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**Hello All,**

Well, Spring Break is over and we are heading to that long stretch toward the end of another school year. Yea! This is the time of the year that we feel like we are running out of time to get everything we need to do accomplished. Days are crazy with everything that has to be done at school, and for some, your kids spring activities, as well as keeping the family on top of things. Try to catch your breath and take some time for yourself. As always keep in touch with your Tau sisters for support. Let us know what you need and we will try to help!

We had a great March meeting. You were missed if you could not attend. We initiated a new member, Denise Butler from Wortham ISD. We are so happy to have her join us in our mission to better education and women worldwide.

A good-bye was said to our Tau sister, Wynona Lipsett, with a memorial celebration of the One White Rose Ceremony lead by Martha Kirgan. Wynona will always be in our thoughts as Tau Chapter unites to sing our Delta Kappa Gamma Song at the conclusion of each meeting. She was a beautiful person with such a lovely voice and we will really miss her.



Our program was presented by Gabrielle Washington, the assistant extension agent for Limestone County. The topic of "Staying Healthy: Living Longer and Better" was

well received by the members present with a lively discussion following her presentation.

It was a cool, messy day but we were really energized by the lovely St. Patrick's theme supper of Tortellini Soup with cornbread and sweets prepared for us! Pat Adams and Laura Sides really out did themselves! Thanks ladies for all you do!

*Alicia Smith,*  
*President*

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DKG Alpha State President Nancy Newton congratulates Virginia Riddle, following her induction ceremony into the Class of 2015 at the DKG State Leadership Seminar held recently in Dallas. Virginia, a member and past president of Tau Chapter, was one of 30 members selected from across the state to attend the three day seminar.

**Mission Statement of Delta Kappa Gamma**

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

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**Big News:**

Tau Chapter applied for an Educational Foundation Grant from Delta Kappa Gamma International in January. The grant, India Project, was for the Mother Delores and Mother Martha’s Orphanage in Bobbarlanka, India. Martha Kirgan received notice from International that Tau Chapter has been awarded this Grant. The Grant money is for transportation during the rainy season, the purchase of uniforms to wear to school, books, school supplies, and shoes. The grant was written by Alicia Smith with the help of Martha Kirgan and Anna Pat Alpert. This has been a two year project that has been fulfilled.

John and Hepshiba Victor run the orphanage in Bobbarlanka. When Martha Kirgan notified them of the grant they replied immediately. Following is their reply to this blessing:

Our dearest and our loving Mother Martha, No words how to express our joy before you. At first, I want to thank you for everything. When I received your e-mail, I thought there might be some information about orphanage or you might need some information about kids to share with our friends there, but never thought this would happen. after reading the attachment, I just can’t believe what I was reading and I was even hesitant to share this with John but when I told him, he was overjoyed and praised Lord and thanked HIM for making this happen and I didn’t even know how to express it in words so John and I waited till evening (our time) to call you and talk to you in person and share our joy with you and mostly to confirm the meaning in the letter. Mommy, what more can we ask God for these children's better education. Never ever in our dream we have thought about having such help from AN INTERNATIONAL Organization. We are already worrying about the new school year and praying to Lord if we can at least buy them the needed school supplies but God Lord has given us what our hearts are desiring and it is once again proved, HE is there for these little ones and will always care for them. We always have individual supporters helping and supporting our Ministry and you know our Orphanage was never been able to affiliate with any Church or Organization to have stable support for children's feeding and care, but Mommy, God has answered our prayers by

sending you and sister Dolores into our lives. Without you both, we can never have done so much for these kids and widows here and now, again, you made it possible, you and all our dear wonderful ladies at Tau Chapter DKG made it possible to get everything the kids need for their schooling.

After talking to you, John and I cried unto lord, prayed to him and called all the children together and shared this good news with them and how happy and excited they are to hear about this and this summer holidays, they all are really going to have real fun as they are going to start their new school year with complete bundles of Blessings. Each one of them is heartfully thanking you and our dear sisters at Tau Chapter DKG and we pray some day, God Lord will allow YOU ALL to visit these children and see what Lord God has been doing in their lives through You all. We are praying and believing in Lord for that day to come soon.



John and Hepshiba Victor

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**Treasurer’s Report:**

<b>Balance, March 2015</b>	\$1,027.57
<b>Income, Dues</b>	120.00
Grant-in-Aid	<u>36.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,183.57</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
ASTEf	\$ 75.00
Leadership/Projects	
DKG International	<u>25.00</u>
Educational Foundation	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,183.57</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,083.57</b>

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**Vision Statement**

Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide.



## Tau Excitement



Denise Butler, Initiate from Wortham ISD  
Alicia Smith, Tau President



Wortham ISD Recipient, Taylor Davis  
Belinda Cotton, Tau Presenter



Groesbeck High School Recipient Taylor Haliburton  
Lisa Rogers Tau Presenter, High School Principal, John Westbrook,  
and Superintendent, Dr. Harold Ramm



Fairfield ISD Recipients: Amy Taylor, Whitney  
Stutts, and April Campbell  
Vickie McDougal Tau Presenter



Groesbeck ISD Recipient Amy Ballew

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