



## *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 Tau Sisters:

I am looking forward to another wonderful year in Delta Kappa Gamma, experiencing the growth of Tau Chapter. Many thanks to Alicia and the membership committee (Goldia, Vickie, Alicia, Sandra, Belinda, Donna, Patty, Lisa and Denise) for all they have done and are going to do to get the word out about the blessings and benefits of being a member of Tau Chapter. There were many talks at teacher's in-service programs, as well as many individual contacts, encouraging key women educators to consider membership in Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

I am looking forward to seeing the applicants for the Caroline Forsythe Grant-in-Aid during our October 11th meeting. However, most of all, I am looking forward to seeing YOU at our September kick-off meeting.

I welcome your prayers for a uniting in sisterhood within Tau Chapter, as well as becoming leaders for tomorrows children.

*Anna Pat Alpert*  
*Tau Chapter President*

### **Kick-Off Meeting:**

Our kick-off meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 4:30 pm at Gibbs Memorial Library, Mexia. We will hear about the State Convention that was held in Frisco this past June. Those of us that attended the Convention had a good time and learned a lot of new things.

### **Workshop for Region 8:**

The workshop for Region 8 will be Saturday, September 17, 2016 on the campus of Mary Hardin Baylor. This is the last wave of region workshops, so it should be a good one! Several have signed up to go, including Anna Pat and Goldia. Anna Pat has a family function and Goldia has a conflict also. If anyone would like to take their places, that would be GREAT! Carpooling would be a good idea. Other travelers have said that it would be wise to avoid I-35 around Temple.

### **Treasure's Report:**

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! A new budget will be presented for approval at the October meeting.

### **Caroline D. Forsythe Grant-in-Aid:**

Alicia, Belinda, Pat and Martha comprise the Caroline D. Forsythe Grant-in-Aid Committee. They will need some support and volunteers to organize some sort of "goody basket" for our new teachers that attend the October meeting and drawing for the Grant-in-Aid. Even though a new teacher may not win the Grant-in-Aid, we want them to feel special here at Tau Chapter that they will want to join us.

### Dates to Remember:

\*Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Time: 4:30 pm  
5:00 pm

Program:  
Inspirational:  
Hostesses:

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Gibbs Memorial Library  
305 E. Rusk, Mexia  
Refreshments  
Meeting  
Convention Update  
Alicia Smith  
Goldia Liles

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Creekside Christian Retreat  
Laura Sides  
Pat Adams and Sandra Lee

### Creekside Christian Retreat:

Creekside Christian Retreat is a school for autistic children located in Limestone County. Thanks to the hard work of Martha Tau Chapter applied and received a stipend from ASTEF. Martha and Margaret have been to Creekside's orientation and have already begun their volunteer work there.

### Update on Sophie:

Virginia Riddle's granddaughter, Sophie, has been invited as part of twenty-five children in New Mexico to be a part of the opening for the PRCA rodeo at Expo NM! She is so excited to be a part of the rodeo and what a great surprise for parents and grandparents. Oh yes, now she can get a pair of new boots!



Sophie and new boots

### Projects:



Anna Pat, Martha, and Goldia are feverishly working on the Christmas Stocking project. They will give us an update on the status of this project at our meeting. Please be willing to support and/or volunteer with this worthwhile project.

Tray favors for the 4th of July were distributed to the nursing homes in Limestone and Freestone Counties. The ones for Halloween are currently being made ready for this upcoming holiday.



Vickie McDougal	6-23
Glenda Nelson	6-10
Sharon Rose-White	6-16
Belinda Cotton	7-23
Patty Manley	7-10
Kay Forman	8-12
Virginia Riddle	8-28
Lynn Shaver	8-20

### Greetings from India:



Hephshiba eating with the Children

Hephshiba sends her heartfelt "thanks" for all that Tau Chapter has done for children who live at the Mother Martha and Mother Delores Orphanage and Widows Home. She is most appreciative for everything. She continues to ask for the Chapters prayers as she and John minister to who all that need them.

### Make Plans Now:

All are encouraged to make plans now to attend the 2017 State Convention in Houston on June 22-24, 2017. The DKG Convention will be in Austin in 2018. We should all be making long-range plans to attend the International Convention right here deep in the heart of Texas.

### Websites for DKG:

You will find useful information regarding DKG on the following websites:

Tau's website: [alstau.weebly.com](http://alstau.weebly.com)  
State website: [alphastatetexas.org](http://alphastatetexas.org)  
International website: [deltakappagamma.org](http://deltakappagamma.org)

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