



Tau Talk

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Limestone-Freestone Counties, Area VIII
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Hello Tau Sisters:

It has been such a long time since our Tau Birthday Celebration in January. We had a great turnout! The brunch was great and we made about fifteen (15) Tau Birthday Gift bags for some local 0-5 year teachers. Thanks to Edye for opening her home to us all for brunch and auction. We made about \$561.00 more in auction money bringing our Caroline F. Forsythe Grant-in-Aid total to \$618.00. Anyone that was not able to participate can still make donations to Martha. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our March meeting.

Alicia
Tau Chapter President

March Meeting:

We will be meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, in Fairfield at the Fairfield Elementary School Library computer Lab. Mrs. Rachael Bossier will be working with us on Google and more. Please look up your Google account information so you will be able to sign in and collaborate with us. She is a whiz at everything and my "go to" tech help person. I will have refreshments at 4:30 then we will start signing in as we finish eating and visiting. We will start collaborating early so join in as you come in. We will also hear from the Nominations

Committee regarding new officers. The May meeting and convention will also be on the Agenda.

See you **March 1, 2016** in Fairfield! Alicia's cell phone number is 903-388-0950 in case you have questions or need directions.

ASTEF:

ASTEF celebrated Valentine's Day with a day of giving. Anyone wanting to make donations can do so by going on line or by mail with an ASTEF contribution form. Donations will be used to promote scholarships, leadership and projects, including Aspiring Educator Awards. Share your love with ASTEF by making a donation.

For ASTEF Convention project, please see Convention section of the newsletter.

Mission Statement of Delta Kappa Gamma

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

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE MARCH 1, 2016!

Nomination Committee Recommendations:

The Nomination Committee has made the following recommendations for Tau Chapter Officers for the 2016-2018 biennium:

President:	Anna Pat Alpert
1st Vice-president:	Belinda Cotton
2nd Vice-president:	Goldia Liles
Recording Secretary:	Vickie McDougal
Corresponding Secretary:	Sandra Lee
Parliamentarian:	Alicia Smith
Treasurer:	To be appointed by new president

These members have agreed to serve in the designated offices. As always we will take nominations from the floor with prior consent.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance December 31, 2015	\$ 1084.84
Deposits	<u>351.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 1435.84
No Expenses	

Grant-in-Aid	
Balance	\$ 57.00
Income	<u>561.00</u>
Total	\$618.00

Dates to Remember:

*Tuesday, March 1, 2016	Fairfield Elementary School 330 W. Main, Fairfield
Time:	4:30—6:00 pm
Program:	Technology Training
Inspirational:	Denise Butler
Hostesses:	Alicia Smith
*Tuesday, April 5, 2016	Gibbs Memorial Library 305 E. Rusk, Mexia
Time:	4:30—6:00 pm
Program:	Legislative Update
Presenter:	Kyle Kacal
Inspirational:	Virginia Riddle
Hostesses:	Pat Adams and Lisa Rogers

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

Save the Date:

*Saturday, May 7, 2016	Hilton Hotel 113 S. University Parks Dr. Waco, Texas
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Cheryl McDuff and Alicia Smith met with a Hilton contact and worked out the room, tables, and Menu in June, 2015. Tau Chapter will also be in charge of place cards, decorations, name tags and door prizes. Zeta will be presiding and be the treasure for the lunch.

Watch for further information.

State Convention:

The State Convention will be in FRISCO on June 22-26, 2016. There is still room available if you do not mind sharing. Let us know if you would like to share the room, so plans can be made.

There are two attachments in regards to this convention. One is an application for the Visual Arts exhibit and the other is information on the overflow hotel.

Unifying Project Frisco:

There are two agencies receiving the donations of the unifying projects this summer. The East Texas CASA services abused and neglected children in Gregg, Rusk, and Upshur Counties. Hope Supply company meet the critical needs of homeless children (0-18 years) across North Texas. Supplies requested: crayons, pencils, pens, wide-ruled notebook paper, fleece blankets and teddy bears.

Start collecting some of these items and bring them to the March and April meetings. If everyone brings a little not one has to bring a lot.

ASTEF and Convention:

ASTEF's fundraising project for Frisco is Treasure Boxes Chapters, areas, individuals and businesses are asked to make a donation of \$25.00 or more to fund the boxes. During the convention, attendees will have the opportunity to pay \$20.00 and randomly choose a wrapped box containing a gift of \$25.00 or more. The proceeds will go towards ASTEF projects and the Aspiring Educator program. Members planning on donating during the convention email Dr. Barbara Derrick so enough boxes will be able to handle all the treasures. For more information see the Lone State News.

Last summer at the convention Lisa Rogers big on one of the piggy "possey" banks, which was last years ASTEF fundraiser and she won one. Supporting these fund-raising events helps everyone that is chosen to receive an ASTEF Grant.



Chapter 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

Special Projects:

Martha Kirgan and Goldia Liles have already begun making Christmas Stockings for next Christmas. Their goal is to have all the stockings made this summer. If you have any Christmas material to donate or donate money to Goldia and Martha to buy material it would be greatly appreciated. They are doing most of the sewing and material costs add up. Let's help them out.

Prayers:

Kylie Rogers recently underwent an MRI to find out why her left foot is swelling and she is having a low-grade fever. She made it through the MRI and now the family is waiting to hear the results. Keep Kylie and Lisa in your prayers.

John and Hepshiba send their thanks for all the prayers during John's surgery and recovery. He is home now but they need continued prayers for his recovery at home.



Tau Chapter members, left to right Anna Pat Alpert, Jim Kirgan, Jim Smith, Ronda Brewer, Patty Manley, and Alicia Smith at the Annual Christmas Party .



Quilts made by Laverne Gordon and quilted by Martha Kirgan. Quilts were given to CPS children for Christmas 2015.



Martha Kirgan presenting 2015 Christmas Stockings to CPS



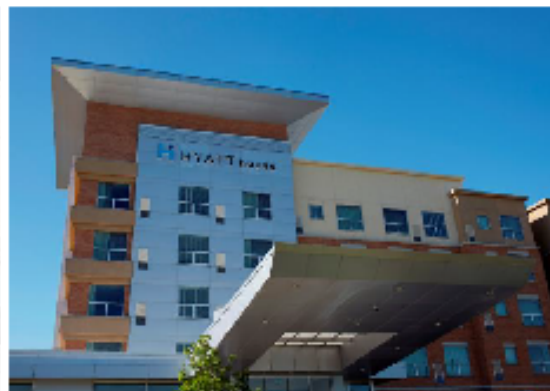
Tau Chapter Birthday Party in the home of Edye-Gillen Hall. Front row: Edye, Anna Pat Alpert, Alicia Smith; Second row: Martha Kirgan Donna Landers, Patty Manley, Sunnie Schwass, and Margared Day; Third Row: Virginia Riddle, Laura Sides, Vickie McDougal, and Sandra Lee.

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2016 TSO Convention's Two Overflow Hotels

Q Did you miss out on a room at the Embassy Suites by Hilton?

A You're still in luck! TSO has signed contracts with Hilton Garden Inn and HYATT house!



Both hotels...

- ★ Are north across the street from the Embassy Suites by Hilton and Frisco Conference Center
- ★ Offer complimentary shuttle service within a five-mile radius
- ★ Offer suites, king (\$135), double queens (\$145), with separate living areas and kitchen amenities
- ★ Offer complimentary hot breakfast
- ★ Offer free Internet access
- ★ Are steps from Dr Pepper Ballpark
- ★ To reserve a room:

Hilton Garden Inn, 7550 Gaylord Parkway, Frisco 75034; 469-362-8485

<http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/TexasStateOrganizationDeltaKappaGamma>

Use code: TSODKG

Note: Wednesday is not part of the DKG contract with HGI. The hotel management wanted to keep all its rooms in inventory for businessmen. HYATT house gave us 15 rooms on Wednesday night. If you want to book Wednesday night, you will probably need to use HYATT house.

HYATT house, 2875 Parkwood Blvd. (at intersection w/Gaylord Pkwy.), Frisco 75034

http://www.dallasfrisco.house.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp_id=G-TTBC

Notes: No online code is needed. If a tub is preferred, write under "Special Request."

If registering by phone, use 866-974-9288, toll free, and give code DKGS.

Points to remember in making reservations:

- June 2, 2016, is the deadline for the special rates of \$135 plus taxes (king suite) and \$145 plus taxes (double suite), as well as the deadline for TSO to meet our guaranteed block. Rates are good for up to four people per room.
- Reserve only the number of rooms that you need. You must give the names of all the persons who will be staying in the rooms you reserve. Guests will be allowed to make only one reservation per guest name.

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