

# Gazette

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**Leading women educators  
impacting education worldwide**

**Next Meeting of Gamma Zeta  
Monday, May 6, 2013**

**5:45-6:15 Meal and Social Time**  
**6:15-6:55 Program**  
**6:55-7:30 Business Meeting**

Faith Lutheran Church, Stephenville

### *Hostess List*

Lynann Simpson, Chairman  
Joanne Dunnick  
Ann Calahan  
Carol McElfresh  
Ora Lee Leeth

*Explore the Possibilities  
Let Our Vision Light the Way*

### **PROGRAM:**

- ◆ Honor Delta Kappa Gamma Founders on the Society's 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- ◆ Grant-In-Aid Presentation

**PROGRAM FACILITATORS:**  
Ceremonies Committee

### **PURPOSES:**

- ◆ To unite women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship
- ◆ To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
Cheryl Konz, President

**COLLECT:**  
Yvonne Jenkins

### *May, June, July, & August Birthdays*

Dr. Jill Burk	5-8
Debbie Hummel	5-22
Dr. Jane Dennis	7-5
Joanne Dunnick	6-2
Cathy Knoll	6-5
Linda Doyle	8-1
Trudy Carlson	8-15
Kimberlea Adams	8-16
Martha Fredrickson	8-26





Don't forget to check out  
the Gamma Zeta website  
at  
[www.dkgammazeta.weebly.com](http://www.dkgammazeta.weebly.com)



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Read all about it online at: [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

## TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION NEWS

- ◆ Check out TSO's new educational foundation known as ASTEF at the Alpha State website: [www.alphastatetexas.org](http://www.alphastatetexas.org)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Gamma Zeta friends,

Hello all! ☺

- Thanks to a variety of members helping with reports this month for our application for the PACE award—Joy Hammonds, Kim Adams, Annette Bradberry, Marilyn Pack and committee, Kathryn Heinrichs, Michelle McNutt.
- I am excited my article about attending a convention was accepted and will be in the next Lone Star News.
- Kathryn and I are registered for the convention but would love to have others join us for a day if you're in Austin June 20-22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Early registration is \$50 but the deadline for that price is May 6<sup>th</sup>. After that it's \$75.
- Our May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a fun one so come see what Ann Calahan has planned for the Founder's celebration, meet our grant-in-aid recipient, get to know our six new members, and enjoy our last gathering until next September!
- Please share your ideas for next year regarding membership (Kim Adams) and programs (Annette Bradberry), or anything else!
- Use the website as a tool for inviting others. Go to [www.dkgammazeta.weebly.com](http://www.dkgammazeta.weebly.com) and share information with me that I can use to make the website better and up-to-date.
- Needed: a "web watcher" for next year. Talk to me about what that means. ☺



- **Bring any of the following items to our May 6th meeting** to help the local CPS office, children, and foster parents of Erath county OR give them to a Lion's Club member to take to their April meetings. **PERSONAL/BABY ITEMS (for the kids)** toothbrushes toothpaste hair care products soap pillows bedding (sheets/ blankets) baby proofing items baby bottles powdered formula diapers pacifiers **CLEANING SUPPLIES (for the foster parents)** mops brooms any cleaning supplies buckets garbage bags trash cans sponges cleaning brushes laundry detergent flea bombs lice products

It's been a great year! I am so thankful for the faithful attendance of so many of you and for the welcoming and joyful atmosphere that has resulted. I hope to build on this as we plan over the summer for next year's programs. Bring a guest for the May meeting and be thinking about who to invite for next September. Talk to them over the summer! Joanne will work on some lunch dates to get together over the summer,

too.

See you soon!

*Cheryl Konz*

## MENTEE TEACHERS:

### SISD Mentees

Cathy Tucker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Karin Daleiden, PK  
Landi Haynes, K Fine Arts  
Sarah Boyd, 6<sup>th</sup> ELA  
Tisha Gray, Inclusion  
Landie Thompson, 7<sup>th</sup> Math

### Hico Mentees

Breanna Schane, HS ELA  
Ashley Uptergrove, JH Math  
Felisha Mann, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Jenah Smith, PPCD/PK  
Mitzi Pennington, PK

## OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

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FACEBOOK Members: Contact Cathy Knoll via Facebook and request to be a member of the private group "Gamma Zeta".

WEBSITE: We now also have our own website. You may submit information through the online form or directly to Cheryl Konz @ [crkonz@gmail.com](mailto:crkonz@gmail.com). The website address is:  
[www.dkggammazeta.weebly.com](http://www.dkggammazeta.weebly.com)

## REMINDERS

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- ◆ TSO-ASTEF Cruise  
October 14-21, 2012  
Eastern Caribbean
- ◆ 84<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention  
June 20-22, 2013  
Renaissance Hotel  
Austin, Texas
- ◆ Southwest Regional Conference  
July 17-20, 2013  
Hilton Branson  
Branson, Missouri

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The following letter was written by one of our members and refers to Christmas, but the thoughts shared of loving kids and having children in the military or away from home apply any time of the year! Enjoy!

A Prayer and Texas Millionaires  
A Letter to the Editor  
By Debbie Hummel

December 4, 2003

Dear Editor:

Two of my favorite things about Christmas are finding just the right present for the special people in my life and creating a great Christmas memory with those special people.

I remember a few times I got the gift for my son just right. One Christmas he got a Cocker Spaniel puppy. He was so proud; he had his own dog. We never did teach it to stay in the yard. That dog could jump a fence better than any high jumper I have ever seen. The dog was black and white, but my son insisted that he be named Copper because he so loved *The Fox and the Hound*. Then one year I thought I would be real smart, and I ordered something he said he wanted for Christmas in August. Only to read his list in November after *Star Wars* came out and learn the *Millennium Falcon* was what was on his list. The return was easy but finding the *Millennium Falcon* turned out to be a Christmas miracle in and of itself. He still has it in the chest of growing up things. Then one year I finally gave in and bought a television for his room. Now he was in control of his spare time. This gift may very well have saved either his or his sister's life because if they hadn't quit arguing over what channel was being watched, I was going to end up killing one of them.

As far as special memories, I know Grandmother's homemade candy has always been special. I don't know how he can eat so many of those homemade Texas Millionaires and never get sick. Even at 26 they are still a favorite and he still eats every piece she will make for him. It must be one of those Christmas miracles. He also enjoyed, up until about 13, driving all around town looking at Christmas lights and singing carols in our own special key. I think he enjoyed it even after 13 but could never have admitted it. Then there was always being in the Church Christmas play. Somehow I

doubt that he really enjoyed those shepherd costumes that much, but they are part of my favorite memories.

This year I am having real trouble even thinking of a gift for him. Part of the problem is that he is 26 but the biggest problem is what do you send to make it Christmas in Iraq? My son is serving with the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry and is currently somewhere in the vicinity of Samarra. My daughter says I am just feeling sorry for myself, that my son signed up to be in the Army and that he was ready to go to Iraq. She is right; I am feeling a little pitiful. He did voluntarily join the Army, and he was ready to do in his words, "What I have been trained to do."

This isn't his first Christmas overseas. In fact he has had two in South Korea. Somehow those Christmases were different. I didn't feel so detached those Christmases. He could call as often as either one of us could pay for the calls. I could send any gift I wanted and know it could be in the stuff he would ship home after his tour. Iraq is different. Although we hear from him every couple of weeks, the time he can talk is shorter and what is going on is very different. As far as a gift what do you send to the desert? He can't move much more than his issued gear from place to place and no one knows what he will be allowed to bring home.

We did send a couple hand held games, some toiletries, and a bunch of snack stuff. The same snack stuff we have been sending for months just more. And of course Grandmother did send a big box of homemade Texas Millionaires. But will he really feel like

it is Christmas? Will that let him know how much we love him? How much he is missed and how proud we are to call him Son, Husband, Grandson, Brother and our special soldier?

I write this for two reasons. One, it has been very therapeutic, but the main reason is in hopes that everyone who reads it will truly enjoy their sons and daughters this Christmas. Buy them a gift that is special just to them. Create a special Christmas memory. Laugh with them. Share traditions with them. Love them in each and every way you can. Do this because in a few years from this Christmas they may be in a country filled with shepherds but no Christmas Play and where the lights that flash in the night are dangerous, not pretty. They may be in a place that is filled with planes and big machines with guns that were never meant as toys and have nothing to do with the fiction in movies. A place where they are fighting but not with their sister and there is a real risk of being killed. In a place where their best friend isn't a dog but another soldier watching their back. A place where the only things that look or feel like Christmas are wonderful memories from Christmases past, a word of love from home and a box filled with Grandmother's homemade Texas Millionaires.

Praying for Peace,  
Just Another Mom of a Serviceman  
Debbie Hummel

