

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

October - Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Date: Thursday, October 4

Time: 5:00 socializing

5:30 business meeting

Location: Vines High School - Room D109 Program: Guest speaker - Dr. Beth Anglin

Breast Cancer Awareness

What to wear: PINK (See page 4 for more details)

What to bring: your check book if you want to pay your dues or order a pin or badge.

Greeters: Linda Fleming and Debbie King

Hostesses: Pat Rankin, chair, Linda Fleming, Sue Stinson, Robin Garcia, Diane Hughes, Lu

Smith, Alison Hayter, Amy Taylor, and Karen Farley

Door Prizes: Linda Fleming, Debbie King, Kathy Waugaman, Laurie Maddux, and Trish

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Message from the Co-Presidents



The school year is off and running. We were WOWed by the attendance at the September meeting, and if this is a sign of things to come, we are bubbling with excitement. For anyone who missed the September meeting, we had an amazing speaker from The Birthday Project. To read more about this amazing non-profit please visit https://www.thebirthdaypartyproject.org/ We donated to the organization by providing gifts for kids and gift-wrapping supplies to the organization. We already have some sisters who have signed up to be a volunteer. What a way to step up to provide service!

Susan & Tonelli's Highlights: Ladies, I'm sure we all have been impacted by breast cancer. I'm inviting as many women as I can to this meeting because I feel this is such an important topic. My grandmother fought the good fight against breast cancer until 2006. Additionally, a former colleague and dear friend of Susan's and mine, fought the good fight against breast cancer until February of 2018. You can never have too much information regarding your breast health!

We are looking forward to seeing you at our October meeting. Our Co-Vice- Presidents have an exciting speaker coming to speak about breast cancer awareness. Dr. Beth Anglin is a premier breast cancer surgeon in the Plano area and will share with us information regarding breast health. Our October 4th meeting will be at Vines High School in room D109. The easiest way to this room is to enter through the west side doors (that face the fire station), take a left at the first hallway, and our room will be the second door on the right.

Let's 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/colleagues into this wonderful sisterhood.

Fall Quote: "The trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let things go." ~Anonymous

Sincerely, Susan Hayes & Tonelli Hatley dkgiotaomegatx@gmail.com

Don't forget to wear PINK!



Iota Omega Meeting April 12, 2018



Vínes Hígh School

Agenda:

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

Susan Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. She introduced herself and Tonelli Hatley, copresidents for the new biennium. They welcomed all members back for a new year after summer break.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

Susan welcomed our new Mu Beta sisters, and they introduced themselves. Tonelli introduced two guests from Vines HS.

3. PROGRAM: "THE BIRTHDAY PARTY PROJECT"

Susan Geddes introduced the guest speaker, Kimberly Neilsen, director of operations for the Birthday Party Project, a non-profit organization that holds monthly birthday parties for shelters and facilities that house families who are homeless, displaced, or in transition. The project began in Dallas but is now nationwide and growing. They have celebrated over 7,000 birthdays since 2012 and have hosted 45,000 children at these parties. Staff members and volunteers find that the parties sometimes result in helping attendees on a greater level. Chapter members brought birthday presents to donate to the organization, and if members are interested in volunteering to help with parties locally, they can visit the website www.thebirthdaypartyproject.org.

4. BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Members who had August and September birthdays were announced, and members sang "Happy Birthday," as well as the lota Omega Birthday Song in honor of our chapter's 43rd birthday. Linda recognized the following members for their anniversary years as members of Delta Kappa Gamma: Jeanette Robertson – 30 years, Linda Nelson -- 35 years, and Gerri Haggard – 40 years.

5. BUSINESS MEETING

<u>MEETING MINUTES</u>: The minutes of the April 2018 meeting were sent to members via the electronic newsletter. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded and approved.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCE</u>: The treasurer's report was posted electronically in the last newsletter. Jerry Cowan presented the current report and proposed budget to the members. The report showed that there was \$1296.69 in the Operating Fund and \$15269.53 in Restricted Funds, including the addition of funds from Mu Beta chapter. Jerry reminded members that remaining half-dues (\$55) should be paid this month.

CONVENTION REPORTS: Susan gave a report on the State Convention in Waco held in June 2018. Iota Omega won several awards this year: the Early Bird and Exemplary Yearbook Awards, a Five Star Newsletter Award, an Annie Award for our February "Understanding Chemotherapy and Chemo Kits" program, and an ASTEF grant of \$500 to provide meals for Journey of Hope. We also received recognitions for having a Society Compliant TSO Chapter Website, contributing to the Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund, and making donations to ASTEF for scholarships. Next year's State Convention will be held in Arlington. JoAnn Brooks gave a report on the International Convention, held in Austin in July 2018. Austin hosted DKG members from all fifty states and sixteen countries, about 2000 members in all, including 600 from Texas. JoAnn read a poem, Welcome to Texas, which was written by DKG member Janye Brainard of El Paso, the unofficial poet laureate of TSO. There were many positive comments about the convention, the welcome cards, and the friendliness of Texas.

AREA 9 WORKSHOP: Members were reminded that the Area 9 Workshop will be held in Little Elm on September 15th. Registration and payment of \$12.00 can be turned in the Jerry Cowan. Susan will send out an email for those who want to carpool. Chapters with the most attendees will receive a prize.

<u>BY-LAWS AND RULES</u>: JoAnn highlighted a few of the changes and new amendments voted on at International Convention: 1. The name of Delta Kappa Gamma will not change. 2. Membership ceremonies will be called "inductions" rather than "initiations." 3. Inductees must pay dues before being considered members. 4. College students in their last two years of study in the field of education are eligible for collegiate membership.

COMMUNICATION / YEARBOOK: JoAnn is our Yearbook coordinator. She informed members that we send out our yearbook electronically, and if anyone wants a paper copy, they need to order one from her and pay \$6.00. The deadline to order a paper copy is October 1st. This year we will merge the lota Omega and Mu Beta yearbooks. Our lota Omega website is currently down because we are going to use a different web application. Laurie Maddux and Susan Hayes are working on getting a new website up and running.

<u>OPEN POSITIONS</u>: Linda Miska announced that we need a parliamentarian, a photographer, and a chairperson for the Ceremonies Committee, so if anyone is interested in taking on one or more of these roles, let Susan or Tonelli know.

<u>PROGRAMS</u>: Trish Alway previewed the programs for this year. Topics include personal health, DKG technology updates, holiday projects and celebrations, information on "Love Packs" in schools to help fight hunger in our community, a visit to the Plano Art Center, and information on Journey of Hope.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COURTESY: Doris Johnson informed the members about the following correspondence: the chapter received a card from the daughter of Gwen Wilkins, a member who recently passed away, and JoAnn Brooks wrote a thank you note to the chapter for providing help, support, and a door prize at the International Convention. Doris also reported on the changes made by the Executive Board about hostess duties for meetings. The chapter will provide water and paper goods for each meeting. Members will be assigned to a group to bring snacks for one meeting and to be greeters. Doris will notify the groups ahead of time and the group chairman will have members sign up to bring something. We also ask members to sign up to bring a door prize to at least one meeting.

LEGISLATION: Linda Engelking, the chairwoman for the legislative committee and also legislative representative for Area 9, had voter registration cards available for members to use or give to others who are not registered, especially new teachers in our schools. She also encouraged members to stay informed on news of the upcoming elections and candidate platforms by reading information on websites and publications from ATPE, TSTA, League of Women Voters, and others.

MEMBERSHIP: Jody Lubbers and Pauline Sinnamon reported on membership. Members are asked to RSVP if they cannot attend a meeting and to wear their pins and badges. Information on purchasing pins and badges was distributed. Members who have not completed member profiles were asked to submit them electronically using a link in the newsletter. Members were given a flyer with instructions for Remind 101, a text notification app, if they would like to receive notifications from lota Omega about meetings, etc. Linda Miska asked members to fill out prospective member cards for possible candidates. They will be invited to a new member orientation meeting on Thursday September 20th. They can decide if they want to join after the meeting. Candidates will also be invited to the October meeting. Voting will be electronic and the deadline is October 17th. Induction will be at the November meeting.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: Linda Miska and Linda Fleming acknowledged Mary Pfeiffer and Donna Sewell for receiving the Members in Print award, and Susan Hayes and Tonelli Hatley received rose pins for their achievement as outstanding programs chairpersons last year and their continuing leadership in lota Omega.

GLOBAL AWARENESS: Amy Rhodes announced that Brag Box donations will go to World Fellowship funds.

<u>SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS-IN- AID</u>: (Personal and Professional Enrichment) Sue Stinson reported on the winners of last spring's grants-in-aid. She reminded members that one of our grants went to a paraprofessional.

SERVICE PROJECTS: Tonelli reported on service projects. We have adopted Isaacs Early Childhood Center

as our school to support this year. The principal at Isaacs has given us some ideas on ways we can help. JoAnn gave a short introduction on Journey of Hope for our new members. We support this 20-year-old non-profit organization that helps children who are dealing with the death of a close loved one. North Texas Giving Day is September 20th, and Journey of Hope could use our support. This year's JOH Golf Tournament will be held on October 2nd at Canyon Creek Country Club and they are looking for both golfers and volunteers to help. We also won an ASTEF grant again this year for \$500 to provide meals for JOH meetings. See JoAnn for more information on volunteering. There will be other projects that accompany our programs this year as well.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jerry Cowan handed out the proposed budget for 2018-2019 for members to consider. There was no vote on the budget at this meeting.
- Susan Hayes explained the Executive Board's decision to move induction to the fall so that new
 members can fully participate in the year's meetings and activities. The Board also decided to
 waive the chapter portion of the dues for their first year. This allows new members to pay a
 reduced rate of \$61 to cover state and international dues when inducted in November, and then
 they will pay regular full dues beginning the following spring with the rest of the membership. This
 will help new members financially since they will have to pay dues the following spring for the
 coming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Amy Rhodes

- Tonelli announced that Dooley Elementary needs volunteers to be "Dragon Buddies" with their students. Contact Tonelli for more information.
- Pauline Sinnamon announced that the Texas French Symposium will be held at PESH on March 22-23, 2019, and they need judges. Even if you don't speak French, you can help with the art and music categories. See Pauline for more information.
- A memorial ceremony will be held for Gwen Wilkins and Diane York at the October meeting. Talk to Linda Miska if you knew either of these ladies and could help with the ceremony.
- The lota Omega website is coming soon! Look for www.iotaomegatxdkg.com in the next few months.
- Members can also follow our chapter on Facebook: Iota Omega DKG Texas
- **6. ADJOURNMENT** Door prizes were awarded. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes taken by Amy Rhodes, Recording Secretary

October is a Month to Wear Pink!

An anonymous member will donate \$1.00 to the American Cancer Society for each member that wears PINK to the October meeting and an additional \$1.00 for each member that is wearing a Breast Cancer Awareness shirt!



Members in Pink - 2017

Treasurer's Report

from Jerry Cowan

If you did not receive a copy of the proposed budget for 2018-19 and would like to see it before the October meeting, please contact Jerry.

TREASURER'S REPORT October 2018

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:

Beginning Amount Available in Operating Fund	1296.69
Plus, Receipts	671.94
Less Expenditures	
Amount Available in Operating Fund	1968.63

RESTRICTED FUNDS:

2018/2019 Dues:

lota Omega	2695.00
Mu Beta	990.00

Community/Chapter Projects:

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

Savings:

lota 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 October 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.

Communications

Keeping up with the times, Iota Omega will use technology whenever we can. Please sign up for our Iota Omega Remind page so you can receive text reminders of our meetings and other important reminders.

To receive text reminders type 81010 into the "To:" box. Then type @dkgio into the message box. Hit the up arrow.



We can help anyone who is having difficulty setting this up at our next meeting!

Have you "liked" the *lota Omega DKG – Texas* page on Facebook?

From the Membership Committee

Jody Lubbers and Pauline Sinnamon, co-chairmen

An informational meeting for prospective members was held at JoAnn Brooks's home on September 20 with five prospective members present. Please feel free to invite other prospective members to the October meeting. We will have an induction of new members at the November meeting.

More from Membership

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 - <u>Pauline.sinnamon@pisd.edu</u>

Please wear your pin and badge to each meeting. You may also wear them to school the day of the meeting. 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.

The badge cost is \$9.74 and they will take about one week to make. Please let Susan know by October 4th if you would like to purchase one. Payment types accepted: checks made payable to Blue Ribbon Awards or cash.





For your convenience, we will order pins through Iota Omega, which will save you some postage. Plan to pay for it at the October 4 meeting.

small key pin - \$14.25 + \$1.50 for tax and shipping; total \$15.75 large key pin - \$15.75 + \$1.50 for tax and shipping; total \$16.75

or you can order directly at https://acgreek.com/greek/item.php?cat_ref=1&item_ref=33

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 cannot 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 hope that you are having a good beginning to the school year and talking to your fellow staff members about the importance of being informed voters since we have a mid-term election on November 6th. It is important to research and know the candidates and to identify those who are education friendly. The officials that we vote on in this election will determine whether our guaranteed Defined Benefit Pension is preserved or if they will begin all new teachers with a Defined Contribution pension plan where the individual decides what to do with the dollars given for their retirement. If this plan passes, it would mean that no further dollars would go into TRS for the retirement annuities and eventually the current pension fund would become depleted. The people elected as representatives, senators, governor, and It. governor in this election will also determine if we have affordable health insurance. These same people will also have the power to decide how

much to fund public schools, how much to rely on standardized testing, whether to use A-F ratings, how grades are determined, how much to fund teacher pay and retirement, and whether to invest in our schools or privatize them. It is very important that you take this election seriously and that you take the time to know the candidates and to vote. Bad politicians are elected by good people who don't vote. Remember that you have the most power on Election Day, but only if you vote!

Important Dates...

Last Day to Register to Vote in the November Election: October 9th

Early Voting is Monday, October 22nd through Friday, November 2nd

Ballots by Mail, for age 65 and older, must be received by Election Day, November 6th

Election Day: Tuesday, November 6th

Websites to get Information About Voting...

The League of Women Voters: lwv.org (national) or lwvtexas.org (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

On 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.

From the World Fellowship Committee

Amy Rhodes, chairman

A Global Awareness Fact:

You know that Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society. But did you know that we have society sisters in all 50 states and 16 other countries? DKG has chapters in these countries:

United States

CanadaIcelandNorwayThe NetherlandsSwedenPuerto RicoMexicoGreat BritainFinlandEl SalvadorGuatemalaCosta Rica

Germany Estonia Panama Japan

How many of these countries have you visited?

TSO News

By now all members should be acquainted with the new Texas State Organization (TSO) web site. You can find much information there including periodicals that may no longer be delivered by mail. To find these two, go to www.dkgtexas.org



This issue of Get Connected contains information about Website **Compliance.** Also included in this issue are articles on communication overload in which we hope you will find helpful tips to create an electronic balance for yourself.



The Fall edition of the LSN is an online only edition. This online version may be viewed as a PDF or an interactive document for those with Flash.

Also Check out these Communities on dkg.org

DKG Book Club

A DKG Community for members interested in reading and reviewing books.

DKG Collaborative Communities

An online community dedicated to professional collaboration among DKG members where educators can share ideas, strategies, research and best practices.

DKG Communications &

Publicity

A community dedicated to sharing ideas for communicating and publicizing DKG.

DKG Editors Forum

DKG community for Editors

DKG Educational Excellence

Conversations about the work of the Educational Excellence Committee

DKG for Social Media

A DKG community where members can explore venues, best practices and ethics in the world

of social media.

A community where DKG members can connect with other members around the world and

DKG Global Awareness

explore the global impact of DKG.

A DKG community where members can share ideas for the home: recipes, do-it-yourself

DKG Home Life

projects, home design, gardening, and all matters of the home.

DKG in Canada

DKG Mentoring

A community for members in Canada

DKG Membership Forum

A DKG forum where members can share strategies and tips for growing membership in

chapters and state organizations.

A community dedicated to mentoring among DKG members.

DKG Next Conversations Conversations about the future of DKG.

DKG Travels

A community for DKG members interested in sharing travel experiences and opportunities.

DKG with a focus on the

Arts

A DKG forum for discussion about music, art, photography, and creative writing.

October Birthdays



October 3 - Susan Hayes October 20 - Debbie King October 21 - Debbie King
October 28 - Mary Jo Hamrick
Frances Peckham

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

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

lota Omega Website

www.iotaomegatxdkg.com

Texas Website www.dkgtexas.org

Iota Omega Facebook Iota Omega DKG – Texas

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- October 4 Chapter meeting at Vines
- October 15 Leadership Seminar application due
- October 31 dues due to treasurer
- November 1 Fall Mini-grant applications due
- November 1 Early Bird Yearbook
- November 1 Chapter meeting at Vines
- December 6 Plano Family Literacy Party
- December 11 Chapter Holiday Party (tentative)
- February 7 Chapter meeting at Vines
- (Tues.) March 5 Chapter meeting at Vines
- April 4 Chapter meeting at Vines
- May 4 Founders' Day Brunch



Members in the Spotlight



Susan Hatley and Tonelli Hatley pose with their Chapter Achievement Awards

Iota Omega Members Celebrate Our 43rd Birthday!



Our meeting ended with a performance by the Vines High School drill team. Here members pose with the team.



Mary Pfeiffer received the TSO Member in Print Award at the September meeting.



What a large number of members we had at our September meeting with the addition of new members from Mu Beta!

Can we do it again in October?



Members donated toys and party supplies to "The Birthday Party Project" at the September meeting.

Iota Omega Members pose with Jo Murphy, TSO President at the September Area 9 meeting.



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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Date		