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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Sherry Kenner



*Small Talk Message.....from the President's desk* August 2014

Summer-time reflections: *netting butterflies to add to the butterfly house, dodging swift bumblebees, feeding hungry Blue Jays, watering vibrant summer blooms, enjoying red & yellow watermelons and fresh peaches, swimming and floating in cool refreshing pool, playing late night dominoes with grandkids, preparing Annie Award Presentation Board with Lisa and Annette, attending the Lubbock State Delta Kappa Gamma Convention along with Lucy Kuntz, meeting with our chapter executive board to formulated chapter plans, enjoying dessert while orientating our two new members Ameer and Gina, attending Area II Workshop with chapter sisters and simply watching hubby mow lawn.*

What about you? I hope you can relate to one or two similar summer memories and I especially wish that the simplicity of being with family and friends left you feeling blessed.

On another note, you may be wondering about the origin of my entitled message, ***Small Talk***. Years ago, I found it helpful as an elementary school principal to make sure that even the smallest details were shared with the campus team. Thus, the *Small Talk Newsletter* was born. A fading tradition is the value of talking to each other and participating in real conversations. In thinking particularly about the hour to hour and half meetings our Delta Epsilon sisters share once a month, I am convinced that our "talk" and "actions" should support the Texas State Organization and the DKG International focus to ***Expand the Vision: Educate, Inspire, and Encourage***. As we bond together to maintain the quality work our Delta Epsilon fore-sisters have accomplished, let's take every opportunity to recognize and be thankful for past accomplishments, respond effectively to the challenges of today, and walk by faith that our sisterhood and chapter experiences will be blessed.

Remember those days when your grandmother or mom purposely hid special gifts in squared-away places (cupboards, trees, chests) for you to find. This activity usually left one looking for more. It is my desire that each chapter meeting brings an element of surprise that takes you to a place in life that you find interesting and meaningful. I have always considered my Delta Epsilon sisterhood and experiences *as a gift to myself*. Hope you feel or will feel the same. Looking forward to our gathering and your ***presence*** as we open up unexpected ***presents*** our sisterhood can bring.

Sherry

## September Meeting Location

Please note: The Location for the September meeting will be the **Allen Shivers Library Meeting Room, 302 N. Charlton Street, Woodville, TX.**

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

Program Topic: Initiation of new members

**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 big thank you goes to Paula Kimbro, Sharon Anderson, Lucy Kuntz, Karen Butler and Cheryl Timko for organizing our Founder's Day Celebration in April.



Thank you to Lisa Collins for serving as our president that last two years.

Congratulations go to Kathy Weaver who was recognized for 30 years in education at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year and Gina Greaff became the new Assist. Principal at Woodville Middle School.

Delta Epsilon was recognized at the Lubbock State Delta Kappa Gamma Convention for the Annie Award, for the creation of our Delta Epsilon Website and the Five Star Newsletter Award. Sherry Kenner and Lucy Kuntz represented our chapter at the State Convention.

## FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION, APRIL 2014



## STATE CONVENTION IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS



**Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Delta Epsilon Chapter  
Minutes of April 26, 2014  
Livingston United Methodist Church**

The regular meeting of Delta Epsilon Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was called to order by our president, Lisa Collins at 10:30 am. Delta Epsilon Chapter had 10 members in attendance.

Collect was read by Mary Nell Rainey.

The minutes from March 18, 2014 had one correction, naming Lisa Collins as Parliamentarian. Mary Nell Rainey motioned the change and Sharon Anderson 2<sup>nd</sup>. The remaining minutes were approved as written.

Sherry Kenner gave the monthly financial report for the month of March and was approved.

Lisa began the business meeting of the chapter.

- Several "Purse-n-ality" were brought in by members for the Women's Shelter. The purses included care packages of various items that women and children may need in a time of crises.
- Refreshments for Relay for Life will be a goal for next year in Livingston and Woodville.
- Pace Award Application is almost complete
- Chapter rules have been sent into the state.
- Members need to sign-up for the committee's they would be interested in working in next year.
- The Area II Workshop will be in August in Jasper. The deadline to register in May 28 and the cost is \$22.00.

The nominee committee for the next term will be:

Lisa Collins - Chairman  
Charlotte Hartley

Cheryl Timko  
Mary Nell Rainey - Alternate

The Founder's Day was a tribute to the visionary women before us. The 12 founding women were honored as we acknowledge their accomplishments. "Honor our past, committed to our future" was felt by all members presented.

Perfect attendance awards were present to Kathy Weaver, Sherry Kenner, Annette Adkins, and Lisa Collins.

Chapter Achievement Awards were recognized for their continued membership:

Mary Nell Rainey - 30 years a member  
Alvene Galloway - 25 years a member  
Jenarie Alexander - 25 years a member  
Melinda Stryker - 5 years a member

Diana Tolar was honored and remembered in a touching Celebration of Life ceremony. Karen Butler, Lucy Kuntz, and Cheryl Timko shared poems and memories of Diana. A rose was presented to her sister-in-laws, Kathy Weaver and Sherry Kenner.

The installation of officers' ceremony was conducted for the term of 2014-2016:

Dr. Sherry Kenner - President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Karen Butler  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Sharon Anderson  
Recording Secretary - Annette Adkins  
Treasurer - Kathy Weaver  
Parliamentarian - Lisa Collins

At the conclusion, Lisa Collins presented Sherry Kenner a gavel and a presidents pin. Also, each of the officers was given a fun "token" to help with each role. Sherry a gold dollar, Karen a highlighter, Sharon a pen and pad, Annette a pen and pad, Kathy a rubber dollar and Lisa a fly swatter to keep all of us in line.

Sherry Kenner presented Lisa Collins a gift from the chapter for her leadership as president. Sherry Kenner shared with the chapter that she is dedicating her presidency in honor and remembrance to Diana Tolar.

Lisa Collins busted with pride to share the news that the chapter was been awarded the Annie Award and it will be presented at the state convention. A presentation display needs to be done for Sherry to take when she attends the state convention.

All members received a gold dollar that was donated by 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank of Livingston and a gift bag from various businesses in Livingston.

Door prizes went to Sharon Anderson, Annette Adkins, Kathy Weaver, and Mary Nell Rainey.

The program, decorations, and refreshments were excellent. The decorations had a western flair and the hamburgers with the trimmings were excellent. Throughout the meal you could smell Sharon's famous brownies. The hostesses were Sharon Anderson, Lucy Kuntz, Karen Butler, and Paula Kimbro.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,  
Annette Adkins  
Recording Secretary

## Upcoming Events.... Mark Your Calendar



- Dues will need to be paid at the September meeting.
- Oct. 1: Mini Grant Application due
- Oct. 15: Alpha State Leadership Applications due
- Oct. 31: Membership dues paid by all members
- November 2014: 1 Yearbook due for Early Bird Award  
10 Due to State Headquarters, Dallas  
Form 18 (Chapter Dues)  
Form 18-A (Dropped Members)



## August & September Birthdays

- Karen Butler Aug. 5
- Gina Greaff Aug. 25
- Jenaire Alexander Sept. 21
- Cheryl Timko Sept. 24
- Karmen Dosser Sept. 28
- Charlotte Hartley Sept. 30

## September Hostesses

- Lisa Collins
- Mary Nell Rainey
- Kathy Weaver

\*Hostesses Bring a Door Prize

## Elevator Speech

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton urged teachers to “Be progressive. Keep up with the moving world while not discarding what in the old has value. But, don’t cling to the old when its worth has passed. Don’t be a person so set in your views that nothing can change you.”

## DELTA EPSILON COMMITTEES 2014-2015

<b>1. SOCIETY BUSINESS</b>			
Research/Archives	Paula Kimbro*	Alvene Galloway	Pam Nettles Sandrus Traylor
Constitution, Bylaws & Rules	Annette Adkins*	Paula Kimbro	Lisa Collins
Ceremonies	Lucy Kuntz* Mary Nell Rainey*	Karen Butler	Paula Kimbro
Communication, Publicity & Technology	Cheryl Timko*	Lisa Colliins	Gina Greaff
Budget/Finance	Kathy Weaver*	Paula Kimbro	
Membership/Necrology	Sharon Anderson*	Cheryl Timko	Annette Adkins
Nominations (every 2 years)	Lisa Collins*	Cheryl Timko	Charlotte Hartley
Yearbook	Lisa Collins*	Cheryl Timko	
<b>2. Society Mission and Purposes</b>			
Achievement Awards	Mary Nell Rainey*	Amee Scarberry	
<b>Education Excellence:</b>			
Scholarships/World Fellowship & Global	Mary Nell Rainey*	Kathy Weaver	Alvene Galloway
Legislation	Joanne Westmoreland* Melinda Stryker*	Lucy Kuntz	
Music	Charlotte Hartley* Frances Camp*	Sherry Kenner	
Personal & Professional Growth & Services /Enrichment	Charlotte Hartley*	Annette Adkins	Mary Smart
Program of Work and Service	Karen Butler*	Kathy Weaver	Chartlotte Hartley
Professional Affairs	Lucy Kuntz*	Karen Butler Pam Monk	Annette Adkins

**Chapter Rules of  
Delta Epsilon Chapter of Texas State Organization of  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**

**ARTICLE I - NAME OF THE CHAPTER**

1. The name of this chapter as assigned by the State Executive Committee shall be Delta Epsilon Chapter of Texas State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

**ARTICLE II - OBJECT/PURPOSE**

1. The objective of Delta Epsilon Chapter shall be to promote the Mission and Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as found in the Constitution, Article II.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section A. Classes of Membership**

The membership of Delta Epsilon Chapter shall be composed of active, reserve and honorary members in accordance with the Constitution, Article III and International Standing Rules section 3.0.

1. An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator at the time of her election or has been retired.
2. Reserve membership shall be granted if a member is unable to participate fully in the activities of the chapter because of physical disability and/or geographic location.
  - a. Reserve status shall be granted by a majority vote of the chapter.
  - b. A reserve member, so requesting, shall be restored to active membership.
3. An honorary member shall be a woman who has furthered the excellence of education but who is not eligible for active membership..

**Section B Termination and Reinstatement of Membership**

1. Termination of Membership: Membership in the society is terminated for non-payment of dues and fees, resignation or death. No member may be terminated for non-payment of dues and fees



without multiple contacts by chapter members, including a collaboration of the president, membership chair and treasurer.

2. Reinstatement: A former member shall be reinstated to membership upon written request.

### Section C. New Members

1. Chapter Authority - The chapter has authority to act in matters of membership.
2. Recommendations - Recommendations for new members shall be submitted to the Membership Committee by the **February** chapter meeting.
3. Election of New Members
  - a. Voting for new members shall be at the **February** chapter meeting.
  - b. Voting shall be by **ballot. The election shall be either by preferential ballot or by approval of four-fifths of the ballots cast.**
4. Orientation of new members shall be at least one week **prior to the initiation ceremony. The Chapter President and the Membership chairman shall see that nominees receive information through a formal/informal orientation provided by the chapter membership.**

### Section D. Membership Records

1. A continuous record of chapter membership shall be kept by the **Treasurer**. This includes names, membership numbers and dates for all current and former members, new initiates, membership status and status changes (ex: from active to reserve), termination with reason for dropping, transfers in or out, and reinstatements.

## ARTICLE IV - FINANCES

### Section A. Governance of Finances

1. Where applicable, the Constitution, Article IV and International Standing Rules, Section 4.0 shall govern chapter finances.

### Section B. Annual Dues

1. Annual dues shall be required of active and reserve members at all levels of the Society. (State and International dues are established at conventions of the respective groups)

2. Chapter dues shall be set by a recommendation from the Finance committee and voted upon by 2/3 votes of members attending the September meeting.

### Section C. Other Finances

1. Special funds and/or awards may be established by majority vote of the chapter.
2. An initiation fee of \$10.00 shall be required of all members except honorary members.
3. Scholarships
  - A. See Section D, Article IV in the Constitution
  - B. One Dollar of the chapter assessment shall be sent to the state in addition to the regular assessment to make Delta Epsilon a Honor Chapter. Because Delta Epsilon has a local scholarship as allowed by the state, 40% of every dollar will be sent to the state and 60% of every dollar will be placed in the local scholarship fund.
  - C. A \$200.00 scholarship may be given annually to a chapter member.
    1. Applications shall be received by the Scholarship committee no later than April 1.
    2. The recipient shall be selected by the committee.
    3. The committee reports to the chapter the recipient's name and address.
    4. One extension of the scholarship may be made on the basis of merit not to exceed the amount of the initial scholarship.
    5. Guidelines for Chapter scholarship
      - (a) Active Delta Epsilon member for 2 years.
      - (b) To work toward a master's degree, earn a doctorate, certification in a special field, and/or enrichment in an accredited institution of higher learning.
      - (c) Provide evidence of service of excellence in scholarship and community service.
    6. An initiation fee of \$10.00 shall be required of all members except honorary members.

### Section D. Financial Control

1. The Chapter Finance Committee shall submit annually a proposed budget for adoption by a 2/3 vote of the membership present and voting at the meeting.
2. All expenses shall be approved by the president prior to payment.
3. Two signatures shall be required on all checks. The president, treasurer and **past president** shall be authorized to sign checks on the chapter's account.

4. An annual audit report shall be submitted by the finance committee to the executive board no later than the first meeting or the fiscal year.

## ARTICLE V—ORGANIZATION

### Section A. Chapter Rules

1. Delta Epsilon Chapter Rules shall be consistent with the Constitution, International Standing Rules, State Bylaws, and the State Rules.
2. Updated chapter rules shall be submitted to the state bylaws and rules committee as required by state governing documents by person determined by the chapter president.

### Section B. Area

1. Delta Epsilon Chapter shall participate in the activities of Area II.

## ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS AND RELATED PERSONNEL

### Section A. Officers

1. The chapter elected officers shall be a president, a vice president, a second vice president, a recording secretary, and a corresponding secretary all elected by the chapter in accordance with the Constitution, Article VI and International Standing Rules 6.03.

### Section B. Related Personnel

1. The incoming president shall appoint a parliamentarian and the executive board shall appoint the treasurer.

### Section C. Duties

1. Chapter officers shall perform the duties enumerated in the Constitution, Article VI.
2. The chapter president shall attend the State meetings and shall represent the chapter as a voting member. If the president is unable to attend she shall appoint a representative from the membership.

### Section D. Nominations and Elections

Elections for chapter officers are held in even-numbered years.

1. Nominations for chapter officers and the new nominations committee shall be made in even-numbered years by a nominations committee of three-seven Delta Epsilon members elected by a majority vote of members present at a chapter meeting. The chairman of the nominations committee shall be named by the chapter president from those elected to the committee.
2. The nominations committee shall submit the name of at least one nominee for each elective office position and at least **three - seven names** for the new nominations committee. Consent of each nominee must be obtained. The slate with candidate qualifications shall be presented to the chapter members at the February meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.
3. If there is only one nominee for an office, election may be by voice vote and a majority of the votes cast, elects.
4. Election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution, Alpha State Bylaws, and the Handbook.

#### **Section E. Term of office (see Constitution, Article VI,D,3)**

1. The term of office for chapter officers shall be two years or until a successor is named. No officer except the treasurer may serve in the same office longer than two terms in succession. Officers shall take office on July 1 following their election.
2. The treasurer shall be selected by the executive board each biennium.

#### **Section F. Vacancies**

1. When a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the (first) vice president shall become president.
2. When a vacancy occurs in other elective or appointed positions, the president shall name a successor.

### **ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD**

#### **Section A. Members**

1. The members of the executive board shall be composed of elected officers of the chapter and the immediate past president.
2. Members ex officio of the executive board shall be the treasurer, with vote, and the parliamentarian, without vote.

### Section B. Duties

1. The duties of the executive board shall be those specified in the Constitution Article VII, Section C.

### Section C. Meetings

1. The executive board shall meet at least twice annually.
2. All board members being notified, matters requiring immediate board action may be voted upon by postal or electronic mail, or in an electronic meeting wherein all members may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting. A majority vote of board members shall be required for action.

### Section D. Quorum

1. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members of the board.

## ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

### 1. Society Business

- a. Archives
- b. By-laws and Rules
- c. Ceremonies
- d. Communications and Publicity
- e. Finance
- f. Membership
- g. Necrology
- h. Nominations
- i. Yearbook

### 2. Society Mission and Purposes

- a. Achievement Awards
- b. Educational Excellence
  1. Global Awareness
  2. Legislation
  3. Music
  4. Personal and Professional Enrichment
  5. Programs and Service Projects
- c. Scholarships

**Section B. General Procedures**

1. All committees shall be appointed by the chapter president except the Nominating

Committee and the Finance Committee; and she shall be the *ex officio* member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

2. The nominations committee shall be made in even numbered years by a nominating committee of Delta Epsilon, elected by a majority of members present at a chapter meeting. The chairman of the nominating committee shall be named by the chapter president from among the three -seven members of the committee,

3. Chapter committees are responsible for work represented by international committee

descriptions in the Constitution Article VIII, Sections B and D, and of state committee descriptions in State Rules section 9.0.

4. Ad hoc committees may be created to carry our projects authorized by the chapter.

**Section C. Committee Responsibilities**

1. Chapter committees shall be responsible for any work represented by the international committee descriptions in Constitution, Article VIII, Sections B and C.

2. Chapter committees shall refer to State Rules, Section 9.0, for additional responsibilities.

3. Required reports of the work of chapter committees shall be prepared on forms supplied by international headquarters and submitted to the person designated on the forms by the stated deadline.

**Section D. Voting**

1. All members being notified, matters requiring immediate committee action may be voted upon by postal or electronic mail, or in an electronic meeting wherein all members may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting. A majority vote of committee members shall be required for action.

**Article IX. Dissolution**

1. In the event that it becomes necessary for Delta Epsilon Chapter to dissolve, there must be strict adherence to the provisions of the Constitution, Article XIX, 3, and the State Rules, Section 16.2.

**ARTICLE X - CHAPTER MEETINGS****Section A. Meetings**

1. **Delta Epsilon Chapter** meetings will be held on the second Tuesday after school in September, October, November, January, February, and April. The April meeting will honor any deceased members. The May meeting will be optional. If a joint May meeting with the tri chapters occurs, the date will be agreed upon by the tri chapters.
2. Meetings dates can be changed by the Executive Committee.
3. All members being notified, chapters may use an electronic meeting wherein all members may simultaneously hear one another and participate during the meeting. A quorum must be participating if a vote is taken.

### Section B. Quorum

1. A quorum shall be majority of the active members.

## ARTICLE XI - SPECIAL CHAPTER POLICIES

1. The first vice president is the chairman of the program committee.
2. The second vice president is the chairman of **the membership committee.**
3. **Past presidents and charter members will be honored at the chapter birthday celebration in November.**
4. **The Founder's Day celebration shall include the following awards: 25 year members (or 10, 20, 30, etc.), perfect attendance awards, recognition of members serving at the international, state or coordinating council level, chapter achievement award, those retiring this year, grant-in-aid recipient, scholarship recipient.**
5. A memorial of \$25.00 shall be added to the local scholarship fund at the death of a chapter member. Cards shall be sent to members that are ill and/or shut-ins.
6. Hostesses shall provide decorations and refreshments at each meeting.
7. Delta Epsilon shall help defray the expenses of the President to the annual State Convention,
8. A President's pin will be presented at the installation of officers.

## ARTICLE XII- PUBLICATIONS

### Section A. Chapter Newsletter

1. **The Delta Epsilon Chalk Dust Newsletter will be published before chapter meetings. It is distributed by email/mail to all members.**

### Section B. Chapter Website

1. **The chapter shall maintain a website that is certified by the Society.**

### Section C. Special Publications

1. Any special publications (chapter brochures, for example) must be approved by the chapter president before printing.
2. The communications committee shall submit at least two articles per year highlighting chapter activities to local news publications.

#### Section D. Approval of content

1. The chapter president shall approve the content of any publication (newsletter, yearbook, brochure, article submitted to a news organization) prior to its release.

### ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

#### Section A. Provisions for Amendments

- A. The Delta Epsilon Chapter Rules may be amended or revised at a chapter meeting by a vote of two-third of the active membership following previous notification of the proposed change.
- B. The proposed amendment or revision shall be published in the Chalk Dust Newsletter prior to the meeting where the vote will be taken.

**Note: Chapter Rules were revised**

**Last Amended: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)**

**Last Revised: July 30, 2014**

**Society Vision Statement: *Leading women educators impacting education worldwide.***

Delta Epsilon Chapter  
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