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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes
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educators and excellence in education.

Hello Tau Sisters:

I hope everyone is getting along ok. It is wonderful that the terrible heat has broken and some of us have gotten a little rain. We had a wonderful meeting in September and we missed those who were unable to attend.



We hosted three of our 2011 **Carolyn C. Forsyth Grant-in-Aide** recipients. It is a joy to see the spark of excitement that beginning teachers have about their profession. We enjoyed visiting with them about how they got into the teaching profession. They were all very appreciative of our generous gift.

Memorial:

Martha Kirgan led a beautiful ceremony in memory of Zelda Reed. Wynona Lipsett sang "One White Rose" to conclude the ceremony.

Dues:

Martha Kirgan will be collecting dues at the October meeting. Dues for active members will continue to be \$75.00 this year. However, next year the dues will be going up due to an increase in the state dues. We are asking members to donate \$1.00 each meeting to go towards the dues increase for next year. Dues for reserve members will remain at \$40.00. Please come prepared to pay your dues in October or mail them to Martha.

Projects:

There will be a Christmas stocking work day at our October meeting. Please bring scissors and Christmas material for a girl or a boy stocking. For each stocking you will need a yard of fabric for the outside and a yard of fabric for the lining. If you have a pattern you may want to get started on cutting out some stockings. These stockings will be given to the CPS children.

Volunteers will be needed to deliver the Holiday Tray Greetings to a nursing home. Martha has been busy printing, cutting, and bundling them so they will be ready to be handed out. If you have a loved one or friend at one of the local nursing homes you will be a great contact person to help us share some love with the residents at Thanksgiving.

Continuing our theme of "A Caring community" Emily Keith will speak to us. She works at the Wortham Nursing Home and has other projects for the aged.

Dates to Remember:

* Monday, October 3, 2011, Gibbs Memorial Library
305 E. Rusk, Mexia

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

Program: "Let's Get to Work, Tau"

Other: Our Caring community-Projects Workday

Hostesses: Margaret Day and Wynona Lipsett

Inspirational: Brenda Steward

* Monday, November 7, 2011, Fairfield Elementary
School Computer Lab, 330 W. Main, Fairfield

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

Program: "Let's Get to Know Our New Website,
Tau"

Hostesses: Martha Kirgan and Lynn Shaver

Inspirational: Goldia Liles

(The computer lab is located in the library in the front foyer. We will be learning how to maneuver in our new web site to locate information.)

New Member:



Tau would like to WELCOME Walta Evans. She was born in Dallas, and grew up mostly in the East Texas and Dallas area. Walta graduated from Duncanville High School in 1960. While in high school she wrote the words to the high school fight song. She has three degrees from the University of North Texas—a B.S. in Elementary Education, M. Ed. in Elementary Education and Master of Library Science. After Walta and Don Evans were married, they raised his four sons. They have seventeen grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Walta was legal guardian and raised seven children for a friend who was mentally ill. Her teaching career, as a fourth grade teacher, began in the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford District. Later she taught in

Duncanville and Wills Point. While in Wills Point, Winta worked part time at the Van Zandt county library as the degreed librarian on staff. After moving to Northern Arizona she worked on a Navajo Reservation as a librarian in three different schools and taught English classes for the Navajo Community College (now Dine College). Walta then moved to the Phoenix area and worked on the Salt River Pima Maricopa Reservation as a librarian and teaching coordinator. After leaving the reservations, she became a librarian in a public school in Gilbert, Arizona. Later, returning to Texas, Walta worked as a middle school librarian in the public school system in Dimmit, which is located in the Texas panhandle. Upon moving to Fairfield she worked as a librarian and is currently a teacher's aide. She has 47 years of continuous employment in various school systems since her first UNT graduation. Winta enjoys reading, writing, poetry, technology and genealogy.

WELCOME to Tau, Walta!

FYI:

In the September Tau Talk a Member Update was sent to everyone. Please send via email, mail through the postal service, or bring it to the October meeting. There will be extra forms at the meeting for your convenience if they are needed. The information will be very helpful to officers in the future.

You will also need to email, mail via postal service, or bring to the October meeting your permission slip for the internet access.

All Tau members will need to find a cup and saucer to wrap for a Chinese gift exchange. These will be needed for our **January Birthday Tea Party**. Be sure to wash the cup and saucer so that they will be ready for the receiver to drink tea from at the meeting. Alicia bought one at Ross in the gifts department or you can check out antique shops or even garage sales.

Final Words:

I hope to see you all on October 3rd in Mexia at the Library. Please bring your scissors and Christmas material.

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