



# Chalk Duster

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sherry Kenner



### President's Small Talk Message:

As a previous primary grade principal, I had the privilege of celebrating October 31<sup>st</sup> with young children for 17 years. Instead of dressing Halloweenie, our campus instructed children to come dressed as a favorite storybook character. Each year, one very popular character presented little girls dressed as Dorothy from the *Wizard of Oz*. You remember from the film there were four primary characters introduced in the story. There was the Lion who needed courage, Scarecrow who needed brains, Tin Man who needed a heart and then the adventurous and sympathetic Dorothy. Together, these characters experienced many accomplishments as they journeyed down the *yellow brick road*. Dorothy's undaunted desire to be home was her vision but she kept meeting up with distractions lending her and her newfound friends to be victims of circumstances. It was not until she refined and articulated her desire to be home that her vision became a reality. From all accounts, the strength in the team was realized only through the bonding relationships they formed.

Delta Epsilon sisters, we can be thankful this November that we have 24 strong dedicated determined Dorothy-type members journeying together down a path similar to the yellow brick road. I know together we will all strive to abide in unity to fulfill our chapter purposes and desires. Like Dorothy, the Lion, Scarecrow, and Tin Man, we can learn from each other along our way.

Our November meeting will engage us in a culmination of history, celebration, remembrance, re-acquaintance and creativeness. Don't miss out. Read details in newsletter.

## November Meeting Location

Please note: The location for the November meeting is **Behind the Red Door Tea Room** located in the Heritage Village Museum area. Menu: Chicken Salad Plate & Tea. \$10.50 for members.

**4:45 PM: Meeting on November 11**

Program Title: 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

Service Project: F.A.I.T.H.--See Meeting Reminders

**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.

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

**Red Roses and Congratulations:**

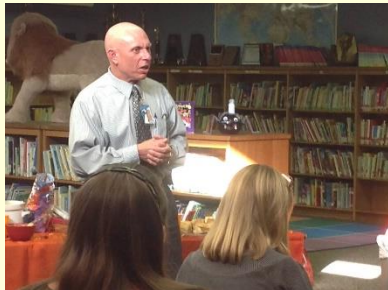
A very special thank you goes Eric Hunt from Association Membership Benefits Advisor and Bea Ellis, founder of F.A.I.T.H. Military Support Group.

CONGRATULATIONS to the door prize winners, Annette Adkins and Frances Camp.

We would like to recognize and say thanks to the amazing hostesses of our monthly meeting—Charlotte Hartley, Lucy Kuntz, Mary Smart and Cheryl Timko.



**OCTOBER SNAPSHOTS**



Eric Hunt, AMBA



Bea Ellis, F.A.I.T.H.



**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Delta Epsilon Chapter - Regular Meeting  
Minutes of October 14, 2014  
Pine Ridge Elementary - Livingston, 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 Ameer Scarberry

Sherry Kenner introduced Eric Hunt from Association Membership Benefits Advisor (AMBA). Eric shared benefits that are available to help protect your personnel "nest egg" during retirement or before retiring. A few of the benefits include dental, vision, long-term health care, whole life insurance, and other various insurance opportunities. Eric will follow-up with individuals who request to know more and how the benefits would best fit their family needs.

Karen Butler introduced our second guest, Bea Ellis. Bea is the founder of a support organization called F.A.I.T.H Military Support Group. (Families and Individuals Thanking Heroes). The organization provides encouragement and support to military families and personnel. They meet each month and send approximately 130 care packages to all branches of the service that have a personal tie to the community. Bea began this support group when her own son became a U.S. Marine in 2006. Since 2006, F.A.I.T.H. has sent over 15,000 care packages. Bea is passionate about the organization and express the morale booster it is for our servicemen to receive a personal package from back home. Bea encourages everyone to send donations and Christmas Cards to be put into the December care packages.

**Business Meeting:**

Sherry and Annette explained the revision of the chapter's By-Laws that a quorum shall be 30% of the members attending members present.

Lucy Kuntz read a correspondence from Sharon Brown of giving \$20 to the chapter in honor of Phyllis Hull.

Kathy Weaver went over the Treasure report and was approved by members.

Lisa Collins gave an update of the yearbook and the yearbooks will be available in November.

Sherry said the chapter's website has been re-certified and we are in compliance. Also, the chapter filed to give permission to use photos on website and newsletter.

The Tri-Meeting will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Silsbee.

Sherry gave birthday cards to Francis Camp Pam Nettles, and Ameer Scarberry

Sherry reminded the chapter of current remaining goals of monitoring membership and current history of the chapter. The update of the By-Laws is a goal that can now be checked off as done.

The September minutes approved as written.

The next meeting will be in Woodville at Behind the Red Door. The November meeting should have all of the requirements for the Annie Award. Members need to bring:

- Name and Addresses of someone they know to receive a care package from F.A.I.T.H.
- Bring items for the care packages.
- Bring your dried flowers - Sherry gave members fresh flowers at the closing of the meeting and members are to bring the dried flowers to the November meeting.

The hostess's refreshments were delicious. The gingersnap cookies and dip reminded us that fall is upon us.

The meeting adjourned singing the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Annette Adkins  
Recording Secretary



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

- Nov. 1: Submissions for "Lone Star News" Early Bird Yearbook submission (Done)
- Nov. 10: Chapter Treasurer send dues to State Executive Secretary/Treasurer (Done)
- Nov. 15: File IRS 990N E-Postcard (Done)



### November Birthdays

- Paula Kimbro Nov. 15
- Sandrus Taylor Nov. 21

### Meeting Reminders

- Bring ASTEF "piggy bank" change, and dollar contribution for the rose vase drawing.
- Sharon Brown will give the ***Tribute Remembrance Honoring Mrs. Phillis Hull.***
- Bring items for F.A.I.T.H. service project such as instant drink mixes, sun block, cotton swabs, eye drops, baby wipes, canned fruit, nuts, liquid hand sanitizer, gum, candy and breath mints that are individually wrapped, peanut butter, granola bars, trail mix, tuna, salt, pepper, canned dinners or beef sticks, or cash donations would be appreciated. Also, bring a service member's name to be recognized for care packages.
- Bring brown bags with dried flowers for combining and creating arrangements to decorate our Red Door.
- Grant-In-Aid nominee recipients will be discussed

## Graphics Citation

Red Roses, Pencil and Pad, and Birthday Cake  
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