



# GAMMA OMEGA FOCUS

Gamma Omega Chapter  
Texas State Organization, Alpha State Texas  
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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Leading Women Educators Impacting  
Education Worldwide

2019-2021 TSO Theme  
You Are the Key

## FEBRUARY MEETING

Program: Flag Procedures

February 1, 2020

9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
Phillipsburg, Texas

Hostesses: Sealy Members

Cost: \$1.00

Meditation: Jessie Kokemor

Collect: Kathy Noska

Door Prize: Yvonne Wait

Perfect Attendance: Yvonne Wait

Prayer: Yvonne Wait

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The cold days of winter are a great time to stay in and do crafts, read or just visit with friends. Just remember spring is around the corner.

We will again be busy with the downhill slide to the end of the school year, STAAR testing, taking kids to sports activities, etc. Be sure and take time for yourself as well!

We will have another special visitor at the February meeting – our State President Patti Belknap! Please add our chapter meetings to your busy schedule.

We love to see you!

Be sure to email me when you find the hidden symbol... See you at the February meeting. May God bless!

Lou Pruett

## Society Websites

GammaOmega [www.gammaomegatx.weebly.com](http://www.gammaomegatx.weebly.com)

Delta Kappa Gamma International [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

Texas State Organization [www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

*These committees will report at the February meeting.*

Program- Jeanell Dallmeyer

Legislative- Lou Pruett

Membership – Anna Breddin

Scholarship – Sue Wieprecht

## MEMBER NEWS

Jessie Kokemor's granddaughters were in the Bellville High School production of "Sound of Music" in December as von Trapp children.

### February Birthdays

- 2 Joyce W.
- 4 Peggy U.



### Reaching Out with Heart

At the last meeting members brought silent auction items to raise money for the convention attendees. It was a great success and lots of fun! February is also the month to donate to ASTEF. Funds go to scholarships and help fellow teachers with projects for their classrooms.

### SUPPORT EARLY CAREER EDUCATORS

STAAR testing is just around the corner. Lots of stress for all teachers old and new! Remember to be looking out for those new teachers who might be concerned whether their students will make the grade or not. Let them know they CAN do it. A little thoughtfulness goes a long ways.

#### **The Focus Committee**

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## December Meeting

The Brenham members hosted the meeting with beautiful Christmas decorations and provided delicious snacks. The members covered all the tables lining the room with a wide variety of items to sell in the silent auction. The total amount of \$837.00 will help members attend the TSO convention in June. Everyone enjoyed the meeting, visiting with friends, and bidding on their choices.

We had a very special visitor, Area Coordinator Carole Lowe. Carole joined in the fun and gave an awesome presentation as Dr. Annie Webb Blanton.

After a short business meeting, Janet spotlighted three members – Sharon Spiess, Liz Latimer, and Beth Franke.



### Save the Date...

TSO Convention June 2020 in McAllen  
Check out link---[dkgtxas.org](http://dkgtxas.org)

## GAMMA OMEGA PROGRAMS 2019-2020

February 1 – Sealy – Flag Procedures (Our State President, Patti Belknap, will attend)  
March 7 – Bellville – Keys to DKG  
April 18 – Somerville – Our Founders Day & Birthday Celebrations

## SHOPPING & FELLOWSHIP!!!



## Who is in the Spotlight???



### Another great recipe from the kitchen of Gail Schroeder

#### Gail's Loaded Baked Potato Salad

- 3 lbs. potatoes, washed and cut in  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch cubes
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. black pepper
- 6-8 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sour cream
- 1 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. shredded cheddar cheese
- 4-5 green onions, slices

Preheat oven to 425°.

In a large bowl, drizzle olive oil over potatoes and stir until all pieces are covered; sprinkle with salt and pepper and stir again. Place in single layer in shallow baking pan and bake 30-35 minutes until tender when pierced with a fork. Cool completely.

While potatoes are baking, fry bacon until crisp. Remove with slotted spoon and place on plate covered with several layers of paper towels.

In a mixing bowl, combine mayonnaise, sour cream, and vinegar. Whisk until combined. Place cooled potatoes in a large bowl and pour dressing over; stir to combine. Add bacon, cheese and green onions and stir; refrigerate until serving.

### Planned something special for Feb. 2020?

What have you planned for ASTEF's Annual Giving Month?

Have you thought about:

- Gifts in memory of or in honor of family, friends, favorite teachers, society members, schools, past state or chapter officers, achievement award winners,
- Chapter donations, or
- Participating in the ASTEF Online Auction?

### Directions to Meeting

#### 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the Kenney overpass). At the cemetery turn left on Phillipsburg Church Road, and the church will be on the left

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.