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Barbara's Blog



Dear Mu Tau Sisters,

I want to thank each Mu Tau member for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president this year. Each member has been patient, amazing at understanding the craziness, and offering encouragement when things got tough for some of our members. We were there through it all and we will come out on the winning side. Thanks for your continued support to help make our Society the best in Area 1 and throughout the world. You have made this year special and one I will never forget.

We have a new website, have received the 5-Star Award and the Seal of Merit for our newsletter, the Early Bird Award and the Exemplary Award for our yearbook, and the Annie Award for outstanding program. We are strong supporters of ASTEF and other state and international projects. What more can we ask for???

Our April meeting was packed full of excitement. We had three honored guests. Gloria Campos Brown presented a program on "My Heritage." Gloria is a State Honorary member and a Mu Tau member. We also initiated six new members in the beautiful Wesley Chapter at First United Methodist Church in Mabank. Thanks goes to our hostesses, Monica Fortenberry, Tana Hoelscher, Jana Cox, and Erin Cox. Door prizes were drawn for four gift certificates to Victorian Lady Tea Room.

The May meeting will be our Founders Day program. We will celebrate the twelve founders of DKG. Be sure to attend this meeting so that you can meet and greet our founders. I want to see you there.

Our ongoing project is Forever Families. Remember to bring your supplies for them. We want to continue to support this project.

Hope to see you in Houston on June 22-24 for State Convention. Go to www.dkg.com for information about this gathering of Key Women Teachers from around the state of Texas.

Waiting for summer



—Barbara

Mu Tau Meeting

Monday

May 15, 2017

4:45 PM

Tri-County Library

Hostesses: Libby Horton, Jenny Harstrom, Mindy Marder, Melody Stephenson, Janice Sutton

Meaningful Moments

Beverly Hart

Program

Founders Day



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Happy End of School Year!



Remember to feed the red clutch for ASTEF.

Mu Tau calendar 2016-2017

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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At the **Orientation Tea**, Jenny Harstrom explains the procedure to prospective members of Mu Tau, and they look on the display for the facts and fill out their "quizzes."



Mindy Marder explains the responsibilities of the Vice President to the newcomers.

Mu Tau Executive Board 2016-2018

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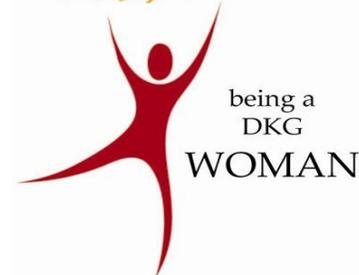
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MU TAU CHAPTER MEETING

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

April 17, 2017

The April meeting and initiation ceremony for the Mu Tau Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was held at the First United Methodist Church in Mabank, April 17, 2017, with twenty-nine registering attendance. President Barbara Jedlicka called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and welcomed our guest speaker, honorary member of Mu Tau Chapter and Texas State Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Gloria Campos Brown, guests Barbara West and Randy Welch, and chapter members.

Mu Tau ceremony participants, Libby Horton, Barbara Jedlicka, Mindy Marder, Sherri Purselley, Janice Sutton, and Beverly Hart helped Ceremonies Committee chairperson, Monica Fortenberry, with the initiation ceremony, held in the Wesley Chapel.

The six initiates and their sponsors were:

Initiates	Sponsors
Angela Barton	Mary Ann Gregg
Pam McBride	Janice Sutton
Melinda Robertson	Mary Ann Gregg
Cindy Satterwhite	Libby Horton
Judy Vestal	Sherri Purselley
Robin Welch	Libby Horton

Following the initiation ceremony, Janice Sutton blessed the food and all enjoyed a dinner buffet from Hernandez Restaurant, ordered by Monica Fortenberry and delivered to the church by Nancy McDonald. Hostesses for the dinner were Erin Cox, Jana Cox, Tana Hoelscher and chairperson, Monica Fortenberry.

Jean Robinson introduced the speaker with the words, "Gloria Campos needs no introduction, but do you know she was nominated for State Honorary Membership by our Mu Tau Chapter? In her career as news reporter on WFAA, she always was a strong proponent for public education. We remember her work on Wednesday's Child. She reminds us of Annie Webb Blanton having to fight for women's rights in a man's world."

Gloria was born and raised and attended public schools in Harlingen, Texas. One of her first assignments in 1984, as a reporter for Channel 8 News, was to go to Gun Barrel City, Texas, and, with her photographer, report on an investigation of a double homicide at the home of Bettie Lou Beets. Years later, after visiting friends in the Cedar Creek area, she and her husband bought a weekend home on the lake. After her retirement from thirty years of reporting for Channel 8 News, she continues to be an advocate of schools, libraries, and education. She attributes her love of learning to her grandmother, who taught her from a very early age that education is the key to reaching goals and being successful in life's journeys, where we never stop learning.

Gloria has painstakingly researched her family's heritage using various sources. Family Tree DNA, using a cheek's swab, tells the individual's genetic (bloodline) genealogy, and ethnic makeup. She has researched her ancestry back to 1671. The DNA chromosome markers are used to compare ethnic groups and to determine individual ethnic make-up. Learning about and taking ownership of our heritage empowers us to understand and appreciate our family values, our traditions, and our idiosyncrasies. Learning about our ancestry helps us to understand and reflect upon who we really are and why we do things as we do. Learning about our ancestry can be a great source of pride as we learn of the strength and character of family members.

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Chapter members and guests expressed appreciation to Gloria Campos for her very enlightening and entertaining program entitled "My Heritage," as she graciously answered questions after her presentation. Many members expressed interest in learning more about their family ancestry.

Mindy Marder's Meaningful Moments were about commitments. She shared quotes from famous people, Abraham Lincoln, Vince Lombardi, and Zig Ziglar, regarding the importance of building strong character. Abraham Lincoln is known to have said, "Commitments are the stuff character is made of." Our character helps define us.

A thank-you note for Mu Tau Chapter's donation during the February-Month-of-Giving-Campaign was read from ASTEF Director Cindy Neander. Janice Sutton, chapter treasurer, shared an oral and written report of the chapter treasury balance, \$939.53. The Scholarship Fund balance is \$649.52.

President Jedlicka announced some donations were delivered to Forever Families. Some specific current needs are baby bottles and monetary donations for the mothers to buy appropriate clothes for job interviews.

Libby Horton reported that going to the Leadership Conference was a phenomenal experience and her group raised \$1,000 during the conference.

A special "thank you" was expressed to Monica Fortenberry for all her planning and work coordinating the program and the dinner for this meeting. Monica expressed her appreciation to Nancy McDonald for delivering the dinner and coordinating the kitchen activities. Lavonne Dennis was recognized for a wonderful job of producing the programs for the meeting. Barbara Jedlicka, Jean Robinson, Janice Sutton, and Bickie Roberts were recognized for their help with decorating for the meeting. Jean Robinson was recognized for arranging for our guest speaker.

President Jedlicka reminded Mu Tau sisters to make reservations now for the Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention in Houston, June 22-24.

Monica Fortenberry requested that everyone bring a hat to the May meeting.

New member Robin Welch introduced her guests for our meeting: her mother Barbara West and her husband Randy Welch.

Honorary Delta Kappa Gamma member Gloria Campos drew names for the door prizes. The lucky winners were Melody Stephenson, Thelma Stegman, Barbara West, and Jennie Harstrom; each received a gift certificate to the Victorian Lady Tea Room in Mabank.

President Jedlicka adjourned the meeting with at 6:50 pm with the group singing of our Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Beverly Hart, recording secretary

Barbara Jedlicka, president



Mu Tau sisters visit before the program/meal.



Why We Love DKG/Mu Tau

by Gaye Stegman



We **connect** with other women who love education as much as we do.

We **learn** from the special programs presented each month such as the Honor Flight DFW program serving World War II Veterans and others.

We **share** ourselves whether through a treasured family recipe tradition remembered at Christmas or a cultural heritage explained by Gloria Campos.

We **value** the insights we learn from fellow DKG educators across different districts, States, and countries.

We **commit** to helping others in our community as we learn of a need that exists such as creating our two Little Free Libraries. We also contribute to other organizations which can use our support such as Forever Families, which is helping mothers and their children.

We **energize** our minds and bodies with great Fitness 198 self-defense, fitness, and stress-management demonstrations.

These are just a few examples of why Mu Tau sisters and programs are so fabulous to us. We love education and sharing that passion with our students, families, communities, and fellow educators!



Mu Tau celebrates the initiation of our newest members and our outstanding guest speaker with a scrumptious Mexican buffet, but we enjoy visiting with our sisters first. Just another reason why we love our chapter and our Society!

Mu Tau's very special night in April~~~

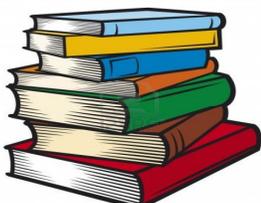


Beautiful, inspiring Initiation table, beautiful Mu Tau participants, extraordinary new initiates (check out the number of advanced degrees among these women!), our own well-loved guest speaker Gloria Campos. Indeed, a night to remember!

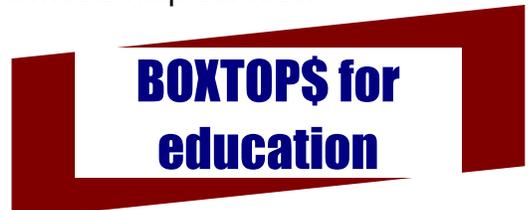
Remember to bring your donations for Forever Families, **money for the purchase of clothes appropriate for job search** as well as items that must be replenished in day-to-day living with moms and children of ages 0-7.

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

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



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



Mu Tau's special night continues~~



Gloria's heritage and ours as well—a very proud heritage for each of us! And a great night of fun and learning at the April Mu Tau meeting.



Happy Mu Tau birthdays in May!

Lavonne Dennis, 5/6

Felecia Erwin, 5/8

Monica Fortenberry, 5/29

Jenny Harstrom, 5/2

Bickie Roberts, 5/19



And in June!

Kathy Clardy, 6/5

Tana Hoelscher, 6/29

Jan Jones, 6/13



And in July!

Janice Beasley, 7/13

Barbara Jedlicka, 7/2

Melinda Robertson, 7/28

Cindy Satterwhite, 7/7

Thelma Stegman, 7/31

Melody Stephenson, 7/30

And in August!

Keeley Barr, 8/23

Pam McBride, 8/23



Your day for FUN and
cake! Enjoy your birthday!

Good news, bad news—

Good news: we have Little Free Libraries.

Bad news: one was severely damaged by an inexperienced driver delivering pet food to Mabank Feed Store.

Good news: the little house can be reconstructed by our good friend whose wood-working is magic—without a lot of difficulty.

Good news: watch for Mu Tau sisters who will be announced in state positons!

No bad news there!

The Society

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The latest edition of **DKG News** arrived yesterday—with all the usual info that you need to know about international gatherings. One item that seems new is VERY exciting: Page 7 has a blurb called **Wanted for DKGNext! 2016-2018**. Any DKG member can apply for this special calling. Registration is limited to 10 women of all ages, all levels of experience in the Society, whatever years of membership, and all levels career educators. Deadline for registration is August 11. The event will take place at Society Headquarters, September 29-30, 2017. The purpose of this Think Tank is to explore possible directions for the future of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Talk about Forward Moving Ever!

Also, each DKG member, each Mu Tau member, is invited to submit a proposed amendment to the Constitution to be taken up at the International Convention of 2018 in Austin, Texas. Yes, we are also helping this convention to happen and to go smoothly!

Plus: it is always fun and informative to see how our sisters around the world are thinking and what ideas they are developing.

Be sure to read the **News** and be informed— maybe even *transformed*!



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