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Enjoying the Austin experience

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A Capital Convention

Get ready for the 84th TSO Convention to be held in Austin at the Renaissance Hotel, June 20-22, 2013. Not only will you experience a “capitol” convention where you can communicate, collaborate, and make connections with your friends in Delta Kappa Gamma, but also you will experience the sights, sounds, and sensations of beautiful Austin, Texas.

When people talk about Austin, they usually mention that it is the music capital of the world. That is just the beginning of what people are saying these days. Austin is home to a wonderful ballet, world-class museums, one-of-a-kind shopping and beautiful outdoor spaces. You can just as easily spend your morning paddling the lake as you can strolling through a celebrated history museum. It’s okay if you don’t have time to fit it all in during the convention! You can come early, stay late, or you can just come back and visit again!

Hands On Central Texas is the 2013 unifying project

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The Texas State Organization is partnering with Hands On Central Texas to gather school supplies for early childhood and middle school students in Central Texas as the Unifying Project for 2013.

Hands On Central Texas is a program of United Way for Greater Austin whose focus is to strengthen communities through meaningful volunteer action.



Hands On
CENTRAL TEXAS

Specific supplies are being requested by the recipient organizations. These include bilingual board books, washable markers, safety scissors, construction paper, school glue, kid friendly or classical music CDs, calculators, #2 pencils, map pencils, pens, white board markers and timer/stop watches.

The supplies will be collected at the 84th Texas State Organization Convention in Austin on June 20-22, 2013.



Season's Greetings
from the Texas State Organization



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To love what you do and feel that it matters-how could anything be more fun.

Katherine Graham

Focusing on membership

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Texas State President



I am so thankful for the opportunity to meet so many members around the state and to see many excellent programs and projects being undertaken by our Texas chapters. I would encourage any of you who have opportunities to visit other chapters in your area to do so. It is such an invigorating experience to see that although we have much in common, each chapter has its own way and its own personality. We pick up new ideas when we share. This is one reason I have encouraged areas to exchange newsletters within their area. If you can't visit other chapters, reading newsletters is the next best way to pick up on new ideas for your chapter. If your area has not started an exchange, email addresses for presidents are posted on the website. Look under President's Kit and then Texas State Organization Contact Information. (The user name and password are on the front of the training manual presidents received at state convention or at the area workshop.) Under that heading at the bottom is 2012-2014 Chapter Presidents by Area. When you send out your chapter newsletters, add email copies to presidents in your area. Hopefully this will begin an exchange that will be beneficial to all.

Another way to look for new ideas is to search the international website and the state website. An abundance of ideas and resources for chapters can be found on these sites. For example, if you go to www.dkg.org and look under Committees, under the Non-Dues Revenue Committee, there are many fundraising ideas. Other committees offer resources that help chapters in other ways such as offering projects, ideas or help in building websites.

Another site that is useful to chapters is our state website, www.alphastatetexas.org. Our state website has many resources that chapters can use for programs, for solving problems or building leadership. Look under Resources or Committees for some of these helpful suggestions. For example, the Membership Committee has many resources that chapters might find useful as they seek to grow. The Personal Growth and Services Committee has many project ideas, and under the Program Committee, look at the list of the latest Annie Award Winners for some excellent program ideas.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a vibrant organization that is impacting education worldwide. We have active chapters in 18 nations, with the addition of Japan in October. In their installation service in Japan, 60 educators were initiated, showing great commitment to growing the Society. In Texas, I want to see us grow in membership. How can we accomplish this? We must plan for initiation more than once this year. We must invite guests to regular chapter meetings throughout the year so that they get to know us and what we do. We must widen an understanding of those who truly are educators and increase the audience of our potential membership to find educators who teach in non-traditional settings such as hospitals and businesses. We must look in private schools, colleges, and universities. Teaching goes on in so many settings.

Don't forget to contact past members who have resigned in the last five years. Many will return if asked. This is a great source of possible members. I have one more suggestion for growing. Keep positive with each other and with guests. Be enthusiastic. It is contagious. Have a great holiday season.

Betty's Buzz

Betty Vines
Executive Secretary/Treasurer



Greetings from Texas State Organization Headquarters in Dallas. Dues and fees continue to arrive daily. Treasurers have worked diligently to meet the challenge of getting the dues in by the November 10th deadline. The mailbox has also been filled with yearbooks.

At the state convention several treasurers requested that we send reminders when reports were due. November 15 is the deadline for filing your chapter's 990-N and since the consequences for not filing are so severe, we have tried very hard to keep the reminders coming. Has your chapter filed? Your treasurer should know! Instructions are on the website and help is just a phone call away. We must have 100% filing this year and chapters must file every year.



A special thanks to those "early bird" treasurers whose chapter dues were in our mail box by October 31. Included were Gamma, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Mu, Beta Sigma, Beta Theta, Beta Chi, Gamma Eta, Gamma Kappa, Zeta Alpha, Zeta Gamma, Eta Delta, Eta Eta, Theta Lambda, Theta Nu, Theta Gamma, Theta Omicron, Theta Upsilon, Theta Psi, Iota Upsilon, Kappa Iota, Kappa Lambda, Kappa Phi, Lambda Eta, Lambda Kappa, Lambda Xi, Mu Alpha, Mu Beta, and Mu Omicron.

Chapters are continuing to initiate new members. After you initiate, please send the initiate forms along with their dues and fees. The initiation fee is \$10. The chapter keeps \$5 and sends \$5 to State to be shared with International. The form is most important because it provides the information for State and International to send communications such as the newsletters and bulletins. Chapters are also reinstating members. Forms for both initiates and reinstatements can be found on the International website.

Many have asked about contributions. The practice of "directing" or "deferring" money from one fund to another has ended. That will no longer be done. You will decide to what fund or funds you want to contribute, you will tell us, and that is where you will be recognized. ASTEF is our money manager, but we still have a scholarship fund, a leadership seminar fund, a projects fund, and a Eula Lee Carter Memorial fund. Separate checks are needed for each contribution.

Chapters are to be commended for their generosity in giving grants-in-aid and scholarships. According to reports from chapter treasurers (2012 Form 15), chapters awarded 205 grants-in-aid for \$91,325.00 and 102 scholarships for \$19,781.48. This is in addition to the scholarships and grants awarded at the state level which totaled \$57,000.00.

At-A-Glance Deadlines

Nov 15	990-N
Dec 1	Yearbooks due Golden Gift Special Stipend Application Ed Foundation project applications
Jan 1	Deadline for nominations for State Officers and other elected personnel
Jan 2	Deadline for International Educational Foundation Project Grant
Feb 1	Recommendations for committee appointments to HQ Nominations State Achievement/ Golden Rose Awards Applications for International Scholarships Application for International Cornet Award Annual reports: Chapter pres Chapter necrology Application International Cornet Award

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You are always welcome to call or come to Headquarters. We are open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Special arrangements may be made to come at other times.



RENAISSANCE HOTEL IN AUSTIN

84th TSO Convention
June 20-22, 2013

Register now at:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/aussh-renaissance-austin-hotel/?toDate=6/24/13&groupCode=dkgdkga&fromDate=6/18/13&app=resvlink>

If you have already made a reservation at the Renaissance without using the group code, it is not in the block. To get the DKG rate, please cancel the first reservation and make a new one using the link. This will get you the DKG rate and include you in our block. If we do not make our block, we are subject to high monetary penalties.

Points to remember in making reservations:

- When using the online link, if a banner comes up saying that the registration is sold out, enter the specific dates for which you want rooms during the convention, June 20-22. The banner indicates that our block has been reached for the 'shoulder' days, the days immediately preceding and following the convention. If we meet our block for these days, the hotel staff can add more days. **Enter the specific dates for which you want a reservation.**
- Deadline for the special rate of \$159 plus taxes per room is May 28, 2013, as well as the deadline for TSO to meet our guaranteed block.
- Reserve only the number of rooms that you will need.
- Pre-Convention activities include Wednesday evening party.
- On site valet and complimentary self-parking is available.

Renaissance Hotel

9721 Arboretum Boulevard, Austin, TX 512-343-2626

Crafting lives of significance



Anne Barab,
motivational
speaker

Anne Barab will appear as the Leadership Management Advanced Seminar Speaker on Thursday, June 20, at 1:00 p.m. The program is open to all convention registrants.

Barab's program teaches people how to craft resilient, robust, juicy lives of significance. Her core message helps people learn how to balance work, home and relationships; thrive in times of change; put stress in the past tense and think like a leader.

Her past experience is wide-ranging. She became the first female Chief Operating Officer of a \$1 billion mortgage bank. She branched out into public policy-making as an elected official when she served three terms on the board of a large school district in Dallas. She earned the Master Trustee designation from the Texas Association of School Boards leadership program and completed over 450 hours of board training.

In her ten year membership in Toastmasters she has earned Distinguished Toastmaster and is only the 11th woman in the world to achieve the Accredited Speaker designation. She was chosen to give the closing keynote at the 2007 Toastmaster International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. She is the author of two books and numerous articles about education and family living.

Entertaining with the chapter presidents

The presentation of chapter presidents will take on a new look at the 84th Texas State Convention in Austin this June. The program will be entitled “Belles and a Broadway Beau” and will feature David Gaschen in concert along with the 280 chapter



David Gaschen, TSO's Broadway Beau

presidents (our Belles) who will be presented to the convention attendees during the program scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2013, at 8:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin.

David Gaschen (our Broadway Beau) is an internationally renowned vocalist and stage performer who is best known for his role in “The Phantom of the Opera.” A native of Lubbock, Gaschen made his debut in the title role on Broadway in November 1999 after acting and singing the role of the Phantom in Europe more than 1000 times. He is included on a CD “Broadway’s Fabulous Phantoms” as well as recording CD’s of his own, “David Gaschen” and “Let Me Sing and I’m Happy.”

A graduate of Texas Tech University, Gaschen left New York and established a career as a touring artist in order to have more time with his wife Jeanne and his two children Molly Marie and Andrew.

Chapter presidents will be presented by areas with their area coordinators and are asked to dress in business attire. Formals or cocktail attire is not necessary or encouraged.

To learn more about Gaschen visit his website at www.davidgaschen.com and listen to examples of his singing. “Belles and a Broadway Beau” will be a night to remember!

Making music with the TSO choir

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Deborah Payne directing a rehearsal of the TSO choir in Las Colinas

It’s time to start “recruitment” for the 84th convention choir in Austin! The state music committee needs voices from all 18 areas. The music will be inspirational, fun and easily rehearsed within the limited rehearsal times.

Any member interested in providing special music (preludes, postludes or breaks) should contact Deborah Payne, music committee chair, immediately so that she will have your information as she is compiling a list of instrumentalists

who are willing to play.

Any Texas DKG composers who are willing to share their original music or lyrics supporting the DKG theme should send them to Payne for inclusion in the music packets for chapters.



From the Webmaster

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Branding DKG

With many organizations competing for women’s time, it is important that the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International set itself apart from other organizations. Part of the process is to make sure that the lasting impression from all that is seen or experienced by people is consistent. This is called branding.

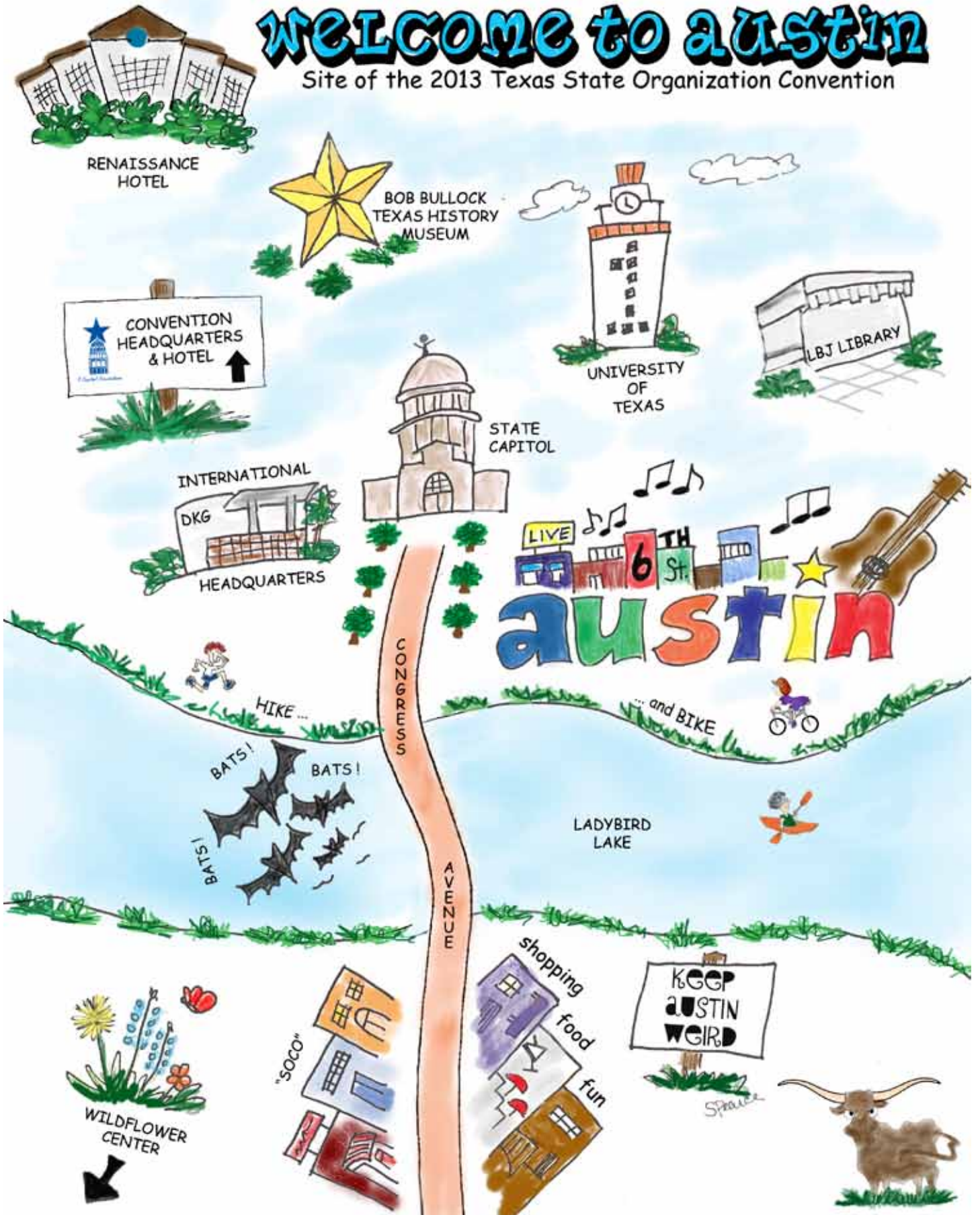
Official logos are part of DKG branding. Using an official logo shows others that products and publications are part of the DKG family. These logos are our official trademark and may not be altered in any way.



Members may access these logos in the library section of the International website at www.dkg.org or by visiting the Society Graphics page of the Texas State Organization website. The old square red logo is no longer applicable, and members are requested not use it.

WELCOME to austin

Site of the 2013 Texas State Organization Convention



Presenters needed for Austin in 2013

Carolyn Underwood, EdD., professional affairs chair
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The professional affairs committee is seeking members to offer breakout sessions during the 84th Texas State Organization convention in Austin, Texas, June, 2013. Anyone interested in presenting a program should complete a presenter form and send it to Dr. Carolyn Underwood.

Use the form below or the interactive form on the TSO website under Professional Affairs Committee, and send it by email or regular mail before March 1, 2013. If you have any questions, please call 972-571-6578 or e-mail **cyunderwood@sbcglobal.net** .

BREAKOUT PROPOSAL
 84TH TEXAS STATE CONVENTION
 AUSTIN, TEXAS

Postmark Deadline: March 1, 2013

Select Type of Breakout Session: Society Business (SB)
 Personal Development Interests (PDI) Continuing Professional Education (CPE)

Presenter Name: _____

Brief Biography(use back if necessary)

Chapter President Yes No Chapter Name: _____ Area: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (Home) _____ Cell: _____

***E-mail: _____ **MOST IMPORTANT

Title of Breakout Session: _____

Brief Description of topic (use back if necessary):

Co-Presenter Yes Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Area: _____

Brief Biography(use back if necessary):

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: (Home) _____ Cell: _____

E-mail _____ **MOST IMPORTANT

***Name of Facilitator for introduction of presenter(s)(optional): _____

Address of facilitator: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Chapter: _____ Area: _____ Cell: _____ Home # _____

E-mail of facilitator: _____

Able to find a facilitator: Yes No Don't need a facilitator

***** PRESENTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THEIR OWN AV EQUIPMENT FOR PRESENTATIONS*****

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Increase in project stipends

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ASTEF has budgeted \$5,000 for project stipends to be presented on Saturday afternoon of the 2013 Convention in Austin. Chapters and individuals who would like ASTEF support are encouraged to apply for a stipend before April 1. All information about applying and the application is on the TSO/ASTEF website www.alphastatetexas.org

Six TSO chapters received stipends totaling \$1,000 at the 2012 Convention in Las Colinas. The chapters and project descriptions can be found on the TSO/ASTEF website. Since the foundation is only a year old, ASTEF was pleased to give these stipends to support outstanding projects.

ASTEF will recognize annual contributors in the ASTEF section of the TSO Convention Program. Contributions are recognized from April 1 of the prior year to April 1 of the current year.

Chapter contributions are recognized as

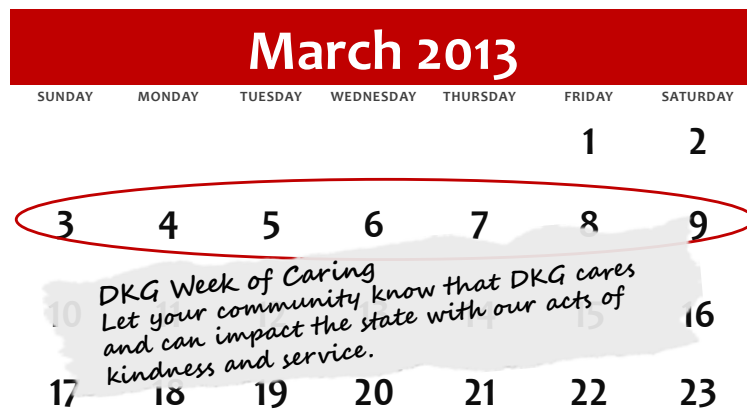
Scholarship:	Honors	\$1/member
	Double Honors	\$2/member
	Triple Honors	\$3/member
Leadership:	Journeyers	\$1/member
Projects:	Groundbreakers	\$1/member

Individuals, companies, etc. are recognized as

Benefactor	\$10,000+
Platinum	\$5,000-\$9999
Gold	\$1,500-\$4,999
Silver	\$500-\$1,499
Bronze	\$100-\$499
Friend	\$25-\$99

Week of caring March 3-9, 2013

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Personal Growth and Services Committee has been sharing the information at Area Workshops about the first designated week for DKG Week of Caring. Mark your calendars for the week of March 3-9, 2013.

The vision for the week of caring is for each chapter to select a project or projects to help in their communities; i.e. volunteer to read in a classroom, take muffins to the workroom, send notes to the new teachers that the first year is nearly over, visit an assisted living community where a retired member lives,

send a care package to a soldier or take items to the local shelter. Other ideas can be found on the International website, www.dkg.org Educational Excellence Committee page. They are promoting Schools for Africa Project, Support Early-Career Educators (SEE) and other programs.

Several chapters have already responded that they are going to be doing something for the first responders in their areas (firemen) with cookies, bottled water and other needs.

When the week is up we ask that you share your information with the Chairman of the Personal Growth and Services Committee, Lynda Anderson at andersonlm52@sbcglobal.net. We will collect the data and share at the convention in Austin. Form will be posted on the TSO website under committees.

Calling all Annie programs

Natalie Eustace, program of works chair
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Fabulous DKG Programs are occurring all across our great state of Texas. Congratulations chapters! We all continue to learn and gather new ideas from each other. Many of you already use the Texas DKG Web Site for ideas from last year's Annie winners. These gems excite and entertain chapters across the state.

ALERT - Don't wait until the last minute, when you are feeling stressed and pressured, to fill out the "Annie" Award Application for Outstanding Program.



As soon as your chapter presents a favorite program, immediately print the "Annie" Award Application form for your chapter. Then meet with your Program Committee or a few chapter members for about thirty minutes to fill out the form. Make three copies and mail them to:
 Natalie Eustace, 4007 Crestgate, Midland, TX 79707.

While the program is still fresh on your minds, place items on a display board. Email or mail a photo of your board to NENotes@aol.com.

Then relax and enjoy the rest of your DKG year with no "Annie" deadlines, as you eagerly await our June convention. Just remember to pack your Annie board for your trip to Austin.

Please contact me if I can assist your chapter. Let's make this the year that every Texas chapter submits an "Annie" application.

Developing chapter presidents

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One way to increase attendance at your chapter meetings is to make sure that each member has the opportunity to participate. A fun way to participate is to include a team building activity. Here are two easy activities to involve all your members:

Pass out paper and pens and ask each member to write her first name vertically. Then the member picks a word or phrase that describes something about herself for each letter.

For example:

J - Just love antique shopping

U - Ugh! I hate spiders!

L - Love my Yorkies

I - Involved in teaching reading

E - Enjoy our motor home trips



Put a variety of candy bars or pictures of candy in a bowl. Each member chooses one kind and tells her small group something about herself according to which candy she's chosen. For example:

Snickers--tell us your most embarrassing moment

100 Grand--tell us what you'd do if you had \$100,000

Baby Ruth--tell us a story from your childhood

Almond Joy--tell us what makes you really happy

These activities will energize your meetings. As an added bonus, they help your members get to know each other. Have fun!



GOLD PIECE

DKG keeps on singing

Natalie Eustace, Zeta Xi -14

Early in April, 1995, I entered my first Delta Kappa Gamma meeting, Zeta Xi Chapter, with awe and humility, as I became a part of a group of outstanding women educators. “Women teachers, to the calling...” Warmth and genuine love enveloped me as we sang, “...firmly rally, never falling...” Needless to say I was hooked.

Chapter members invited me to join them at the June Texas State Convention. With them I joined the larger magical world of DKG. Here again I felt the warmth and love of women teachers. New statewide friendships began, “With a song in my heart.” Then Alpha State Chorus, a glorious blend of song, allowed me to join, “Just keep on singing...” I never missed a state convention.

February, 1997, found me attending Alpha State Leadership Seminar with twenty-nine amazing Texas women, bonding, singing, “Make new friends, but keep the old.”

Leadership Management Seminar, Golden Gift, July, 2010, presented friendships with twenty-nine women worldwide. “If you go down to Austin, you will find the Pearls of Golden Gift... I never felt such sisterhood, till I joined the DKG Society.”



Then devastation hit, August 30, 2011, when wildfires left our Possom Kingdom home looking like the aftermath of a nuclear blast. Within days, notes, emails, phone calls, packages, and prayers showered me from DKG sisters worldwide. “There are no words to define what I’m feeling...” A blessed check from the DKG Emergency Fund arrived within days. “...loyalty and trust e’er heeding, mindful of our sisters needing....”

Soon my '97 Leadership Sisters sang, “Onward tis our sisters need us...” sending a beautiful nativity set to replace lost Christmas decorations and the words “Your hurt is our hurt.” Golden Gift Pearl Sisters blitzed my mailbox with CD’s and DVD’s, replacing treasures lost, still singing “Go with a song in your heart...”



“Thank you for the music...” DKG, proving time and again that Delta Kappa Gamma members truly care for each other, creating lasting friendships like no others. I am truly blessed, humbled, and honored to be a member of this incredible organization.

DKG keeps on singing, “...with this faith in one another, we shall win for aye!”

Rendezvousing in Reykjavik: sisters in spirit

Karen Walker, Zeta Epsilon-11

Who would have imagined that a mouse “click” that opened an article about Estonia in ‘Broadcasting the Buzz, would lead to some international fellowship with Delta Kappa Gamma “sisters” in Iceland? But that is exactly how a member from Texas began to plan an exciting rendezvous in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, with a little luck on timing. A conversation with DKG International President Jenji Souders during the Las Colinas Convention about Delta Kappa Gamma in Europe provided the link to a meeting abroad.

Karen Walker was already headed on a childhood dream vacation to the “Land of Ice and Fire” with her husband and his Colorado School of Mines group. Souders passed the email address of the DKG Iceland State President to her at the convention. That led to her quandary... to email or not to email? Take a leap of faith? She might learn much more about the people and culture of the country coming from a common base of educators like Delta Kappa Gamma. She decided to go for it! The decision- “SEND.”

The Borg Hotel lobby (across from Iceland’s House of Parliament, the oldest continuing parliamentary government in the world) became the meeting place after a phone call from Sigridur Sigurdardottir. Both parties had reached out to commit to meeting (and each would bring a companion) to enjoy tea.

The rendezvous was set. Soon the emboldened Texans met Sigridur (“Sigga”) who honored them by bringing past International Vice-President and current Society Scholarship Chairman Sigrun Hannesdottir. WOW! In DKG, that’s like sitting with royalty. The destination established, off they went.



Visiting Texan, Karen Walker-center, gets a warm welcome from Icelandic DKG members, Sigrun Klara Hannesdottir and Sigridur Ragna Sigurdardottir, in Reykjavik

Questions flowed back and forth. One bit of information gleaned was that Sigrun was the recipient of a World Fellowship to Wayne State for a master’s degree. She accomplished that and a Ph.D. Now she chairs the committee that granted the scholarship, a first for the Society to connect recipient and chair. Sigrun hopes to see expansion of DKG states in the European Region.

That discussion led to the topic of education. Only three high schools exist in Iceland, a country of 350,000. Students must come to Reykjavik (pop. 200,000) to study; some board for school and others must move with their families. On-line education is creating more opportunities in rural areas. Sheep then became the subject. When questioned about Icelandic woolens, “Sigga” stated that she has worked in wool marketing, besides a long career as a classroom educator and producer of children’s programming for television. How delightful!

Now back in Texas, this story is shared in true DKG spirit all because of a “click of a mouse.”

Participate in Legislative Lobby Day

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The Legislative Committee will host DKG/TSO Legislative Lobby Day on Wednesday, February 27th, 2013 at the State Capitol.



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Fieldtrip? Actually, due to budget cuts, this is now our new classroom.

We will meet in the Capitol Grill Dining Room. Members should gather between 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Ann Fickel from TCTA and Tim Lee from TRTA will be there to meet with us and help members know what to ask and say to our legislators.

Members will be on their own to eat breakfast and lunch in the dining room and then proceed to visit with their legislators.

Members should call their legislators' offices ahead of time to make appointments for that day. Parking is available in the parking garage on San Jacinto Street between 12th and 13th Streets.

For questions or assistance please contact Suzanne Bathe, Legislative Chair at suzanne.bathe@sbcglobal.net.

Traveling and Learning

Barbara Derrick, scholarship chair
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We have all heard someone tell about a travel adventure. Even though we did not actually go on the adventure, we feel as if we did because of what we learned about the people, the land and the culture. We in Delta Kappa Gamma are fortunate to have two scholarships programs that can help us travel, learn and educate others.

One of our most popular and well known scholarships is the **Adult Education Scholarship**. Members who have been members for 10 years are eligible to apply for up to \$500. The application has been simplified and is easy to complete. Some changes include a smaller application with less information required, no transcript requirement and only two letters of recommendation.

The lesser known opportunity is the **Maetha Griffin Weatherby Education Travel Scholarship**. Maetha's estate established this scholarship in her honor. Maetha was an avid traveler and loyal DKG member.

This scholarship is available for current or recently retired members who have a plan to share their experience with children. They must have been members for 10 or more years, must have attended at least one DKG state convention and must be willing to match the amount of the award. The maximum a member can apply for is \$1,000. This application does require three letters of recommendation, a clear plan as to how the experience will be shared with school children (no grade requirement), details of the trip planned and a detailed budget showing use of the match and the award.



Kathryn Wright took this sunset photo on a Road Scholar adventure in photography in Phoenix.

Information on both scholarships is on the website under the scholarships tab. Deadline for both is March 1, 2013. If you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Chair Barbara Derrick at BLSDerrick@aol.com.



Oyunsuren Damdinsuren,
World Fellowship
recipient

Connecting with World Fellowship

Oyunsuren Damdinsuren is from Mongolia, a vast country with a small population, sandwiched between Russia and China. She is currently pursuing a Master's Program in International Affairs (MPIA) at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, thanks to support from the Fulbright Commission and The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Our World Fellowship recipient is a woman with a passion for equality of all humans and world peace. When she was 15, the democratic movement began in her communist country of Mongolia. She participated in demonstrations, later joined the democratic youth movement and volunteered in the electoral campaign of the democratic opposition force. Her efforts helped Mongolia become a democracy.

After working diligently for the principles of democracy and market economy, she has observed the suffering from wide spread corruption, injustice and ineffective rule of law in her country. She believes it is her duty to use her skills from her two degrees in language study and two degrees in international relations along with her involvement in many human rights groups to contribute to the democratic development of Mongolia by educating young people with her vision, knowledge, integrity and personal experiences.

Damdinsuren is completing her third degree in international affairs as she balances her work serving the boards of Amnesty Mongolia and Texas A & M Fulbright Students' Association with raising her nine year-old son.

Oyunsuren Damdinsuren may be reached at oyunsuren@tamu.edu. For more information about World Fellowship, look under committees on the TSO website. For information on recipients, see the World Fellowship committee on the international website.

Approaching deadline

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January 1, 2013, is the deadline for all elected positions for the Texas State Organization. Besides officers, this includes members of the finance, nominations, and Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund committees.

The official nomination form is available now on the TSO website. Return the form and letter of endorsement to lesomervill@charter.net or Linda Somervill, 319 N. Travis St., Granbury, TX 76048.

Making money for your chapter and TSO

Chapters, do you need money for projects or scholarships? What better way than to be a vendor at the Austin State Convention! There will be many members shopping with a limited number of vendors. Think of a unique item to sell, and then contact Marilyn Gregory at teachkind2@aol.com for an application.

Do you know a business that would like to advertise in our Convention Program or be a commercial vendor? What better way to get a business name known. Please send all names and addresses to Marilyn Gregory, State Parliamentarian, at teachkind2@aol.com, and she will contact them. Advertisements and vendors help fund our convention and inform others about Delta Kappa Gamma.

Alpha State Remembers

We mourn the passing and celebrate the lives of those cherished members of the Society whose deaths have been reported to Texas Necrology Chair Carolyn Riggsby. They are reported by their chapter, area and place of residence at time of death.

April 1, 2012 - August 15, 2012

Alice Bertha Sears, Iota Omicron (16), Wichita Falls
Dixie L. Fletcher, Iota Phi (7), Georgetown
Nancy Faye Brown, Iota Chi (10), Springtown
Dora Lucille DeLeon, Kappa Beta (6), San Antonio
Marcie F. Cooley, Kappa Theta (16), Euless
Virginia Kunkel, Kappa Lambda (7), Austin
Sherry Oden Clark, Kappa Mu (17), Longview
Valencia Jene Williams, Kappa Upsilon (9), Cedar Hill
Mary Loyce Williams Kasting, Lambda Omicron (8), Copperas Cove

August 15, 2012 - November 1, 2012

Susan Elizabeth Clark, Alpha Eta (1), Tyler
Joyce M. Grantham, Alpha Theta (7), New Braunfels
Ruth C. Burchett, Alpha Sigma (12), Lubbock
Patsy Ann McDonald, Alpha Chi (7), Austin
Allene S. Holman, Eta Delta (3), Houston
Eleanor Ruth Perry, Eta Psi (4), Brazoria
Betty G. Scogin, Theta Beta (6), Boerne
Arvena Baker, Theta Zeta (3), Houston
Hazel Layne, Lambda Alpha (18), Houston
Carolyn W. Holt, Lambda Gamma (18), Round Rock
Daphne D. Jackson, Lambda Delta (18), Sugar Land
Bette Jo Lindemann Cheek, Mu Upsilon (2), Evadale



Nancy Johnston, Mu Pi (Kingwood-18), received a \$1000 grant from Sheldon ISD to fund a multicultural book club called Reading Around the World.

Sandra Butler, Delta Gamma (Hemphill-1), received the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award from Littleton Fowler Lodge #305 which is presented to outstanding achievers in education.

Joyce Elender, Iota Rho (Nederland-2), was named Elementary Teacher of the Year for the Nederland Independent School District.

Dr. I. LaVerne Raine and **Dr. Susan Szabo**, Beta Lambda (Commerce-17), had their article "Political Cultural Influences on Perceptions of Learning in Western Ukraine" published in The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin this fall.

Ann Lopez, Gamma Psi (Woodsboro-5), with help from army of Gamma Psi sisters, won re-election for Refugio County Commissioner.

Marcia Stevens, Eta Mu (Beaumont-2), was honored by Pioneering Women in Beaumont for her work and perseverance in the community. She is the superintendent of Catholic Schools.

Dr. Christie Bledsoe and **Dr. Jodi L. Pilgrim**, Lambda (Belton-8), had their article "New Technologies in the Classroom" published in the summer edition of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

Nell Baham, Delta Upsilon (Houston-3), received A Guiding Star Award from the organization Parents for Public Schools-Houston for developing and supervising a mentoring program in Durham Elementary School.

Betsy Browder, Epsilon Lambda (Ft. Worth-10), was honored by the White Settlement Historical Society for her many years of helping preserve the area's history.

Jo Ann Henry, Gamma Chi (Crockett-2), was honored by being named Lay Person of the Year at the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Diana Canavan, Theta Beta (San Antonio-6), received The Yellow Rose of Texas Education Award given by the Constance Allen Heritage Guild for Lifetime Learning, an educational foundation of the Business and Professional Women's Club of San Antonio.

Annette Taylor, Beta Eta (Houston-3), received the Mirabeau B. Lamar Teacher of the Year award from the Walter M. Pierson Masonic Lodge.

Limaris Swailes, Kappa Kappa (Sugar Land -18), was selected as Fort Bend ISD ESL Teacher of the Year.

Member News continued

Shalikina Weeden, Eta Iota (Harker Heights-8), received a Cornet Professional Development Award to attend the ASCD Conference on Teaching and Learning.

Jan Tekell, Eta Mu (Beaumont-2), was named Region 5 Teacher of the Year.

Darla Kelly, Zeta Omega (Deer Park-3), was named 2012 National Federation of State High School Associations Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year.

Susan Larson, Beta Nu (Gause-8), won 1st place in the Cultural Arts Hand Stitchery Division at the Extension Education Association state convention in Beaumont.

Anita Uphaus, Alpha (Austin-7), had the Anita Uphaus Early Childhood Center in Austin named in her honor. As the supervisor of Early Childhood Programs between 1981 and 2006, she managed the development and



Anita Uphaus

growth of the district's pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs and was a key administrator in fostering collaboration between AISD and local and state

agencies.

During the mid-1980's, she worked with leaders from Head Start and the Capital Area Workforce to develop a model program of combined services to serve children and their families. The success of the initiative was referenced in forming legislation that created the state-funded, pre-kindergarten program.

If you didn't get a copy of "The Presidents of Alpha State (Texas) 1911-2011," a few copies still remain. The order form is available from www.alphastatetexas.org

Newly created Arts and Humanities Jury

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By action of the 2012 Convention, an Arts and Humanities Jury was created

for the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The Jury shall rate and select members' artwork for online publication and/or display, including sound and motion in two and three dimensional art, performance art, literary efforts, photography and crafts.

President Beverly Helms appointed four members to this international committee. Members of the committee include: **Sandra Smith Bull, Texas; Janye Brainard, Texas;** Catherine Bringselius Nilsson, Sweden; June M. Bowers, Nebraska.

Sandra Smith Bull will serve as chair and **Dr. Linda Eller** will serve as the headquarters liaison for the Jury.

Six other Texas members are currently serving on international committees. These include **Diane Moose**, communications committee chair; **Sandy Causey**, finance committee; **Connie Rensink**, membership committee; **Jill Foltz**, nominations committee; **Dr. Vicki Davis**, Golden Gift committee chair; **Marilyn Gregory**, educational excellence committee; **Sharon Daugherty**, constitutional committee.

Achievement Award nominations due

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The deadline to file nominations for Alpha State Achievement Award and Alpha State Golden Rose Award is February 1, 2013.

Alpha State strives to recognize members who have given outstanding service to Delta Kappa Gamma at the state level by awarding either the Alpha State Achievement Award or the Golden Rose Award.



In order to qualify for the Alpha State Achievement Award, a member must have served as a chapter president and have completed two or more leadership roles at the state level.

The Golden Rose Award is designated for those members who are not eligible for the Alpha State Achievement Award but have given years of service at the state level through workshop participation, committee work and attendance at Delta Kappa Gamma conventions.



For the forms to nominate a member for the Alpha State Achievement Award or the Golden Rose Award, go to **www.alphastatetexas.org** and look under the Achievement Award Committee.

Encourging early-career educators

Kay Lutes, Delta Omicron-9

There was a man, an American radio and television writer, who came into our homes via the CBS News weekly program 60 Minutes for 33 years. From 1978 until shortly before his death in 2011, his report was called "A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney." What was extraordinary about this 92-year-old man at the end of his career was not only his longevity and still vital passion for his craft but also his unusual skill in making the viewers think about this old world in different ways. Recently I came across one of his quotes about teachers: "Most of us end up with no more than five or six people who remember us. Teachers have thousands of people who remember them for the rest of their lives."



Although Andy Rooney was a newscaster, he practiced the same principles in his broadcasts that we fellow teachers have used and are still using every day in our classrooms. We stand before student audiences eager to know about this old world. As teachers, we give our students historical settings to see their ancestors in lands that can only be imagined, language skills to write and read about all the possibilities for their lives today and math and science skills to take them into uncharted paths in the future. On top of all that, we feed their souls and their bodies with music, art, dance, world languages, physical sports, libraries of knowledge, and a dream of higher education.

I became a music teacher because of the very powerful influence of my beloved elementary music teacher, Miss Frances Parr, who filled my life with music, who believed in me and who taught me to dream.

If we were each given the chance to name that ONE teacher who influenced our lives, our stories would be similar.

Teachers are blessed to have, as Andy Rooney said, "thousands of people who remember them for the rest of their lives."



Area 1
Nella Willbanks & Linda Ashby



Area 3
Jo Ann Stringer, Rhonda Carmondy
& Barbara Coon



Area 13
Debbie Hagood



Area 8
Laura Speegle & Maragaret Hool

Area Workshops 2012



Area 9
Susan Marchus & Laura Harbin



Area 11
Rita Castle & Cecelia Cates



Area 12
Juanelle Jordan & Lisa Williams