

Delta Kappa Gamma Mission Statement

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

2009-2010 Alpha State Theme

Advance the Society: Believe, Engage, Learn, Lead



**“Believe, Engage, Learn,
Lead: A Passion for
Professionalism”**

Monday, November 9, 2009
Administration Building
Boardroom @ 6:30 p.m.

Prayer: Suzanne Chachere

Agenda: The meeting will be called to order followed by the opening prayer and meal. The song *What Kind of Fool Am I?* will be performed leading us into our program. We will explore the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International website, go through the scholarship application process, and have a visit with the Area II Coordinator. The meeting will end with the singing of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Song*.

Committee Reports: Recording Secretary's Minutes, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Yearbook

Hostesses: Jaime Douglas, Tammy Hancock, Dana Johnson, Mechelle Perkins, and Sara Williams

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Conner's Chronicles

Dear Mu Iota Sisters,

So many things are happening in Mu Iota Chapter. Our Stephen F. Austin Elementary teachers had a rousing success with their bake sale. It is amazing what a few cookies, cupcakes, fudge, bar cookies and other luscious goodies can produce. Our SFA sisters made \$122 off of the generosity of eager and hungry staff. I know everyone was attracted by the presentation of the treats as much as the treats themselves. Those goodies were surely irresistible and so tempting. A huge round of thanks goes out to those teachers who prepared goodies and took the time to make the bake sale such a success. Special thanks go to Alisa Miller who spearheaded that event for Mu Iota. I am so excited to have such active members as we have at SFA who truly care and are working toward the good of the Society.

The next item was our yard sale. Saturday, October 24 began at 5:30 a.m. with cool temperatures and a sleepy group of members who were determined to have everything moved from the board room to Prosperity Bank's parking lot in less than two hours. Luckily plenty of people showed up to help including a few husbands. The items were moved and tables set up. Many items still needed to be priced and even more came in during the day. We had customers around 7:15, but we just weren't ready for them. We begged them to return at 8:00 when our sale began. We had absolutely the most beautiful weather we could have asked for on the day of our sale. A huge thank you goes out to those who donated items for our sale. We could not have done this without your generosity. An even bigger word of thanks goes to those members who gave of their time putting out signs all over Dayton (I believe Caroline and Linda were primarily responsible for that part of our sale), pricing items and working during the sale. To those members who helped price items – I believe we had a sizable crew for that chore – thank you for your time and effort in

Conner's Chronicles Continued

getting everything ready as much as possible. Thank you to Sonia, Charlotte C., Charlotte P., Dana, Glendene, Kathy, Jessica, Shirley, Kristi, Donna, Suzanne, Amy, Linda, Laura, Leanne, Lauri, Carolyn, Shanna, Sandra and Michele who helped price items, deliver them to the bank parking lot, and then especially to those who worked the sale. A big thank you goes out to everyone who baked goodies to sell. We truly put lots of time into this fund raiser, but we all know it was for a good cause.

We do not yet have a final count, as Sonia Santos is again selling more of the remaining items at the D.C. Tripper sale as I write this article. We have made over \$1,800 to date!! Our sale was a huge success. Sonia truly went above and beyond organizing the sale and again taking another Saturday to sell more of our items. She and Caroline put it all together and did an outstanding job planning. If I omitted any names, I truly apologize because I know how much time it took to put this on. Thank you, thank you and thank you.

I am looking forward to our meeting next week with our Area II Coordinator, Bobbie Fagan, in attendance. I already have a preview of the decorations which will make our meeting just perfect. Next week we will be bringing prospective member names who will hopefully be just as effective and willing to work as all of those in our organization now. Before we know it, December will be here and we will have our Chinese gift exchange at JESSICA JOHNSON'S house!! That is always a fun meeting. We still have lots to do and many things going on in our professional and personal lives. Make Mu Iota your priority and be there next Monday night. See you then!

Mary Ellen Conner



Dr. Isabel Wheeler

Isabel Wheeler, Program/Membership Services Administrator from 1990-2000, passed away Thursday evening, October 22, 2009. She visited with her daughter, Lucy, most of the evening and

died peacefully. A long time member both in Texas and Tennessee, Wheeler received the International Achievement Award in 2004.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Golden Gift Fund.

Nov. 27th Panama Installation



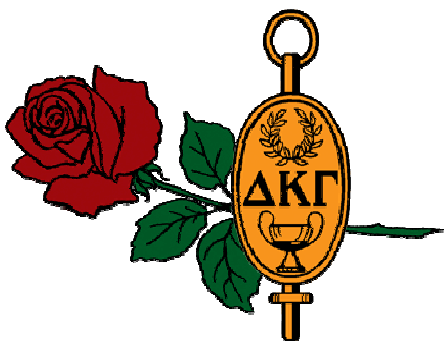
Panama State Organization and Panama's Alpha Chapter will be installed at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27. The ceremony will be held in the Hotel Riande Continental, Panama City, Monte Carlo Room. Dr. Carolyn Rants, international president; Mary Lee Makinen, Expansion Committee chair; Mury Palerm-Ferri, Latin America representative; and Jeannette Zuniga, organizer, will conduct the installation. Guests are welcome.

Committee Seeks Leadership/Management Seminar and Stipend Applications

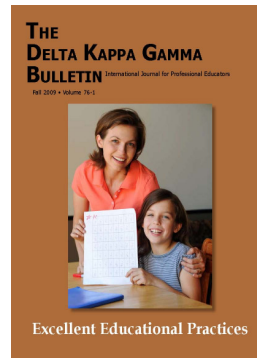
Application forms for the 2010 Leadership/Management Seminar are available. The deadline date is December 1. This seminar will be held June 27-July 10 at the prestigious McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas in Austin. What a wonderful opportunity this will be for 30 DKG members!

The Golden Gift Fund Committee is looking for women who have been members of the Society for at least three years and who have the potential to develop leadership and management skills. Are you such a member? Can you demonstrate leadership potential? Is your DKG experience commensurate with your years of membership? If the answer to these questions is "YES," visit the Leadership Management page.

Special Stipends of up to \$800 are being offered for 2010, and the application deadline is December 1.



Interested in Publishing in The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin?



The Bulletin, the official journal of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, promotes professional and personal growth of members through publication of their writings. The Bulletin invites materials appropriate to the

Society's Purposes. Prose manuscripts for the Bulletin, a refereed journal, are reviewed by the Editorial Board. Selection is based on relevance of the topics addressed, accuracy and validity, contribution to the professional literature, originality, quality of writing, and adherence to Author Guidelines. The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin is published quarterly each year.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin received recognition as a 2009 APEX Award winner. The APEX Awards, Awards for Publication Excellence, is an initiative of *Writing that Works: The Business Communications Report*. Now in their 21st year, the APEX awards recognize outstanding contributions in the field of communications.



Go to Delta Kappa Gamma International Website, www.deltakppagamma.net, and click on downloads and then publications. You will find a link to Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin that will lead you to all the guidelines and submission process.



Web Watcher: Aspiring Educator Award

The Aspiring Educator Award (\$500 - \$1000) is designed to aid women, **NOT** members of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, who aspire to enter the field of education by taking college hours toward certification or a degree in education. Applicants must be recommended by a Society member. To receive more information on the instructions and see the application, visit the Alpha State website, www.alphastatetexas.org, and click on state scholarships. Applications must be completed and submitted by March 1, 2010

Liberty Mutual Offers Donation

Get an insurance quote and Liberty Mutual will donate \$5 to Susan G. Komen for the Cure to help support the fight against breast cancer.



DKG Upcoming Events

U.S. Forum National Legislative Seminar

Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia
March 14-17, 2010

Seminar in Purposeful Living

Hotel Murano
Tacoma, Washington
July 15-18, 2010

81st Alpha State Convention

Waco, Texas
June 17-19, 2010

International Convention

The Davenport Hotel and
Tower
Spokane Convention Center
Spokane, Washington
July 20-24, 2010



Ooey Gooey Pumpkin Bar

Ingredients

Cake:

- 1 (18 1/4 - ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 1 egg
- 8 tablespoons butter, melted

Filling:

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 8 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 (16-ounce) box powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine the cake mix, egg, and butter and mix well with an electric mixer. Pat the mixture into the bottom of a lightly greased 13 by 9-inch baking pan.

To make the filling: In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese and pumpkin until smooth. Add the eggs, vanilla, and butter, and beat together. Next, add the powdered sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, and mix well. Spread pumpkin mixture over cake batter and bake for 40 to 50 minutes. Make sure not to over bake as the center should be a little gooey. Serve with fresh whipped cream.

Paula Dean's Recipe – Food network



Sister Scoop

Congratulations to our sister Grezelda Ligons on becoming the new principal for Cleveland Middle School grades 6-8. We wish her the best of luck on this new career path!

Tammy Hancock and Sara Williams completed their Masters Degree from Lamar University. Congratulations Ladies!!!

Happy Birthday

- Suzanne Chachere (1)
- Linda Harris (4)
- Mary Ellen Conner (10)
- Suzanne Hicks (23)
- Alisa Miller (26)
- Sonia Santos (30)



October Meeting Remembered

Thank You Hostesses for a Spooky Night!



Everyone looks forward to the music committee's performance!



All the ladies work hard to make signs to advertise our yard sale at Prosperity Bank!



Mu Iota's Fund Raiser

Mu Iota's yard sale on Saturday, October 24th was a huge success! Everyone worked so hard getting ready for the yard sale and on the day of the huge sale. Here are some images from the morning of the fund raiser.



Thanksgiving Games

Thankerchief

All have to sit around in a circle or dinner table and pass the 'thankerchief' or a handkerchief around while singing:

"Thankerchief, thankerchief, around you go
Where you'll stop, nobody knows.
But when you do, someone must say,
What they are thankful for this day."

As soon as the poem ends, the person who has got the 'Thankerchief' has to say something for which they are thankful to the Lord.

Turkey Hunt

Draw several turkey pictures beforehand or cut and paste them on a number of cards. Hide them throughout the room. Now all the participants have to hunt for the turkeys and the hunter with the maximum number of turkey cards gets the prize.

Mr. Turkey, Here I Come

One player is to leave the group while the others hide a turkey toy or picture in the room. Then player comes back and tries to hunt the turkey. If player is near the turkey, everyone gobbles loudly, if he/she gets farther away from the turkey, the volume is decreased accordingly. The player who hunts the turkey in the least time, wins.



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