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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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

Welcome to a New Year:

Our new school year has begun, so welcome back to school and to the new year for Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. I look forward to seeing each of you at our meeting in October.

The Executive Committee, as well as many Committee members met in July to begin planning for the upcoming year. A second planning session was held in July, also, and followed with a cleaning of assigned cabinets at Gibbs Memorial Library. My, how unnecessary "stuff" collects.

On August 4, 2012, several members attended the Area 8 workshop held in Waco. We were again recognized for our outstanding work done during the last two years. Alicia and the 2010-2012 officers and committee chairs are to be commended for all of their hard work.

I would like to thank all the members who have volunteered to be the lighthouses that will guide Tau Chapter this year.

Virginia Riddle
 Tau President



State Convention:

Tau Chapter was wonderfully represented at the state convention with five members present. Martha Kirgan and Virginia Riddle were state choir members, while Wynona Lipsett was the choir's accompanist. Virginia Riddle also was an exhibitor in the art exhibit.

We had a lot of fun, learned much, and were able to network with fellow DKG sisters. I encourage every member to plan on attending the next state convention in Austin, June 20-22, 2013.



Dues:

This year's dues (\$83.00 for active members) need to be given or mailed to Martha Kirgan, treasurer, before October 31, 2012.

Honors and Awards:

A number of our members won awards at the State Convention, held at Las Colinas, this past June.

Martha Kirgan was honored as one of the Golden Rose recipients. The Member-in-Print award was presented to **Virginia Riddle**. **Anna Pat Alpert** was honored as one of the scholarship recipients.

Congratulations to each of our members for their outstanding work for Tau.



Virginia

Anna Pat

DKG Websites:

Websites are updated! Every member has access to our Tau Chapter Website at <http://alstau.weebly.com/>. The Alpha State Website is www.alphastatetexas.org and the DKG Website is www.dkg.org. Go to these sites for information on topics ranging from deadlines to recipe books. If you are interested in applying for scholarships or any of the individual state awards, the state and international sites contain all the information you will need. Thanks to Alicia Smith, our Webmaster and designer, our Website is great for reminding members and prospective members of important dates, activities, projects, and links to the state and national sites.

FYI:

Anna Pat Alpert is home from the hospital after having major surgery. She has reported that she is getting around ok, just a little slower than she likes. Alicia's husband, Ed, is also recovering nicely after his surgery. She says that he is on the mend.

Grant-in-Aid:

Visiting with us in October will be our recipients of money awards for beginning female educators. These money awards fit right into the Support Early-Career Educators (S.E.E.) initiative that was adopted at the international DKG convention in New York city this past summer.

Anna Pat Alpert and the Executive Committee have been trolling for some great programs and have succeeded in bringing in a large catch. Put these dates, places, and times on your calendar, as we want to see everyone at the meetings this year.

Dates to Remember:

* Saturday, October 6, 2012 Gibbs Memorial Library
305 E. Rusk, Mexia

Time: Brunch at 11:00 AM
Meeting: Following Brunch
Program: Initiation of new members
Update on State and International Conventions
Presenters: Wynona Lipsett and attendees of Conventions
Inspirational: Ronda Brewer
Hostesses: Alicia Smith, Anna Pat Alpert, and Wynona Lipsett

Following the meeting there will be a work session for the Christmas Stocking project

* Monday, November 5, 2012
Gibbs Memorial Library
305 E. Rusk, Mexia

Time: Refreshments 4:30 PM
Meeting: 5:00 PM
Program: Patriot Program
Inspirational: Donna Landers
Hostesses: Goldia Liles and Ronda Brewer

Yearbook:

The yearbook, as always, is a work in progress. It is begun and will be ready to hand out at the November meeting. If you know anyone who has changed a physical address, a phone number, or an email please let Goldia know so that the information in the yearbook will be as accurate as possible so that we can stay in touch with each other effectively and efficiently.

Chapter Officers:

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