



The Mu Tauker

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Barbara's Blog



Dear Mu Tau Sisters,

Our school year is off to a good start for those who are still working. We are full of energy and ready for the new challenges of this school year. Our programs have been planned by our officers to offer a variety of ideas and projects for the year. The year has started with the first project of helping our sisters hurt by hurricane Harvey. We plan to continue with this work.

Our first program was presented by June Groom, Executive Director of Forever Families. June presented an update on our special project and explained the process for the families living there. June expressed a special thanks to Monica and Melody for volunteering their time to come and work with the mothers and children at the home. There are currently 11 mothers and 16 children living at the home, and a waiting list. The mothers are taught skills enable them to take proper care of their children, themselves, and their homes. They are taught skills for job seeking, and some are continuing their education while living there. The funding for this non-profit ministry comes from private donations from the community. Mrs. Groom invited our chapter to come any time to work or just to visit with the mothers and children. Thanks to June for sharing with our chapter about Forever Families.

A special thanks goes to Monica and her committee for a wonderful program celebrating Mu Tau's 18th birthday.

Our October program will be presented by Mr. Lance Gooden, who will provide new legislative updates. Don't miss this exciting meeting on October 16 at Tri-County Library. Invite your friends so Mu Tau can give him a warm welcome.

Please remember the Hurricane Relief for our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters. Two types of donations are suggested: Member to Member and Campus Helping Hands. If you would like to help in either way, please bring your donations so we can get the forms sent to help these sisters. Members can help by paying dues of \$80 or sharing with another member, or you can help provide for a school campus.

Hope to see you at our October meeting. Happy Halloween!



-- Barbara

Mu Tau Meeting

Monday

October 16, 2017

4:45 PM

Tri-County Library

Hostesses: Melinda Robertson,
Shawnn Oliver, DeAnna Smith,
Shela Koskelin

Meaningful Moments

Nancy McDonald

Program

Legislative Update

Rep. Lance Gooden



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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Get your mammogram!



Jean Robinson will continue to collect cash donations for ASTEF.

Mu Tau calendar 2017-2018

October 16, 2017 Legislative Update

November 13, 2017 Author Meg Calvin

New member prospects submitted to Membership Chair

December 11, 2017 Society Business

Slate of officers and new member prospects presented

January 15, 2018 Executive Board Meeting

February 12, 2018 ASTEF and Stem

Election of officers and new members

March 19, 2018 Pride in the Big Picture

April 16, 2018 Initiation at FUMC, Mabank

May 14, 2018 Celebrating the DKG Founders

June 14-16, 2018 TSO Convention, Waco, Texas

July 16-20, 2018 International Convention, Austin, Texas

August, 2018 Area 1 Workshop, with AC Janice Sutton

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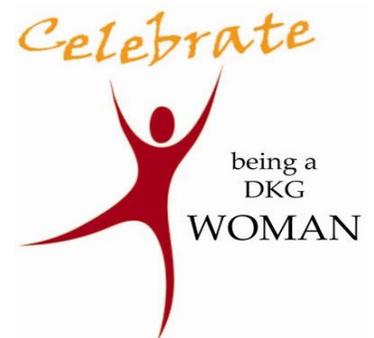
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Executive Director June Groom of Forever Families and some of the murals the children appreciate in their home: Big Bird, a seascape, and a butterfly wall.



Mu Tau Projects

- Little Free Libraries
- Boxtop\$ for Education
- Mu Tau Grant-in-Aid
- Schools for Africa
- SEE
- Forever Families

MU TAU CHAPTER MEETING

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

September 18, 2017

The Mu Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International held the September meeting at Tri-County Library in Mabank. President Barbara Jedlicka welcomed eighteen chapter members and one guest. Refreshments were provided by the Executive Board; Barbara Jedlicka, Janice Sutton, Libby Horton, Mindy Marder, Mary Ann Gregg, Sherri Purselley, Lavonne Dennis, and Beverly Hart, serving as hostesses.

President Barbara Jedlicka called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm and introduced our speaker, Forever Families Executive Director June Groom. Mrs. Groom founded Forever Families two and a half years ago in Kemp, Texas. She thanked Mu Tau sisters for their continued support providing donations of time, money, and supplies to Forever Families. Special thanks were expressed to Mu Tau Chapter members Monica and Melody for their continuing volunteer work with the mothers and children. Mrs. Groom emphasized that Forever Families is a temporary home-- not a shelter--currently serving at capacity with eleven mothers and sixteen children, with a waiting list. Referrals come from doctors, attorneys, and judges. CPS requirements are met to help the victims of drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and mental and physical domestic violence abuse to recover and regain custody of their children. Mothers are taught skills to learn to take proper care of themselves, their children, and their homes. They learn how to interview for jobs and how to make good life choices to build a good future for themselves and their children. Forever Families is a 501(C)(3) non-profit ministry located in Kemp. Mu Tau sisters enjoyed the informative Forever Families presentation.

The May meeting minutes were approved as written in the September Mu Tauker. Written correspondences were shared, including a thank-you note from past Area Coordinator 1 Kim Paetzel, from the ASTEF Board for Mu Tau's continued support for ASTEF, and from Tri-County Library's Brandi Meritt for Mu Tau's donation to the library. A letter of resignation was read from Gaye Stegman, citing reasons of time restraints due to remodeling their house and travel plans in retirement. Jean Robinson moved that Mu Tau members accept with regrets Gaye's resignation. The motion passed.

Treasurer Janice Sutton presented an oral and written treasury report balance of \$333.58 in the chapter's checking account and Scholarship Fund balance of \$649.68.

Nancy McDonald presented the proposed Mu Tau Budget for 2017-2018 based on the estimated income and expenses for 36 members. The Delta Kappa Gamma International and Mu Tau Chapter local dues are \$100. Dues are to be paid by the October meeting.

Libby Horton moved to accept the proposed budget as presented, and it was approved by acclamation. Treasurer Sutton moved to reimburse President Jedlicka for her \$60 personal contribution to Kim Paetzel. Nancy McDonald seconded the motion, and it passed.

President Jedlicka reported on the state convention in Houston in June. Eight Mu Tau Chapter members attended the convention. Mu Tau was recognized for earning the PACE Award, Five-Star Newsletter with Seal of Merit (editor Lavonne Dennis), Exemplary Yearbook with Early Bird Award (DeAnna Thompson Smith), Annie Award (Forever Families Program), Scholarship Honors, Leadership Journeymen status, and Project Groundbreakers status for contributions to ASTEF funds. Mu Tau sister Janice Sutton was recognized as the new Area Coordinator for Area 1. The eight Mu Tau Chapter members attending the convention were Barbara Jedlicka, Janice Sutton, Jean Robinson, Monica Fortenberry, Melody Stephenson, Thelma Stegman, Gaye Stegman, and Pam McBride.

Treasurer Sutton shared information about how Delta Kappa Gamma can support sisters from areas devastated by the recent hurricanes. Two types of donations suggested are:

- * "Member to Member," adopting a member and paying her dues of \$80;
- * "Campus Helping Hands," supporting campuses affected by the hurricanes.

Janice will send membership the official forms needed to accompany each donation when she learns more of the program details.

The nominations committee, chaired by Lavonne Dennis, is working on a slate of officers to be presented later to membership. Lavonne passed the Meaningful Moments list to Mu Tau sisters to volunteer for future Mu Tau Chapter meetings.

Ceremonies chairperson Monica Fortenberry and her committee members presented "Oh, Celebrate Mu Tau's 18th Birthday." Mu Tau Chapter was chartered September 25, 1999, as the 307th chapter of Alpha State. Twenty-eight Mu Tau Chapter charter members were initiated at a ceremony at Cedar Creek Lake Country Club. Those Mu Tau charter members' names were recalled, and those present stood to be recognized. Jean Robinson expressed happy 18th birthday wishes to Mu Tau Chapter as she lit three candles on the birthday cake representing Friendship, Loyalty, and Helpfulness. The meeting was adjourned with the eating of birthday cake and singing the birthday song.

Door prizes, two gift certificates to the Victorian Lady Tearoom and a small cake, went to Thelma Stegman, Sherri Purselley, and Melody Stephenson.

Beverly Hart, recording secretary

Barbara Jedlicka, president



RETIREMENT (not quite)

by Janice Beasley

Ah, **retirement**--that word we often thought about and a time we longed for. You will miss many things by giving up your life's work--wonderful co-workers who are like family and the joy of seeing students grow and learn. However, the calendar keeps clicking off those years and you know the time has finally come to start a new phase of your life. You hope you are ready.

There are visions of no alarm clocks, of quiet, peaceful mornings sipping coffee on the deck, of planning some long-awaited trips, and freedom from stress: no STAAR tests, no Accountability Ratings, no mad parents, and no reports to the state and feds that you doubt anyone ever even reads. It is going to be good!

So, when your son comes to visit the next weekend and tells you that you have a "little' leak" coming from the upstairs bathroom, you just call the plumber to get it fixed without much thought. The next thing you know, you have a floor ripped out, dehumidifier machines roaring for days because that "little leak" has been working away for a long time without anyone knowing it, and you are about to have an unplanned bathroom remodel.

My new vocabulary became centered on *acrylic, porcelain, or cast iron; quartz, marble, or granite; paint shades, latex or enamel, high gloss, semi-gloss, or eggshell; grout and caulking*. Just like in the book *If You Give A Mouse a Cookie*, one thing led to another. On one of the many nights searching the internet for ideas, and getting prices, I thought to myself, "How would I have done this if I were still working?" It was then that I realized that maybe God had saved this *little* project for me to help me transition from the work that I loved so much to this new phase of my life. He provided a reliable contractor that did excellent work, and we are happy with the end result. Now, after two months of research and remodel, *maybe* we can have those quiet mornings and stress-free days that we dreamed of.

MU TAU'S 18TH BIRTHDAY BASH



Patience and Fortitude

by Nancy McDonald

I have been told that patience is a virtue. For some unknown reason, my family has always told me that I am not a patient person. I feel that I possess a great amount of patience. I taught elementary school for many years, and my students managed to survive.

My patience was certainly put to the test this summer. As I was taking a break from my mowing on a very warm June day, my husband drove up with another lawnmower. It was much earlier than he usually comes home, so I thought he actually felt sorry for me and had come to help me mow. As I waited for him to exit the pickup, I thought it was definitely out of character for him, but I was pleased to have some help. I watched him carefully walk toward me holding his left arm completely still with his right hand. His first words to me were, "Boy, I've done it this time." I knew at that point I probably would not finish my mowing and certainly was not going to have help.

Sounding concerned, I inquired as to what happened this time. He is always complaining about something hurting. He can't accept the fact he is not as young as he used to be. I found out that he was on the top step of the tractor which was on the trailer behind the semi. He missed the top step, fell onto the trailer, and landed on the concrete. I immediately said we needed to go to the ER. He informed me that he was a Dallas Fire Department paramedic for over 35 years so he knew what he needed to do. He just wanted to lie down and rest. I said ok, to which he responded that he needed help getting into bed. After listening to an hour of moaning and groaning, I announced I was a mother and knew when someone needed to go to the ER. After all, I did raise two boys. He finally said he might need to go.

That was a twenty-minute ride which seemed like an hour. The tiniest bump made him wince. He asked if I had to hit every bump, to which I replied I certainly was not trying to find them on the road. At this point I was thinking I could be following an ambulance. It would have been a much more pleasant ride.

When we arrived at the ER, the waiting room was full. I told him to sit down, and I would take care of everything. After finishing the paperwork, I returned to his many questions to make sure I had done everything correctly. I told him that I had, but I was thinking of course I did. I am always the one who takes care of paperwork.

His pain was so intense that the doctor gave him a shot to ease the pain before X-rays. It didn't help. He was nice when they were in the room but became a whiny baby when they left. He told them he was a paramedic and knew what would be happening. I reminded my husband this was not a gunshot wound—YET. His left shoulder, elbow, and wrist were X-rayed. Miraculously, nothing was broken, and he was told to see an orthopedist about his shoulder. We both knew it was a very bad rotator cuff injury. We had already been through that with his right shoulder. They gave him another shot and assured us he would not be in pain and would sleep all night. **They lied.**

He was awake all night, which of course meant I was awake. He needed water, help out of bed, pain pills, and food. Of course he only asked for something when I would lie down. The next morning, while he napped, I went to town. It is about a ten-minute drive from our house. When I returned, he was awake and starving to death. When asked what he wanted, he said he didn't care. As I began to prepare his food, I heard my name. He decided a hamburger from a specific place in town sounded good. I returned to my car and drove back to town. This type of behavior went on for two days. I drove back and forth so many times during a day that I lost count.

Still, he was not sleeping, which meant I wasn't sleeping. The pain pills were not working. I would sit down and immediately hear my name. In desperation, I came up with a plan. I went to the pharmacy to inquire if he could take an antihistamine while on pain pills. I was told he could, but wait about four hours after a pain pill. I returned home with my plan in mind. He was still awake and still very needy. It had been close to three and a half hours since his last pain pill, so I gave him the antihistamine. After all, the pharmacist did say "about" four hours. Close enough for me.

He did sleep and began to feel better. After five days, he announced he was ready to drive, so I hid his keys. I don't know what I was thinking. After listening to him for a couple of hours, I gave him the keys. I thought if he could drive home after the accident, he could probably go ahead and drive. *I needed him to get away for a while.*

At this time, I realized that my attending DKG State Convention was out of the question because he is very capable of doing something like this again. He was told he would need shoulder replacement. The other night he said he was thinking about having the surgery in the winter after deer season, of course. It is a six-week recovery period. I told him I thought that was a great idea, and I was sure his mother would love to take care of him. She is only 92.

I believe I have proven to my family that I really am a very patient person. After all, we haven't been to the ER with a gunshot wound, **YET!**

My Forever Family

by Monica Fortenberry

I first visited Forever Families with other Mu Tau sisters last February. I was impressed with the program and wondered if there wasn't something more I could do to help these young mothers and their children.

I went back out to Forever Families in May to get some more pictures and information for our Annie Board. I visited with the Director June Groom and asked if the mothers had any other needs. She shared that they needed volunteers to work with the school-age children during the summer so that the moms could attend the morning devotional and have some free time. I told June that I would be glad to help.

My first visit was in June, and I was informed that there would be seven children ages 4–7. That seemed doable, and I was excited as I planned activities for us. The children's behaviors were challenging that day, but they said they had fun and wanted to know when I would return. I was also encouraged by a sweet note one of the mothers handed me expressing her appreciation for me giving of my time to watch her little boy so she could have the first break she had had since arriving two weeks before. I almost cried when I read it.

My second visit was about the same—with still very challenging behaviors. The next week Melody and I roomed together at DKG State Convention, and I shared my experiences at Forever Families. Melody told me about a program on manners that her church had been using at a summer feeding program, and it sounded like exactly what the children needed. Melody agreed to come and teach it.

Each week we played games, did crafts, played on the playground, and had snacks. The manners program was perfect, and we began to see positive changes in the children's behavior. Melody's teaching the program was such a blessing and had such a positive impact. It was still challenging at times, but the improvements we were seeing were so rewarding, as was the appreciation from the moms.

In all, I spent six Thursdays from nine to twelve noon with some sweet kids who have experienced some things no child should ever have to go through. They are just like all kids—they want someone to spend time with them, to encourage them, and to feel loved.

I stopped by last week for a short visit, and it was so neat. There was a group of moms and kids gathered in a staff office, and June had one of the younger children on her lap; everyone was chatting and laughing just like any other family. I was able to visit with some of the children, and I got smiles, hugs, and good reports about school. Several of the moms thanked me again, and I got smiles and hugs from them too. It makes the small amount of time that I invested all worthwhile. I look forward to hearing more about the successes of these ladies and their families in the future just as though they were my own family.



Little Blessings

by Melody Stephenson

Working with children has always been a passion of mine, so when Monica asked me to help her provide a play day for the children at the Forever Families home, I was excited and quickly committed to the opportunity. The play day would provide a much needed time for mothers to participate in morning devotion as well as provide personal time to do things that would help their family. We started meeting toward the end of July on Thursday mornings from 9:00 am until noon and continued until the children went back to school at the end of August. We had anywhere from five to eight children at a time, whose ages ranged from three to eight years.

Monica shared some of the needs she had observed during several of her prior visits, and we began to work out a schedule of activities that would include ways to teach and reinforce the more pressing needs. It was evident that these children needed structure, but they also needed help with learning to share and how to communicate with words instead of having an attitude when they didn't get their way. We also wanted to teach these children about manners and how to use them. Most of all we wanted to give these children the chance to learn and play in a safe, loving, and positive environment!

Our schedule was divided into eight twenty-minute sessions with a snack time usually in the middle of the activities. Some of our main activities included the "talking stick," role-play activities to teach manners, playing outside on the playground or riding bikes, crafts, and free time to play with the toys in the playroom. We introduced the "talking stick" to help children learn how to take turns when speaking and when to be quiet when it wasn't their turn. The children sat in a circle and passed the stick to the next person after answering creative questions. This activity helped teach and reinforce several of our goals. We had balloon games and several craft sessions where the children made things for their mom or a teacher.

The children were shy at first and tested us on several occasions, but after several weeks they settled in, and we were able to engage them with very little coaxing. Our more challenging times were usually with sharing toys or tattling. Many of the children had learned that crying or screaming would help them get what they wanted. Being consistent with our expectations and using discipline that showed we loved them were key factors in turning these children around. On the last day we could see that these children were playing together with minimal conflict and were using the manners they had learned without being reminded.

It didn't take long to form attachments to these children! We were met each week with hugs and smiles and appreciative moms for the time we spent with their children. By the end of our time we began to see a real difference in these children, and I truly felt blessed to have been given the opportunity to be a part of the Forever Families program. A couple of the program directors shared that they too had seen some positive changes in several of the children.

Monica and I will continue to provide assistance to the mothers and their children as other needs arise.



Mu Tau's collection box



The children's library at Forever Families



Melody with the children



Our Libby is one of TSO President Jo Murphy's Dream Team; ergo, a Dream Girl. Check out the peacock-proud pose!



TSO

See the website: Help for Harvey survivors and Convention photos from Houston.



TSO 2018 Convention in Waco, Texas. Mu Tau goes!



We are HELPERS!

Mu Tau October birthdays

- Mindy Marder, 10/27
- Jean Robinson, 10/15
- Janice Sutton, 10/16

Happy birthday to you!
And many more!



To be featured at the 2019 International Convention in Austin

Benjamin Zander

CONDUCTOR/MUSICAL DIRECTOR

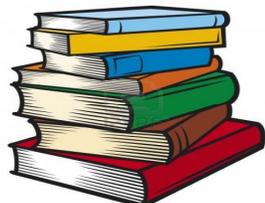
Nadia Lopez

PRINCIPAL/EDUCATIONAL LEADER/AUTHOR

Mu Tau chapter dues are still only \$100, due before October 31. Bring your checkbook. Treasurer Janice Sutton will accept half-payment at this time if that is helpful to you. **\$\$\$\$\$\$**

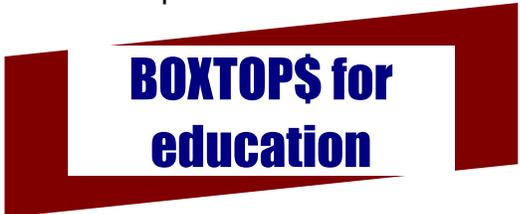
Remember to bring your donations for Forever Families and **money for the purchase of clothes appropriate for job search** as well as items that must be replenished in day-to-day living with moms and children of ages 0-7.

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.



My Journey with Cancer

by Sherri Purselley

October is breast cancer month. I want to encourage everyone to do their self-checks and get their mammograms. I did and it saved my life!

This time last year I found a lump but decided it was nothing and didn't jump!

I waited until November and realized it was larger, so I made an appointment to see my doctor.

He examined the lump and found another, so he referred me to the Ross Breast Center.

On November 30, I had a mammogram then was led to a room for an ultrasound.

The nurse did her test then got the Doctor; he looked for a while. Then the room got quieter.

He said, "You have to return; we need more tests, to do a biopsy on your lymph nodes and breast."

Going back in for needles and probing, I could tell I wouldn't get the answer I was hoping!

December 8th I will forever remember as the day I was diagnosed with stage III cancer.

My husband was devastated as he heard the news, but I said, "It's not a death sentence, just an Inconvenience I choose!"

So fast and furious came one visit after another: "You will need a mastectomy because of the tumor!"

It was fast growing and much larger than expected, but all I heard was that a **cure** was projected!

Six rounds of harsh chemo I endured and survived. To the doctors' dismay, the tumor had not vanished but only shrunk in size.

Blessings abound; the surgery is a lumpectomy—a month to heal then into radiation therapy.

Thirty days of treatments, my burning skin gets so red each day, and I drive to Tyler in dread.

I'm all healed from that now but am back in chemo. I have to complete 12 more infusions, I know.

Another surgery and more tests lie ahead because the tumor had been estrogen fed.

A hysterectomy is scheduled now for this December.

I've been on this journey for a year, wow! I've lost my hair, my lashes and brows, but never my **Fight to Survive Cancer Now!**

I'm a living example of Prayers and Hope; I'm living with cancer and learning to cope!

For five years a pill I will have to take; before a remission statement they'll make.

*Plenty of labs and tests still follow; but I'm **grateful to HIM** for each new tomorrow!*



My Most Outrageous Moments in DKG

by Jean Robinson

I remember when DKG State Conventions were very serious--correct and stately, so to speak. The only time for laughter or having fun was during the singing of songs written by DKG members from a DKG Songbook or paraphrased with a song everyone knew such as "Three Blind Mice." This came to a halt when the State Music Chairman (we will call her **K**), who lived in the southern part of the state, decided we needed a little levity in our meetings.

She assigned the past State Music Chairmen living in different parts of the state the characters from the Village People, a group of cultural stereotypes who made the song "Y.M.C.A." a hit. She paraphrased the text with Delta Kappa Gamma words. I was asked to play the role of the "construction worker," and the others were assigned Indian, cowboy, sailor, and motorcycle rider (with lots of chains.) We were sent an instrumental CD with new words about Delta Kappa Gamma to memorize and fit them to the music. We had to have everything memorized by the time we met in some faraway land because there would be only a short time to rehearse before we performed on the Saturday night program. I recall thinking "How I can I memorize all those words, and what will I wear, and will I look the fool?" Mine was the very first solo, and I was a little dubious about how this little comedy of errors would be received, and, and, and.....I was nervous!

At first practice, K had provided us with necessary props, mine being her husband's heavy tool belt with a hammer and a handle as long as my upper thigh which interfered with my dancing, and a hard hat (there went my hairdo!) to go with my jeans and plaid shirt. After we laughed at least ten minutes over how we looked, we practiced our song at least four times. Due to nerves, and the thrill of adrenalin shooting through our showman blood vessels, we were **the** hit on the last night of the convention. We were even asked to do the same routine at the state convention the next year and received even louder applause than at the first. I had my doubts, but we did it! We sang a DKG song not found in the books and left them laughing.

Our Society's tradition has it that a good Delta Kappa Gamma member never says "no."

However, I have learned that it is the better part of wisdom in some cases to register a firm negative, which should have happened in the second case of my being asked to perform onstage.

This time, the State Music Chairman (we'll call her **CC**) asked me to be a part of the chorus dancing to the song "Good Morning, Baltimore" from the musical *Hairspray*. She would be singing the solo, so we would have to memorize the dance with no leader. The five of us practiced once and received the words and dance steps to put with the music, never to see each other again until we met in another faraway land. After one more practice, the night of the big production arrived with all of us dressed in funeral black (so apropos!); the music started; CC was singing beautifully; we did the first step--ball changes great--**but** in the stepping-back steps required in the sixth measure of the song, the lady on the end fell off the stage behind the curtains into a big black space, and that's when my mind went blank worrying about her broken body somewhere in the dark. Still, ingrained with the words "the show must go on," I kept dancing and realized the rest of the ladies were relying on **me** to guide them. Perspiration and worry, mixed with glances over my shoulder, hoping to see Shar rise from the ashes, overcame me, but I kept dancing frantically with others doing the same. Just as CC was singing the very last chorus, up popped Shar with arms raised thanking God for her survival, and we thankfully ended our dance. I heard three people (probably Janice, Nancy, and Libby) with faint enthusiasm applauding very weakly as we scampered from that stage. Shar suffered only a few bruises, thank goodness. Since that time, no one has asked me to dance or sing onstage again. I think it is all right to say NO sometimes in our DKG life.

[Lest you think that JR never had stardust in her eyes, check out Convention photos and see her as Miss Bette Davis, though she probably would have been more appropriately cast as the perennially beautiful and forever youthful, elegant Miss Loretta Young. See her also being honored for her 51--yes, 51--years of sisterhood in Delta Kappa Gamma! --ed.]

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Membership Chairman Libby Horton reminds us to bring our prospective membership nominations to her.

Think future!



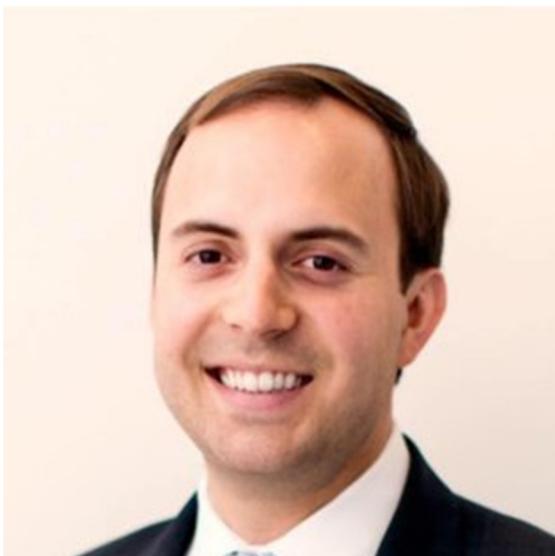
From Area Coordinator Janice Sutton—

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

How can we help our sisters affected by Hurricane Harvey? Texas State Organization of DKG has developed a way for those of us in the areas not affected to reach out to those sisters in the six areas that have been hit personally by the devastation.

Member to Member: This is a way for individual DKG members to assist fellow members in affected areas by becoming an encourager to them. First, we can help them pay their dues by donating either partial dues payment or pay the entire dues for the year for one of those members who might not be able to afford dues this year. The committee is collecting \$80 per individual member who is identified as being in need of assistance with this. If this is something you would like to do to help, please make your check (for any amount you want—it doesn't have to be the entire \$80) **payable to TSO** and bring it to Barbara at our meeting. She will complete the form and send it to the state. The Programs and Service Projects Committee will then pair you with individuals who will be receiving your help with dues. Then you are asked to send words of encouragement to those individuals as they work through this process. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to help, please contact Barbara to let her know so that she can make arrangements to get your check.

Campus Helping Hands: This is a way for DKG chapters to “adopt” a campus to help with rebuilding their supplies and materials needed to set up and run their classrooms by donating supplies, books, gift cards, or other things they might need. School supplies for the impacted children whose families cannot furnish what their children need and teacher classroom supplies will be priority items.



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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Texas State Organization (TSO)
Hurricane Harvey Plan of Action

To assist Texas State Organization members who have been affected by the catastrophic events of the final week of August and into September of 2017 related to Hurricane Harvey, TSO is beginning a campaign in which all members in the state and other state organizations of DKG can assist members and chapters affected by Hurricane Harvey. Members most impacted live in the TSO Areas 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 18. The plan will have 2 main components, Member to Member and Campus Helping Hands. Guidelines of each component are listed below. This program fulfills Purpose number 1 and Purpose number 6 of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Member(s) to Member

- Area Coordinators in affected areas identify lists of members who have experienced a financial impact in any way from the hurricane.
- Area Coordinators in unaffected areas identify members and groups of members who wish to become Encouragers.
- Each affected member is paired with Encourager(s) who agrees to pay DKG dues of \$80 for 2017-2018 year for the sister they are “adopting.”
- The Encouragers continue to send positive messages throughout the year to their adopted sister via cards, emails, texts, phone calls, and other methods of outreach.
- Michelle Grandinetti and the TSO Programs and Service Projects Committee will coordinate this component—her email is mrgrose2014@gmail.com.

Campus Helping Hands

- Area Coordinators in affected areas identify school campuses impacted by the hurricane.
- Area Coordinators in unaffected areas, with assistance from TSO Key Bridge Builders, compile lists of TSO Chapters, DKG chapters or State Organizations, and Non-DKG groups (civic organizations, church groups, neighborhood groups, etc.) who wish to adopt a campus or contribute in some way to assist a campus to recover from losses due to Harvey.
- Key Bridge Builders group will match campuses with Helping Hands and facilitate the process of getting supplies/donations to the campus.
- Cooke Johnson is going to coordinate this group of Key Bridge Builders and other components of Campus Helping Hands. Cooke’s email is acjohnson62@att.net.