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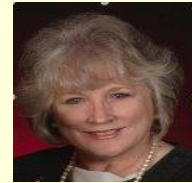
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sherry Kenner



February 2015 NEWSLETTER
President's Small Talk.....



"Sisters are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."
Credit: Etsy.com

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Now is the time to be thinking of nominating new members. Think of administrators, instructional assistants and/or college level educators. Feel free to bring a prospective member to a regular meeting. Each chapter member was asked to think membership and be prepared to submit to me a potential member's name and address info. When I receive names and set-up informational meetings, we can move forward. Bring suggested names at the February meeting. I will need to work with individuals and members on voting approval, orientation, and then extend invitation to attend the Tri-County meeting for initiation ceremony. Every member should at some point recommend someone for membership! Remember, someone recommended you.

February Meeting Location

Please note: The next meeting will be February 10 at **Woodville Middle School Library**

4:30 PM: Refreshments 4:45 PM: Meeting

Program Title: "Heart String Vibrations": Members bring Valentine Treat Basket.

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

*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 our guest speaker, Mr. Travis Gibson. Mr. Gibson has authored several books that he book talked during the January meeting.

Red Roses go to all Delta Epsilon members for their hard work on the Scholarship Grant-in-Aid Heart String Vibration Silent Auction Baskets.

We would like to recognize and say thanks to the amazing hostess of our monthly meeting—Sharon Anderson, Karen Butler and Paula Kimbro.



Grant-in-Aid Scholarship Presentation & Mr. Travis Gibson Entertains Delta Epsilon with Book Talk



**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Delta Epsilon Chapter - Regular Meeting
Minutes of January 13, 2015
Pine Ridge Elementary School Library - Livingston, Texas**

The meeting was called to order by Sherry Kenner explaining that our state and international theme is

"Expand the Vision: Educate, Inspire, Encourage." Melinda Stryker read the Collect. Sherry asked Charlotte Hartley to introduce our grant-in-aid recipient, Caitlyn Anderson. At that time the grant was presented to Caitlyn and it was explained that Heather Wood from Woodville would be presented the grant-in-aid at our meeting in February. Our guest speaker was introduced by Paula Kimbro. Travis Gibson, former superintendent of Livingston Independent School District, turned author has written four books. Travis Gibson first recommended the following authors to our membership. Stewart O'Nan who wrote, Soup for the Missing and Last Night at the Red Lobster. Clyde Edgerton wrote Walk across Egypt and Lunch at the Piccadilly. Louise Shaffer wrote The Three Miss Margarets. Hillary Mantel wrote Wolf All and Bring up the Bodies. Authors Joe Coomer and Wally Lamb were also mentioned. Travis then mentioned the four books he has written. They were Southern Gospel, Pearline's Pretty Good Year, Salt of the Earth, and Ardelia. He spent time reading the Prologue of Ardelia and captured the interest of all present. Reading from Pearline's Pretty Good Year, he had all the members laughing.

Sherry thanked Mr. Gibson and presented a bookmark signed by all the members present. Sherry then gave each member present a book mark. All present were asked to sign a sympathy card for the Jenarie E. Alexander family. Lucy Kuntz was asked to honor Jenaire Alexander at one of our meetings. (3 x 5) Cards were distributed by Sherry. She asked us to write the name of a possible new member, contact information, and general information about the person. She explained that she would contact each and invite them to an orientation about Delta Kappa Gamma. She is willing to do the orientation in both Woodville and Livingston.

Kathy presented the finance report. The CD Account totals \$2,978.68, Savings Account totals \$2,465.50 and the Checking Account has \$1,023.11 with the Livingston Bank having \$25.

Mary Nell presented scholarship information stating that the requests must be turned in by March 1. The scholarships can be for course work, adult education, Hostile, or travel. Information can be found online.

Sherry announced that the Tri Chapter meeting will be held in Silsbee, Texas, on May 2, 2015. She informed us that our chapter would be responsible for the Founders Day Program, invocation, and music. She asked that Karen Butler, Charlotte Hartley, Lisa Collins, and herself to be on the committee to complete the planning.

Sherry then presented the plans for our next meeting in February. Each member is asked to put together a container of items that could be sold at a silent auction. The container can appeal to anybody. She encouraged us to buy the items around a particular interest. The items could appeal to the gardener, the reader, writer, cook, or a particular child. There will also be a Photo Booth available for all to have their picture taken for a loved one. The meeting will be held in Woodville at the Middle School. All funds will go toward our scholarship fund, grant-in-aid or general fund.

Our scholarship fund was discussed and it was felt that each member needs to think about the money that needs to be placed into the scholarship fund to honor those members that have died. A motion will be considered at the February meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Charlotte Hartley



Upcoming Events..... Mark your Calendar

Mar. 1:

- State Scholarship Applications
Mini-Grant Applications
- Prepare Forms for New Member
Initiates

Apr. 1:

- Complete Annie Award with
Display Board

May 2:

- Founders Day Program in Silsbee



February Birthdays

- Alvene Galloway Feb. 6

February Hostesses

- Annette Adkins
- Gina Greaff
- Ameer Scarberry
- Melinda Stryker

Collect

- Charlotte Hartley

Meeting Reminders

- Bring ASTEF “piggy bank” change, and dollar contribution for the rose vase drawing.
- Bring New Membership Recommendation Information.
- Bring Valentine Treat Basket
- Wear red for the Photo Booth.
- The meeting location has changed to Woodville Middle School Library

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Red Roses, Pencil and Pad, and Birthday Cake

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