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*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Lambda Omicron - Texas State - Area VIII - Chapter 27*

Serving women educators in Copperas Cove, Coryell County, Texas

Lines from Lambda Omicron

Our Mission Statement: "Lambda Omicron promotes unity among women educators in a caring society for excellence in professional and personal growth."

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

**Meeting Dates
4:45**

Mar 2	Library at CCHS Use door – S-12
Apr 4 Saturday	1:00 Logan's Roadhouse

2018 - 2020 OFFICERS

President: BJ Taylor
1 st Vice-President: Krystal Meredith
2 nd Vice-President: Evelyn Thompson
Recording Secretary: Michele Cox
Corresponding Secretary: Lois Piper
Treasurer: Carolyn Taylor
Parliamentarian: Elaine Krause
Past President: Darlen Ness



President's Remarks



Notes from BJ

Dear DKG Sisters,



I hope you all are staying warm and dry. Get plenty of rest and fluids to stay healthy in this cold rainy weather.

Our February meeting was a huge success. We had a whole lot of bears. The police officers talked to us about scams and then made a couple trips to get all the bears to the car. Keep looking for good deals as we will be collecting them again next year.

Now, get ready for our March meeting. We will be sharing our passion. What is your hobby or interest? Please plan to share with the group. Also bring a sampling of your passion to put in the raffle. This will be a small fundraiser for our chapter.

Lisa and I will be attending Convention this year. The Unifying Project is CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). We will be collecting items to take with us in June. Please bring them to the March, April, or May meetings. We are collecting for teenagers. Items they suggested are gift cards to Wal-Mart, Amazon, Target, HEB, Academy Sports, McDonalds, Whataburger, and Dairy Queen. Also wanted are boys and girls hygiene items, journals, small purses, wallets, key chains, and other small items.

Have a great rest of the month. Spring break is just around the corner.

BJ, President



February Minutes

- Welcome - Ice Breaker – Tell us about a good movie you've seen - Meet and Mingle - Sell door prize tickets
- Speaker introductions – Copperas Cove Police - Officer Nuñez and Det. Counter
- Program #1 - Det. Counter, in Criminal Investigation and Fraud Crimes Division, gave us a presentation on Scam Prevention Education

Usually they target the elderly.

Various scams are:

1. IRS falsely contacting you
2. Social Security Administration falsely contacting you
3. Secret Shopper Scam
4. Publisher's Clearing House claiming you have won
5. Family Member arrested - scammer will call acting as a family member who has been arrested
6. Various computer scams

Preventions:

1. If you suspect that you have been contacted by any scam and you have any doubts / questions, the Copperas Cove Police department will be happy to investigate your concerns.
 2. Contact the Federal Trade Commission, check their webpage.
 3. Use a credit card instead of a debit card
 4. Put an alert or freeze on your credit check
 5. Contact your bank for their security features on your accounts
- Program #2 – Officer Nuñez updated us on the success of his “Badge & Book Program”. He is collecting books for the holidays and summer. He has distributed books at 4 schools. He could use more books for the high school age. He thanked us for our support and donations. You can drop off books anytime at the police dept.
 - Copperas Cove Police Department was presented with teddy bears
 - Old Business
BJ and Lisa Yates attended the STAR retreat. It was very enjoyable, relaxing with great food. They created so many lovely crafts, you choose your crafts. The cost is \$225.00 for the MLK weekend in January. The spots fill quickly. Lisa is teaching a class next year. See the link in “Items of Interest” section
 - New Business
New officers for 2020-2022 were elected:
President: Krystal Meredith
1st VP: Angelan Ringland
2nd VP: Evelyn Thompson
Treasurer – Carolyn Thompson
Recording Secretary: Michele Cox
Corresponding Secretary: Lois Piper
Parliamentarian: Elaine Krause
Installation of Officers will be in May



- Remember the Texas State Convention in June. See the link in “Items of Interest” section
- The state unifying project is - CASA Program
In order to support this much needed program, we will be accepting donations at the next 3 meetings for:
 1. Gift cards for fast food places
 2. Gift cards for Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon
 3. Writing journals
 4. Small purses
 5. Key chains
 6. Hygiene items
- March meeting program - “What’s your Passion?”
Each member will share their craft/hobby passion
Also bring a craft item to raffle
- Carolyn will start collecting membership dues for 2020-2021
- Dues are \$78.00
- Dues need to be paid from now through May’s meeting.
- Thanks to Finance and Constitution and By-Laws Committees for hosting
- Angelan gave the Inspirational Thought with a game identifying songs about education and the artist
- DKG song, meeting adjourned at 6:15

*Respectfully submitted,
Michele Cox, Recording Secretary*

Treasurer’s Report - February 7, 2020

Cash Balance: January 15, 2020	\$2,681.77
Expenses: none	
Receipt: Door Prize \$ 30.00 3 Members Dues \$234.00	\$ 264.00
Cash Balance	\$2,945.77
Investments: Lambda Omicron Savings 1/27/2020	\$6,322.27
Mae Stevens Student Scholarship 1/24/2020	\$7,259.09
Members’ Scholarship 12/31/2019	\$4,674.14
Total Worth	\$21,201.27

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Taylor, Treasurer*





Items of interest...

Don't forget **Area 8 Workshop** – Aug. 15, more details to follow

Click on the link [91st DKG Texas State Convention 2020](#)

[STAR Retreat application](#)

Lambda Omicron Teddy Bear Project for Copperas Cove Police Department



Det. Counter and Officer Nuñez



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
LAMBDA OMICRON CHAPTER
STANDING COMMITTEES
2019-2020

Society Mission and Purposes

Educational Excellence

Krystal Meredith (Chair)

Carol Hawkins
 Nancy Arrington
 Ella Dawn Eiland
 Michele Cox

Personal Growth /Services

Carol Hawkins (Chair)

Joyce Troupe
 Rebecca (Becky) Clark

Legislation/Professional Affairs

Nancy Arrington (Chair)

Angelan Ringland

Music

Ella Dawn Eiland (Chair)

Lou-Enne Sasscer

Research

Michele Cox (Chair)

Myrna Hart

Educational Services

Scholarship/World

Fellowship/

Achievement Awards

Jan Stalder (Chair)

Myrna Hart
 Carolyn Taylor
 Lisa Yates

Society Business

Ceremonies Committee

Elaine Krause (Chair)

Ella Dawn Eiland
 Lou-Enne Sasscer
 Erica Green

Chapter Website

Virginia Guerrero (Chair)

Beverly Speckman

Finance Committee

Marianna McDonnell (Chair)

Khalana Carlton

Yearbook

Evelyn Thompson (Chair)

Pat Bigford

Newsletter

Virginia Guerrero (Chair)

Membership

Lois Piper (Chair)

Beverly Speckman

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Lisa Yates (Chair)

Angelan Ringland
 Khalana Carlton

Nominations Committee

Pat Bigford (Chair)

Erica Green
 Marianna McDonnell

