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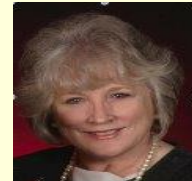
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Sherry Kenner*



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

Happy New Years from our home to yours! I hope all of you were blessed throughout this Christmas Season with peace, joy, proximity of close friends and relatives, and good health.

On various occasions during the month of December, you came to my mind. As I participated in singing wonderful Christmas hymns, and in hearing the familiar Christmas message of His birth, and then especially in listening to Max Lucado's presentation of *God Came Near*, I was reminded of our sisterhood bond. Have you ever experienced something so powerful that you wanted your loves ones to be present? That is the way I felt when I heard Author Max Lucado's message on "Hope". In his story-telling style and through use of geographic documentation, he elegantly painted the picture of how we should live our lives expectantly. He took bible characters and roles of the kings, shepherds, mother & father, baby, and yes even the animals and the stars and how they kept watch or kept "looking" for things to be.

The message I heard was that the presence of being is much richer if one seeks and moves with the desire of good things to come. That is the state of mind we as Delta Epsilon Sisters should hold as we move into the new-year and strive to meet others' needs and accomplish our objectives and goals. Let's continue to meet and work with an expectant heart and mind and consequently good things shall happen. Your presence at our January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is needed to complete the circle of strength. Looking forward to hearing our own local author. Hope to see you then. *Sherry*

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## January Meeting Location

Please note: The next meeting will be January 13, 2015 at Pine Ridge Elementary Library in Livingston.

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

Program Title: "Book Review": Members will meet a successful local author.

**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 our very special guests, Area 2 Coordinator Mary Luethemeyer, Liz Connell and Sharon Brown. Sharon presented a tribute remembrance of Phillis May Hull.

CONGRATULATIONS to Grant-in-Aid recipients Caitlyn Anderson and Heather Wood.

We would like to recognize and say thanks to the amazing hostess of our monthly meeting—Sherry Kenner.



## A Tribute to Mrs. Hull & Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Delta Epsilon



**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Delta Epsilon Chapter - Regular Meeting  
Minutes of November 11, 2014  
Behind the Red Door Tea Room - Woodville, Texas**

The regular meeting of Delta Epsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order by our president, Sherry Kenner at 4:45 pm.

Collect was read by Paula Kimbro.

Sherry welcomed all guests and members. She introduced the following guests: Area 2 Coordinator Mary Luethemeyer, Liz Connell, and Sharon Brown.

Lisa Collins introduced Sheryl Mitcham. Sheryl is a Life Skills teacher at Woodville High School. Melinda Stryker introduced her guest, Susan Jackson. Annette Adkins introduced Donna Bronson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher at Woodville Intermediate.

Melinda Stryker gave the blessing of a Veteran's Day Prayer. The refreshments were soup, choice of sandwich, chips, and coleslaw from Behind the Red Door. Cupcakes were for dessert and to represent a tribute of 65 years of Delta Epsilon.

Sharon Brown gave a heart- felt tribute remembrance of Phillis May Hull. Mrs. Hull was initiated into Delta Epsilon in 1973. She was president from 1980-1982. The Golden Rose Award was received during her reign. Mrs. Hull gave 35 years of service in education. She received many distinguished awards throughout her career. Several members shared their fond memories of Mrs. Hull. Mrs. Hull will be remembered as an encourager to all and her caring heart. The family wanted everyone to receive a Gold Dollar and remember Mrs. Hull as "Jesus Loves You and So Do I."

Karen Butler shared how her students honored Veterans. Karen read *The Wall* to her students. Her students made their "wall" making life connections to the book. Also, her class made thank you cards for military servicemen.

Karen continued with the Veteran's Day Service Project by collecting items for F.A.I.T.H. packages. All guest and members signed a Christmas card to be sent. We lit candles and read names of service men to honor within our chapter.

Business Meeting:

The minuets were approved as written.

Kathy Weaver gave the Treasure Report.

Grant-in-Aid recipients will be Caitlyn Anderson of Livingston and Heather Wood of Woodville. Caitlyn Anderson is an Ag. Teacher and her role carry her outside of the traditional classroom and school calendar. Heather Wood is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Her class is enrichment for Reading and Math for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Heather's class expands reading and math using hands-on approach. The Grant-in-Aid will be given to Caitlyn and Heather at our January meeting.

Sherry encouraged and reminded members of scholarship opportunities.

May 2 the Delta Epsilon will do a Founders Day Program for the Area meeting in Silsbee.

Lisa Collins gave the yearbooks to members present. The yearbooks provide information of Delta Kappa Gamma and our chapter.

Sherry closed our meeting with a reminder to take home a bouquet of dry flowers from our last meeting. She also thanked our guests for coming and thanked members for bringing can items for local food banks.

Sherry Kenner was the hostess and arranged for the refreshments that were provided by "Behind the Red Door." A total of 6 guests and 11 members were present.

The next meeting will be Jan. 13 at the Pine Ridge Elementary School Library in Livingston.

The meeting was adjourned singing Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Annette Adkins  
Recording Secretary



### Upcoming Events..... Mark your Calendar

- Feb. 1: Necrology Report Due
- Feb. 1: Chapter President's Annual (Done)
- May 2: Founders Day Program in Silsbee

### December & January Birthdays

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| • Sharon Anderson | Dec. 18 |
| • Janel Sewell    | Dec. 25 |
| • Kathy Weaver    | Jan. 6  |
| • Pam Monk        | Jan. 7  |
| • Sherry Kenner   | Jan. 29 |
| • Melinda Stryker | Jan. 31 |

### January Hostesses

- Sharon Anderson
- Karen Butler
- Paula Kimbro

### Thinking of you, Sister

Mary Nell has been caring for her husband since his surgery in November. Please remember Mary Nell in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

### In Memoriam

Jenarie Alexander died on Wednesday, December 24, 2014 at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Alexander was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, American Association of University Women, Texas Retired Teachers Association, and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. She will be missed by numerous family members and friends. Jenaire's favorite quote was, "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars" by Norman Vincent Peale. 1

### Meeting Reminders

- Bring ASTEF “piggy bank” change, and dollar contribution for the rose vase drawing.
- Possible New Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.
- The Grant-in-Aid recipients, Caitlyn Anderson and Heather Wood, are to be invited by the Delta Epsilon Sister who nominated them to our January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Graphics Citation

Red Roses, Pencil and Pad, and Birthday Cake

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### Quote Citation

1. [http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/8435.Norman\\_Vincent\\_Peale](http://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/8435.Norman_Vincent_Peale)

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