



GAMMA OMEGA FOCUS

Gamma Omega Chapter
Texas State Organization
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



MISSION STATEMENT

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

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**2021-2022 TSO Theme
Journey: Which Way Will You Go?**

have such knowledge and incredible experiences among these lady educators. Memories came flooding as we brought up teaching stories. Amazingly, we have so much in common in our experiences even though we have taught in different decades, schools, and environmental situations. Times have changed, but the overall love we have for children and education remains steadfast!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Following the meeting I visited one on one with Gloria Sager, and Jody Tyson! What an honor to have both ladies in attendance on that day. I then drove on over to College Station to see Lynda York. Even though these ladies' education journeys took different paths, all three are a true inspiration, motivating, encouraging, and overall a tremendous influence. The wisdom, knowledge and love they have for education is insurmountable!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Life is a journey through time. Our lives here on Earth are temporary, but the wisdom, knowledge and love that we leave behind is permanent." (Author unknown)

October has almost passed and I am still in awe of our October meeting! It was a gorgeous fall day filled with sunshine outside, as well as inside that Fellowship Hall! Yes, we took care of business and we were inspired by our fall program... but it was so much more. It was a morning of laughter, even some tears, and the sharing of stories. Our chapter is blessed to

Our challenge as DKG sisters is to reflect on and keep the original seven purposes, but it is also to create a sense of belonging in each of us and to realize the importance of our relationships and to maintain them. On November 5, we have the opportunity to welcome new members. We also have the opportunity to continue the stories and to keep alive the connections we have with each other. Please make the effort to be there, to share, and to be inspired! The journey continues...

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!
In Love and Sisterhood,
Lori Jackson

JOIN US IN NOVEMBER...

PROGRAM: Blessings of Thanksgiving in America

November 5, 2022. 9:30 A.M.

St Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Phillipsburg, Texas

Hostesses: Sealy

Cost: \$1.00

Meditation: Yvonne Wait

Pledges: Jessie Kokemor

Mission Statement: Jessie Kokemor

Prayer: Laurie Pawlak

Door Prize: Heather Smith

Perfect Attendance Prize: Heather Smith

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

These committees will report at the October Meeting. If another committee would like to add any news or information to the meeting, please do.

Yearbook - Gail Schroeder

Scholarship (Personal and Professional Growth)

- Carol Brinkman

Legislative - Lou Pruett

Ceremonies - Susan Campbell (Induction of three new members)

OCTOBER RECAP

The October Meeting was held on October 1, an absolutely gorgeous day! A big thank you to the Brenham hostesses for the wonderful fall brunch and finding the meeting location at the last minute! The Fellowship Hall of the Brenham Church of Christ was perfect! The regular meeting was held along with a thoughtful meditation and program led by Kay Ivy. A big thank you to the 31 members that could attend. We missed those that could not be there, but it was one of those busy weekends for so many. The new yearbook will be available at the November meeting! A copy will also be emailed to the group. Three new members were voted on and they will be inducted at the November meeting. We will be welcoming Shannon Froebel, Carla Harrison, and Melanie Jacobs! An orientation meeting for these three ladies

was planned for October 10 at Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant in Brenham. Thank you to those able to go. Thank you also for the wonderful donations for Brenham's Senior Citizen Center. The Gamma Omega sisters do it again, over and over, each time they are asked! What a blessing this group is. For November, the Sealy ladies will be collecting non-perishable items for the Sealy Christian Food Pantry. October birthday were acknowledged and Cheryl spotlighted Sharon Spiess, Carobeth Buckhorn and Melanie Crowhurst. The morning ended with Peggy Ueckert and Joy Mueller winning the door prizes.

Please check for more details and news in the October minutes.



Cheryl spotlights Sharon Spiess



Now she spotlights Carobeth Bockhorn



Melanie Crowhurst is now in the spotlight

SERVICE PROJECT

This year we will be giving to each of our communities by way of the food pantries in the areas. Now more than ever with the costs of groceries and life in general, we will be helping our own neighbors. Each month we will be giving to the food pantry or organization in the town in charge of the monthly meeting. **For November we will be collecting non-perishable items for the Sealy Christian Food Pantry.**

Please let me know what we will be collecting for your town in time for me to put it in the newsletter. If you know at the meeting the month before...that would be even better. We can announce it then. Thank you for being such a generous group of ladies. What a difference we can make in people's lives when we work together!

NEW MEMBERS

At the November meeting we will be adding 3 new educators and sisters to our Gamma Omega Chapter. Please join us and welcome these 3 lovely ladies; **Shannon Froebel, Carla Harrison, and Melanie Jacobs. Welcome, welcome, welcome!!!** I can't wait to meet these gals and welcome them to our group. The Ceremonies Committee will put together the induction program Thank you to these ladies led by Susan Campbell.

MEMBER MILESTONES AND WISHES

I am going to be Nosy Rosy or rather Nosy Lori! This year we are going to pass the clipboards around again and I want to know everything about you! Write anything down that is important to you! Let us celebrate you...or in some cases maybe you need us to pray for you. Nothing is ever too big or too little. Celebrating the good and helping if needed...it is all part of sisterhood!

I (Lori Jackson) am a Lollie for the third time! Monroe Olivia Jackson debuted on her due date, October 8th at 11:23 A.M. I was honored and got to spend the whole week with Grant and his new family upon birth! What a blessing she is and of course the perfect baby!!

We would like to congratulate Grace Holtkamp, President of the Austin County Historical Commission, as she was presented the "Distinguished Service Award" awarded from the Texas Historical Commission. What an honor for Grace and truly deserved!

Congratulations to all our members participating in the local fairs around the area! Their success to due in part to your hard work, volunteerism, and attendance.

Elizabeth Jurica sent this to me!

"Burton Elementary is SO excited to have academic UIL competitions again this year. It feels like we're almost back to pre-COVID times! I'm searching for volunteers to help grade 90+ Creative Writing essays during the grading window. The window is January 20-25, 2023. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Jurica to volunteer. Thank you ladies!! Now is our chance to help out one of our own. Please contact Lizzie (979-251-2799) if you would like to volunteer some time for some UIL help!!! Oh the memories!!!

MYSTERY GAMMA OMEGA SISTERS

Let's get to know our DKG sisters! Each month we will give you information for 5 of our ladies. You will also be given 5 names. See if you can match the right lady to their information! The identities will be revealed at the following meeting! Keep sending in your information! It has been a pleasure learning about all of you so far!

Sister

- 1) I have a dog named after a famous play-write. (Albee named for Edward Albee)
- 2) Out of 31+ years, I have only taught in 3 schools; Pleasant Valley Elementary, First Baptist Church School, and Burton Elementary.
- 3) I went to Amarillo College and West Texas State University to get my degrees.
- 4) I have a son who has three degrees and is a Graphic Designer.

- 5) My now mother-in-law told my husband while he was dating that he could not marry a girl named Denise because of his last name __ _ _ _...he did the next best thing, he married me and my middle name happens to be Denise.

Sister

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- 1) My twin sister and I were born on the Fourth of July.
 - 2) I graduated from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas.
 - 3) I did my student teaching in Little Rock, Arkansas just after integration.
 - 4) I taught in the same school for 41 years.
 - 5) I have traveled in 16 countries.

Sister

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- 1) My grandkids call me Yoo Hoo.
 - 2) I love music and I love to dance. (My listening to music is much better than my dancing!)
 - 3) My husband and I were high school sweethearts, but we dated seven years before we got married.
 - 4) I love to bake and cook.
 - 5) I love to take vacations to whale-watch. I have been whale-watching off Hawaii, Cabo San Lucas twice, Mazatlan, and on the east coast off Massachusetts. We get up close and personal which is a little scary at times, but worth it.

Sister

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- 1) I was a twirler in high school and college. My uniform was military with trousers.
 - 2) I hiked part of the Grand Canyon trail from North Rim and South Rim.
 - 3) I team taught with the same teacher for 24 years.
 - 4) I never had any of the childhood diseases.
 - 5) DKG is in my blood. My aunt became a member of DKG in the late '40's. My daughter received a DKG scholarship in the mid '80's. I became a member in 1993.

Sister

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- 1) My first major in college was Pharmacology. (That was short-lived!)
 - 2) I love making large paper flowers for people and events.
 - 3) I am an avid royal family fan and adored Princess Diana. However, I have not watched any of "The Crown".
 - 4) I loved teaching kindergarten and teaching children how to draw. I was not a fan of color sheets, we drew mostly everything we colored or painted.

- 5) I have had season tickets to Aggie football every year since my graduation in 1983...win or lose! Each year we try to attend a different SEC school for football or baseball. If the TV is not on the Hallmark Channel it is on college sports!

Carol South Treva Bullard Lori Jackson
Shelley Nies Mary Alice Cure

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO... MAY IT BE YOUR BEST YEAR YET!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ernestine S.
- 2 Gladys A.
- 8 Yvonne W.
- 8 Letha D.
- 19 Gail S.
- 25 Mary Alice C.

SAVE THE DATE

November 5 - Gamma Omega Meeting with Induction of new members

November 8 - Election

November 24 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU!

December 3 - Gamma Omega Meeting/Shopping

JUST A THOUGHT...

This month I leave you with words from our mystery sisters about DKG;

"DKG is a group of dedicated women educators who are passionate about making a difference in the world through education!"

"An excellent support system! Experts in education coming together to help those who need it!"

"Laugh and Learn...love how we share our educational stories and experiences to lift and motivate each other."

"DKG has helped me grow in confidence, has challenged me to accept new experiences, and stretch my abilities in leadership skills

`Words of inspiration to use when telling others about DKG and Gamma Omega! Thanks girls, I could not have said it better myself! See you soon!!



Members brought lots of good stuff



They also had lot of fun visiting!!!

FOCUS COMMITTEE

Lou Pruett, Editor
Lori Jackson and Members of the Bellville Group

Remember to **reply promptly** telling the hostesses whether or not you will attend the meeting. An **email** or phone call is sufficient.
If you can't attend, please tell us and give a reason. Thanks for helping out your Gamma Omega Sisters.

Brenham to Phillipsburg Church:
Take Highway 36 south to Austin County line; turn left at the first road, Church Road (a very short distance). Then turn right on Phillipsburg Church Road, you will see the Church on the right.
Sealy/Bellville to Phillipsburg Church:
Take Highway 36 north, turn right on Sempronius Road (approx. 1 ½ miles from the Kenney overpass). At the cemetery turn left on Phillipsburg Church Road, and the church will be on the left

LEGISLATIVE

Key dates for the upcoming election:

Early in-person voting

Monday, Oct. 24 thru Friday, Nov 4

Election Day Tuesday, Nov 8 Polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm.

Society Websites

Gamma Omega

www.gammaomegatx.weebly.com

Delta Kappa Gamma International

www.dkq.org

Texas State Organization

www.dkgtx.org