

Alpha Gamma Gazette

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Texas State Organization, Area 10
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Mission

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Vision

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide



Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 14th:
Joshua CTE 5:30 PM,
Joshua ISD 310 E 18th
Building 2, room 202,
Joshua Tx 76058

January 23, 2024
Zoom Meeting with Elena
Ivanova

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2024
Area 10 Luncheon at the
Cleburne Conference
Center 1501 W. Hender-
son St. Cleburne, TX 11
AM to 1 PM



What DKG Means to Me

Several years ago, while on vacation in Florida, a stranger said something odd to me. We were waiting in a restaurant for our names to be called to eat dinner, and I struck up a conversation with another woman who was waiting as well. We talked about the usual things like the weather, where we were staying, and where we were from. At one point she said, "You're a teacher right?" I must have looked surprised that she pegged me so easily, so she explained that she was a teacher as well and commented that "We all look alike".

Do we all look alike? This was food for thought. Obviously we're all very different physically so the outside appearance couldn't be the answer. After some contemplation, I came to the conclusion that it goes deeper than that. Perhaps it's our mannerisms or a recognition of our teacher souls. We just get each other.

This is what Delta Kappa Gamma means to me, we all look alike. Our group is a happy coming together of women with smiling faces who care about each other. We understand our quirky personalities and our day to day victories and battles. We recognize and respond, in a caring way, to the friends that have the exhausted and overwhelmed look. We empathize with each other. We are women that are innately givers. We are a singular profession that has a calling to teach other humans to function well in this world we live in. We are vital steps in a ladder of people's lives. We are very different, but at the same time, we all look alike on the inside and that's a wonderful thing. We just get each other.



~ Lesa Hazle
Member since 2018

Broadway's Blog

Hey all you wonderful DKG ladies,

We had a great October with four women inducted and three more that need induction in November. Our banquet was a success! There were many visitors and guests that came to the banquet: Bonnie Moore, Jeanette Rhyan, Connie Rensink, Toni McCutcheon and Nancy Newton. Our inductees were Mindi Jackson, Vanessa Buttler, Fran Smith and Estelle Murr. We will induct Patricia Cappers, Janice Klink-Mueller, and Rebecca Hering at the next meeting in Joshua.

We were so blessed to have Nancy Newton at our banquet, for those of you who did not know, she passed quickly and without pain this past weekend. She was a great force in Texas DKG and we will miss her greatly. We will still have our zoom meeting with Elena Ivanova in January to discuss the article from The Collegial Exchange, that she wrote with Nancy.

Our Area 10 Luncheon is in February and our Alpha Gamma Birthday Party will be in March. We have the Poetry Festival in April and end the year with our picnic at the First Baptist Church in Cleburne in May. Please check your calendar for the times and locations.

See you in November!
Dawn



Need a Ride?



Janie Stone would be happy to pick any member up for this month's meeting in Joshua or any future meetings. You can contact her at:

817-202-7346 OR jlstone1126@yahoo.com

ASTE F Thanks You For Investing in Education

In lieu of purchasing your weekly treat during the month of November, consider making an educational investment.

Everyone has that special drink or treat to reward themselves for the week's accomplishments. How about investing that purchase to enhance the education of our state's students. Set aside that amount each week through the month of November, then send it to TSO Headquarters using the form link below.



Thanks-A-Latte

[Investment Form](#)



Send your investment along with the completed form to:

ASTE F
PO Box 797787
Dallas, TX 75379



Alpha Gamma Inducts Four New Members in October

On October 17th, Alpha Gamma inducted 4 new members of 7 that have been oriented, voted on and chose to join our chapter. Mindi Jackson, Vanessa Butler, Dr. Estelle Murr, and Fran Smith, (all pictured on the left), were inducted at the October banquet.

Three others will be inducted at the November meeting. They are: Patricia Cappers, Rebecca Hering, and Janice Klink-Mueller.

Members can invite guests to any meeting. Have prospective new members attend an event and see what we are all about. The best way for someone to decide on their own if they want to join Delta Kappa Gamma is by letting them experience one of our service projects like Coats for Kids, Cleburne Family Crisis Center, or our own DKG Poetry Festival.



"True friends are like diamonds—bright, beautiful, valuable, and always in style."

Nicole Richie

Nelle Gentry from Alpha Gamma Chapter has been nominated for a 6 year term on the DKG International Education Foundation. This is a huge honor and well—deserved recognition for Nelle.

DKGIEF, much like TSO's educational foundation, ASTEF, raises money to support effective educational projects and educational and charitable activities of

Congratulations to Nelle Gentry

Delta Kappa Gamma and professional growth of educators worldwide.

Many TSO members have served on the DKGIEF committee. This is a great opportunity for Alpha Gamma Chapter of TSO to be represented in leadership at the International Level.

Nelle has a great deal of experience serving on many TSO committees in the past and chairing several. She served 6 years on the Alpha State Education Foundation, ASTEF, which supports aspiring educators, education, and Texas students.

Alpha Gamma Yearbook is Complete

Thank you Tracy Arriola for continuing to publish a fabulous yearbook for Alpha Gamma. This is no easy task!

Tracy took over the yearbook about 4 years ago and has been publishing before the deadline since she began. Texas State Organization awards a certificate and recognition to chapters who publish a year-

book on time each year. An additional certificate and recognition are awarded for publishing before the deadline and having an "Early Bird" yearbook.

Why do we need a yearbook? EVERYTHING is in the yearbook. All the Alpha Gamma meeting dates, times, and context, a list of members and how to contact them, a list of past

Alpha Gamma presidents, founders, state committee members and chairs from Alpha Gamma, and contact information for TSO and International HQ. Convention information is in the yearbook. And now, information about the North Central Regional Area Workshop taking place in June is in the yearbook.

The yearbook is a wealth of information updated each year just for you! Check out the 2023-2024 Yearbook. And next time you see Tracy Arriola, give her a pat on the back for a job well done!

[2023-2024 Alpha Gamma Yearbook](#)

TSO's Beloved Nancy Newton Will Be Missed

Past State President Nancy Newton will be missed by Alpha Gamma Chapter. Nancy has been to nearly every Alpha Gamma induction banquet since she was Area Coordinator. Her presidential biennium was 2013 –2015.

Nancy was an inspiration to every DKG member she interacted with. She got to know people on a personal level, encouraging and mentoring each and every one of us.

Nancy was instrumental in starting new chapters in Texas

State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was very active in her own chapter, Iota Pi.

Nancy was the keeper of the Area 10 Women of DKG book which keeps records of those in Area 10 who had been Area Coordinators, received a state achievement or Golden Rose award, and those who attended state Leadership Seminar. Every year she contacted people for updates to this digital book. She basically held DKG Resumes for Area 10.

At Alpha Gamma's most recent banquet in October, this photo on the right was snapped. Our own precious jewel, Glenda Young, having a heartfelt conversation with Nancy Newton.

Words cannot express the huge loss we are all feeling, some having just spent the afternoon with Nancy at an Area 10 Leadership Reunion in Cleburne on the same day she passed. Our hearts are breaking wanting one last conversation, sure to include encouragement and support from Nancy.



Cards can be sent to:

Ed Newton
749 Ridgehill Dr. Apt. 108
Burleson, TX 76028

Or, consider donating to ASTEF in her memory: www.astef.org

November 14th Program at Joshua ISD

Please join us for our November 14 meeting in Joshua ISD. CTE students will be presenting on the different CTC programs and will share how their particular programs of study are preparing them for future career opportunities.

The culinary students are preparing cookies/dessert for the group.

The meeting will be held in the Curriculum & Instruction section (Building 2). It is located behind the main JISD Administration Building. If you are coming from Cleburne, go north on 174 to McMillan St. Turn left (west) and into the C&I building parking lot. The entrance is circled. Physical address: 310 E. 18th St., Joshua TX 7605



Photos from the October Banquet



October Induction Banquet



RESOURCES

& where to find us

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[Alpha Gamma Facebook](#)- private group

[Alpha Gamma Facebook](#)-public page

[Alpha Gamma Website](#)

Other Resources:

[The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International](#) www.dkg.org

[Texas State Organization](#)
www.dkgtxas.org

[Lone Star News Fall Edition](#)



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