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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sherry Kenner



To: Delta Epsilon Sisters.....President's Small Talk:

I am loving Autumn. Winter has been compared to a frosty etching, spring a watercolor palette and summer a brilliant oil painting. Autumn combines these seasons as a beautiful mosaic. (Excerpts from Living Life Fully) In paraphrasing a famous quote, "No man ever steps in the same stream twice, for it's not the same stream and he's not the same man". (Heraclitus) Let's seriously enjoy each season and every moment as a first experience. Our September Delta Epsilon experiences were a first for our new initiatives and all members present. May each forthcoming meeting experience be as a stream, refreshing and stimulating. Thanks to all for beginning our chapter year with great momentum and passion.

As I write this message, I feel led to focus attention on our **Annie Calling** chapter initiative. Our DKG site offers this statement: "A recent International DKG survey discovered that 70% of those who had dropped out said they would definitely consider returning if they were asked." So Delta Epsilon Chapter Sister, let's ask! The first step is to brainstorm together to compile a list of women who have dropped out of our chapter through the years. We need to think specifically about those whose life situations have changed and who could possibly return now. Next, follow a plan to connect with these individuals. More details about that plan will come at our October meeting. The steps we will follow are outlined on the DKG site entitled *Annie Discussion Map*.

Our November Birthday Celebration meeting may be a good setting for fellowship and possibly reuniting with responding *Annie Calling* members.

P.S. Don't miss out on hearing Guest Bea Ellis explain the **Program Community Service: FAITH**.

October Meeting Location

Please note: The next meeting will be October 14, 2014 at Pine Ridge Elementary Library in Livingston.

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

Program Title: "FAITH" presented by Bea Ellis

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.

Red Roses and Congratulations:

A very special thank you goes to the Membership & Ceremonies Committee for a lovely Initiation Ceremony for Delta Epsilon's two new members.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gina Greaff and Ameer Scarberry for being initiated into Delta Epsilon. Gina is a Middle School Assistant Principal for Woodville ISD and Ameer is a seventh grade LA teacher for Woodville ISD.

We would like to recognize and say thanks to the amazing hostesses of our monthly meeting—Lisa Collins, Mary Nell Rainey and Kathy Weaver.



DELTA EPSILON INITIATION CEREMONY



**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Delta Epsilon Chapter - Regular Meeting
Minutes of September 9, 2014
Allen Shivers Library Meeting Room in Woodville**

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

An initiation ceremony was performed for two new members, *Gina Greaff* and *Amee Scarberry*. *Gina Greaff* is a Middle School Assistant Principal for Woodville and *Amee Scarberry* is a seventh grade language arts teacher for Woodville. The following members participated in the ceremony: *Mary Neil Rainey*, *Paula Kimbro*, *Lucy Kuntz*, *Karen Butler*, and *Sherry Kenner*. *Gina Greaff* was escorted by *Annette Adkins* and *Amy Scarberry* by *Cheryl Timko*. The new members were given a DKG pin and welcomed by all members. *Gina* was pinned by her mother *Sherry* and *Amee* was pinned by her long-time friend *Cheryl*. (*Gina's* pin was previously worn by her mother, *Sherry Kenner*). The ceremony ended with the DKG song.

Business Meeting:

Roll call by *Annette Adkins*. Fourteen members present.
The minutes from April 26, 2014 were approved as written.

The president, *Sherry Kenner*, shared her experience at the state convention in Lubbock. Delta Epsilon received the Five Star Newsletter Award, Annie Award, and Webmaster Web Page Recognition Award. *Sherry* expressed her appreciation for having the opportunity to attend the state convention.

Lucy Kuntz also attended the convention. *Lucy* shared how worthwhile the experience was.

Committee Reports:

Lisa Collins shared information from the Area II meeting that was held in August in Jasper.

- Lisa Collins, Sherry Kenner, Annette Adkins, and Kathy Weaver attended the Area II meeting.
- Leadership Application due Oct. 15
- Global Awareness
- Cultural Awareness is April 11
- Women Conference is Nov. 13
- Annie Calling's purpose is to recruit, retain, and restate members.
- Annie Award is to focus on "Planting a Seed" and having that seed grow.
- Yearbook and Newsletter guidelines/changes
- Alpha State Texas Education Foundation asked each chapter to have a piggy bank at each meeting to collect for the state scholarship fund.

Annette Adkins stated the Chapter Rules and By-Laws were updated as printed in the September newsletter. Annette Adkins motion the Chapter Rules and By-Laws be approved as written to be sent to the state. Charlotte Hartley 2nd the motion.

Karen Butler presented the programs for 2014-2015 meetings.

- Oct. 14 - Livingston - FAITH by Bea Ellis, Thanking Heroes
- Nov. 11 - Woodville - 65th Birthday Celebration and Veteran's day recognition
- Jan. 13 - Livingston - Book Review and Author
- Feb. 10 - Woodville - "Heart String Vibrations" - Silent Auction
- Mar. 10 - Livingston - Guided Art Lesson
- May 2 - Silsbee or Kountze - Tri Chapter Meeting

Kathy Weaver presented the treasure report for June and July, 2014.

Membership committee received \$75.00 memorial from Phyllis Hull to welcome new members.

Karen Butler motion to increase the annual chapter membership dues of \$80 to \$85.00. The motion was 2nd by Mary Neil Rainey.

Kathy Weaver presented the proposed budget for 2014-2015. Charlotte Hartley motion to approve the proposed budget and 2nd by Sharon Anderson.

Kathy also provided an audit statement of Expenditures and Receipts that was conducted before the transfer to new chapter treasurer.

Sherry Kenner encouraged the following goals for this year:

- Build and retain membership
- Improve the chapter by-laws
- Maintain a current history of the chapter

Sherry facilitated an activity of "We Have - Who Has" as a review to members the various committee's and responsibilities to the chapter.

Sherry presented birthday cards to Charlotte Hartley, Cheryl Timko, and Janarie Alexander

Door prizes were given to Cheryl Timko and Mary Neil Rainey

Hostesses were Lisa Collins, Mary Neil Rainey and Kathy Weaver. The decorations and refreshments were splendid.

The next meeting will be Oct. 14 in Livingston at the Pine Ridge Elementary School.

Meeting was adjourned.

Annette Adkins
Recording Secretary

**Upcoming Events.....
Mark your Calendar**



- Oct. 15: Leadership Seminar Application Refer to International website for forms
- Oct. 31: Dues payment to chapter treasurer Apply for recertification of chapter website (**Submitted**)
- Nov. 1: Submissions for "Lone Star News" Early Bird Yearbook submission
- Nov. 10: Chapter Treasurer send dues to State Executive Secretary/Treasurer
- Nov. 15: File IRS 990N E-Postcard (**Done**)

October Birthdays

- Frances Camp
- Pam Nettles
- Ameer Scarberry

October Hostesses

- Charlotte Hartley
- Lucy Kuntz
- Mary Smart
- Cheryl Timko

Meeting Reminders

- Bring ASTEF "piggy bank" change, and dollar contribution for the rose vase drawing.
- Dues will be due at the meeting.

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Red Roses, Pencil and Pad, and Birthday Cake
<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/image>

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