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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Lisa Collins

Hello Delta Epsilon Sisters

As spring starts to peak its head through the wintery gloom of February, I started to think about what vegetables I would like to plant in our garden and the preparation that is needed to have a successful crop. That also got me thinking about Delta Epsilon. As we start to prepare for installation of our new crop (selection of officers), the best way for us to ensure they have a successful biennium; we need to remember to cultivate the path for their transition. Take the time to plant seeds of praise early. As they start to bloom, make sure there are not weeds growing up around them. Be a willing member in our chapter. If and when we are asked to take on a challenge, let us not hesitate to demonstrate our many talents, because we are **SUCCESSFUL** women educators. If you make a mistake don't worry about it, because our chapter is not made out of thorns. We have a great selection of women who are willing to give you support and encouragement.

Last thing, to make sure that we continue to germinate healthy seeds I hope everyone has remembered to complete your new member recommendation into this great society of women educator. Making a difference in our schools, community and the world!!

Sincerely,

Lisa

March Meeting Location

Please note: The location for the March meeting is the Woodville HS Library on Tuesday, March 18 at 4:30.

The service project for March is Purse-N-ality: Stuffing purses for Sharing and Caring

Program Title: "On the Road Again"

Don't forget to use our phone tree for reminding each member about upcoming meetings. Then let's carpool with other members to come to this meeting.

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

Red Roses and Congratulations:

A very special thank you goes to Richard Kenner from J. P. Morgan, and son of Sherry Kenner, for presenting our program on “Money Matters”.

Congratulations to the winners of the door prizes, Annette Adkins, Sherry Kenner, and Kathy Weaver.

We would like to recognize and say thanks to the amazing hostesses of our monthly meeting—Sharon Anderson, Karen Butler and Lucy Kuntz.



“Money Matters”

Presented by

Richard Kenner



Mr. Richard Kenner from J. P. Morgan



**Richard Kenner and his mother,
Dr. Sherry Kenner**

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Delta Epsilon Chapter
Minutes of February 11, 2014
Pine Ridge Elementary Library, Livingston, Texas

The regular meeting of Delta Epsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order by our president, Lisa Collins at 4:30 pm. Delta Epsilon Chapter had 8 members and 2 guests in attendance. Our guests were Sherry Platt and Sue Ann McQueen from Pine Ridge Elementary.

Collect was read by Cheryl Timko.

The program title of "Money Matters" was presented by Ricky (Richard) Kenner from J.P. Morgan. Ricky is a private client advisor and gave us all an insight on what to consider for reaching our financial goals. Ricky answered questions that were informative and easy to understand. Ricky having family members in education let us know that he has a personal interest in helping educators prepare for retirement and reaching their financial goals. (Ricky is Sherry's Kenner's son and Kathy Weaver's nephew).

The minutes from November 12, 2013 were approved as written.

Sherry Kenner gave the monthly financial report for January and February, 2014. A contribution was made in memory of Diana Tolar in the World Fellowship Fund. The report was approved.

In addition, Sherry took a moment for us remember and reflect on the loss of our Delta sister, Diana Tolar. Diana was a Delta Epsilon member for 15 years and spent 28 years in education. Diana was truly a life of service in education, her community, and her family/friends.

The Committee Reports:

- Begin preparing for the Founder's Day program in April.
- Bring "Purse-N-ality" Women's Shelter Care Packets to March/April meeting.
- Refreshments for the Relay for Life.
- New member considerations to March meeting.
- Program committee will complete the Annie Award Application from one of our meetings.

Refreshments were wonderful on that cold February evening. The refreshments were provided by Karen Butler, Sharon Anderson, and Lucy Kuntz.

Door prizes went to Annette Adkins, Sherry Kenner, and Kathy Weaver.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18 and will be a Skype meeting. The program topic will be about state and international travels.

Respectfully,
Annette Adkins
Recording



Upcoming Events..... Mark your Calendar

Mar 15:

- Complete Annie Award with display board

June 19-21

- Alpha State Convention—
Lubbock, TX

July 15

- Chapter Treasurer's Report Due

April and May Birthdays

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| • Mary Nell Rainey | April 8 |
| • Ernestine Mitchell | April 24 |
| • Joanne Westmoreland | April 30 |
| • Lucy Kuntz | May 21 |
| • Annette Adkins | May 31 |

March Hostesses

- Annette Adkins
- Melinda Stryker
- Charlotte Hartley
- Joan Westmoreland

Elevator Speech

DKG is involved in projects that reach far across the countries where we operate and affect thousands of people worldwide.

We currently support the following:

- UNICEF's [Schools for Africa](#)
- Support for **E**arly-career **E**ducators ([SEE](#))

Helpful Links

Below is the link to the Teacher Retirement System. "My TRS!" is where you can find your own information. Calculators are located on the right hand column that gives estimates and also there is a calculator in "My TRS!" that uses your information.

Teacher Retirement System link for "My TRS!"

<http://www.trs.state.tx.us/>

Social Security link for "My Social Security".

<http://www.ssa.gov/>

TRS Newsletter from Mach 2014:



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Society Vision Statement: *Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.*

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