $27.00 which includes entrée, dessert, tea and coffee
Make checks payable to: Lambda Alpha-DKG (Reservations must be made by November 24.)

Mail your form and check made out to Lambda Alpha DKG to:

Martha Lynn Lewis
818 Wycliffe Drive
Houston, TX 77079

Click here for the menu and form

Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of education of women educators and excellence in education.
GHACC Luncheon

This last Saturday six of the Lambda Alpha chapter members attended the GHACC Luncheon: Gloria, Mary M., Mary E, Kathy, Marie and Brenda. In spite of the rain, it was a lovely luncheon. It was good to visit with other DKG sisters. It is nice to put a face to the names of the officers.

Did you know?

Did you know that DKG is in 17 countries?

1. United States
2. Canada
3. Norway
4. Sweden
5. Mexico
6. Finland
7. Guatemala
8. Iceland
9. The Netherlands
10. Puerto Rico
11. Great Britain
12. El Salvador
13. Costa Rica
14. Germany
15. Estonia
16. Panama
17. Japan

On Tuesday January 12 we will have our International Meeting. Soon there will be a call for choice of countries. We hope to have food, music, and information about each of the 17 countries.