



# 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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**DKG 2020-22 International Theme:  
Leading Women Educators Impacting Education  
Worldwide**

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

encouragement they mastered those objectives. We emboldened them to keep trying until they figured it out. It may have taken some students longer than others, even days of reteaching! However, when the light came on the sparkle in their eyes was worth all of the long efforts!

“The enchanting whispers of spring remind me to push through the blanket of fear and embrace the journey of rising again.” (Author unknown)  
Unfortunately, our fear determines the outcome of the journey. Just think of how many missed opportunities we have had because we succumbed to fear. So ladies, let’s continue the journey, work through our fears and bloom this year. We have opportunities to grow in DKG with the convention in Lubbock, the international convention in New Orleans, and the area meeting in Austin. Go with me and grow! For many of you it will be a time to reconnect with old friends, for some it is a time to make new friends. It is also a time to collaborate new ideas in efforts to energize DKG. Let’s journey together and strengthen Gamma Omega.

## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



Can you feel it??? Spring is in the air! We catch little glimpses in those warm and beautiful days filled with sunshine. Then the temperatures plummet, and we are reminded just how lovely those splendid spring days are. It is truly a glorious season. According to Mashona Dhliwayo, “Spring is proof that there is beauty in new beginnings.” Our journey is filled with familiarity but also new twists and turns appear on our path. How do you handle the unexpected, the new?? I say let's take on the challenge...let’s follow the path of uncertainty (haha...with caution of course)!!

Think about all the students you have shown something new and with your guidance and

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

## MARCH MEETING

Program: Journey Across Texas  
March 5, 2022. 9:30 A.M.  
St Paul’s Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
Phillipsburg, Texas  
Hostesses: Hempstead and Caldwell  
Cost: \$1.00  
Meditation: Lou Pruett  
Collect: Annette Balke

Pledges: Jackie Romine  
Mission Statement: Gail Schroeder  
Prayer: Adriana Mendoza  
Door Prize: Linda Braun  
Perfect Attendance Prize: Lou Pruett  
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Please remember to wear cowboy duds to the meeting!!!

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Legislative - Lou Pruett  
Membership - Adriana Mendoza  
Program - Mary Keienburg  
Nominations - Janice Beyer

## FEBRUARY RECAP

The Lee County members were the hostesses for the February meeting. The day was a perfect winter day and 25 members braved the cold to attend the regular business meeting along with reports from the various committees. Myra Demel presented Janette Mathis with a \$1,500 scholarship. There was a lot of laughter throughout the meeting, especially in the DKG Password game Trudy prepared. Bath and kitchen towels were collected for Focusing Families. As always, thank you for your donations to this worthy group. Please read the upcoming minutes to see all the business details! Jessie Kokemor acknowledged January and February Birthdays and gave a shout-out to Science and Social Studies Teachers. Cheryl Pritchett did "In the Spotlight" and recognized Yvonne Waite, Linda Pipes and Elizabeth Jurica. Anna Breddin and Sharon Spiess were the lucky prize winners. We ended with a fun Valentine Left/Right game and The Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Pamphlets of "who we are" are ready to be distributed to schools, administration offices, etc...some were picked up in February to distribute. They will also be at the March and April meetings. Let's spread the word of what a wonderful organization this is...just for educators!!

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 3 Cheryl D.   | 4 Betsy F.      |
| 5 Sandria S.  | 25 Mary Ann N.  |
| 26 Marilyn G. | 27 Elizabeth J. |

## SERVICE PROJECT

As you well know, our service project this year is Focusing Families. I cannot thank you enough for the generosity you have shown thus far. Our donations make an impact and do not go unnoticed. The lady I gave the towels to at the store needed no explanation of who I was. This month we will be collecting sheets and pillows for twin beds. Remember, pillows have to be new!

## MEMBER NEWS

Susan Massey's daughters continue to make her proud! Meaggan recently became the fourth woman in Texas to become a Board Certified Master Arborist. She works for Texas Tree Surgeons out of Dallas. Sara was chosen as TAEA (Texas Art Educators Association) Middle School Teacher of the Year for the state of Texas. She teaches art in Austin. Congrats to both young ladies and Mama too!

## TRIED AND TRUE SCHOOL LUNCHEON RECIPES

**Since March 2nd is Texas Independence Day, a sweet treat - a twist on the Texas Sheet Cake! ☀️ From the kitchen of Cheryl Pritchett!**

### TEXAS SHEET CAKE COOKIES

Ingredients for Cookies  
1 box chocolate cake mix  
2 eggs (whisked)  
1/3 cup oil

Ingredients for Frosting  
1/2 cup butter  
2 tablespoons cocoa  
3 tablespoons milk  
2 1/2 cups powdered sugar

### COOKIES

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.  
Combine cake mix, eggs, and oil in a large bowl.  
Mix until completely incorporated.  
NOTE: Dough will be thick.  
Scoop dough onto a parchment lined cookie sheet. (Use a medium sized cookie scoop or a heaping tablespoon.)

Bake for 7-8 minutes, remove from the oven and let cool on a cookie sheet for 4-5 minutes before moving them to a cooling rack. Repeat until all the dough is baked.

#### FROSTING

Combine the first 3 frosting ingredients in a small saucepan over medium heat and whisk until the mixture has melted. Remove from heat, add powdered sugar and whisk until smooth. Spoon frosting over cookies. Be sure that each cookie is completely covered. Let the frosting set and serve.

\*\*\*Add chopped pecans to the tops of cookies while the frosting isn't completely set for added taste and texture.

#### SAVE THE DATE

**March 5 - DKG Meeting** - We will be voting on new officers for the 2022-2023 term. If you are considering becoming an officer I highly encourage it. It is a privilege to represent all of you awesome women!

**April 9 - DKG Meeting** - Big Meeting!!!! The ceremonies committee will induct new officers. The chapter Achievement Award will be given out and we will recognize past presidents. We will also be celebrating the organization's birthday and the Founders of DKG.

**June 15-18 TSO Convention in Lubbock** Mark your calendars now and make plans to join me in attending!!! Let's make a "big Gamma Omega presence" at the state convention!!!!It will be a rootin-tootin time I know!!

**July 12-16** International Convention in New Orleans, another fun opportunity to get together! A few of our ladies have already expressed interest!!

**August 20** - Area 7 Workshop at Patsy Sommer Elementary in Austin

If you are interested in a little traveling...plan to **attend either convention or the area workshop meeting!!** Please let me know so we can begin making plans. I do need to turn in an estimate for the workshop in August. I need to get the sign-up dates for all three and let you know. You can email me directly or let me know at the meetings. Please consider any or all three of these!!

We have \$1500+ designated to aid in expenses.

\*\*\***Trudy Holland has begun taking dues for this next year. Checks for \$83.00 can be made to Gamma Omega and given to Trudy in March or April.**\*\*\*

#### JUST A THOUGHT...

Based on - Oh, the Places You'll Go by Dr. Seuss

*'Oh, the places you'll go! There is fun to be done!  
There are points to be scored. There are games to be won.*

*And the magical things you can do with that ball  
will make you the winning-est winner of all.*

*Fame! 'If You'll be famous as famous can be,  
with the whole wide world watching you win on TV''*

No matter how old or young we are, there is still so much life to live, so much to be seen. The ball is in our court and it is up to us to win the game. I don't think it is the fame necessarily that we seek, but the satisfaction we feel in our accomplishments. With that in mind, cast out your fears... let's see what fun awaits us and the magic we can do! I am thinking the March and April meetings, the conventions and the area meeting will be a winning combination for all of us in many ways.

#### 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.dkgtxas.org](http://www.dkgtxas.org)

#### ONE MORE THING

This is the last week for early vote! Polls will be open 7am to 7pm through Friday. The actual election day is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Primary voting is very important – we are choosing who we want to run in the November election. Information can be found on each candidate on the web. If you want to find who your officials are currently, check out this website <https://myreps.datamade.us/> Our county election administrator gave this website to me to use. It is open to the public – no password needed. I hope to have all hands in the air when I ask who voted..... See you soon! Lou

#### FOCUS COMMITTEE:

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