



GAMMA OMEGA FOCUS

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



MISSION STATEMENT

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Journey: Which Way Will You Go?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Happy Fall! Such a glorious time of year. I really believe when that first cold front hits, we get a burst of energy and feel so much better! I don't know about you, but that front can't get here fast enough!

My apologies for this late newsletter. I seriously believed I had another week! What happens to time? Are we so busy we lose all concept of time? How is it we retire, and we are still as busy as ever? Think about everything we accomplished while teaching and working...educators are pretty amazing! If you

are still teaching, we can relate to how busy the school year is and we wish you the best in getting all your objectives done! We know you will accomplish your goals and more.

However, there is a quote by Greg Anderson that we need to be reminded of. "Focus on the journey, not the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it." In life we constantly have something we work towards, a finish; we are always setting goals and working our tails off to meet them. I know for myself I have missed the joy in a lot of my journey to make a deadline or to just complete a task. So many times, we realize this late in life, after we have missed so much joy. So, with that thought in mind, let's slow down and enjoy the people we are surrounded by and the time we have with them. Whether it is family, a class of students, or our Gamma Omega sisters at a meeting we have only once a month...enjoy those moments, for they are over so quickly!

See you soon,
In love and sisterhood,
Lori Jackson

JOIN US IN OCTOBER...

PROGRAM: The Crispy Sounds and Colors of Fall

October 1, 2022. 9:30 A.M.
St Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Phillipsburg, Texas
Hostesses: Brenham
Cost: \$1.00
Meditation: Kay Ivy
Collect: Gladys Avis

Pledges: Gladys Avis
Mission Statement: Joy Ann Kroeger
Prayer: Lee Brodhead
Door Prize: Gladys Avis
Perfect Attendance Prize: Treva Bullard
Replies to: Linda Pipes by Monday,
 September 26, 2022
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Programs will be presented at the meeting for the 2022-2023 year. The rest of the year will go as follows:

- November 5 – Sealy – Blessings of Thanksgiving
- December 3 – Lee County – Tis the Season for Shopping
- February 4 – Hempstead/Caldwell – Love to Read Bingo
- March 4 – Somerville – Celebrating Texas
- April 15 – Waller – End of Year Business and Tea Party Celebration of Founder

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Membership – Shelley Nies
 Program - Mary Keienburg
 Yearbook – Gail Schroeder
 Rules and Bylaws – Mary Keienburg

AUGUST MEETING RECAP

The August Meeting was held on August 6th at the Phillipsburg Church with 37 members attending. “Kicking off the Year Right” the Burton ladies hosted the brunch spotlighting the colleges/universities attended by members. There was a college trivia contest with prizes. Brad Nies, the director of Blinn Theatre Arts was the guest speaker. Cheryl Pritchett recognized the ladies who taught Gamma Omega members. Mystery sisters were guessed, birthdays were recognized by Jessie Kokemor and Mary Keienburg acknowledged teachers still teaching and those recently retired. So many ladies to celebrate!!! Society business was held including correspondence, treasures report, and committee reports. A report was given on the State Convention with honors mentioned. Please look for the August Minutes

in your email to get the full details! What a great meeting! Thank you to Mary for taking over for me in my absence!



Mary takes over while Lori is out.



Shelley’s husband, Brad, with a message from Blinn’s Theatre Arts department

SERVICE PROJECT

This year we will be giving to each of our communities by way of the food pantries or other needy organizations in the areas. Now more than ever with the costs of groceries and life in general, we will be helping our own neighbors. The Brenham ladies have asked for **October... we will be collecting protein drinks, small bags of cat food, toilet paper, paper towels for the home bound people from Senior Center in Brenham.**

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

In October, Gamma Omega will be voting on potential new members. If there is someone you would like to nominate to be our next DKG sister, fill out a prospect card and return it to the October meeting. Feel free to nominate more than one. Looking forward to adding some new girls if possible!!

MEMBER MILESTONES

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!

- Kathy Bricker a former chapter member you may have known, passed away in September. She was Trudy Holland's principal and the one responsible for making Trudy a Gamma Omega sister.

Don't forget... Teaching can be overwhelming! If you are a teacher and could use a hand or two, please let us know. We would be more than happy to give you some help!!

Don't forget...If you have not sent in your information to be included in the Mystery Gamma Omega Sisters, it is not too late. Send me your facts and DKG thoughts when you can.

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 retired from teaching in 2001
- 2.) I taught for 29 years but was in the workforce for 52 years.
- 3.) Before teaching, I worked at the prison (Texas Dept of Corrections) in Huntsville

- 4.) I have been married for 57 years, have 2 married children and 5 grandchildren.
- 5.) I have the utmost respect for Delta Kappa Gamma and enjoy our Gamma Omega members so much.

Sister

- 1.) I have been happily married for over 40 years.
- 2.) I graduated from Spring Branch High School in Houston.
- 3.) I have traveled to 31 states so far and want to continue those travels.
- 4.) I love to get together with family and friends.
- 5.) DKG is special to me because I get to visit and socialize with wonderful friends, as well as teachers, principals, and administrative assistants I have admired throughout my career in education.

Sister

- 1.) As my first job at 13, I kept 3 children, their garden and ironed clothes for the family.
- 2.) I flew in a small plane and took aerial photographs when in high school.
- 3.) I sang in the high school choir and led a children's choir at my church during high school.
- 4.) I never lived in the city of my colleges, always commuted.
- 5.) I grew up in the country in a home with no AC.

Sister

- 1.) My oldest son was the first baby born for the town where we lived one January.
- 2.) I was a county fair queen.
- 3.) One of my grandmothers was born in England
- 4.) My 3rd, 4th, 5th, home economics and typing teachers were DKG members.
- 5.) I collect angels and spoons.

Sister

- 1.) I was born in Frankfurt Germany.
- 2.) I am the second oldest of 5 children and one of two to go to college from my family.

- 3.) I have a pair of boots signed by Brooks and Dunn from when they were at the Austin County Fair.
- 4.) I love to bake.
- 5.) I am married to my high school sweetheart for over 4 years.

Carol Fry Kelly Frank Carolyn Golan
Sharon Lange Carol Ogg

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Grace H.
- 9 Laurie B.
- 15 Helen Jean K.
- 15 Beth F.
- 19 Jeanell D.
- 23 Janice B.
- 24 Carobeth B.
- 30 Adriana M.

... MAY IT BE YOUR BEST YEAR YET!

SAVE THE DATE

October 31 – Chapter Website Compliance
November 1 – STAR 2023 Applications due
Earlybird Yearbook
November 5 – Meeting hosted by the Sealy members

JUST A THOUGHT...

This month I leave you with words from our mystery sisters about DKG;
 “I am looking forward to the year’s interesting programs and fun-filled meetings!”
 “I am very proud to be accepted into an organization of educators and consider these ladies to be my mentors and friends.”
 “I have been given many great opportunities in DKG. I was awarded a grant-in-aid scholarship in college. As well as being chapter president, I was honored to be asked to be an Area Coordinator and chosen to go to Leadership Training. I have made many friends through the years!”
 “Such a giving group of ladies!

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!!

LEGISLATIVE

Key dates for the upcoming election:

Voter registration deadline Oct 11

Send in applications for mail-in ballot
Friday, Sept. 9 thru Friday Oct. 28

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.dkg.org

Texas State Organization

www.dkgtexas.org

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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