



GAMMA OMEGA FOCUS

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



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Journey: Which Way Will You Go?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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“Warm wishes on Labor Day to all of you inspiring educators. The amount of hard work you put into your job has influenced so many.”

Labor Day...I don't know about you girls, but this was probably the most anticipated holiday for me while I was teaching. Something about the beginning of the year, you work so hard to get the year started off right! All the days of prep in the summer before school starts. Getting the kids use to being in school when it does start, the schedule, the RULES, your

expectations... So much new plus all the duty!! It was exhausting. I felt like that was one holiday I would not do schoolwork and try to rest or pay attention to my family! Then after Labor Day, routine started to take place and actually, the real teaching began. If you are a current teacher, I hope you find rest on Labor Day. I am also hoping you are excited and looking forward to your year and being with your students.

Your DKG sisters and I wish you the best year yet. I am also going to take the liberty and extend an invitation on behalf of our group. If you need anything this year, any kind of help, please ask. I guarantee... every one of us would help in any way possible. We can cut, we can file, we can supply you with baggies, or egg cartons or whatever you need, you just have to ask. Let me know ahead of time and we can be prepared at the next meeting. {Some of us might even miss this a little bit!} Also, if you are a teacher, nurse, paraprofessional, secretary, coach, etc. in the trenches, please let me know. I would like to have a current list, so everyone knows the gals still working in the schools. If there is anything special you might be doing this year...a special lesson, activity, project, anything you would like to share, send that as well. Let us recognize and celebrate you and your successes!

“It's the friends we meet along life's road who help us appreciate the journey.”

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

Mark your calendars and JOIN US IN October...

PROGRAM: The Crispy Sounds and Colors of Fall presented by the Brenham group.

More information will be given in the October newsletter about this meeting as well as the August meeting.

SERVICE PROJECT

This year we will be giving to each of our communities by way of the food pantries or groups in need 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 service of the town in charge of the monthly meeting. Brenham has already informed me of what they will be wanting at the **October meeting. We will be collecting protein drinks, small bags of cat food, toilet paper and paper towels for home bound people from the Senior Center in Brenham. Thank you in advance for your donation!**

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!

Thank you to all of you lovely ladies donating in August. It was a nice surprise to get a shout out from the Burton Bridge Ministry in their September Newsletter. Thank you, Mary, for sharing that with us. Hopefully, all of you got the newsletter and saw the thank you and Lizzie's picture.

NEW MEMBERS

Don't forget, October is our month to vote on potential new members. If there is someone you would like to nominate to be our next DKG sister, fill out the card and return it to the October meeting. If you know of more than one, even better. Let's get the ball rolling in membership!

MEMBER MILESTONES

- Happy Anniversary to Anna and Edwin Breddin! 50 years in August! Congratulations!
- September 1st was a big day for Scott Nies, the son of Shelley and Brad! He began his career as a Graphic Designer in Bryan! Exciting times beginning for Scott!
- Carol Fry has two granddaughters excelling in 4-H Horse Judging. They have competed in many Texas contests as well as in Oklahoma. Grace won 1st in the Houston Junior Livestock Show and in Oklahoma City in the Junior Division! I bet they are as lovely as they are smart!!
- Our sympathy and condolences go to Sharon Lange upon the death of her mother-in-law, Barbara Lange of Bellville. Also, to Barbara's sister-in-law, Carolyn Golan. Hugs and prayers to you both.

Remember we want to celebrate you! Keep us in the know! By the way...less than 6 weeks and I get to be Lolli to another sweet bundle of joy! Can't wait!

MYSTERY GAMMA OMEGA SISTERS

Let's get to know our DKG sisters! A new month! 5 new ladies! See if you can match the right lady to their information! The identities will be revealed in the October Newsletter! If you have not sent in your information, send it in soon! It has been a pleasure learning about all of you so far!

Sister

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- 1.) I have lived in Brenham for 40 years with my husband and two daughters.
 - 2.) I taught for 45 years!!
 - 3.) I sang with the Brenham Chorale in Carnegie Hall.
 - 4.) I was Teacher of the Year for the original Brenham Elementary School in 1995.
 - 5.) Now that I am retired, I enjoy spending time with my daughters and their families.

Sister

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- 1.) I have done parasailing in Mexico.
 - 2.) I had to perform the Heimlich Maneuver on a choking student.
 - 3.) I have backpacked and camped on a mountain in Colorado.
 - 4.) Once a cousin and I climbed to the top of my uncle's silo.
 - 5.) I have been to 4 of the 7 continents.

Sister

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- 1.) I am a former Gamma Omega President.
 - 2.) My favorite color is emerald green.
 - 3.) My first job was a County Extension Agent working with 4-H members.
 - 4.) My family farm in the Welcome Community was located near Lori Jackson's family farm.
 - 5.) I love the support and friendship of my Gamma Omega Sisters.

Sister

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- 1.) I have had one cat in my life named Snow White and I was very young.
 - 2.) I love feeding sea gulls at the beach.
 - 3.) I have arachnophobia
 - 4.) I had my wisdom teeth extracted, graduated from college, got married, and started my first teaching job within a month!
 - 5.) I was once featured on a soap opera and performed in front of hundreds of people.

Sister

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- 1.) I have 13 grandchildren.
 - 2.) My oldest grandson has been picked up by the Chicago Cubs.
 - 3.) I had a stroke in 2014 and I feel like I've been given a second chance to truly enjoy my friends and family.
 - 4.) My youngest son was accepted into Mays Business School at A&M.
 - 5.) I grew up listening to the Beatles and Beach Boys,

Peggy Ueckert Melanie Ueckert
Marilyn Lee Brodhead Kay Ivy
Trudy Holland

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Evelyn T.
- 11 Kay I.
- 14 Carol B.
- 17 Linda P.
- 18 Ramah B.
- 19 Karen S.
- 20 Laurie P.
- 20 Molly R.
- 21 Anna B.
- 25 Rhonda B.

SAVE THE DATE

October 1 – Meeting hosted by the Brenham Ladies

A REFLECTION ON THE AREA WORKSHOP

What a jam-packed morning! The Area 7 Workshop was held on August 20 at Patsy Sommer Elementary School in Round Rock. I never got a final count, but we were expecting 123 people and we were right at it or more. Cheryl P., Mary K., Trudy H., Shelley N., Anna B., Adriana M., and I made the trip! Among the DKG members present we had the International President and several important state officers and committee members. Following an opening session which included greetings from various guests, recognition of members and the celebration of life of member who had passed, we went to different break-out sessions. There is so much to learn about DKG, ASTEF, and how to have a successful chapter. It truly was a morning of inspiration, laughter, fellowship and more. I encourage all of you to consider attending the next workshop. I promise you will enjoy it!



At the workshop: Lori, Dr. Duke, AC Nancy



Anna and Shelley join singing the DKG song.



Cheryl, Adriana, and Lori join the circle for the DKG song.

JUST A THOUGHT...

This month I leave you with words from our mystery sisters about DKG;
"I find our Gamma Omega group to be an amazing, faith-based, loving group of educators who value each other. The service we have provided in the past and continue to provide will move forward in the future."

"I love DKG because of the many friends I have made all over the state!"

"DKG is an honor that I cherish being in company with such awesome members."

Who needs quotes from anyone else when we have words of inspiration from our own members to use when telling others about DKG and Gamma Omega! Thanks girls, I could not have said it better myself! See you soon!!

LEGISLATIVE

Elections are coming up soon! Time to start checking out the candidates since this is a very important election. I will try to locate some websites for you to look at by the October meeting. Be sure you are registered to VOTE! See you soon!

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Society Websites

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www.gammaomegatx.weebly.com

Delta Kappa Gamma International

www.dkg.org

Texas State Organization

www.dkgtexas.org

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 1/2 miles from the Kenney overpass). At the cemetery turn left on Phillipsburg Church Road, and the church will be on the left.