



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

The Mu Tauker

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Cedar Creek Lake Area

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Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Barbara's Blog

Dear Mu Tau Sisters,



What an exciting time of the year. Spring is here and the flowers are in full bloom. The school year is almost over and the planning for summer is on the horizon. We need to take time to observe all the beauty around us and give thanks to the One who created it.

We had a very informative program on "Be Well, Be Strong, Be Safe" presented by Adrienne McDonald and Kristi McKee Cookston from Fitness 198 Center in Mabank. We practiced safe and effective moves to help promote physical and mental development, reduce stress, balance calories, and reduce "victim mentality." We were also invited to visit to learn more about the Cross Fit program and how it can benefit each and every one of us. We learned that strength is what you make it because we all can learn how staying active can improve our health. Thanks to our hostesses for a fantastic job with refreshments.

We have a great opportunity to attend the 88th Texas State Organization convention in Houston, Texas, on June 22-24, 2017. We will be staying at the Westin Galleria Mall in the heart of Houston. We would like to have a large group to attend. Check out your **Lone Star News** for registration information.

Five prospective members attended our Orientation Tea on Monday, April 3, at the Tri-County Library at 4:45. In the absence of Libby Horton, due to surgery, Jenny Harstrom very ably conducted a short get-to-know-DKG activity designed for new members to learn about the programs and interesting facts about the Society. Thanks goes to the Executive Board for furnishing the refreshments for the Orientation Tea.

Please keep our members going through medical problems in your prayers. Libby and Sherri need our love and strong arms to entwine them in love and support during these trying times. We love you both.

We now have a collection box for our donations for Forever Families. Thelma Jedlicka will continue to deliver these items each month. These items are diapers--sizes 3, 4 and 5, wipes, shampoo, detergent, etc. Please remember your donations.

Don't miss the meeting for April. We will have a special catered dinner for this meeting at FUMC in Mabank. We will have the Initiation Ceremony for our new members in the little chapel before dinner. We also have the honor of hosting our own State Honorary and Mu Tau member Gloria Campos to present the program "My Heritage."

Love to all,

—Barbara

Happy Easter!



Mu Tau Meeting

Monday

April 17, 2017

4:45 PM

First United Methodist Church,
Mabank

Hostesses: Monica Fortenberry, Erin Cox, DeAnna Smith, Jana Cox, Tana Hoelscher

Meaningful Moments

Mindy Marder

Program

Initiation of New Members

Gloria Campos: My Heritage

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to feed the
red clutch for
ASTEF.

Mu Tau calendar 2016-2017

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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Janice and Jean take a brief respite during their diligent work on their article for **The Mu Tauker**. Juice it is (yeah, right!) in their DKG wine glasses, says Janice. You believe that, looking at those smiles, right?



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MU TAU CHAPTER MEETING

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
March 20, 2017

The Mu Tau Chapter of the The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Mabank Tri-County Library for a regular meeting March 20, 2017. Eighteen chapter members and two guests, Adrienne McDonald and Kristi McKee Cookston, registered attendance, including the recording secretary.

Chapter president Barbara Jedlicka called the meeting to order at 4:50 pm, welcoming members and guests. All were invited to enjoy the delicious refreshments provided by Nancy McDonald, Judy Sullivan, Shela Koskelin, Carol Voris-Render, and Thelma Stegman.

Jenny Harstrom shared the Meaningful Moments, highlighting many special recognition days in March, referencing the book QUIET MOMENTS. For most people time is in short supply and is over-estimated by those 24 years and older. We need to prioritize intentionally the most important relationships and goals to make the most of each day given to us and to make each day special in our lives.

The program, "Be Well, Be Strong, Be Safe," was presented by Adrienne McDonald and Kristi McKee Cookston from Fitness 198 Center located on Highway 198 north of Mabank. The physical fitness programs build individual confidence, reduce "victim mentality," promote physical and mental development, reduce stress, improve balance, encourage individual programs to balance calories, and promote total good physical health development for the whole body. The Cross Fit Program can be individually modified to accommodate individual needs and reach individual health goals. Members were invited to visit and learn more about the Cross Fit Program.

Jean Robinson shared a thank-you note from Dr. Barbara Derrick, Vice President of Advancement in Delta Kappa Gamma Society, expressing appreciation for Mu Tau Chapter's contribution to Delta Kappa Gamma's National Day of Giving. The \$11,500 goal was successfully met through the generosity and unified efforts of chapters in our Society.

Mu Tau Chapter treasurer Janice Sutton presented an oral and written report of receipts and disbursements from Mu Tau Chapter, showing a present balance of \$1,158.53 in the treasury.

Libby Horton informed members that a collection box will be provided at each chapter meeting to collect donations from our chapter for Forever Families. Thelma Stegman volunteered to take the donations to Forever Families in Kemp each month. Members who visited Forever Families and took supplies on March 9 shared many positive thoughts regarding meeting the mothers and children, meeting staff, and touring the facilities. Mu Tau members visiting Forever Families were Lavonne Dennis, Janice Sutton, Nancy McDonald, Libby Horton, Monica Fortenberry, Mindy Marder, and Beverly Hart.

A ballot was presented for membership to vote on an additional prospective member to Mu Tau Chapter. The additional name had been inadvertently omitted from last month's ballot. An Orientation Tea for prospective members to learn about our Society will be held at the Tri-County Library beginning at 4:45 pm on Monday, April 3. Six positive responses have been received to attend the Orientation Tea. The Executive Board will serve as hostesses for the Orientation Tea.

Jean Robinson passed the Red Clutch for donations to ASTEF.

Mindy Marder shared that the Annie application is ready to be submitted.

Barbara Jedlicka encouraged sisters to register for the 88th Texas State Convention in Houston.

President Jedlicka shared a correspondence regarding hostesses for the Waco Convention. Janice Sutton moved that Mu Tau Chapter accept the responsibility of acting as hostesses for the 2018 TSO state convention in Waco with other chapters in Area 1 and those in Area 8. The motion passed by acclamation of members present.

President Jedlicka shared information for the Delta Kappa Gamma Think Tank event in September 2017 and the TRTA legislation in committee regarding TRS Care.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jedlicka at 6:25 pm with the group singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Beverly Hart, recording secretary
Barbara Jedlicka, president



The Birth of Mu Tau Chapter

(Taken from the History of Mu Tau Chapter)

by Janice Sutton and Jean Robinson

It was on a balmy day in the fall of 1999 when Mu Tau was given the honor of being the 307th chapter chartered in the Texas State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The “ground work” had begun when members of Alpha Tau Chapter (Kaufman County) who lived in the Mabank area discussed the inconvenience of travel, prospects of new members, the growing population of the Cedar Creek Lake area, and the possibility of chartering a new chapter. After much discussion, research, and consideration of the geographical area, thirteen Alpha Tau members agreed to transfer their membership in support of a new chapter. Given the choice of being the first chapter of the 21st century or the last of the 20th century, the latter was chosen as we were anxious to be included in the most productive century of all times for Delta Kappa Gamma and TSO. Jean Robinson and Janice Sutton consulted with Past State President Dr. Mary Ann Waldon, TSO Expansion Committee Chairman, and it was decided that we would be the last chapter chartered in 1999, our name would be Mu Tau according to Greek alphabet order, and that we would be in Area IX. A vote for the chartering was passed by the Executive Committee, Executive Board, and Texas State Organization members at the 1999 State Convention in Waco.

Seventeen DKG members decided to transfer into the newly chartered chapter. Lavonne Dennis and Marvilou Walters transferred from Kappa Psi Chapter, Janice Beasley came from Epsilon Chapter, and Dorothy Hix was from Epsilon Alpha Chapter. Transferring from Alpha Tau Chapter were Sherry Beck, Tonya Chapman, Hilah Gibbs, Kathie Hyde, Gail Lundy, Kathryn Manning, Marie Muse, Linda Riley, Jean Robinson, Patricia Smith, Janice Sutton, DeAnna Thompson, and Melba Whatley.

Mu Tau Chapter was chartered at a beautiful ceremony held on September 29, 1999, at the Cedar Creek Country Club with several past state presidents, newly elected State President Juanita Harmon, Area IX Coordinator Martha Surratt, other state officers, and several members from chapters throughout the state in attendance. An initiation ceremony was held for the new initiates of Mu Tau Chapter: DeLois Bomberger, Kaye Fitzgerald, Sandy Garland, Beverly Hart, Marilyn Jones, Trina Klecka, Nancy McDonald, Sharon McGlothlin, Mindy Marder, Leslie Parker, Jennifer Russell, and Joyce Smith. A brief business meeting was held, during which Mu Tau members elected the following officers, who were installed by state personnel: President—Jean Robinson; First Vice President—Emily Gail Lundy; Second Vice President—Tonya Chapman; Recording Secretary—DeAnna Thompson; Corresponding Secretary—Kathryn Manning; Treasurer—Janice Sutton; Parliamentarian—Lavonne Dennis

We may have been the last chapter chartered in the last millennium, but Mu Tau has certainly marched courageously into the new millennium! We have continued to look for outstanding women educators to initiate into our Society, sought opportunities to support education and our communities, and promoted “professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.” We have a chapter to be proud of!



Adrienne and Kristi demonstrate ways to be well, to be strong, to be safe with Cross Fit maneuvers. Jean and Kathy try out the strong-man hold technique. The rest of us watch, fascinated.



SEE— (from DKG website)

[Reminder: this is one of our ongoing chapter projects, —ed.]

We truly can make a difference with our support.

SEE encourages members/chapters to be creative in **support of early-career educators** with a variety of strategies, such as

giving support through phone calls and visits,
helping with lesson plans and bulletin board ideas,
offering advice on classroom management and parent-teacher relations; and
providing support in appropriate and practical ways.

Why is our support needed?

Education is a challenging career, and retaining quality teachers is an issue worldwide. According to Richard Ingersoll, the rate in U.S. of beginning teachers leaving the profession in the first year is a little more than 10%; with 33% leaving by Year 3 and 46% by Year 5. In addition, around 15% of U.S. teachers overall leave the profession each year. (Is There Really a Teacher Shortage, Ingersoll, 2003, p. 14)

Schools that have depended on a core of veteran teachers are seeing those teachers retire. As much is expected of a new teacher on the first day of school as is expected of a 30-year veteran. Teachers supporting teachers is crucial. Of the first-year teachers assigned a mentor in 2007-2008, around 8% left the profession in 2008-2009. Of the first-year teachers not assigned a mentor in the same years, about 16% were not teaching in 2008-2009 and about 23% were no longer teaching in 2009-2010. (Beginning Teacher Attrition and Mobility, Institute of Education Science, 2011, p. 3)

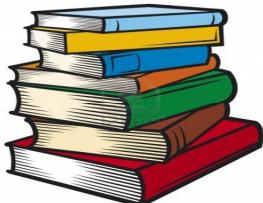


Prospective members hear information about The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, TSO, and Mu Tau Chapter at the Orientation Tea.



Remember to bring your donations for Forever Families, **money for the purchase of clothes appropriate for job search** as well as items that must be replenished in day-to-day living with moms and children of ages 0-7.

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 and perhaps better citizens.

Note: The Boxtop\$ go to Sherri Purselley. Boxtop\$ help our schools help our kids.

BOXTOP\$ for education

Happy Mu Tau birthdays in April!**Jana Cox, 4/6****Sherri Purselley, 4/12**Blow out the candles and celebrate with your birthstone: **diamonds!**

Now, cake for everybody!



Call Monica Fortenberry and ask what's with the hats!?

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This is the official info that Libby wrote about from her personal experience in the March issue of The Mu Tauker.

Leadership Development Seminar**What's taught in the seminar?**

Dr. Jo W. Murphy, 2014-2016 committee chair, says, "The Leadership Management Seminar is training that prepares our members to be leaders in any capacity. It is personal, comprehensive, and applicable to all areas of their lives. Participants leave with tools that enable and empower them to be successful leaders." Society representatives meet with UT Austin Executive Education program planners to assess current needs and practices used in the work place. They look at how we can prepare members for educational advancements that address today's trends.

Celebrate the future

This is not your business-as-usual, "sage-on-a-stage" approach. Participants learn by interacting with each other and top-of-the-line instructors. We are asking members to celebrate in preparing for the future by donating to the International Golden Gift Fund today.

How the Seminar works**Who can apply**

You are already qualified if you are a Society member when you apply. It's that simple. Golden Gift Fund Committee deadlines and other information are available on the website: www.dkg.org .

What we're looking for

The Society is looking for those with leadership potential. Experience commensurate with length of Society membership will be considered.

Deadline: December 1, 2017

Leadership/Management Seminar application

Texas, Our Texasdkgtexas.org

Convention in Houston, set for June 22-24. Go to the Convention Website to get information, and check it often for updates.