Letter from the President

January Greetings to Everyone,

Brenda filled me in on this month’s meeting. Seventeen members gathered to make cards. It sounds like members had a great time making personalized as Mary Moreno called them “fancy” cards.

Please mark Saturday, February 20 on your calendar 2:00. Melissa Salyer and I have planned a DKG event at Parkway Place Retirement Center where Melissa’s mother Jane Burke, one of our chapter’s charter members, lives. We will share our love of teaching with Parkway Place residents who are retired educators. Some Parkway Place residents were at one time members of a DKG chapter. This is a great outreach opportunity for our chapter to honor Jane and to reach out to fellow teachers and former DKG members. As I have shared several times, at convention chapter presidents were urged to provide programs for members to remember why they joined DKG including the members who invited them to make their initial visit. By listening to others, chapters can shape future programs and plans to “re” member the chapter with new educators for whom teaching is a passion. Watch your mailbox for your invitation.


I have a fun little and easy fundraiser idea to share. I observed that our best customers during our previous garage sales have been our own members. I also observed that everyone loves jewelry. Would you be interested in bringing a piece or two of your “nice” costume jewelry to a meeting to donate to our jewelry boutique? You may have loved this piece for a year or two, but now you have picked a new favorite. We would go shopping in the Lambda Alpha jewelry boutique during our meeting. The chapter would charge $5-$8 dollars for the donated items. We would not make a ton of money, but each little bit counts.

Warmly,

Mary
At 5:00 p.m. Lambda Alpha members gathered at Memoria middle school library for a fabulous fancy card making session courtesy of Kristen N. Williams. The first hour and a half were spent making cards. Then members were served dinner and at 6:30 p.m. Brenda Lozano, First Vice President called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting in December were not read since it was Lambda Alpha’s Christmas luncheon at the Junior League. There were 17 attendees; President Mary Endress was not in attendance due to a PTA meeting.

Tobey Unrath read the Treasurer’s report: Chapter checking account balance as of January 1, 2016 $2,418.62; Grant in Aide (savings account) balance $2,874.81

Old Business:
Brenda Lozano reported $200 in pumpkin sales. Some of Lambda Alpha’s members attended the Greater Houston Chamber of Commerce meeting in September and it inspired us to come up with a new name for our newsletter. The possibility of having a contest was discussed. If members can submit names by March, the winner would be announced at our April meeting.

New Business:
February will be Lambda Alpha’s International dinner at Brenda Lozano’s home. Members can sign up to bring food, information about the 17 different countries, decorations and music. Brenda Lozano sent an email to the Latin Group. The possibility of starting a conversation with other DKG groups was briefly discussed.

The March 29 meeting was put up for a vote to change from Tuesday March 29 to Monday March 28 as Mary Endress, President cannot attend on March 29. Clara moved that the meeting be moved to Monday March 28 and Sue Thompson seconded; all were in favor.

The upcoming Convention in Frisco was mentioned to see if members might be interested to attend. We would like to see a large showing at the convention. Also attendees were asked to see if we can come up with new ideas for any arts and crafts to sell at the Frisco convention.

Tobey Unrath will look at budget and see about funds for outreach and other projects.

Kathy Gardner will check with Hortencia Vega to see if Spring Branch Independent District’s high schools can encourage high students in Future Teachers to apply for Lambda Alpha Grants.

Thanks go out to the following ladies in the Refreshment committee:
Brenda Lozano, Martha Lynn Lewis, Sue Thompson, Clara Reimers, Susie White, Gloria Montalbano, and Leigh LaVergne.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 after DKG song.

Mary Moreno
Recording Secretary
A great time was had by all as Kristin Wiggins taught us how to make beautiful Valentines to be given to former teachers in a nursing home. As it was a cold day, the light dinner of taco soup, nachos and dessert warmed us up. Thanks go to Martha Lynn Lewis, Sue Thompson, Clara Reimers, Susie White, Leigh LaVergne, Gloria Montalbano and Brenda Lozano for the refreshments. You will find the recipe for the taco soup Martha Lynn made on the next page.
Important Dates:

1. February 9th – Tuesday 5:00 at Brenda’s house
   International celebration (see last page for info) and voting for officers

2. March 28th – Monday 5:00 for refreshments and socialization with
   meeting at 5:30 MMS  Note this is a day earlier than originally set.
   Cognitive Diversity- We will apply to get CPE credit for this meeting.

3. April 30th – Saturday at 11:00 The Café at Brookwood
   Founders’ Day

4. June 23rd-25th – 87th Texas State Convention in Frisco, Texas – We should
   get a big group to carpool and share rooms.

Birthdays!
January: 8-Rosmary Armstrong, 26-Jane Burke, 28-Mary Bett
February: 3-Jennifer Collier, 4-Martha Lynn Lewis, 11-Clara
Reimers, 18-Ruby Schaper, 23-Sonia Greiner

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.

Mary Linnenberg is in the hospital with pneumonia.
Her address is: 1606 Peer Drive Houston, TX 77043

Memorial Middle’s Taco soup

1 1/2 # ground meat
1 pkg taco mix
1 pkg ranch dressing
1 can pinto beans
1 can Ranch style beans
1 can corn
1 can chopped tomatoes
1 small can tomato paste
1 can green chili
1/2 onion chopped (I use whole)
1-3 cloves garlic chopped
1/2 bell pepper chopped (I use whole)
Salt, pepper, garlic powder to taste
Top with
avocado
Sour cream
Cheese

Sauté onion, pepper and chopped garlic
clves. Add ground meat, salt, pepper,
garlic powder, and taco seasoning. Cook
until meat is done. Add all cans and
rinse with water. Add as much water as
you want. I keep mine thick.
You can use hominy instead of corn and
could use black beans instead of pinto.
Why Attend?
By Cathy Criner, Frisco Convention Committee Member and 2015-2017 Area 9 Coordinator

Why attend a convention?
When I attended the 2012 Las Colinas Convention, I was very worried because I did not have a roommate for the 2012 Southwest Regional Conference in Branson. I was determined to go to Branson.

Everyone had said when I went to Las Colinas, I would find a roommate. I was a little skeptical, but I did find a roommate, and it was Dr. Karen Duke from Alpha chapter in Austin.

I was so excited because I was going to room with a wonderful, outstanding leader in DKG. We had a great time rooming together in Branson and became fast friends and sisters!

If I had not gone to the 2012 TSO Convention, I would never have gotten to take a leap of faith and ask Karen to be my roommate. She was looking for a roommate as well, so it worked out great for both of us!

You meet so many wonderful ladies and make so many new friends when you go to the conventions! And you can even find a roommate for your next convention!

Frisco RoughRiders
★ Texas Rangers’ Double-A baseball team
★ Dr Pepper Ballpark—the team’s home
★ Family-friendly ballpark located immediately south of our convention hotel
★ 10,000 seats, plus overflow
★ First ballpark ever to have its bullpens surrounded by seats, behind first/third bases
★ Team name, a tribute to Theodore Roosevelt’s Rough Riders, a volunteer cavalry of 1,000 soldiers, many from Texas, who in 1898 under his leadership defeated Spanish forces at the Battle of San Juan Hill in Cuba, leading to victory in the Spanish-American War
★ Our TSO Convention’s Friday Night Event? A RoughRiders baseball game!
$39 for game admission, all-you-can-eat-and-drink, souvenirs, DKG recognition (signs and video board); Deb Acevedo-Tamminga, TSO music chair, singing the national anthem; Marilyn Gregory, TSO president, throwing out the ceremonial first pitch; and fireworks!

Invite your family and friends to enjoy the fun!

**Embassy Suites by Hilton**

**Where** will we all be June 23-25, 2016?

A Frisco’s Embassy Suites by Hilton!

For More Information:

- Click on this link to check the TSO website regularly: [http://www.dkgtexas.org/](http://www.dkgtexas.org/)
- Contact Janet Burgess, Frisco Convention registrar, at

★ Above and below: Lobby views in Frisco’s Embassy Suites by Hilton

★ [embassysuitesfrisco.com](http://embassysuitesfrisco.com)

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Frisco Conference Center

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Lambda Alpha’s International Dinner Meeting

Tuesday February 9th meeting will be a international experience as we will be exploring the 17 countries of DKG through food, music, decorations, information and games. Please let Brenda know what country you would like. You may prepare or bring food, music, objects, or information to share. If you can bring food, please also send the recipe. Don’t forget that we will be voting on the slate of officers that evening too.

International foods

Canada
http://www2.providence.org/phs/archives/history-online/Pages/Recipes.aspx

Norway
http://www.norway-hei.com/norwegian-recipes.html
http://www.matoppskrift.no/sider/norwegianrecipes.asp#axzz3wa50kLz2

Sweden
https://sweden.se/collection/classic-swedish-food/
http://www.swedishfood.com
http://www.swedishfreak.com/swedish-recipes/

Finland
http://www.buzzfeed.com/tabathaleggett/traditional-finland-recipes
http://finnishfoodgirl.com

Iceland
https://guidetoiceland.is/best-of-iceland/delicious-icelandic-recipes
http://allrecipes.com/recipe/11516/icelandic-pepper-cookies/

The Netherlands
http://www.holland.com/global/tourism/holland-information/dutch-recipes.htm
http://dutchfood.about.com/od/aboutdutchcooking/u/TraditionalDutchFood.htm
http://www.godutch.com/newspaper/recipes.php

Germany
http://www.food.com/topic/german
http://www.cookingchanneltv.com/recipes/german-recipes.html
http://germanfoods.org/recipes/

Panama
http://panamaliving.com/recipes.html
http://thelatinkitchen.com/r/origin/panamanian-food-recipes
http://www.foodandwine.com/recipes/mini-panamanian-beef-empanadas
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of education of women educators and excellence in education.
Contest for a new name for our newsletter.
Put your thinking caps on and help us rename our newsletter. Send ideas to Brenda and we will vote at the March meeting. Some ideas so far are: Lambda Alpha’s loving apples, Rose petals, and the Pumpkin Patch.

Start thinking of ideas for fund raising and outreach.

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