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Greetings to all Tau Sisters:

We had such a great, fun meeting at the Fairfield Public library on Monday, March 4, 2013. If you missed the meeting, you really missed a treat (literally!). Alicia Smith passed out candy to all the winners of the purse scavenger hunt!



During the refreshment and visiting time, Alicia invited each of us to “weigh in” - not us ourselves thank heavens, but our purses! For each pound of weight, we owed \$1.00 to the scholarship fund. Our program, “My Purse Is My Life”, presented by Betsy Monico of the Fairfield ISD, was both fun and interesting. She compared our purse choices (size, shape, color, etc.) to our personality traits. Most of us agreed that Betsy was pretty much “right on the money” with her assessments. It is helpful to understand that all of us do have different personalities, but together, we make a great chapter.



Lynn Shaver and Betsy Monico

Wallta Evans gave the inspiration, and Glenda Nelson brought refreshments.

Virginia Riddle, President Tau Chapter

In Sympathy:

We were saddened at the death of member Betty Reese. Several chapter members attended her funeral, and a white rose was sent to the service. She had left instructions that she wanted her pin to be returned to Tau Chapter.



We extend our sympathy to Lisa Rogers in the passing of her grandmother.

April Meeting:

Our next meeting is **April 6th** at the **home** of Virginia Riddle. Her home is at Lake Mexia. To get to her house drive west on U.S. 84, turn left at the FM road that points to Lake Mexia (before the bridges and by the old Rockin’ L Restaurant). Take the next right at the FM road towards Camp Rip. Drive across Comanche Crossing Bridge, and take an immediate right onto Redbud A. Drive around a curve. Virginia’s home is the first house on the left (red brick with brick pillars at the gate). Parking near the house is at a premium, so if you can walk up the drive, please park on the side of the road. Carpooling is great, too. The mailbox has the house number, LCR 337, Redbud A., Mexia on it. Marth Kirgan will share with us her adventures to India where she met the children of the orphanage that she and her husband, Jim, help support. We will also have a new member initiation and rehearse the ceremony that Wynona has written to honor our founders at the May luncheon.

Projects:

According to Tau Chapter’s “Caring Community” theme volunteers from Tau have delivered Holiday Tray Greetings to all nursing home residents in Freestone and Limestone counties. These tray greetings were placed on the resident’s trays for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentine’s Day. Tray greetings for Easter will be delivered at the appropriate time.

If you have a loved one or friend that you visit at one of the nursing homes, you would be a great contact to help deliver these greetings. Just let Virginia or Goldia know how you would like to help.

Our Walking Wounded:

It was really great to see Glenda, who has been having multiple health issues, up-and-about again. Wynona Lipsett is recovering now from her recent knee surgery, and we hope to see her out-and-about before our next meeting.

Dates to Remember:

*Saturday Brunch, April 6, 2013 Home of Virginia Riddle

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Program: Experiences in India

Presenter: Martha Kirgan

Inspirational: Patty Manley

Hostesses: **Call Virginia and ask what to bring**

*Saturday Luncheon, May 4, 2013 Ridgewood Country Club

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Program: Founder’s Day

FYI:

Please note that the price of the Founders Day Luncheon , to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013, has been raised from the \$20.00 charge last year to \$25.00 this year. Just like everything else, the cost of the same wonderful salad plate at Ridgewood Country Club where the luncheon will once again be held, has been raised. It is hoped, by the joint planning committee, that everyone will plan on attending in spite of this necessary increase in price. In addition to our previously announced speaker, the Alpha State President, Joanne Davis, will be visiting our four chapters at the luncheon. It will be a great time to meet her prior to attending the state convention in June. You will need to get your check or money order, for your luncheon reservation, to Treasurer Martha Kirgan by the April 6th meeting.

State Convention Notes:

1. We have a convention hotel room reserved for Tau members. If you are attending the convention in Austin, June 19-23, 2013, please let Virginia know. It will soon be time to go on-line to register for the convention. Watch the Alpha State Website (www.alphasstatetexas.org). Anna Pat Alpert, Wynona Lipsett, and Virginia Riddle are planning to attend.

2. Goldia Liles has been notified that the chapter will receive the Early Bird Award and an Exemplary Rating for this year’s yearbook during the convention. Go Goldia!
3. If any Tau Chapter member has had her writing published during this year, that member can apply for the Member-in-Print Award by April 1. Virginia Riddle received that award at the state convention last year for three magazine articles that she wrote that were published in *CorsicanaNOW Magazine*.
4. Anna Pat Alpert, Chairman of Program of Work, will be completing Tau Chapter’s application for the Annie Award. Patty Manley, Corresponding Secretary, is completing application for recognition to be given to the *Mexia Daily News* for their coverage of not only Tau Chapter news, but educational news in general. The chapter voted during the March meeting to recognize this newspaper this year. Tau Chapter receives wonderful support from all four of the Limestone and Freestone newspapers. Thanks go to both Anna Pat and Patty for completing and posting these important applications by the April 1 deadlines. Help them out, sisters, if they call on you for information or help.
5. There are so many events and ways to serve at the state convention. Watch the state Website (www.alphasstatetexas.org) for those opportunities. Musicians and photographers are needed right now. It’s a fun way to get involved, meet, and network with DKG sisters from all over the state.

By-Laws:

A request has been received from Gretta Fisk, Area VIII Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson, asking that Tau Chapter include the following changes to the Chapter Rules.

- (1) service years are no longer a prerequisite for membership
- (2) reinstatement of members no longer requires a vote

These changes will be discussed at the April 6th meeting at the home of Virginia Riddle

Chapter Officers:

President: Virginia Riddle

1st Vice President: Anna Pat Alpert

2nd Vice President: Goldia Liles

Recording Secretary: Margaret Day

Corresponding Secretary: Patty Manley

Treasurer: Martha Kirgan

Parliamentarian: Alicia Smith