**Letter from the President**

Dear Lambda Alpha Members,

Happy May Day, Mother’s Day, Cinco de Mayo, STAAR Testing, and Memorial Day. May brings many reasons to celebrate including the wrapping of another school year. Our chapter got a head start on May by celebrating Founder’s Day on April 30th. If you were unable to attend the end of the year luncheon, you were definitely missed. Thanks go out to Martha Lynn Lewis, Sue Thompson, Brenda Lozano and Clara Reimers for organizing the luncheon. Due to the threat of rain and flooding, Martha Lynn found a new location. We enjoyed a delicious lunch and Brenda’s cake on the patio of the Union Kitchen. We recognized our hardworking 2014-2016 officers and installed a new slate of officers for the 2016-2018 biennium.

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DKG offers opportunities for members to explore and use the Internet. Members are able to immediately express their position on topics and situations. The digital era has certainly affected chapters even streamlining how we submit reports; several DKG reports were submitted via Google Docs. In fact, those going to convention will want to check out the Cyber Center. The Cyber Center
will provide support in navigating the DKG website. Digital tools enable us to communicate efficiently with members through social media and email.

However, I recently dealt with two Internet related incidents that cause me to reflect on the need to for us as educators and parents to model the appropriate, responsible use of social media and email. In one scenario drama among first grade girls resulted in a father ‘s posting a student’s name along with her parents’ information on a neighborhood forum referring to the girl and her mother as “trash” with 64 other families either “liking” or posting inappropriate “mean” comments. In the other situation, a 4th grade girl posted a threatening video about one of her classmates. Sadly incidents like these may have long lasting negative effects for everyone involved. Although digital communication allows people to immediately share and vent feelings through social media posts and email, misunderstandings are possible as it is difficult to detect the tone and intent of written messages. As we seek to foster strong relationships among members, I encourage everyone to take the time to catch up with a member you haven’t seen in a while by picking up the phone and calling that member. Although we send many emails to members, there are times in which we need to engage in a real conversation. Fortunately, digital formats such as Face Time, Google Hangout, Skype, etc., allow us to have a face-to-face conversation without leaving home.

I bid you all a fond farewell. Thank you for allowing me to serve as president for the last two years. Thank you for the beautiful rose plate. I will proudly display it in my office.

Mary
Minutes Lambda Alpha Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma  
Founder’s Day Banquet and installation of Officers  
April 30, 2016

At 12:00 p.m. Lambda Alpha members gathered at Union Kitchen for the Founders Day Luncheon and installation new of officers. The first 30 minutes was spent in fellowship. At 12:20 a.m. Mary Endress, President called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were not read as they were published in the newsletter previously. Toby Unrath Treasurer read the treasurer’s report. Total attendees; including prospective members were 19.

New Business: Kathy Gardner announced the recipient of the Virginia Johnson Award as Brenda Lozano.
The installation of new officers was done prior to lunch being served. We recognized our hardworking 2014-2016 officers and installed a new slate of officers for the 2016-2018 biennium.

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Immediately following the installation of new officers Toby Unrath Treasurer gave the blessing before lunch.

Old Business: Kathy Gardner informed us that 3 $750 scholarships had been awarded to: Elvira Campos and Jasmine Rodriguez from Northbrook and to Devana Wells from Spring Woods.

Start gathering the supplies for the Unifying Project. Call Brenda 281-224-7312 for pick up.
June 23rd 87th Texas State Convention in Frisco, Texas – See updated information 2016 International Convention.
July 5-9 The DKG International Convention in Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville -25th
September 10th Area 18 Workshop
Thanks go out to Martha Lynn Lewis, Sue Thompson, Brenda Lozano and Clara Reimers for organizing the. Founder’s Day Banquet luncheon and table decorations.

Mary Moreno
Secretary
March

March 5\textsuperscript{th} was the Eta Chi Birthday. Mary Endress was able to attend.

March 10\textsuperscript{th} Zeta Tau meeting was on the Mysteries and History of the Song. Clara, Leigh, Marie, and Brenda were able to attend and are pictured with Nancy Newton (DKG past state President). Also donations were made for the bags to fight sex trafficking.

March 28 Cognitive Diversity meeting
Janet Cranmer, a Middle School Learning Specialist at the Village school, prepared a slideshow on Cognitive Diversity. A TED clip on autism was also highlighted.
Founders’ Day
And Officer Installation

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Vision Statement
Leading women educators impacting education worldwide
2016 Grants-in-Aid Recipients

Through the generous effort and talents of “The Pumpkin Ladies”, greeting card mavens, garage sale go-getters and numerous chapter members, Lambda Alpha will be assisting 3 SBISD graduating senior women with $750 Grants-in-Aid as they begin college and the education and training to become teachers. Two will graduate from Northbrook High School and the third from Spring Woods High School. All are graduating in the top quarter of their class.

Elvira Campos, a soon to be Northbrook grad is drawn to early childhood bilingual education. She will be the first in her family to go to college. Her college counselor described her extensive extracurricular involvement but was most impressed with her positive attitude and willingness to help others. You can’t help but be lifted when Elvira was in the room, she claimed. Elvira has been accepted at UT Austin, Texas A&M College Station and Kingsville, Sam Houston State University, and the University of Houston.

Jasmine Rodriguez, also from Northbrook High School, was inspired to teach because, in her own words, “When you are a teacher you are able to give and share the most valuable thing anyone could receive, which is an education.” According to her Color Guard sponsor, Jasmin has been an enthusiastic and committed student and has the potential and drive to bring her talents back to an educational career. Jasmin has been accepted at Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Sam Houston State University and the University of Texas Arlington.

Devana Wells, future Spring Woods graduate, desires to become an elementary teacher to help build a good foundation for kids. Davana will also be a first generation college student. Her College Transition Facilitator, incidentally a DKG member, described her as a leader among her peers, an excellent student, a learner and a hard worker. She has been accepted into Sam Houston State University, Texas State University, Houston Baptist University, University of Houston, and the University of Texas Austin.

The Scholarship Committee members, Mary Bett, Debbie Connally, Karen Harrell, Gloria Montalbano, Ruby Schaper, and myself would like to express our appreciation to all the chapter members for all you do and have done to make these funds available to support these future teachers.

Kathy Gardner
May

**May 14th**
Sip and See- a meeting for outgoing and incoming presidents for information for GHACC and a Cards Workshop.

**May 20th**
Field Day at Buffalo Creek. Kathy Gardner and Brenda Lozano were able to help volunteer manning the concession stand. The president of the PTA was also there and it was soon discovered that Elida Garcia had been a student of Kathy’s at Northbrook.

**May 27th**
70 packages of nuts were delivered to the staff of Buffalo Creek. Thank you to Kathy Gardner for nuts and packaging.

**This week**
Candy and gift cards were delivered. Thank you to Gloria for the gift cards.
Next year our newsletter will have a new name: LA Rose Petals

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**Birthdays!**

**May:** 17-Christine Kyburz

**June:** 5-Patricia Kouger-Melton, 8-Erin Johnston, 20-Eileen Kress, 26-Tobey Unrath

**July:** 6-Margaret Rankin, 16-Mary Endress, 17-Camille Newman, 20-Jane Riddle, 23-Rosemary Anthony, 25-Susie White, 30-Marianne McKee

**August:** 6-Gloria Montalbano, 8-Dianne Higgenbotham, 16-Melissa Salyer

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.

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

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