

#### 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 2016-2018

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education World Wide

# **November – Iota Omega Technology Month**

Date: Thursday, November 1

Time: 5:00 socializing

5:30 business meeting Location: Vines High School

Program: Using DKG Technology by Laurie Maddux

What to wear: dress professionally for induction of new members

What to bring: a "mom" present for the Family Literacy party in December - see p. 7

Greeters: Marti Penix and Diane Hughes

Hostesses: Donna Brown, chr., Barbara Glassner, Loretta Williams, Linda Nelson, Kathy

Waugaman, Sandra Aikins, Kristin Anderson, Betty Prince, and Jeanette

Robertson

Door Prizes: Donna Brown, Marti Penix, Diane Hughes, Bernadette Delgado and Linda

Engelking



# Message from the Co-Presidents



Wow! It's hard to believe that November is right around the corner. For anyone who missed the October meeting, we heard from a premier breast cancer surgeon, Dr. Beth Anglin. She shared information regarding breast health, answered questions, and shared information about various options for women. It was wonderful to have so many visitors in attendance as well.

Susan & Tonelli's Highlights: Election season is upon us. Please don't forget to take advantage of early voting. November is also a time of Thanksgiving. We hope that each of you have an opportunity to give thanks and spend time with friends and family.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our November meeting. It will be a busy meeting with the induction of new members, celebrating the lives of two former members, and learning some DKG TechTips.

Let's reach out to our sisters that we haven't seen in a while and invite them to come join us. Additionally, we encourage you to bring a friend with you to the meetings this year. Please consider recommending some of your friends/colleagues into this wonderful sisterhood.

Quote: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." ~Maya Angelou

Sincerely,
Susan Hayes & Tonelli Hatley
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# Iota Omega Meeting October 4, 2018

Vines High School



#### Agenda:

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

Tonelli Hatley called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

#### 2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Pauline Sinnamon, Marion Tucker, and Tonelli introduced their guests. Jo Ann Brooks also introduced former chapter member and TSO Executive Board Member Judy Mezick.

#### 3. PROGRAM: "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS"

Trish Alway introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Beth Anglin, a breast surgery specialist. Dr. Anglin reviewed current practices and updates on breast cancer treatment and research. Earlier detection is now possible due to 3D mammography and MRI technology, as well as genetic testing, which can identify hereditary risk factors. There are also improvements in cancer treatments that are resulting in less surgery, fewer invasive procedures, and more limited chemotherapy. Dr. Anglin also discussed the different kinds of breast cancer, risk factors, and lifestyle practices that can lessen chances of getting breast cancer, and she answered questions from members. At the end of the meeting, members had the opportunity to help sew heart pillows for Dr. Anglin's patients.

Linda Miska followed up with an acknowledgement of members who were wearing pink or Breast Cancer Awareness shirts. Linda is donating \$41.00 to the American Cancer Society in honor of all members who wore pink.

#### 4. BIRTHDAYS/BRAG BOX

Members who had October birthdays were announced, and members had an opportunity to donate dollars for brags. Amy Rhodes reminded members that brag box donations will go for World Fellowships through our Global Awareness committee.

#### 5. BUSINESS MEETING

**CORRESPONDENCE AND COURTESY:** Doris Johnson reported that there was no correspondence this month.

<u>MEETING MINUTES</u>: The minutes of the September 2018 meeting were sent to members via the electronic newsletter. Amy Rhodes asked about one citation in the minutes as printed and received confirmation of a correction. A motion was made to accept the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCE: The treasurer's report was posted electronically in the last newsletter. The report showed that there was \$1968.63 in the Operating Fund and \$15269.23 in Restricted Funds. Donna Brown gave a report on the audit of the balance as of August 2018. The report will be filed for audit.

**COMMUNICATION / YEARBOOK:** JoAnn Brooks asked all members to fill out an updated profile sheet and media release today if they have not yet done so. She also asked that members have pictures taken today if there is not already a photo in the yearbook. Linda Miska reminded members that the newsletter is sent electronically and is long, but she hopes everyone is reading it. We still need a photographer to take pictures at meetings.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>: Linda Miska reported on the upcoming vote on new members, which will be done electronically this month. The chapter will induct new members at the November meeting. Linda gave information and prices for ordering society pins and badges. Order forms and cash or checks to lota Omega can be given to Jerry for those items and she will send in the orders. Pauline handed out brochure booklets to members who would like to invite others to join us.

**LEGISLATION:** Linda Engelking gave updates on the upcoming midterm elections and gave members a handout from the TSO Legislation Committee with information on election dates, informative websites, and requirements for voting. She encouraged members to look for information on where the candidates stand on education issues such as the grading system of Texas schools, standardized testing, and school finance. Members should also be aware of how candidates approach teacher concerns such as health insurance and defined benefits through TRS. Linda recommended <a href="https://www.texansforpubliceducation.com">www.texansforpubliceducation.com</a> for information on candidates' views on education. She and Karen Beck also gave information on upcoming candidate forums.

**GLOBAL AWARENESS:** Amy Rhodes announced that Global Awareness facts will appear each month in the newsletter and discussed as we donate to the Brag Box.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS-IN- AID:** (Personal and Professional Enrichment) Sue Stinson reported on available scholarships and mini-grants for members who are interested in professional development. The University of Texas system has endowed scholarships in honor of our founders for anyone attending classes at a UT campus.

**SERVICE PROJECTS:** Debbie King and Karen Beck reported on service projects for this year. They gave

members a handout of volunteer and donation opportunities for our adopted school, Isaacs Early Childhood Center. Volunteers can help in the library, read to students, and assist in the motor skills play area. We will be collecting books and mittens for Isaacs students at our next two meetings. JoAnn reported on the Journey of Hope golf tournament. It was the most successful tournament held so far, raising almost \$40,000. She is still working on getting a meeting date for the chapter to provide a meal.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Area 9 Workshop:** Tonelli reported on the Area 9 Workshop. She and Susan Hayes felt that we are doing well as a chapter after attending their sessions. Members who attended enjoyed the day.
- **T-Shirts from Nu Gamma**: Members who would still like to order Delta Kappa Gamma shirts can turn in order forms and money to Tonelli or Susan Hayes.
- **Dues**: All members need to pay dues as soon as possible. Some members still owe half-dues (\$55.00) or full dues (\$110.00). Members who are not sure if they have paid can check with Jerry.
- Proposed Budget: Jerry handed out copies of the proposed budget last month. She asked for any
  questions or discussion. There was one question about the designated funds for scholarships, since
  we have not decided how many grants-in-aid we will be awarding this year. Jerry stated that the
  budget can be amended at a later time when decisions are made about usage of funds. Linda
  Miska made a motion to accept the budget as proposed. Mary Pfeiffer seconded the motion. It
  was approved by the membership.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business this month.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Jane Smith is resigning her membership.
- The Founders' Day Brunch will take place on May 4, 2019, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Allen.
- A memorial ceremony for Gwen Wilkins and Diane York will be held at the November meeting. Talk to Linda Miska if you knew either of these ladies and would like to help with the ceremony.
- We still need a chairperson for the Ceremonies Committee and a Parliamentarian.
- The lota Omega website is coming soon! Information on <a href="www.iotaomegatxdkg.com">www.iotaomegatxdkg.com</a> will be presented at our next meeting along with other technology updates.
- Follow us on Facebook: Iota Omega DKG Texas
- Sign up for Remind to receive text reminders about upcoming DKG events.
- Donna Brown is the chairperson for next month's hostess committee.
- We still have a few KAYWOS cloths for sale for \$5.00 each.
- **6. ADJOURNMENT** Door prizes were awarded. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes taken by Amy Rhodes, Recording Secretary

Amy Rhodes

## A Little DKG Trivia

#### How many of these questions can you answer?

1. What year was DKG founded?

See answers later in the newsletter.

- 2. Why was DKG founded?
- 3. Where is the International headquarters?
- 4. Before the state organization was named TSO, what was it called?
- 5. Who is the current International president?
- 6. With which other international organization does DKG collaborate?

## Treasurer's Report

from Jerry Cowan

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

November 2018

#### **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:**

Beginning Amount Available in Operating Fund Plus Receipts Less Expenditures Amount Available in Operating Fund	1968.63 242.44 -277.07	1934.00
RESTRICTED FUNDS:		
2018/2019 Dues: Iota Omega Mu Beta	2695.00 990.00	3685.00
Community/Chapter Projects: Iota Omega (leftover from 2017/2018) Mu Beta (Christmas project)	330.72 1000.00	1330.72
Donation (undesignated)		200.00
Savings: Iota Omega Mu Beta	5885.90 4367.61	10253.51

### **Dues Alert!**

If you haven't paid your dues of \$110.00, they are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Mail your check to Jerry Cowan ASAP. She will still accept them at the meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, but she must send in her report shortly after that. Her address is 3225 Rockbrook Drive, Plano, TX 75074. You can email her at jerrycowan@verizon.net to let her know your check is in the mail.



# From the Program Chairmen Trish Alway and Susan Geddes



This month we will highlight ways that you can create, maintain, and grow connections using DKG technology resources. Laurie Maddux, Iota Omega webmaster, will share the latest on the new chapter website. We will take time to add the new DKG app to our phones and to explore the International and TSO websites. So be sure to bring your own device for TECH TIME!

Remember to return your Pillows for Patients this month. We will also have pages for you share words of encouragement and support for Dr. Anglin's patients. She will be including these in her Patient Information Packet for years to come. These packets, along with the pillows, will provide comfort and support to at least 40 more patients in her practice!

# From the Membership Committee

Jody Lubbers and Pauline Sinnamon, co-chairmen

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

Jody - <u>ajlubbers@yahoo.com</u>

Pauline - Pauline.sinnamon@pisd.edu

## New Member Induction

We will induct the following new members at the November meeting. Please make them feel welcome as your new sisters.



Lulu Aguilar - sponsored by Jody Lubbers
Frances Allday - sponsored by Pauline Sinnamon
Natalie Driskill - sponsored by Susan Hayes
Vanessa Ferrara - sponsored by Jody Lubbers
Carol Rimka - sponsored by Mary Pfeiffer
Dominika Phipps - sponsored by Tonelli Hatley
Margo Spence - sponsored by Tonelli Hatley
Cynthia Tomotaki - sponsored by Pauline Sinnamon



# Project Plans for December

What: Iota Omega & Plano Family Literacy Holiday Celebration

When: December 6<sup>th</sup> Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

Where: Plano Family Literacy School - 1300 19th Street, Plano, TX 75074

What We Need:

~ 20-25 volunteers - Volunteers will help the school-aged children pick out and wrap a gift for their mother, read a holiday story to a small group of children and their mothers, provide cookies and a drink. Sign-up at Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

~ 50+ gifts for the mothers. Gift ideas include lotion, scarves, candles, aprons, make-up bags, figurines, picture frames, perfume, jewelry, etc. There is no specific dollar value required. These can be items you already have and want to re-gift; however, they can't be used items. (Please bring to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting if possible).

The mission of Plano Family Literacy School is to educate and empower families to positively impact the community and future generations.

What is Family Literacy? Family literacy services are defined as: "services that are of sufficient intensity in terms of hours, and of sufficient duration, to make sustainable changes in a family and that integrate all of the following activities:

- (A) Interactive literacy activities between parents and their children.
- (B) Training for parents regarding how to be the primary teacher for their children and full partners in the education of their children.
- (C) Parent literacy training that leads to economic self-sufficiency.
- (D) An age-appropriate education to prepare children for success in school and life experiences."

What is Plano Family Literacy?

· Priority Program of Plano ISD · Parent Education

Early Childhood Education School Age Enrichment Program

Job and Life Skill Development · Parent and Child Together (PACT)

activities

· Adult Education · Home Visits

# Another Project for December

## Karen Beck and Debbie King, co-chairmen

Our "adopted" school this year is the Isaac Early Childhood Center. We will bring mittens for 3-5 year-olds and hardback books for the school library to our December meeting. Think about picking up these items the next time you go shopping. Thank you!

# Legislation Committee

Linda Engelking, chairman

# Have You Voted Yet?

Early Voting is Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Websites to get Information About Voting...

The League of Women Voters: <a href="https://www.org">lwv.org</a> (national) or <a href="https://www.org">lwvtexas.org</a> (Texas)

VOTE411.org, basic election information and a tool to view your personalized ballot

Texans for Public Education, a website that rates candidates as friendly, neutral, or unfriendly to public education: texansforpubliceducation.com

Texas Retired Teachers Association: trta.org - both active and retired teachers can sign up for Tim Lee's, "The Inside Line"

Texas Secretary of State: sos.tx.state.us -or- votetexas.gov

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.

Vote

# From the World Fellowship Committee

Amy Rhodes, chairman



# Our brag box receipts this year are going to World Fellowships. So, what are World Fellowships?

World Fellowships are grants given to women educators from other countries to study for advanced degrees in education in the United States and Canada.

The World Fellowship Program began in 1946. Four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden during the spring of 1948. In 1952, the World Fellowship Program began an alliance with UNESCO. In 1960, DKG partnered with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to select grant recipients from other countries for study in the United States, a partnership that is ongoing today. Since 1960, 920 women in 120 countries have received awards totaling \$3,349,100.00.

It is just one way that Delta Kappa Gamma is impacting education throughout the world

# DKG Benefits Have you looked at your DKG benefits lately?

Good Shop is an on-line shopping mall, which is one of many DKG benefits. Good Shop acts as a referral to all of your favorite shopping sites too numerous to mention. You will also be eligible for discounts through some of the vendors. You just need to go to Good Shop, register and search for where you like to shop. You will be amazed! The Society receives a percentage of all purchases. Remind your family and friends they can also shop this way and help benefit DKG.

### Bet You Didn't Know This!

ASTEF annually awards Aspiring Educator Grants to women in Texas to assist them in completing a bachelor's degree in education and/or Texas teacher certification. The applicant must not be a member of DKG and must be sponsored by a DKG member in the Texas State Organization. Consult the ASTEF website <a href="www.astef.org">www.astef.org</a> for an application, which is due March 1, 2019.

# **November Birthdays**



November 6 - Billie Jean Lee

Carolyn Saxon

November 8 - Nell Pearce

November 12 - Gloria Redwine

November 20 - Amy Rhodes

November 24 - Doris Johnson

November 30 - Jody Lubbers

#### 2018-20 lota Omega Officers 2017-2019 Texas State Organization Officers

Co-presidents: Tonelli Hatley and

Susan Hayes

First Vice-Presidents: Trish 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**lota Omega Website** 

www.iotaomegatxdkg.com

Texas Website www.dkgtexas.org

lota Omega Facebook

Iota Omega DKG - Texas

# Answers to "A Little DKG Trivia" How many of these questions did you answer correctly?

- 1. DKG was founded in 1929.
- 2. The Founders believed that there was need for an organization in which women educators might be united for efforts toward better professional preparation, recognition of women's work in the teaching profession, and scholarships for those needing aid in improving their professional preparation.
- 3. The International headquarters is in Austin, TX.
- 4. Before TSO (Texas State Organization) we were Alpha State.
- 5. Cathy P. Daugherty is the current International president.
- 6. DKG collaborates with UNICEF in Schools for Africa.



# Members in the Spotlight



Trish Alway thanks guest speaker, Dr. Beth Anglin.



Tonelli Hatley takes her presidential duties seriously.

It was nice to have a large group of members at our October meeting. We missed you if you weren't there!





Thank you to the hostess committee for providing a fabulous spread!



**Iota Omega breast cancer survivors** Trish Alway, Linda Miska, JoAnn Brooks, Tish Mulkey

