



Tau Talk

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha State, Texas, Limestone-Freestone Counties
Tau Chapter, #19, Area 8

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

Vision Statement : *Leading Women Educators Impacting Educators Worldwide.*

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Howdy:

Happy Fall, Ya'll. We have been so blessed by our Heavenly Father with Fall weather now that the calendar has passed the Autumnal Equinox. I know we are enjoying it immensely.

Our first meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, and was attended by eight members. The meeting was very informative, but without a quorum. We were unable to conduct any business. Many ideas for fundraising. Please try to attend as many meetings as possible. Also, we forgot to take pictures at this first meeting of the 2016-2018 biennium, so if someone would volunteer to take pictures at future events, that would be GREAT! Goldia needs pictures for the newsletter, and Alicia needs pictures for the website.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2016. We have much to do that day, so please arrive by 4:30 p.m. and be ready to take care of business. We will meet the zero-year teachers (between 4:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) that are vying for the Caroline Forsythe Grant-in-Aide. Please bring a couple of small gift bags with goodies for these zero year teachers (put them on the countertop as Alicia plans to stuff DKG information into the bags before giving them out to the zero-year teachers). We had 18 responses to the Caroline Forsythe Grant-in-Aid, but have funds for only four recipients. With your help, no zero-year teacher will go from our meeting empty handed. The gift bags will give our zero-year teachers a big TAU welcome.

We will conduct our business meeting from 5:00 p.m. to about 5:15 p.m., then Danny Niedecken will bring us a program concerning Packs of Kindness in Mexia ISD. We will learn from

him the types of items that are needed, and bring some of these items to the November meeting to donate to Packs of Kindness.

I welcome your prayers for a uniting in sisterhood within TAU Chapter, as well as developing leaders for tomorrow's children and teachers.

*Dr. Anna Pat Alpert,
Serving as Tau Chapter President*

Area 8 Workshop:

Five TAU sisters attended the Area 8 Workshop on September 17, 2016 on the campus of Mary Hardin Baylor University in Killeen. Martha Kirgan attended technology and treasurer sessions, Virginia Riddle attended sessions concerning music and leadership, Belinda Cotton's session was dealing with the By-Laws, Vickie McDougal went to the sessions designed for secretaries, and Alicia Smith attended membership sessions. Thank you to these sisters for representing TAU! Please collaborate with them to gain useful information concerning Alpha State Delta Kappa Gamma international. Congratulations are in order for Alicia Smith as she serves on the state membership committee. WAY TO GO, TAU!

Dates to Remember:

*Tuesday, October 11, 2016 Gibbs Memorial Library
 305 E. Rusk, Mexia
 *Time: 4:30 p.m. Meet and greet with
 Refreshments
 5:00 p.m. Meeting
 *Program: Zero- year teachers
 Packs of Kindness Danny Niedecken
 *Inspirational: Donna Sentor
 *Hostesses: Pat Adams
 Sandra Lee

Don't forget: gift bags with goodies for the zero-year teachers along with a friend

*Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Gibbs Memorial Library
 305 E. Rusk, Mexia
 *Time: 4:30 p.m. Refreshments
 5:00 p.m. Meeting
 *Program: Creekside Christian Retreat
 *Presenter: Sharon Kersten
 *Inspirational: Lisa Rogers
 *Hostesses: Martha Kirgan
 Patty Manley

Please **bring** a donation for Packs of Kindness and a friend with you

Upcoming Events:

February 19-21, 2017
 Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat 2017
 Camp Allen, Navasota, TX

June 22-24, 2017
 88th Texas State convention
 Hyatt Regency Houston, Houston, TX

Secretary's Report:

There was no quorum so no business could be conducted. Several events were reported: Founder's Lunch last May, state convention last June, annual planning meeting last July, and the upcoming Region 8 workshop on Saturday, September 17, 2016. The Carolina Forsyth Grant-in-Aid will be bestowed next month. Members present were asked to bring three small red gift bags already stuffed for those applicants that are present at the October meeting but are not chosen to receive the grant-in aide. Several suggestions were made for fundraisers for next year's grant-in-aid. Out next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in Mexia at the Gibbs Memorial Library.

Treasurer's Report:

Balance July 1, 2016	\$1113.84
Deposits	
ASTEF	1000.00
Dues and Workshop	196.00
Dues and Workshop	<u>119.00</u>
Total	\$2309.84
Debits	
Creekside	<u>1000.00</u>

Balance September 30, 2016 \$1309.84

Books audited on July 12, 2016
 990N filed with the IRS on July 7, 2016
 EIN: 746077637

Grant-in-Aid will be paid from the balance not to exceed \$600.00.

Dues:

Martha Kirgan, treasurer, wants to remind everyone that it is time to pay your dues. They are \$83.00 payable with a money order or check. This is so that a copy may be made for the files. Please do not pay in cash!

Updates from Virginia's Family:

"Sophie, my granddaughter, is doing well. Her eyesight is improving, and she has graduated from OT. She is now waiting for a slot to open in pediatric PT and equine therapy only at the same facility, but in the meantime, she is newly enrolled in a kids' yoga class so she won't miss her equine friends so much.

'Brent, my son, suffered heart attack last July which necessitated quadruple bypass surgery. He is our athlete who always has watched what he ate and worked out daily! The heart attack occurred after his workout preparing for his third 5K run of the year. Its been a long road and we nearly lost him twice, but he's in residential rehab now and hopes to return to half-day work in two weeks.

'Byron, my husband, was diagnosed with prostate cancer and had surgery two weeks ago. He will start radiation treatments in about four weeks."

Tau's thoughts and prayers are with Virginia at this time!

Creekside Retreat Center:

Tau Chapter received a \$1000.00 stipend from ASTEF at the Alpha State Convention in June. The goal of this organization is to provide youth with special needs the tools and motivation to become contributing citizens in our community through education, job training, marketing assistance and social support, allowing them the opportunity to live productive lives to their fullest.

Creekside Transition Academy meets each Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and follows the Mexia ISD school calendar.

The position that the chapter member holds is supervisor and she is to assist the students as needed in lessons and meal preparation.

At this time Martha Kirgan and Margaret Day are helping with the academy. Any member is welcome to come and help with these students by contacting Martha or Margaret.



Martha Kirgan presenting ASTEF
Check to Sharon Kersten, director
Creekside Retreat Center



Volunteer Tau Members with Director
of Creekside

*Pictured left to right are Tau members
Margaret Day and Martha Kirgan, Sharon
Kersten, director, and former Tau
member Liz McDaniel



Dorothy Bates	10-7
Lisa Rogers	10-13
Pat Adams	10-26
Lori Longenbough	10-30

Project Update:

Christmas Stockings for Freestone and Limestone Counties, as well as the Navarro College Students are ready for delivery at the appropriate time.

Tray Favors for Halloween will be delivered to the Freestone and Limestone County nursing homes a few days before the holiday.

Websites for DKG:

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

Officers

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