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

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Upcoming Events

December 1 – Christmas luncheon, 10:45, Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane. Bring one or two wrapped Christmas gifts for a child at Buffalo Creek Elementary. Indicate the gender and approximate age of the recipient.

January 12 – chapter meeting at Tobey’s home, 10:00, 2619 Manila Lane

February 19 – chapter meeting, 4:30, Mendenhall Community Center

April 9 – chapter meeting, 4:30, Mendenhall Community Center

May 7 – Founders’ Day dinner, 5:30, Fratelli’s Restaurant

Don’t Forget

• Sign up to bring a refreshment to at least one meeting.

• Update your information on the DKG website: dkg.org

• For more information and pictures of DKG visit our great Website: http://lambdaalphdkg.weebly.com/
Greetings, Lambda Alpha!

November has arrived along with falling leaves and snowflakes, if you can believe it! I hope that you each fared well during the recent cold snap and are toasty warm today. The past month has been enjoyable for so many of us.

Membership dues have been turned in, and I’m sorry to say that we have lost a member, Teresa Decker, who was reminded that she can rejoin at any time.

On November 10, eight of our sisters went to Brookwood for shopping and lunch. It is reported that they all had fun. During the morning on November 14, Brenda Lozano and Martha Lynn Lewis sold pumpkins and jams at the International Club meeting! They were very successful in their sales. Thanks go out to Margaret Rankin and Gloria Montalbano who offered to create more pumpkins for this sale. Your work really paid off.

On the evening of November 14, again Brenda and Martha Lynn, along with myself, went to a sale at the Nottingham Forest Club. This sale profited the Steel Magnolia Moms, a group of mothers of children with handicaps. Since this was the first year for the sale, we expected to just cover our expense for the table, but the pumpkins, jams, and cards were met with enthusiasm! A final report of what was raised at these two events will be given later.

Early in October, our website compliance form was submitted by Pat Kougar-Melton and we have received our new seal. Check out our page at http://lambdaalphdkg.weebly.com to view it! Thanks, Pat, for doing this for our chapter. Our chapter yearbook was submitted on November 1, and I am excited to report that we have won an Early Bird Award! Thanks goes to Leigh LaVergne for all her hard work.

International Headquarters has informed us that the Constitutional Updates adopted this past summer are nearing completion. On the rotator of the DKG Home page (the sliding information block at the top), two NEW documents, Constitution Actions for State Org and Chapters AND IRS Actions for State Org and Chapters are now available. These two flyers indicate which of the adopted amendments our chapter needs to address as they each update our governing documents this biennium. Please take a few minutes to look over the changes that were made this summer.

An additional flyer addressing questions regarding our new membership category, Collegiate Member, is also posted. If you are aware of an outstanding collegiate, please consider inviting her to come to a meeting. I have been informed that the TSO Executive Committee voted in October that the 1 or 2 years a collegiate member pays dues may count toward eligibility for scholarships. This could mean that after they complete their college program, get certified, get a job as a teacher in the state of Texas, and become a full active TSO member, they may already be eligible for some TSO scholarships. Several TSO scholarships only require 2 years of membership by June 1 of the scholarship year to be eligible. This is a valuable benefit to membership for these beginning teachers. What a wonderful opportunity for outstanding student teachers.

Remember to mark your calendars for June 20-22, 2019 for the Alpha State Convention in Arlington as well as July 17-20, 2019 for the Southwest Regional Convention in Costa Mesa, CA. Hopefully you can attend one or both occasions!

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Attached to the newsletter, you will find the latest copy of the *Communique* publication from International. It is a reminder of updating your information on the DKG website dkg.org. Please remember to do this if you have not done so already.

Our next meeting will be held on December 1 at the Junior League of Houston. Please bring one or two wrapped gifts for students at Buffalo Creek Elementary. Remember to indicate the gender and approximate age of the intended recipient.

As you are collecting your holiday gifts, be on the lookout for your contribution to our first Lambda Alpha raffle to be held at our January meeting. One of mine will be an unworn necklace and earring set from Chico’s!

**I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving** filled with family and friends and look forward to seeing you in December.

~Sue

**November:** Marie Helmy 2nd, Debbie Connally 15th, Teresa Decker 23rd, Brenda Lozano 24th

**December:** Leigh LaVergne 1st, Janet Smith 23rd.

If we have missed someone, please let us know. We do not want to miss a single birthday.
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EARLY BIRD AWARD
FOR CHAPTER YEARBOOK

This certificate is presented to
Lambda Alpha Chapter
Area 18

2018 - 2019
Minutes: Lambda Alpha Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma  
October 16, 2018

Lambda Alpha members gathered at 4:30 p.m. to enjoy a wonderful snack buffet and to socialize and visit. At 4:45 p.m. Sue Thompson, President, called the business meeting to order. She welcomed our guests Maria Rodriguez, Anita Joshi, Ann Pimmel, Carleigh Moody, and fourteen of our members.

Tobey Unrath presented and conducted a slide show program explaining DKG and the complete scholarship program that is offered to members. The program included a game of bingo learning that helped us learn about the different scholarships and included precious fun prizes made by Tobey. A fun and informative time was enjoyed by all. Sue also gave a door prize that was won by Margaret Rankin.

The previous minutes were approved as corrected published in the newsletter with Brenda Lozano making the motion and Mary Moreno seconding it. Mary Moreno handed out copies of the Treasurer’s Report. The balance of the checking account is $6,721.58 and the balance of the Savings Account is $2,597.42 as of September 30, 2018.

The informative member news was that Marie Helmy was back in her house after Harvey and had recently spent a night in the hospital. Sue Thompson announced she is recovering from pneumonia. Sonia Greiner’s step-father has died, and Jan Russell thanked the chapter for all the help she had recently received from chapter members.

The voting for new members will take place as per Chapter Rules electronically during the next week. Please send in your votes. All members were reminded to pay their chapter dues as the deadline is the end of October. Martha Lynn and Brenda reminded all about the Christmas Luncheon, which will take place December 1st at the Junior League. The deadline for your reservation is November 16th. Toys will be collected for students that attend Buffalo Creek Elementary at the luncheon and before.

Sue announced that DKG is going paperless and all the information will be on line. Sue also reminded the members that the January meeting will be a Brunch held at Tobey’s home and each member is to take an item for the Chinese Auction.

The chapter voted as per motion by Ruby and seconded by Gloria that a deposit be made for the 2020 Christmas luncheon at the Junior League. Members were encouraged to sign up for the luncheon and to sign the permission slips giving permission for their pictures to be used in publications for Lambda Alpha and DKG.

The Magnolia Moms have organized a market that will be held at the Nottingham Club house on November 14th from 5-9 pm. Lambda Alpha will have a booth there.

The meeting was adjourned by Sue at 6 p.m.

Martha Lynn Lewis  
Recording Secretary