



# 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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**DKG 2018-20 International Theme:  
Leading Women Educators Impacting  
Education Worldwide**

**2019-2021 TSO Theme  
You Are the Key**

## PLANNING MEETING

Our summer planning meeting is set for June 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Phillipsburg where we normally meet. The Sealy group will be providing lunch. (Details on that to follow later.) Committees to meet are: Finance, Membership, Program of Work, Service Project, Archives, Ceremonies, and Nominating. If you are a chairperson and lead a committee that is not listed here, but would like to meet, PLEASE, let me know. All chairpersons will be contacted ahead of time to confirm what is needed.

**PLEASE RSVP TO JANET ALLPHIN  
BY JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> IF YOU PLAN TO  
ATTEND!**

## APRIL MEETING

A wonderful time was had by all, in person, and by Zoom, at our Birthday and Founders Day Celebration at our April meeting. Thirty-six were present to enjoy an enjoyable presentation by the Hempstead/Caldwell group highlighting our Founders. They also led us in a fun bingo game which tested our knowledge of them. A delicious brunch was enjoyed

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Summer! I hope you are beginning to feel better as things are beginning to relax some. We are looking forward to the year ahead with a positive outlook on accomplishing our goals and getting back to more normal ways of doing things! Thank you for everyone's efforts this past year to keep things going during difficult times. You are wonderful! I am looking forward to seeing you all in August and many of you at our planning meeting on June 30. A big shout out goes to all the active school employees who are hopefully beginning a well-deserved rest. Keep these folks in your prayers as well as those dealing with illness and weather related problems.

Janet

### Society Websites

Gamma Omega [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)

by all! These ladies put a great deal of time and effort in their presentation! A major action taken at this meeting was to change the manner in which months are assigned to each group for their program. It was suggested and voted on unanimously in favor to go to a rotation method. We will rotate, going back from the month you had this past year, to determine your month for the next year. This will eliminate the need for drawing and will give all groups a chance to do a variety of months. As Presidents change, their group will trade with the past president's group for the planning meeting.

### 2021-2022 Program Schedule

August 7 – Waller  
 October 2 – Burton  
 November 6 – Brenham  
 December 4 – Bellville  
 February 5 – Lee Co.  
 March 5 – Hempstead/Caldwell  
 April 2 – Somerville

### MEMBER NEWS

**Cheryl Pritchett** (and husband John) joyfully announce the arrival of their granddaughter, Katherine Grace! Katherine was born May 24<sup>th</sup>. Katherine Grace has a tractor loving, dirt loving big brother Cooper Anthony. Proud parents are Mark and Ellen (Pritchett) Luchak. Caroline Pritchett, John and Cheryl's youngest daughter, recently graduated from the University of Texas with her Masters of Professional Accounting. Caroline will be joining the Ernst & Young Accounting Firm in September.



**CITIZEN EDUCATION TEACHER RECOGNITION** - - Shown with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Commander Eric Oldham are winners of its Citizenship Education Teacher recognition citations. They include: Junior High Tori Converse; O'Bryant Primary School Cheryl Pritchett; and Bellville High School... Susan Balake (not shown) Ashley Walling. More photos from Patriot Pens and Voice of Democracy on Page 3A.



**Linda Braun** received her 25th Year Membership Award from Jessie Kokemor.



**Elizabeth Jurica** received the 2021 Chapter Achievement Award.

**Congratulations to both of these very deserving members!**

Congratulations are in order to **Christina Godfrey**, Waller member who has been selected for Teacher of the Year for Jones Elementary and Waller ISD!!!! We are all so proud of you, Christina! It means even more for a really difficult year. Wow! I know all of you will want to send her your congratulations.

## 2021 STATE CONVENTION

Lori Jackson, Trudy Holland, and Janet Allphin will be attending the TSO State Convention in Denton on June 17-19<sup>th</sup>. They are excited about being able to attend a live, in-person convention and look forward to sharing what they learn with the chapter!

### Unifying Project for State Convention

Casa for Kids in Denton will be the Unifying Project for the State Convention this year. Members are asked to donate gift cards up to \$50 to Walmart or Target. We will take them to convention in Denton in June.

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Don't forget, the International Convention will be July 22-24 in San Antonio at the Rivercenter Marriott. Live and virtual attendance is available. Please check it out at the DKG website!

### RECIPE FOR A COOL SUMMER!

#### Orange Sherbet Salad

- 1 large or 2 small boxes orange Jello
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 pint orange sherbet
- 2 small cans mandarin oranges
- 1 pkg. of Dream Whip, whipped

Mix the Jello and boiling water. Add the sherbet and stir until melted. Add the oranges, stir well. Last, add the Dream Whip. You can use an 8 ounce Cool Whip, but it gives this dessert salad a different texture.

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Liz L.
- 4 Treva B.
- 11 Christina G.
- 16 Annette B.
- 21 Melanie C.
- 23 Myra N.
- 23 Kathleen Davis-W.
- 25 Pam Y.
- 26 Jackie R.
- 30 Eunice S.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Cheryl Pritchett & Shelley Nies have retired and have new email addresses. Rhonda Bentke also has a new email. Check your recent emails from Janet (Delta Kappa Gamma) for their new addresses.

### The Focus Committee

Lou Pruett, Editor

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| Janet Allphin  | Grace Holtkamp |
| Jessie Kokemor | Myra Neves     |
| Laurie Pawlak  | Heather Smith  |
| Yvonne Wait    |                |

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