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Barbara's Blog



Dear Mu Tau Sisters,

I am short on time and time seems to be getting away from me. I love this time of the year but I rush until there is no more time. The weather is cool and it actually feels like winter.

The meeting last month was productive but without the speaker. There was confusion on both parts. June Groom was the speaker, but we changed the time of the meeting and she also had an emergency at the center. I talked to her and she plans to attend the December meeting.

Thank you to Bickie Roberts for delivering the supplies we collected at the November meeting. Mrs. Groom expressed her appreciation for the much needed supplies. We will continue to collect supplies for Forever Families because they are always in need of these kinds of supplies.

June Groom will present a program this month about Forever Families. She is excited about our interest in the home and what we can do to help make an impact. Plan to attend this December meeting and welcome June.

Have a safe and exciting holiday.

Happy Holidays to all.



—Barbara

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Our ASTEF representative Jean Robinson has ASTEF pins for you to purchase: \$3.00 each. Remember, too, that Jean will pass the purse for your monetary contributions to ASTEF.

Mu Tau Meeting

Monday

December 12, 2016

4:45 PM

Tri-County Library, Mabank

Hostesses: Barbara Jedlicka,
Gaye Stegman

Meaningful Moments

May Ann Gregg

Program

Gift Giving



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Mu Tau calendar 2016-2017

- December 12, 2016** Gift Giving
- January 16, 2017** Executive Board Meeting
- February 13, 2017** ASTEF Giving Day; Love DKG; DKG Sweethearts
- March 20, 2017** Be Well, Be Strong, Be Safe
- April 17, 2016** My Heritage by Gloria Campos
- May 15, 2017** Celebrating the DKG Founders
- June 22-24, 2017** 88th Texas State Convention, Houston, Texas
- July 4-7, 2017** Southwest Regional Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii

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Congratulations and DKG roses to:

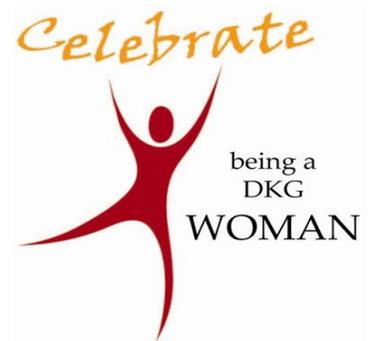
- Barbara Jedlicka and Mindy Marder for new grandbabies
- Mary Ann Gregg on being Teacher of the Year in Region 10
- Jan Jones on being invited to serve in MISD Foundation
- Mindy Marder on her retirement from Eustace ISD
- Jean Robinson on entering her thirtieth year of being Pie Judge at the State Fair of Texas.



Kathy Clardy looks at the gifts assembled for Forever Families as we wait for our speaker.

Mu Tau Executive Board 2016-2018

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- Boxtop\$ for Education
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MU TAU CHAPTER MEETING

Delta Kappa Gamma
November 14, 2016

The November meeting of the Mu Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International was held at the Mabank Tri-Country Library. Mu Tau Chapter President Barbara Jedlicka called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and welcomed fifteen chapter members. Attendance was taken by register with Recording Secretary Beverly Hart in attendance.

Meaningful Moments were presented by Keeley Barr sharing a salute to teachers for answering the call to be educators and positively impacting the lives of children each day in various special ways.

The October meeting minutes were approved as written in the November Mu Tauker Newsletter.

Correspondence from Sandy Hale, thanking Mu Tau sisters for the lovely red rose, was shared. A letter of resignation from Sandy Hale was read to members. Jean Robinson made a motion to accept with regrets Sandy's resignation. Sherri Purselley seconded the motion to accept Sandy's resignation from Mu Tau Chapter. The motion was passed by membership.

Chapter Treasurer Janice Sutton reported a balance of \$1,144.86 to date. All members have paid annual dues and all state and international dues have been paid. The report included two members who have resigned: Judi Versace and Sandy Hale.

The 2016-2017 Yearbook was distributed to membership. Members signed a release to have personal information shared and members checked personal information for accuracy.

Under new business, Libby Horton passed out new member prospect cards. The cards with names of prospective new members are due in January. Mu Tau sister Jean Robinson presented Mu Tau Chapter with a new Delta Kappa Gamma ceremonial scarf. Members expressed appreciation to Jean for her dedication and generosity to Mu Tau Chapter and Delta Kappa Gamma. Jean shared ASTEF news and updates and passed the clutch purse to give members the opportunity to make a contribution to ASTEF.

The program speaker, Forever Families founder June Groom, was unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances involving sick children at the Forever Families home. The special items collected are to be delivered to Forever Families.

Special accolades and appreciation were expressed by Mu Tau sisters to DeAnna Smith for her dedication and hard work earning the Exemplary Award and Early Bird Award for Mu Tau Chapter's Yearbook and to Gaye Stegman for developing our website and getting it certified.

Discussion was held addressing various ways to show appreciation to our area educators in Kemp, Mabank, and Eustace School Districts. Members are encouraged to continue collecting Box Top\$ for Education to share with our area schools. These are to be given to Sherri Purselley.

Refreshments were provided by the hostess committee Kathy Clardy, Janice Beasley, and Beverly Hart.

President Jedlicka adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm with Mu Tau sisters singing the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Beverly Hart, recording secretary

Barbara Jedlicka, president



Women Teachers to the Calling

by Melody Stephenson

Yes, it is a calling for me! My life-long dream to be a teacher began when I was old enough to understand the concept of being a teacher or a student. I was blessed to live in the same small town as my grandparents for a short time. Quite often I would spend the night with several of my cousins at Papaw and Nanny's house. Almost always we would end up playing school. I think we spent more time "discussing" who would be the teacher than our time allowed before we were summoned for bedtime. Being the teacher back then basically meant that you were the boss and everyone else had to listen to your commands. I loved every minute of it! Being the student also had its privileged moments.

I knew teaching was my calling because God never put any other opportunity on my path. He opened every door possible for me to push through. I also had many in my circle of education that would comment about what a natural I was at the profession. All I knew was that I loved children and they loved me!

I have received many rewards from this calling called teaching. There are those moments when I fondly remember a light bulb coming on after a student discovered they could read, write their name or that they knew the answer to a complicated math question. Scribbled notes or pictures drawn just for me brought rewards that kept me inspired and encouraged! Thank-you's from parents gave me validation that I was doing what God had called me to do. I call those direct classroom rewards, but there are also those rewards that I call lifelong rewards from my students. Rewards like being asked to attend a student's graduation, a wedding, a baby dedication, a Quinceanera, or a birthday party. I am so blessed and rewarded when I cross paths with a student I haven't seen in many years and they still recognize me!

Retiring 3 years ago was a bittersweet decision for me. I put 29 years of teaching behind me and trusted that God had a bigger and better plan in store for the next chapter in my life. My calling to teach is now in a setting where I coordinate activities and teach about Jesus for the children in our church. Many of my rewards are the same as those in public school, but none more rewarding as leading a child in accepting Jesus as their Savior.

I hope that as women educators you are able to recognize your calling and appreciate its many rewards, no matter how big or small.



**AWAITING
OUR
SPEAKER**



What Made You Want To Be A Teacher?

by

Barbara Jedlicka

What made me want to be a teacher? I have always wanted to teach. Teaching has been my life for the past 34 years, 27 at Mabank High School. I love children and thought I had something special to give to my students. I love what I do and how the students respond to my classes. I take these kids as my own. I hurt when they hurt and I rejoice when they do special things. I love the looks on their faces when they graduate and return to see me and when I have the opportunity to teach their children. It is special to see the love they still have for all the skills they have learned throughout the year

I had many special teachers through the years. I had one very special teacher in high school that made learning fun and exciting. She made her students feel they could achieve anything they attempted. She taught her students to work hard for what you want, believe in yourself and never give up on your dreams.

After graduation from high school, I continued my education at East Texas State University, now Texas A&M Commerce. I received a BS in Vocational Home Economics and a Masters in Education in English and Elementary Education. I have followed my dream with the same love my special teacher has for me.

I have four children but only two followed in my footsteps. My older daughter has been teaching for 20 years in Mabank School district. She loves what she does. She had many teachers that influenced her and made her believe in herself. One elementary teacher made learning fun and meaningful. She made every student in her room feel they could do anything in life they wanted to accomplish. A high school teacher gave her a purpose to work hard by believing that life gives you the opportunity to move forward and reach for the stars. She has a love for children and the knowledge to make her students care for each other. She gives them her heart and soul every day. My younger daughter is also a teacher. She has taught for a variety of districts. She has a love for students with special needs. She had teachers that provided the love of teaching and encouraged her to reach for what she wanted in life. She had a friend in school with special needs. She provided the love and care for her and worked to see that she was always treated with respect. She had teachers that instilled in her what it means to love what you do and in return you should receive more than you give.

Teaching has given us the opportunity to be with our families during the summer. It has given us the feeling to share what we love. Teaching has taught us to give of ourselves. If I could choose a career, teaching would be what I choose. Teaching is giving of yourself and not asking for anything in return. I know God has provided me the opportunity to give of myself.



Does this say it well? Have a bright and WONDERFUL Christmas, Mu Tau!



December Birthdays

Beverly Hart, 12/2

Linda Robinson, 12/3

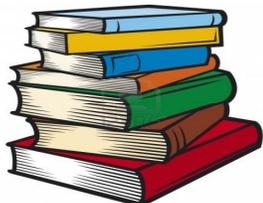
It's no-calories birthday cake. Eat up, ladies!

January Birthday

Judy Sullivan, 1/6



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



The used books go to Mindy Marder; books help people in our communities to become better readers.

Note the change: The Boxtop\$ go to Shelley Purselley. Boxtop\$ help our schools.

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