



Tau Talk

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Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Educators Worldwide.



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Hello Tau Sisters!

Spring Break is over so we are on the countdown to the last days of the 2016 school year. I am personally counting down to May, with mixed emotions, to my retirement as an Elementary PE teacher of 28 years. Although I can't relax yet...I still have two field days, concession stand, and one 2nd grade fun run to finish before the end. I hope you are enjoying your spring, can put that test behind you and coast to the end. I am looking forward to seeing you all April 12! I hope you had a wonderful and blessed Easter!

Alicia,

Tau Chapter President

news from him! Our meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12 at Gibbs Library. Come join us and bring some questions to ask concerning education and the legislature. We will also install our newly elected officers in April. Hope to see you all there at 4:00 pm!

Grant Money for Orphanage in India:

I am sad to report to you that Martha heard from the Educational Foundation and our Orphanage in India was not chosen for grant money this year. The money last year did wonderful things for the children and we were hoping it would continue again this year. Thanks to Martha for sending in the mid-term pictures as well as the end of project pictures and articles and for reapplying this year.

We are collecting panties and underwear to be sent to the children this summer. Please bring them to the April or May meeting. A monetary donation can also be made to Martha and she will buy on your behalf. Following is the list of sizes and number of girls:

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| Size 8 | 4 girls |
| Size 10 | 3 girls |
| Size 12 | 6 girls |
| Size 24-16 | 11 girls |
| Small Woman's | 3 girls |

Each girl will need six (6) pairs since they go to school six (6) days a week, Monday through Saturday. This will save wear and tear on the washing machine and less work for Hepshiba.

Thanks to all of you that continue to pray for the children, widows, Pastor John and Hepshiba.

Google in March:

We had a great program in March. I was so pleased to see so many members make it to Fairfield to work with Fairfield Teacher, Rachel Bossier, in the computer lab for "Google and More". She is a "guru" on the computer and my personal "go to" person when I need help or have questions. If you couldn't make it you were missed, but you didn't get any of the yummy decorated Easter cookies for refreshments! Thanks to Alicia for providing the cookies. All those that went to the extra mile, so to speak, to drive to Fairfield, were greatly appreciated.

Meeting Change!

Our meeting date has changed due to scheduling conflicts with our speaker Kyle Kacal, State Representative. I am sure hoping for some good

Treasurer's Report:

Balance on Hand – March 31 - \$1435.84

No deposits and No expenditures for the month of March

Grant-in-Aid- \$618.00

Dates to Remember:

*Tuesday, April 12, 2016 Gibbs Memorial Library
305 E. Rusk, Mexia

Time: Refreshments: 4:30 pm
Meeting: 5:00 pm

Program: Legislative Update
Presenter: Kyle Kacal
Inspirational: Virginia Riddle
Hostesses: Pat Adams and Lisa Rogers

*Saturday, May 7, 2016 Waco Hilton Inn
113 S. University
Parks Drive

Time: 1:00 am-1: pm
Program: Founder's Day Luncheon

We will have our annual carpool/caravan to Waco to join our McLennan County DKG sisters for a celebration of our Founders and lunch at the Hilton Hotel. The cost of lunch is \$25.00, so please pay Martha so she can write a check for Tau Chapter. We always have a wonderful time visiting with our DKG sisters and I know the Hilton is going to be great. Plan on paying Martha at the April meeting since our meeting is a week later than usual. This will eliminate you having to remember to mail the check! We are putting together votive candles for everyone to take home. Martha is printing the place cards. Let us know if you can be a driver. I hope we have a big Tau group joining us.

Texas State Convention:

The state convention registration is on-line now in the Lone Star News. Another copy is also included with this newsletter. There is still a half (1/2) queen size bed available if you want to join in the fun of the convention. You will never know how much you will enjoy the convention until you make the commitment and go. You will be happy you did! When registering make sure you pay for the Birthday Lunch and the Saturday Night Banquet. If you have questions just ask!

Unifying project:

We will be collecting school supplies for the East Texas CASA and Hope Supply Company, the unifying projects this year. CASA helps abused and neglected east Texas children and Hope Supply meets the critical needs of homeless children across North Texas.

We are collecting:

crayons, pencils, pens, wide-rule
notebook paper, fleece blankets and
teddy bears.

Please bring them to the April and May meetings so we can take them to the convention in June.

Visual Arts:

Visual arts projects are being requested for the art exhibit during convention. I know we have some talented members out there. Go ahead and fill out the application and share your talent with your DKG sisters from around the state. Let me know so I can add it to the PACE. "Every little point counts!"

ASTE F Fundraiser:

Please Donate -Gift cards of \$25.00 or more sent to Dr. Barbara Derrick to go into ASTEF Treasure Boxes. You could be a big winner for only a \$20.00 donation to purchase a Treasure Box. See the Spring Lone Star News for more information.

Looking to the Future of Tau:

Thanks Patty, Belinda, and Sunnie for serving on the Nominating Committee. They recommended the following slate of officers, which were elected by the Members in attendance at the March meeting, for the 2016-2018 biennium. They are as follows:

President- Anna Pat Alpert
1st Vice President- Belinda Cotton
2nd Vice President- Goldia Liles
Recording Secretary- Vickie McDougal
Corresponding Secretary- Sandra Lee
Treasure- Martha Kirgan
Parliamentarian-Alicia Smith

Thank-you for your commitment to leading Tau Chapter over the next two years!

Many, many, many thanks to the Tau Officers going out of office. It has been a great two years! Thanks Lisa, Goldia, Vickie, Ronda, Martha, Virginia, and Alicia.

Websites for DKG Use:

You will find useful information regarding DKG on the following websites:

Tau's website: alstau.weebly.com

State website: alphastatetexas.org

International website: deltakappagamma.org

Projects:

Tray Greetings for St. Patrick's Day and Easter were delivered to the Nursing Homes in Freestone and Limestone Counties.

Christmas stockings are being made for delivery to foster home children in Freestone and Limestone Counties. Martha and Goldia still need some help with Christmas material to complete this special project for the coming Christmas. Any help will be appreciated!

FYI:

Our Tau year is winding down. Lisa is working on the Annie Award, Martha completed a ASTEF Application for Creekside Christian Retreat Center.

Virginia is applying for the DKG Members-in-Print Award and I am working on the PACE application.

Officers

President: Alicia Smith

1st Vice President: Lisa Rogers

2nd Vice President: Goldia Liles

Recording Secretary: Vickie McDougal

Corresponding Secretary: Ronda Brewer

Treasurer: Martha Kirgan

Parliamentarian: Virginia Riddle



Delicious Cookies and Pretty Table
March Meeting



Pastor John and child lifting up prayers
for his recovery following heart surgery.
Pastor John and Hephshiba, his wife run



*Tau Members learning Google and
More with Rachel Bossier
at March meeting*

TSO Frisco Convention Visual Arts Application

Members are invited to apply by April 15, 2016, to be a part of the Visual Arts exhibit at state convention. The exhibit will be available for viewing on Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; on Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and on Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The exhibit is an opportunity for Texas members to display their best and most creative endeavors. *



Art will be only on exhibit and not for sale. The artist will be responsible for preparing her art for display, setting up, and taking down. Artists should bring an easel, if needed, since only tables will be provided at convention.

If you are interested in sharing your art, please complete the following information, and return it to *Vivian Yancey, Visual Arts Committee Chair*, by the deadline. The number of displays will be determined by available space.

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone Contact Number _____

Title of Art _____

Description of Art Piece

Please include a photo of the art to be displayed.

Mail to Vivian Yancey, 1144 Zajic Drive, Terrell, Texas 75160, or to vldyancey@yahoo.com



*Members' original visual artwork might include but is not limited to the following: drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, photography, fashion design, computer art, and decorative arts (for example, ceramics, pottery, stained glass, woodcarving, metalwork, jewelry, basketry, and textile arts). Contact Vivian Yancey for more info.



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