



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

85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

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From the desk of the President

Dear Mu Tau Sisters,

What a busy time of the year! And what a glorious time of the year! Spring is a time of renewal, and we can see it all around us in nature. I just hope we aren't so busy that we fail to recognize all the beauty.

Much has happened since we met in March. Several of our members have experienced sad losses, and others are dealing with ongoing health issues, both personally and in their families. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Lavonne Dennis on the loss of her husband Wilbur and to Kathy Clardy whose father also passed away since we last met. To those who are facing health problems of any sort, please know that you have a support system in your Mu Tau sisters. We are all ready to support and help each other. That is just one of the benefits of being a part of our chapter.

We had such a delightful meeting in March. Bickie Roberts and the Personal and Professional Growth Committee shared some very interesting books in the program "Reading Around the Delta Kappa Gamma World". Thanks to Bickie and the members of her committee for their entertaining and educational presentations!

In addition to our regular meeting, we also had an orientation for prospective members in March. Six outstanding women came with their sponsors to learn about DKG, and I am happy to say that all six have agreed to join us! We will be initiating most of these ladies at our dinner meeting in April. Our Area I Coordinator, Kim Paetzel, will be joining us as well. Please make every effort to attend this meeting, which will be held at the Mabank First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall rather than the library this time.

Just as the school year is winding down now, so is this biennium for Mu Tau. We will have our Founders' Day celebration at the May meeting, which will be our final one for this year. However, we do have a great opportunity in June to attend the Texas State Organization convention in Frisco. Be sure to check your Lone Star News for registration information. I hope we will have a large group in attendance, especially since Frisco is a relatively close location for the state convention.

I hope all of you are taking care of yourselves and getting as much rest as possible. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on April 18th at FUMC, Mabank. Please come to meet our new members, greet our area coordinator, and enjoy a wonderful meal and time of fellowship together.

—Janice



Mu Tau Meeting

Monday

April 18, 2016

5:00 PM

FUMC, Mabank

Hostesses: Jean Robinson, Sandy Hale, Jan Jones, Barbara Jedlicka, Gaye Stegman, Janice Sutton

Meaningful Moments

Nancy McDonald

Program

Initiation of New Members

Dinner \$12 each, including tip

Urgent! Call Jean Robinson by Saturday to reserve your place at the table.

DKG Business

Area 1 Coordinator

Kim Paetzel

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April 22—Earth day. Be kind to our planet.

Mu Tau calendar 2015-2016

April 18, 2016 Initiation; Dinner at FUMC, Mabank

May 16, 2016 Installation; Founders Day, Jeanette Rhyan; Awards

June 23-25, 2016 87th State Convention, Frisco, Texas

July, 5-9, 2016 International Convention, Nashville, Tennessee

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BOOKS REVIEWED AT MARCH MU TAU MEETING

Out Stealing Horses by Per Peterson (Norway) —Mindy Marder’s choice

Some Girls, Some Hats and Hitler by Trudi Kanter (Austria)—Tana Hoelscher’s choice

The Spy Wore Silk by Aline, Countess of Ramanones (Morocco) —Felecia Erwin’s choice

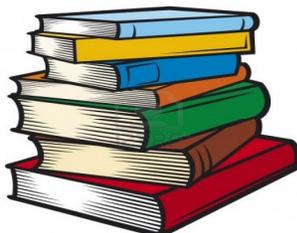
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai (Afghanistan)—Sherri Purselly’s choice

The Patience Stone by Atiq Rahimi (Afghanistan)—Bickie Roberts’s choice

In Search of King Solomon’s Mines by Takir Shah (Ethiopia)—Monica Fortenberry’s choice

Bring **USED** books to help stock Mu Tau’s Little Free Libraries at Northpark and Cherokee Shores!

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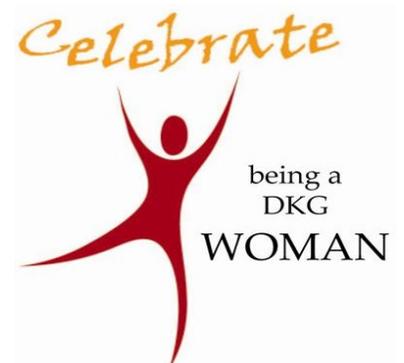
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MU TAU CHAPTER MEETING

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

March 21, 2016

The March regular meeting of the Mu Tau chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was held at the Tri-County Library on March 21, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Janice Sutton with fifteen members and one guest, Alan Roberts, in attendance.

The Meaningful Moment was presented by Felicia Erwin, who shared interesting biographical information about Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, author of Oh, The Places You'll Go, which tied in with the program on "Global Reading."

President Sutton asked that we add the names of the new officers to the February minutes, and the minutes were approved as corrected. Corresponding Secretary Bickie Roberts read a note from Monica Fortenberry thanking members for the rose she received in remembrance of her father.

Beverly Hart presented the treasurer's report stating a balance of \$866.13, which will be filed for audit.

Old business began with a vote on the changes to our chapter rules which were presented at the February meeting. Since the changes came from the Legislative Bylaws committee, a motion was not necessary. Members voted to approve the changes.

Mu Tau members were then informed by President Sutton that our chapter's donation to teachers at Red Oak I.S.D. was returned because it interfered with their funding system. After discussion, Libby Horton moved to return the money to our treasury until we can decide what to do with it. Nancy McDonald seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

President Sutton thanked members who took treats to area schools, and stated that she hoped the teachers enjoyed them, and that it gave Mu Tau some visibility at the area campuses.

New business began with information about the upcoming orientation for new prospective members. The orientation will be held March 28th at 5:00 p.m. at the Tri-County Library using the same format as last year and with refreshments provided by Nancy McDonald. Mindy Marder will be doing the power point presentation. Sponsors were asked to contact their prospects to find out if they will be attending.

Members were also updated on My DKG information. You have to sign up for an account for the Lone Star News, and you need your member number that is on your DKG card. The password is dkg20014society.

The March program was presented by the Personal and Professional Growth and Enrichment Committee chaired by Bickie Roberts, who introduced the program on "Global Reading." Committee members Mindy Marder, Tana Hoelscher, Felicia Erwin, Monica Fortenberry, Sherri Purselly, and Bickie Roberts presented book reviews on books written by authors from foreign countries that included Norway, Austria, Ethiopia, Morocco, and Afghanistan. The book reviews were both interesting and entertaining, and the program was well received.

Announcements included a reminder about the state convention in Frisco June 23 -25. The registration form can be found in the Lone Star News. Members were also reminded of the International Convention to be held in Nashville July 5-9.

Libby Horton shared that Congress is considering a bill which would eliminate the windfall provision which allows teachers to collect Social Security benefits along with their TRS benefits if they have contributed at least forty quarters to Social Security. She encouraged members to contact their congressman to request that this bill not be passed as it is unfair to teachers who should be entitled to Social Security benefits.

Members were also informed by President Sutton about the Area 1 Workshop. It will be held in Tyler on July 30th. ASTEF board member Jean Robinson gave us an update on the ASTEF Day of Giving. She said that ASTEF received over \$9,000.00 in donations.

Mindy Marder passed out handouts that she received from Janice Beasley about GOP candidate Mary Lou Bruner, who is running for a seat on the State Board of Education. The handouts contained quotes from Ms. Bruner which show that her beliefs would not be good for a member of the state board.

Mu Tau members were also reminded that dinner will be served at our April meeting which will be the initiation ceremony for new members. President Sutton said that sponsors might consider paying for their prospect's dinner as a welcoming gesture.

Door prizes were awarded to Libby Horton and guest Alan Roberts. The meeting was adjourned by the president at 6:25 p.m.

Monica Fortenberry, recording secretary

Janice Sutton, president



MU TAU BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

Jana Cox 4/6

Sherri Purselly 4/12

Happy birthday to you!



*Healing wishes to all who are ill and
to all who need a lift for your spirit.*

There will be rainbows!

*Be ready! Time's a-flying!
Area 1 Fall Workshop in Tyler July 30*



T80 Convention in Frisco  June 23-25, 2016
87th State Convention Delta Kappa Gamma in Texas!

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