



# Chalk Duster

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Lisa Collins*

Fall Greetings Delta Epsilon Sisters!!

Thank you to the members that shared ideas in our executive meeting. We have started the year off on a great note with several great programs for our members. Everyone has been proactive on the follow-up details to get our year-at-a-glance plans finalized.

Let's not forget to bring your list of guests you will invite to our meetings during the year. We would like to have several new members to be initiated this year and presentation of our new teacher scholarships.

I would also like to take this time to say Thank You for your cards and condolences in the loss of my father. Your encouragement helps me to stay focused as I start my second year as president of such a great chapter. I can't believe a year has passed!!

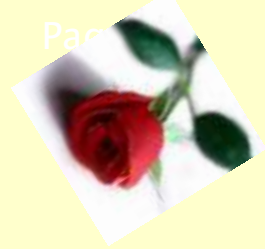
Thanks for your confidence and support of our chapter endeavors. As always, I look forward to seeing you at OUR next meeting!

## September Meeting Location

The site of our September meeting will be in Livingston at The First National Bank Community Room. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2013 @ 4:30 with refreshments and business meeting and program to follow.

**Don't forget** to invite a guest to come!! Be sure to bring your list of guest you will be inviting during the year. Let's carpool and **encourage** other members to come to this meeting that may not have been in awhile.

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Statement:  
The Delta  
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promotes  
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and personal  
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educators and  
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education*



## Red Roses and Congratulations:

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! Once again our chapter was a winner for Early Bird Yearbook and 5 Star Newsletter Awards. Good Job—Kathy Weaver and Lisa Collins.

We would like to recognize and say thanks to the amazing hostesses of our Tri-Chapter Meeting—Mary Nell, Kathy, Sherry, and Melinda. The food was wonderful and the decorations really celebrated the essence of springtime in Tyler County. It is always fun to see the ladies from our sister chapters.

## Snapshots from our Tri-Chapter Meeting



## The Delta Kappa Gamma Crest

The Delta Kappa Gamma crest displays the symbols of the seven purposes of the society. The symbols explained are

- The rose and color gold - friendship, loyalty and helpfulness
- The wreath of laurel - achievement
- The color crimson - courage and leadership
- The cup - knowledge
- The lamp and open book - wisdom and scholarship
- The golden ellipse - working for the good of all



## Delta Kappa Gamma Society Trivia:

Key – the official symbol of membership – may be used at all levels on official Society materials such as stationery, yearbooks, program and websites.

*Move your mouse across the previous line to reveal the answer.*

## Quote of the Month:

“Yesterday is a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is the only cash you have—so spend it wisely.”

Kay Lyons

2013-2014  
DELTA EPSILON EXECUTIVE MEETING

DATE: July 30, 2013  
 LOCATION: Elijah's Café—Woodville, TX  
 ATTENDANTS: Lisa Collins, PRESIDENT  
 MEMBERS: Sharon Anderson, Lucy Kuntz, Melinda Stryker, Kathy Weaver and Sherry Kenner  
 TIME: 1 - 3PM

### Meeting Minutes

- Discussed membership retention and recruitment- Techniques to increase membership & retain current membership
- Bring a list of three potential members to our September meeting. Then make an effort to invite them to a meeting throughout the year.
- Follow-up on the nominees for the Grant-in-Aid scholarship and make presentation.
- Sherry Kenner gave a report on the financial status of the chapter.

Formulated program focus for the year: (tentative)

Sept. 10 – 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank in Livingston 4:30 PM

**Paula will you check on availability**

State Convention Report -

Mentoring – Grant-in-Aid Scholarship recipients

Focus on membership, chapter, and teachers

Handout listing annual program dates and topics for the year; hostess sign-up (prior to completing the yearbook)

Fundraiser Event for November's meeting - Seek input at first meeting on suggestions (need to identify extension activity for consideration of submitting for program recognition)

**(Need to get a copy of the Annie Award program application document to familiarize chapter on application content)**

Program and Program of Work Committee- **Sharon Anderson**, Chair

Oct. 15 - Woodville High School Library 4:30 PM

Dues due.

Focus: Face-2-Face using Technology

Face Time

Presenter: Gina Greaff (**Sherry will check on availability**)

Project: Stuff the Bus: toiletries, underwear, socks, etc.

Membership Committee – Karen Butler, Chair

Nov. 13 - The Tea Room Woodville 4:30 PM

Focus: "Tea for Two"

Birthday Celebration (inviting new initiates)

Project: Can Goods for Food Pastry

Meal prepared by the Tea Room (**Kathy will check on availability**)

Dining etiquettes - Presenter (?????)

Ceremonial Committee – Lucy Kuntz, Chair

Music Committee – Charlotte Hartley, Chair

- Jan. 14 - Livingston Pine Ridge Elementary School 4:30 PM  
Program: Financial Planning and Investment  
Presenter: Richard Kenner (**Sherry to check on availability**)  
Professional Affairs Committee - , Chair  
Committee Reports due to State (deadline Feb 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Feb. 11 – Skype Livingston and Woodville 4:30 PM  
Program : Vikings Travels (**Kathy will check on availability**)  
Huntington Travel Club  
Project: Purse-N-ality—bring gently used purse to fill with items of choice and distribute  
Nomination Committee – Slate of 2014-2016 Officers
- Mar. 18 – Woodville FFA  
Program: Floral Arrangement (**MaryNell check with Regan on availability**)  
Project: Teacher Appreciation  
Annie Award \*\*\*\*\* (Application Deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Apr. 19 - **Livingston Methodist Church (Paula check on availability of Livingston church)** or  
Woodville Methodist Church  
New Officer Installation 10:30 AM  
New Member Initiation  
Program: Rep James White  
Ceremonials Committee –
- Jun 19-21 Alpha State Convention—Lubbock, TX
- Jul Executive Meeting  
15: Chapter Treasurer’s report due
- Sept. ?? - Woodville 4:30 PM  
Program: A Passion for Membership - Roles & Responsibilities of Delta Epsilon Chapter Members  
(Mentoring)

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## August/September Birthdays!

Diana Tolar	Aug. 3
Karen Butler	Aug. 5
Sharon Brown	Sep. 21
Jenarie Alexander	Sep. 21
Cheryl Timko	Sep. 24
Charlotte Hartley	Sep. 30



## September Hostesses

- Sharon Anderson
- Lucy Kuntz
- Paula Kimbro

## Strawberry Pretzel Salad

### INGREDIENTS:

#### Crust

- 2 cups pretzels, crushed
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 3 T sugar

#### Filling

- 1 cream cheese (8 oz), softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 frozen whipped topping (8 oz), thawed

#### Topping

- 2 strawberry flavored gelatin (3 oz)
- 2 cups water, boiling
- 2 packages frozen strawberries

### DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Mix 3 T sugar, crushed pretzels, and melted butter together in a 9 x 13 baking dish. Press mixture into bottom of dish. Bake for 8-10 minutes. Allow to cool.

1. Mix cream cheese and 1 cup sugar well. Fold in the whipped topping. Spread over the pretzel crust-make sure to cover all the way to the edges to prevent soggy crust. Chill well.
2. Put gelatin into large mixing bowl, add boiling water. Whisk until all powder is dissolved. Stir in strawberries. Pour over cream cheese layer. Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate to set. (I found mixing well and covering in the refrigerator kept the jell-o skin away)



## Dates and Deadlines

- Sep 30 – Annie Calling List Due
- Oct 1 – Mini Grant Application
- Oct 31 – Membership dues deadline
- Nov 1 - Early Bird Yearbook due  
Lone Star News deadline
- Nov 15 - IRS 990N

## Annie's Calling?

Do we have past members who dropped their membership due to family obligations? Would they consider coming back? Let's make a list of potential members by going through our old yearbooks and finding their information.

Getting volunteers to make some calls!! This is a challenge that has been issue by our State President, Nancy Newton for each chapter.

## Looking for Sister Talent!!

- ☺ I have been preparing the newsletter for several years, now I am looking for a volunteer to take over!! I think it would be great to have a new perspective. Don't everyone raise your hands at once?
- ☺ We have also been talking about setting up a website for our chapter. I have been informed that the template that Alpha State recommends is very user friendly.

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