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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Lambda Omicron ~ Texas State ~ Area VIII ~ Chapter 279

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.

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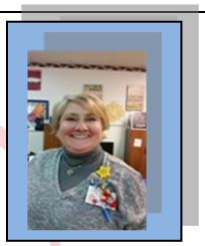
Upcoming Monday Meeting Dates	
Mar 6	CCHS Rm 196
Apr 2	CCHS Rm 196
May 7	CCHS Rm 196
NOTE: All meetings begin at 4:30 pm	

2016 - 2018 Officers	
President	Darlen Ness
1st Vice-President	BJ Taylor
2nd Vice-President	Evelyn Thompson
Recording Secretary:	Ella Dawn Eiland
Corresponding Secretary	Lois Piper
Parliamentarian	Elaine Krause
Treasurer:	Carolyn Taylor
Past President	Lisa Yates

President's Remarks
Notes from Darlen Ness



Hello Ladies,

February's program was very informative. Officer Oster from the Copperas Cove Police Department gave the members an important presentation on Human Trafficking and Sex Trafficking. We were given statistics, warning signs and points of contact. Officer Oster informed us, how as teachers and community members, we need to be vigilant. He provided us with information from "The Blue Campaign" and will also provide us with more information from the Department of Homeland Security. We also collected and donated teddy bears to the police department for the officers to give to children as needed.

Next month's meeting will host John Gallen who will discuss legislative issues in the Texas Legislature.
It is so important that every member attend as we will be voting on new officers and new members.

On a sad note, BJ's mother, Dottie Kruse passed away on Feb. 11. We will dearly miss Dottie at our meetings. Dottie was initiated into DKG last May but had faithfully attended meetings with BJ before becoming a member. We will miss her sweet smile and personality. Funeral services will be held Feb. 24th at 11:00 at the First Presbyterian Church in Copperas Cove.

Darlen R. Ness
President

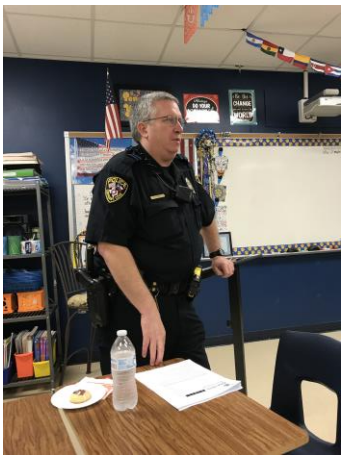
Dottie and BJ

FEBRUARY MINUTES:

- The Lambda Omicron Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International met February 4, 2018, at 4:30 pm in Room 196 at Copperas Cove High School. Ten members were present. Penny Walker, a teacher from Killeen ISD, was also present.
- Vice President, B.J. Taylor, introduced Officer Oster of Copperas Cove High School. Officer Oster gave an informative program about human trafficking in the Central Texas area.
- After the program, Virginia Guerrero gave the Inspirational Thought.
- B.J. Taylor then reported that her mother, Dottie Krause, was seriously ill at Copperas Cove's Stoney Brook Retirement Center.
- Membership Chairman, Lois Piper, announced that she is taking names from chapter members to be considered for membership in Lambda Omicron. Members will vote for acceptance of new members at the March meeting.
- Chapter members were also told that Marion Palumbo is moving to Dallas in March.
- Lisa Yates, Area 8 Coordinator, has received permission from CCISD to have the Area 8 Workshop at Lea Ledger Auditorium September 29. Lisa reminded members that the State Convention will be June 14-16 in Waco. The International Convention will be July 16-20 in Austin. Lambda Omicron members were encouraged to volunteer to help make the Workshop and the Conventions successful.
- The Door Prize winner was Carolyn Taylor.
- B. J. Taylor stated that John Gallen, former CCISD teacher, will speak at the March meeting about the Texas legislature and how what it does, affects teachers.
- The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully yours,
Ella Dawn Eiland, Secretary

PRESENTATION OF TEDDY BEARS TO COPPERAS COVE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Officer Oster, Copperas Cove Police Department

BJ Taylor and Lois Piper gather bears for delivery.

Left to right, Officer Oster, BJ Taylor, Marianna McDonnell, Lois Piper, Ella Dawn Eiland, Pat Bigford, Carol Hawkins and Lisa Yates.

Bridging
yesterday and tomorrow

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 15, 2018

Cash Balance December 15, 2017	**$3,178.68**
Expenses: Transfer funds to Student Scholarship Account $363.44 Transfer funds to Member Scholarship Account $363.44 ASTEF Leadership $24.00 ASTEF Scholarship $24.00 Golden Gift $24.00 Scholarship $24.00	- $822.88
Receipts: Door Prize $21.00	$3,178.68
CASH BALANCE	**$ 2,376.80**
Investments: Lambda Omicron Savings 01/26/2018	$6,310.77
Mae Stevens Grant-in-Aid 01/24/2018	$7,265.04
Members' Scholarship	$4,299.02
TOTAL WORTH	**$20,251.63**

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Taylor, Treasurer

Items of Interest….

As of this posting, the registration forms for the convention have not been uploaded to the DKG Texas Convention website. Check periodically.
Hotels are listed.

https://dkgtexasconvention2018.weebly.com/

89th Annual Texas Convention

"Building Bridges in Waco"
June 14-16, 2018
Waco Convention Center
Waco, Texas

Bring your toolbelt and hardhat to Waco June 14-16, 2018, for TSO's 89th State Convention where we will be Building Bridges! The steering committee is busily constructing connections between

traditional events and new opportunities for every Society member. ASTEF's highly anticipated ticketed event returns, this year headlining Jimmy Don Holmes, well-known metal artist featured on HGTV's Fixer Upper. One new bridge to the future will be the use of technology to allow us to access CPE credit beyond convention. And leave your formal attire at home! Our Founder's Day Banquet will be a Denim and Diamonds affair. The convention will close on Saturday with a birthday brunch celebrating the Society's birthday.

The Convention Center and surrounding attractions form the perfect site for "Building Bridges-Waco 2018." The vibrant city of Waco embraces its history while celebrating the present. Convention attendees will enjoy exploring the area's university, museums, parks, and popular shopping sites, including the Magnolia Market at the Silos.

TSO President Jo Murphy and the Convention Steering Committee invite you to highlight your 2018 calendar for June 14-16. Make plans now to attend the 2018 Texas State Organization Convention in Waco.

Quick Check of Things you WILL SEE and Things You WILL NOT SEE in Waco!

You will see:

Exciting CPE sessions that can be accessed up to 2 weeks after the convention
Speed Training for all chapter jobs
Fun ASTEF events with opportunities to learn and win!
ASTEF project awards for development in classrooms, chapters and communities
Vendors excited to sell you their wares
A new event: "Saturday Morning Brunch"

You will not see:

Pre-convention parties (events will not begin until Thursday, June 14, 2018)
Annie Boards (everything will be digital)
A Birthday Luncheon
Any down time (every minute will be packed full of important learning and information)

This site is administered by Diane Caniff Moose, Webmaster

DKG International Convention, Austin, July 16 – 20, 2018.

Click on the following link. You must sign in using your Member number and your password to access the forms, schedules and registration information.

You are able to register online or you can print the forms and mail them.

DKG International

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
LAMBDA OMICRON CHAPTER
Standing Committees – 2017 – 2018

Society Mission and Purposes

Program of Work
BJ Taylor (Chair)
Myrna Hart
Evelyn Thompson
Elaine Krause

Personal Growth/Services
Catherine Sharbeno (Chair)
Ella Dawn Eiland
Kimberly Bobbit

Legislation/Professional Affairs
Nancy Arrington (Chair)
Kimberly Bobbit

Music
Krystal Meredith (Chair)

Research
Myrna Hart (Chair)
Emma Shumake

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
Scholarship/World Fellowship/
Achievement Awards
Jan Stadler (Chair)
Myrna Hart
Theresa Morgan

Society Business

Ceremonies Committee
Joyce Troupe (Chair)
Elaine Krause
Tonya Anderson-McKelly
Carol Hawkins

Chapter Website
Lisa Yates (Chair)

Finance Committee
Marianna McDonnell (Chair)
Joyce Troupe
Patina Harrell

Constitution & Bylaws Committee
Elaine Krause (Chair)
Ella Dawn Eiland

Newsletter
Virginia Guerrero (Chair)

Yearbook
Evelyn Thompson (Chair)
Ann Harmon

Communications/Courtesy
Tonya Anderson-McKelly (Chair)

Nominations Committee
Pat Bigford (Chair)
Misty Thomas
Marianna McDonnell
Emma Shumaker

Membership
Lois Piper (Chair)

Bridging yesterday and tomorrow