



# The Mu Tauker

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Texas State Organization

Area 1 Chapter 307 Mu Tau Chapter

Cedar Creek Lake Area

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

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

### Mary Ann's Mantra

Dear Sisters,

As I write my first letter to you, my heart is heavy yet hopeful. To our sisters who are ill, have loved ones who are ill and to those who are grieving losses, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers and please let me know how we can help!

I am hopeful for our chapter as we enter this biennium and I will tell you why! Like the golden cup of learning at the top of our crest, our members are full of talent and experience that will propel Mu Tau through the turbulent waters of change at the State and International levels. For example, the Area One Coordinator is our very own Janice Sutton, who conducted a very successful and well-attended Area One Workshop in August. Along with Janice, Libby Horton will help us understand how new bylaws will change the way dues shall be collected. Fortunately, Mu Tau was well represented at the State and International Conventions this summer, and we will hear reports from those conventions at our September meeting!

These next two years will be learning years for me, and I invite you to become learners, too! Each month at our Mu Tau meetings, speakers will teach us something new to help us fill our cup so that, in return, we can go forward and serve our colleagues, new teachers, pre-service teachers, students, and their parents. The golden cup of learning, or *scyphus*, resonates with me as the vision I have for these next 2 years. I want us to keep our cups full so that we can be informed, grow personally and professionally, and serve those around us.

Here's to a great two years!

Cheers,

Mary Ann



#### Mu Tau Meeting

Monday

September 17, 2018

4:45 PM

Tr-County Library, Mabank

Hostesses

Executive Board

Meaningful Moments

Robin Welch

Program

Cupcakes by Crystal

Happy birthday, Mu Tau!



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## Mu Tau calendar 2018-2019

July 31, 2018	Executive Board Meeting
August 4, 2018	Area 1 Workshop
September 17, 2018	Mu Tau 19th Birthday Celebration
October 15, 2018	Tai Chi with Judy Colvin
November 12, 2018	In Remembrance
December 10, 2018	Christmas Social
January 7, 2019	Executive Board Meeting
February 11, 2019	Emphasis on ASTEF and Singing
March 18, 2019	Apps with Pam McBride
April 15, 2019	Initiation/Patti Belknap
May 6, 2019	Founders Day/Janet Burgess
June 20-22, 2019	90th TSO Convention, Arlington, TX
July 17-20, 2019	Southwest Regional Conference, Costa Mesa, CA

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Dear Mu Tau Sisters,

I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate everything that you did to make our Area 1 Workshop successful. Thank you so much for getting door prize donations and items for the goody bags, assembling all the folders and goody bags, helping with the food and registration, greeting the ladies from Area 1, assisting with presentations, and graciously taking care of the countless other duties that came your way. I am also grateful for all of you who took time out of your schedule to attend the workshop. I certainly could never have done it by myself. You all are the best, and I am so proud to be a part of our chapter!



Most sincerely,  
Janice

## Mu Tau Executive Board 2018-2019

### President

Mary Ann Gregg

### First Vice President

Jean Robinson

### Second Vice President

Mindy Marder

### Recording Secretary

Judy Vestal

### Corresponding Secretary

Melody Stephenson

### Treasurer

Libby Horton



### Parliamentarian

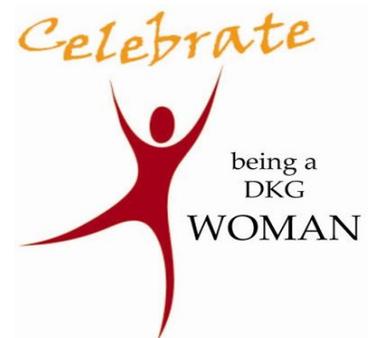
Nancy McDonald

### Immediate Past President

Barbara Jedlicka

### The Mu Tauker Editor

Lavonne Dennis



## Mu Tau Projects

Little Free Libraries

Boxtop\$ for Education

Mu Tau Grant-in-Aid

Schools for Africa

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Forever Families

## MU TAU CHAPTER MEETING

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

May 14, 2018

The Mu Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International held the May meeting at Tri- County Library in Mabank. First Vice President Mindy Marder called the meeting to order at 4:55 pm and welcomed members. Fifteen members registered attendance.

Monica Fortenberry shared humorous stories of teachers and children for the Meaningful Moments. The April chapter meeting minutes were approved as written in the May Mu Tauker. A thank-you note from Dr. Jo Murphy was read for her invitation to the April chapter meeting, the appreciation gift Kathy Clardy presented to her, and for the ASTEF donation in her honor. An update was shared regarding Barbara Jedlicka and her husband, who are continuing to improve.

Janice Sutton, treasurer, shared an oral and written treasurer's report balance of \$767.16. She reminded members of the July 1 deadline to register for the Area 1 Workshop on August 4. Nancy McDonald, registrar for the event, is collecting the \$10.00 registration fee. Melody Stephenson moved that Mu Tau Chapter donate \$200 to Tri-County Library for the use of Mu Tau Chapter's monthly meetings. Nancy McDonald seconded, and the motion passed.

Nancy McDonald presented the attendance awards (certificates and gifts) for Libby Horton to Lavonne Dennis, Melody Stephenson, and Judy Vestal for perfect attendance. Members missing only one meeting were Monica Fortenberry, Mary Ann Gregg, Beverly Hart, Libby Horton, Nancy McDonald, Jean Robinson, and Janice Sutton.

Mu Tau Chapter Achievement Awards were presented to Monica Fortenberry and Melody Stephenson for their many hours of volunteer work and their dedication to Mu Tau Chapter's project Forever Families. Melody thanked Mu Tau sisters for the donated Mother's Day gift items and cash donations used to stock the store for the children to purchase Mother's Day gifts for their mothers. The gift items were packaged as gift sets for the children to select for their mothers. The children were assisted with their selections, wrapping them, and making cards for their mothers. Melody and Monica said part of the donated money was used to purchase an umbrella and two chairs for the patio used by the mothers and children of Forever Families. This very successful project was well received and appreciated by the children and their mothers. Melody shared that more volunteers are needed for the summer weekdays from 9 am -12 to engage the children in various activities. Interested volunteers need to contact Monica or Melody for more information. A special thank-you was expressed to Melody and Monica for their dedication to the Forever Families Project.

Janice Sutton installed the new biennium's officers for Mu Tau Chapter: President Monica Fortenberry; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mary Ann Gregg; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Mindy Marder; Recording Secretary Judy Vestal; Corresponding Secretary Melody Stephenson. Libby Horton was selected by new chapter president Monica Fortenberry to be treasurer, and Nancy McDonald was selected to be Parliamentarian.

Mindy Marder presented new chapter president Monica Fortenberry with the president's pin.

Mindy reminded members of the Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention and encouraged everyone to attend. Discussion was held regarding the state convention and our chapter's responsibilities. Melody Stephenson volunteered to provide the treats baskets for the head table at the business meeting.

Monica Fortenberry presented the program, Celebrating Our Delta Kappa Gamma Founders. Mu Tau Chapter members Jean Robinson, Mary Ann Gregg, Mindy Marder, Monica Fortenberry, Lavonne Dennis, Melody Stephenson, Angela Barton, Sherri Purselley, Felecia Erwin, Nancy McDonald, Sharon Babovec, and Hilary Strum participated in the program. A special thank-you was expressed for the program participants.

The door prize winners were Judy Vestal, Monica Fortenberry, Beverly Hart, and Hilary Strum, who received gift certificates to the local Victorian Lady Tea Room.

The meeting was closed at 5:55 pm with the group singing of The Delta Kappa Gamma Song, standing hand in hand.

Beverly Hart, Recording Secretary

Mindy Marder, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



*Mu Tau birthdays in September*

Nancy McDonald, 9/21

Shawnn Oliver, 9/24

Carol Voris-Reeder, 9/28



*Happy birthday, September girls!*

**Mu Tau chapter 9/1999**

Think of your best birthday gifts ever! And be ready to tell us about them. Jean is likely to ask!



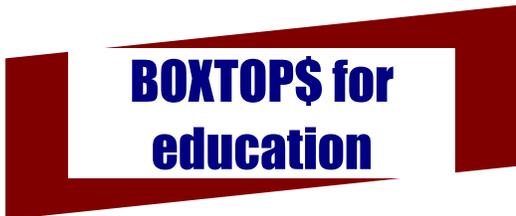
**This year for Mu Tau~~~~~**

**Don't miss a meeting! We have elected a great team of officers, who have spent considerable time in planning outstanding programs and activities for this year. Don't be a missing person: Mu Tau needs you!**

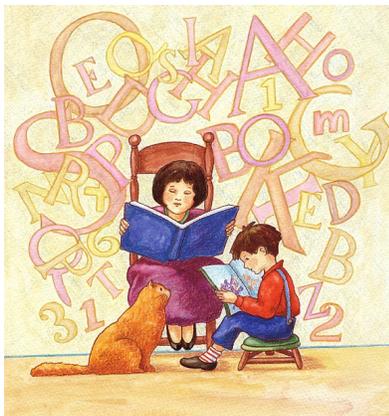
**As we close each meeting by singing the Delta Kappa Gamma Song, you'll be glad to have been there and understand the sisterhood a bit better each time.**

**We are sisters, hand in hand. Come spend an hour with us each month!**

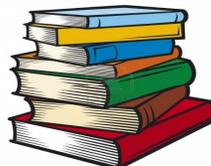
When ordering books, remember that **Amazon Smile!** benefits an organization of your choice. Why not make your choice Delta Kappa Gamma as some of us in Mu Tau have done?!



**Note:** Boxtop\$ help our schools help our kids. Save these coupons and bring them to Sherri Purselley.



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



Bring the books to Mindy Marder; reading helps people in our communities to become better readers and perhaps better citizens.

## Me a Published Author? That's Crazy!

by Pam McBride

A few months ago, I felt a little nudge from God to write. I contemplated what to write and decided a blog could work. I would explain what I had done to my old house and my Hashimoto health journey for my friends and family.

I set up the blog and published the first post but just couldn't bring myself to write again. "Why wasn't I posting more?" I asked myself. "It's just a blog. I'm not even telling people, so no one will find it."

With no satisfying answer, I kept questioning myself.

"Maybe if I joined a writer's group for accountability, it would push me to post." With that thought, I started searching for a local writer's group. One leader I contacted suggested attending the *Roaring Lambs Christian Writers Conference* in Plano.

I checked it out over and over again until I finally told God I would try it, but not to expect too much.

Over the course of the day, I listened to five different authors say, "If God told you to write, then write. He has a message someone needs to hear from you. Don't worry about how many people will read it; it may be for only one person."

Now I understood my block. I was afraid people would laugh at my writing and it would be embarrassing. But if God had a message I needed to write, then that was different.

I finally got out of the way and let God lead. It has been amazing! Within six weeks, my first book was published on Amazon as an eBook, and since God gave me the idea for a series, not just a single book, I'm already deep into book number two.

I wanted to write books that I would like to read. Books where characters and locations overlap and touch each other's lives. As I added in local settings and everyday people just trying to figure out how God wants them to live their lives, I could feel Him working through me, and it is beyond description, even for a writer. When someone asks me how I can come up with all the ideas, I can honestly say, "It's not me--it's God. I just try to stay out of the way."

I still pinch myself every once in a while, because this is way too much fun and I can't believe I get to tell these stories.

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While many women write their first book from the angst of their teenage years, my first book is inspired from the angst of being back in the dating game in my late 30s as a divorced mother of two young children.

*As a 30-something woman or man, you're tired of the church singles drama and the online dating hassle. You just want to meet some regular, every-day, potential, Christian mates. It would be great to know they'd already been prescreened so you wouldn't have to worry about scary serial killer background or gold diggers. Well, let me introduce to you the world of Mix and Match.*

*First Impressions* kicks off my Mix and Match series and brings together 12 Christian women and 12 Christian men looking to find a spouse. *Second Glances* takes you deeper into their lives and follows them for the next six weeks. Future books will focus on one or two characters in even more depth.

Pulling from my many years of singles Sunday school events and online dating adventures, I have created an almost ideal situation for marriage-minded, single Christians to find each other. Already, some of my readers want to implement this idea in real life, which I would love to see happen.

You can find my books on Amazon and my series website can be found at [MixandMatchSeries.com](http://MixandMatchSeries.com). This website adds another dimension to reading my books. There are links for you to listen to all the songs that I use in them. (Music is integral to most of my books because it has played such a huge part in my life.) You can also find what we call 'juicy tidbits' on the website providing backstory details that complement the books.

Lastly, I also blog as just regular me at [PamMcBride.com](http://PamMcBride.com). My greatest hope is that you'll let God speak to you through my books. Enjoy!

### **Hostess Committees for 2018-2019** (Chairman's name is in bold type.)

September—**Executive Board**

October—**Libby Horton**, Angela Barton, Tana Hoelscher Erin McKenzie

November—**Melody Stephenson**, Shelia Lewis, Pam McBride, Janice Sutton

December—**Kathy Clardy**, Sharon Babovic, Jean Robinson, Cindy Satterwhite, Thelma Stegman

February—**Sherri Purselley**, Janice Beasley, Shela Koskelin, Mindy Marder, Robin Welch

March—**Lavonne Dennis**, Shawnn Oliver, DeAnna Smith, Judy Vestal

April—**Felecia Erwin**, Jan Jones, Nancy McDonald, Hilary Strum

May—**Beverly Hart**, Mary Ann Gregg, Barbara Jedlicka, Judy Sullivan



## Committee Assignments for 2018-2019

(Chairman's name is in bold type.)



**Ceremonies:** **Sherri Purselley**, Jean Robinson, Hilary Strum, Thelma Stegman

**Communicatons and Publicity:** **Lavonne Dennis**, Janice Beasley, Sheila Lewis, Pam McBride, Shela Koskelin

**Courtesy:** **Melody Stephenson**, Kathy Clardy, Barbara Jedlicka, Jan Jones, BJ Williams

**Finance:** **Janice Sutton**, Beverly Hart, Libby Horton

**Legislation and Bylaws:** **Felecia Erwin**, Sharon Babovic, DeAnna Smith, Cindy Satterwhite, Judy Sullivan

**Membership:** **Mindy Marder**, Erin McKenzie, Libby Horton, Shawnn Oliver, Robin Welch

**Nominations:** **Melody Stephenson**, Kathy Clardy, Barbara Jedlicka

**Personal and Professional Enrichment:** **Nancy McDonald**, Tana Hoelscher, Judy Vestal, Robin Welch, Angela Barton

**Programs and Projects:** **Jean Robinson**, DeAnna Smith, Sherri Purselley, Lavonne Dennis, Melody Stephenson, Janice Sutton, Felecia Erwin, Mindy Marder, Nancy McDonald

**HEADS UP: Some committees will meet briefly immediately following the regular chapter meeting. Be ready for a short update on committee duties and functions.**



### Meaningful Moments for 2018-2019

September—Robin Welch

October—Judy Vestal

November—Hilary Strum

December—Pam McBride

February—Sheila Lewis

March—Sharon Babovic

April—Shawnn Oliver

May—Cindy Satterwhite



Recommended reading for busy Mu Tau women:  
(Isn't that YOU?)

***The Best Yes: Making Wise Decisions  
in the Midst of Endless Demands***

by Lysa Terkeurst

## TSO CONVENTION IN WACO 2018



Our woman-for-all-seasons, beautiful Jean is honored in Waco for her 50+ years of service in Delta Kappa Gamma.



Mu Tau and friends (including the illustrious “Dr. Annie Webb Blanton”) between sessions in Waco.

Reports from the Conventions are on the agenda for the September meeting.

More pictures are available on TSO and International websites.

## DKG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN AUSTIN 2018



Mu Tau looking good at International in Austin



Libby and Melody high above downtown Austin