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Iota Omega Chapter Texas State
Organization Area 9 Chapter 240 Plano, Texas

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

Mission: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a professional honor society of women educators promoting professional and personal growth of its members and excellence in education.

Vision: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

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TSO Theme 2017-2019

Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow

International Theme 2018-2020

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education World Wide



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IOTA OMEGA

Date: Thursday, September 6

Time: 5:00 socializing

5:30 business meeting

Location: Vines High School – Room D109

Program: “The Birthday Party Project”

What to bring: toys for **8-12 year-olds**. See article on page 6.

your checkbook if you need to pay your dues

Greeters: Donna Brown, Shelia Alvarez, and Jeanette Robinson

Hostesses: the executive board

Door Prizes: Linda Miska and JoAnn Brooks



Message from the Co-Presidents



Wow! Where did the summer go? We attended the DKG conference in Waco, Texas, in June to learn about how we can best serve our chapter as co-presidents. We are excited to start another year of promoting professional and personal growth in Iota Omega! Your executive board has been busy preparing for the new biennium and have hit the ground running with excitement.

Susan's Summer: My summer was spent working with the dance curriculum writers and focusing on tasks that are often difficult to complete when school is session. ☺ I spent time helping my sister and her family unpack as they are getting settled back here in Plano. I did enjoy a few days away with my family, as we had our 13th consecutive Hayes Family Reunion in Leakey, TX.

Tonelli's Summer: I spent my summer in Arkansas with family. My dad recently retired, so I'm glad I was home to help him celebrate 44 years of greatness. It tugged at my heart strings to hear his colleagues talk about how much he meant to the team. The Hatley family reunion happened while I was there, and that's always tons of fun. Outside of spending lots of time with Mom and Dad, I also spent many hours in the college library making progress with my writing.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back at our September meeting. Our co-vice-presidents have an exciting year of programs planned for us. Our September 6th meeting will be at Vines High School in room D109. The easiest way to this room is to enter through the west side doors, take a left at the first hallway, and our room will be the second door on the right.

The start of a new year is a great time to reach out to our sisters that we haven't seen in a while. Additionally, we encourage you to bring a friend with you to the meetings this year. Please consider recommending some of your friends/colleague into this wonderful sisterhood.

As you are planning for our first meeting, please note the Executive Board will be providing dinner for the September meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Hayes & Tonelli Hatley
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Iota Omega Meeting

April 12, 2018

Vines High School



Agenda:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Linda Miska called the meeting to order at 5:38 P.M. She welcomed back member Kathy Waugaman, who has been out due to surgery and rehabilitation.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

Linda welcomed new transfer member Allison Hayter from Alpha Delta Chapter in Paris, Texas.

3. SUMMER BOOKSHARE

Leaflets were distributed for members to suggest good books for summer reading to be listed in the next newsletter.

4. BIRTHDAYS / BRAG BOX / PIN DRAWING

Members who have April, May, and August birthdays were announced. Members were given an opportunity to donate dollars for "brags." Linda reminded members that next year all brag box receipts will be donated to the World Fellowship fund. Linda also asked members to be sure they owned a pin and wore it to the meetings. She reviewed pin-wearing protocol and held a prize drawing for members who were wearing their pins.

5. INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

JoAnn Brooks and Linda Miska led the ceremony to install officers for the new biennium.

Accepting the responsibilities of leadership were these new officers:

Co-Presidents:	Tonelli Hatley and Susan Hayes
Co-1st Vice Presidents:	Trish Always and Susan Geddes
Co-2nd Vice Presidents:	Jody Lubbers and Pauline Sinammon
Recording Secretary:	Amy Rhodes
Corresponding Secretary:	Doris Johnson
Treasurer:	Jerry Cowan

6. INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Marilyn Brooks, JoAnn Brooks, Susan Hayes, and Tonelli Hatley led the initiation ceremony for two new members:

Donna Sewell (English teacher at Plano East Sr. High)

Emily Tolhuizen (history teacher at McKinney High School; former PISD student)

Members sang the Delta Kappa Gamma song at the conclusion of the initiation ceremony.

7. BUSINESS MEETING

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes of the March 2018 meeting were printed in the newsletter. Three corrections were made to the minutes as printed. A motion was made to accept the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT/AUDIT: Dues (\$110) or half dues (\$55) should be paid by April 30th. Linda told the members that there is a proposed amendment to the International Constitution to change the due date of annual dues to July to be in line with the fiscal year. That amendment will be discussed and voted on at the International Convention this summer. Members who are planning to attend the Founders' Day Brunch also need to pay \$27.00 for tickets. Jerry Cowan must have members' checks by April 25th. The treasurer's report

printed in the April newsletter states that there is currently \$1798.50 in the operating fund and \$1473.51 in restricted funds. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

SERVICE PROJECTS: Diane Hughes reported on the preparations for the dinner that we will serve to approximately 80 - 90 people at the Journey of Hope meeting on May 10th. Jason's Deli is providing baked potatoes, and paper goods are already provided. We will bring the other food for adding to the potatoes.

If you purchase food for the dinner, please keep your receipts so you can be reimbursed. We still need volunteers to help serve the meal. Please sign up with Diane. The JOH meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church at Spring Creek and Parker at 6:00 PM. We will provide another meal for JOH on May 24th. That meal will be lasagna, and we will need volunteers for that meeting also. Sheila Alvarez reminded Diane that we also need to provide vegetable lasagna as an option for those participants who are vegetarian. Linda reminded those who will attend to take pictures for our ASTEF grant report, but to be sure not to include the children's faces for privacy reasons.

JoAnn presented information about another JOH event, Family Fest, which will take place on Sunday, April 29th. She handed out flyers with details and asked for volunteers to help with games from 12:30 to 2:00 on that day. She invited members to come and bring family, especially children and grandchildren, if they would like to attend.

Diane Hughes will also call Sonja Pegram to find out what we can do to honor teachers at Special Programs Center for Teacher Appreciation Week, and when it would be best to do something.

LEGISLATION: Linda Engleking gave a report on last month's primary elections and current issues before the legislature. At stake is the TRS defined benefit plans for new and active teachers. Linda requested that members stay in touch with legislators with phone calls, emails, and letters. She also urged members to put aside feelings for political parties and consider education-friendly candidates, regardless of party affiliation. There is a run-off election on May 22nd and the regular election will be on November 6th.

GRANTS-IN- AID: Sue Stinson reported on the recipients of the grants-in-aid who will be honored at the May Brunch, two seniors from Plano East and a paraprofessional from Schimelpfenig.

YEARBOOK: Linda Miska asked members to fill out and turn in new information sheets for the yearbook if any personal information has changed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COURTESY: Kathy Waugaman read a thank-you letter from the DKG Campus Helping Hands organization for our donation to Hurricane Harvey relief. Our contribution went to help teachers in Taft ISD. She also read a thank-you from Journey of Hope for our contribution of curriculum books that will be used to help children who are struggling with the death of a family member.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Chapter Merger** - Due to declining membership, the members of Mu Beta in Plano have asked to merge their chapter with Iota Omega. A motion was made to accept the merger, and it was seconded and approved by a unanimous vote. Linda Miska reported that about ten Mu Beta members would join us.
- **International Convention** - JoAnn reported on preparations for the International Convention in Austin this summer. She asked for a show of hands of members who would be attending the convention, and urged others to consider attending. A motion

was made to use money from our Projects Fund to purchase a door prize to be given away at the Convention. The motion was seconded and approved. Members wrote welcome notes to convention attendees on cards designed with bluebonnet artwork by Marilyn Brooks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Founders' Day Brunch is May 5th.
- State Convention is June 14-16 in Waco; International Convention is July 16-20 in Austin.

8. PROGRAM: "ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FOUNDER?"

Susan Hayes and Tonelli Hatley led members in a game-show style quiz on information about the founders. The team of Linda Miska and Sue Stinson were the winners.

9. ADJOURNMENT - Door prizes were awarded during the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes taken by Amy Rhodes, Recording Secretary



Treasurer's Report

from Jerry Cowan

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 2018

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:

Beginning Amount Available in Operating Fund	1496.69
Less Expenditures	-200.00
Ending Amount in Operating Fund	1296.69

RESTRICTED FUNDS:

2018/2019 Dues:

Iota Omega	2695.00
Mu Beta	990.00

Community/Chapter Projects:

Iota Omega (leftover from 2017/2018)	330.72
Mu Beta (Christmas project)	1000.00

Savings:

Iota Omega	5885.90
Mu Beta	4367.61

It's Time to Finish Paying Your Dues

The entire amount of \$110 must be paid to the chapter no later than October 31.

You may have made a payment of \$55 in April with the intention of paying the rest in the fall. If you don't remember how much of your dues you have already paid, Jerry will have a list at the September meeting.

The breakdown of our dues is

\$20.00 Texas State Organization Dues

\$40.00 DKG International Dues

\$ 1.00 International Scholarships

\$19.00 Iota Omega Operating Budget

\$30.00 Assessment for Grants in Aid and Community Projects

If you prefer to pay your dues by mail, send your check to Jerry Cowan at 3225 Rockbrook Dr., Plano 75074 as soon as possible.

From the Program Committee

Trish Alway and Susan Geddes, co-chairmen

HaPpY BirThDaY Iota Omega! Did you know our birth day was September 8, 1975? Join us in celebration on September 6. We will not only celebrate Iota Omega's 43rd birthday, but we will also support the wonderful work of “**the birthday party project**.”

This organization brings JOY to homeless children through the magic of birthdays! With the help of birthday enthusiasts like **US**, they host monthly birthday parties at homeless/transitional living shelters. Let's help throw a party! By adding a few birthday party supplies or presents to your shopping list, we can help make the next magical moment! If you are unsure what to purchase, check out their [Amazon Wish List](#).

Party Supplies:

1. **Fujifilm Instax Mini Instant Film (High Need Item!)** Children LOVE the photo booth!
2. Markers for art projects
3. Plastic table cloths (round or rectangular-Dollar Store!) & Cups
4. Wrapping paper/Gift bags
5. Tape/Sharpies

Birthday Presents:

1. Teen gifts (makeup kits/bags, earbuds, journals)
2. **Boy age 8-12** (Legos, cars, sporting equipment)
3. **Girl 8-12** (craft kits, dolls, Barbies, fashion kits)
4. Dolls of color (baby dolls, Barbies)
5. Gift cards are always welcome for older teens

*If you get something with batteries, also get a pack of batteries for the item!

Remember that participation in community service projects like this are strictly voluntary.



Check out the link on the Iota Omega Facebook page to “the birthday party project.”

From the Membership Committee

Jody Lubbers and Pauline Sinnamon, co-chairmen

The membership committee met at the home of Pauline Sinnamon in August to get an early start on recruitment. Those in attendance included Pauline Sinnamon, Jody Lubbers, Emily Tolhuizen, Linda Miska, Karen Farley, and Sarah Hutchinson.

The committee is in the process of calling former members of Iota Omega and Mu Beta to invite those ladies to come back to membership. The group also discussed recruitment and decided to follow the International plan for recruiting members.

Step 1 - August and early September - Members will recommend degreed women from private and public schools, colleges, corporate training, religious education, tutoring, and other areas where they are actively teaching. New members may also be former teachers who have left the profession for some reason and retired teachers. According to the new International by-laws, they may also be college students enrolled in at least their last two years of their education degrees who may be nominated for associate membership. **Members do not need to ascertain whether these women may be interested in membership. Don't fail to recommend someone because you think they might not be interested.**

Step 2 - Women recommended for membership will receive an invitation to a chapter meeting and an orientation meeting in September. **Members should inform the membership committee of potential members, as early as possible, so the letter can be sent before Labor Day. Otherwise bring names of prospects to the September meeting.**

Step 3 - Orientation of prospective members will be held in late September. Interested prospect will fill out an information sheet and be invited to the October meeting.

Step 4 - Names of prospective members will be announced at the October meeting. An electronic ballot will be sent to all members to elect prospects to membership.

Step 5 - The membership committee will send invitations to the initiation at our November meeting.

This is the information the membership committee needs for prospective members.

If you have someone in mind, please send Jody or Pauline the information as soon as possible. You may also fill out a card at our meeting on September 6.

If you need information brochures contact Jody or Pauline.

Iota Omega Prospect Card

Name _____
Address _____
School _____
Position _____
Approximate years in teaching _____
E-mails _____
Phone numbers _____
Your name _____ (may we use it?)

More from Membership

If you find it necessary to miss a meeting, please **RSVP regrets only** to Jody Lubbers or Pauline Sinnamon.

Jody - ajlubbers@yahoo.com

Pauline - psinnam@tx.rr.com

Please wear your pin and badge to each meeting. You may also wear them to school the day of the meeting. If you do not have a badge or pin, there will be information at the September meeting of how to get one. All members should at least have a pin. Mu Beta members will want to get a new Iota Omega badge. Wear your old one in the meantime.

"Old" Iota Omega members - Look for a buddy list coming via email pairing you with a new member to greet and become acquainted with at the September 6th meeting.

It's Important to Do This!

The yearbook committee and the membership committee need updated information sheets from every member. They would prefer that you fill it out electronically on Google Forms. There are two links below that you need to use. Put your cursor on the link and hit **Ctrl + click**.

Here is the link for the Member Information Sheet: <https://goo.gl/forms/IUG4BNW9v9P6gdjn2>

Here is the link for the Media Release Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/zFR57NzDHfNFsnUt1>

If for some reason you can not do this electronically, the form appears at the end of this newsletter. Fill it out and bring it to the first meeting. Otherwise mail it to JoAnn Brooks at 24121 Sky Harbor Dr., Plano, TX 75025

Legislation Committee

Linda Engelking, chairman

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for being such conscientious members when it comes to taking care of matters of legislation. You have listened intently, you have asked awesome questions, and you have taken action when asked to do so. It is easy to lead a group as wonderful as you all have been. Yet, this is truly not a job that you can do alone; it takes an entire dedicated group of women to visit with legislators, write letters, and make lots of phone calls. I hope you are all up to the challenge to be prepared voters in November!

It is important to stay informed this summer and fall about the candidates and who is **"Education Friendly"** and deserves your vote in November. We have a real fight in front of

us in the next Texas Legislative Session, which begins in January of 2019. We need our legislators to become serious about not only children but also the teachers and other staff members that work with them. We must help them to understand that the cost of insurance is an extreme hardship on both working and retired teachers. We also need to make it clear that they need to leave the system of the "Defined Benefits Pension Plan" alone. We truly do not want to change over to "Defined Contribution," a system where the active teacher must manage her own money for retirement. Another painful issue is the new A-F grading system for our schools and districts. Legislators need to know that this system does not and cannot define the amount of hard work and learning that goes on in our schools. This ineffective grading system will only change if the teachers, parents, and community members let them know that this system is not a true measure of what is happening in a school or district! **Only by staying united can the Texas Legislature see our strength. Tell your staff, family, and friends what is going on, we need everyone on the side of education in the November election.**

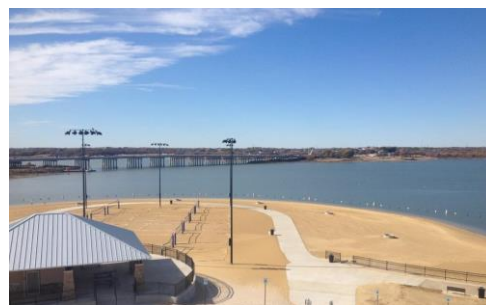
A Message from Our Area 9 Coordinator

Jennifer Bernabo

The Area IX workshop is just around the corner! Do you want to learn more about your office or a committee? Are you registered yet? If not, turn in your registration today. Registrations are still being accepted. Come see the closest beach in our area and come hear the latest information about Delta Kappa Gamma from our own Texas State Organization president Dr. Jo Murphy. Bring your fellow DKG sisters to get the latest news, training, and inspirational ideas for your chapter to use over the next two years,

Don't forget that the chapter with the largest percentage of its chapter members in attendance will win a prize!

Area IX Workshop
September 15, 2018
8:30 am - 12:00pm
Lakeside Middle School
[400 Lobo Lane](#)
[Little Elm TX 75068](#)



Cost \$12.00 - Register with your chapter treasurer.

Note: If you are an officer, committee chairman, or just an interested committee member, please plan to go to the Area 9 Workshop. Mail a \$12.00 check made out to Iota Omega to Jerry Cowan at 3225 Rockbrook, Plano 75074 or plan to register at our September 6th meeting.

Not only will we have bragging rights if we have the greatest percentage of members there, but we will also win a prize.

News from the Conventions

Our co-presidents, Susan and Tonelli, attended the Texas State Organization Convention in Waco in June. They brought home these awards: Five Star Newsletter, Yearbook Early Bird, Exemplary Yearbook, and the Anne Award for the program "Understanding Chemotherapy and Chemo Kits." Our big award was \$500.00 from ASTEF for our Journey of Hope project.

JoAnn, Jody, Pauline, Linda M., and Linda E. attended the International DKG convention in July with nearly 2,000 members from around the world. What a great experience that was! JoAnn was a fantastic convention chairman.



International Amendments of Interest

In May we discussed proposed amendments that might affect our chapter directly. Here are briefly summarized results.

- The name change did not pass.
- The term "initiation" was changed to "induction."
- An individual does not become a member until she pays her dues.
- Women who have been teachers in the past, but who are not yet retired, can become members.
- Graduate students and undergraduates in their last two years of study may become associate members. Their dues will be \$20.00. They will become active and pay member dues when they graduate. Collegiate members may not hold office.
- We may vote electronically.
- This covers payment of dues. The membership year goes from July 1 - June 30. All state and international dues are due to TSO by July 1. Non-paying members will be dropped as of October 1st. Members joining after January 1st pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of international dues.
- The resignation of members, date, and reasons for termination must appear in the minutes.
- The initiation fees are divided - Chapter \$7.50; state \$2.50. Nothing goes to international.

August and September Birthdays



August 5 - Kathy Waugaman

August 8 - Barbara Fix

August 17 - Lynn Jorgensen

Marilyn Brooks

August 20 - Laurie Maddux

September 2 - Margaret Quartel

September 3 - Sandi Kirk

September 9 - Linda Miska

September 18 - Sarah Hutchison

September 20 - Sandra Griswold

September 25 - Tonelli Hatley

September 27 - Amy Taylor

2018-20 Iota Omega Officers 2017-2019 Texas State Organization Officers

Co-presidents: Tonelli Hatley and
Susan Hayes

First Vice-Presidents: Tish Alway and
Susan Geddes

Second Vice-Presidents: Jody Lubbers and
Pauline Sinnamon

Recording Secretary: Amy Rhodes

Corresponding Secretary: Doris Johnson

Treasurer: Jerry Cowan

Parliamentarian: TBA

President: Dr. Jo Murphy, Beta Zeta, Area 6

1st Vice President: Shalan Inmon, Alpha Sigma, Area 12

2nd Vice President: Patti Belknap, Theta Alpha, Area 9

Recording Secretary: Judy Mezick, Kappa Gamma, Area 7

Corresponding Sec.: Cindy Neander, Kappa Theta, Area 16

Parliamentarian: Bonnie Manley, Eta Delta, Area 3

International Website

www.dkg.org

Texas Website

www.dkg-texas.org

Iota Omega Website

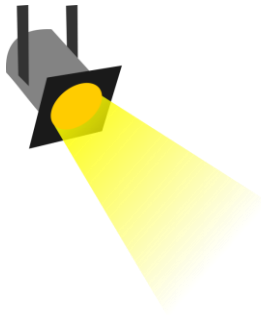
www.iotaomegatxdkg.com

Iota Omega Facebook

Iota Omega DKG – Texas

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- September 1 - Lucille Cornet Award application due
- September 6 - Chapter meeting at Vines
- September 15 - Area 9 Workshop in Little Elm
- October 2 - **Journey of Hope Golf Tournament**
- October 4 - Chapter meeting at Vines
- October 15 - Leadership Seminar application due
- October 15 - STARR registration due
- October 15 - Mini-grant applications due
- October 31 - dues due to treasurer



Members in the Spotlight

**April -
Installation
of Officers
and
Initiation**



New Members - Donna and Emily

May - Journey of Hope Dinner



Linda F. and Alison made PBJs.



Jody, Shelia, and Kathy took
their jobs really seriously.



Shelia, Sue, and Sandy
were ready with dessert!

May – Founders' Day Brunch



Post This on Your Refrigerator!



★ Iota Omega Meeting Dates ★

- Thursday, September 6
- Thursday, October 4
- Thursday, November 1
- December - TBA
- Thursday, February 7
- Tuesday, March 5**
- Thursday, April 4
- Saturday, May 4 - Brunch

Iota Omega Information Sheet

Name _____

Birthday _____ (month/day)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Work phone _____

Personal e-mail _____

Work e-mail _____

Work location (or retired) _____

Position(s) _____

Number of years in education _____

Degrees held _____

DKG initiation year _____

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Media Release Form

I give my permission for my - (check them)

Name _____

Email _____ (officers only)

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Date _____