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Meeting Dates

5:00 p.m.

Apr 6	Meeting cancelled
May 6	First Presbyterian Church Copperas Cove



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

**Texas State Organization – Area 8
Lambda Omicron Chapter 27**

“Educators serving the Greater Ft. Cavazos Area”

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.



Notes from Angelan...



Happy Spring!

Our annual scholarship bingo was a hit! We raised \$280 for our scholarship fund. Thank you to the ladies that brought yummy food and treats!

Also huge thanks to those who wrote a birthday card to Mr. Newton. He was very appreciative of the love and support.

Our next meeting/CPE credit is canceled due to the crazy weekend ahead of the solar eclipse. Did you know Killeen will have the longest totality in the area at 4 minutes and 16 seconds?

Please be safe and stock up on food and supplies!

See you in May!

*Angelan Ringland,
President*

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BJ Taylor

Lambda Omicron Dues must be paid by our May 6th meeting - \$78.00

March Minutes

1. Inspiration- Virginia
2. Introduction of Guests - no guests
3. Grab food
4. Scholarship Bingo (\$5 a card per game)
5. Next Meeting-April 6th CPE credit - committee agreed to cancel this session for the safety of all participants as it is the Eclipse weekend.
6. People wanting to participate in the book study - email will be sent out by Michele

Important Dates:

May 4th- Area 8 luncheon (time & place TBD)

June 22nd- RAW in Austin (Angelan, Donna, Lisa and Michele plan to attend at this time.)

RAW vendor opportunity to raise funds for scholarship

Respectfully submitted,
Michele L. Cox, Ed.D.
Recording Secretary



From Carolyn Taylor:

Hello,

It's that time of year again to pay **Lambda Omicron dues for 2024-25**. You may send your check to me or pay at our meeting on **May 6**. Make your check out to Lambda Omicron for \$78.00 and mail to me. Thank you.

Carolyn Taylor
PO Box 811
Copperas Cove TX. 76522

March's Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance on February 16	\$4,674.02
Receipts: Bingo \$280.00 4 Members Dues \$312.00	+\$ 592.00
Expense: ASTE F Scholarship \$25.00 ASTEF Leadership \$10.00 2023 Convention \$373.82	-\$ 408.82
Cash Balance	\$4,281.03
Investments: Lambda Omicron Savings, 02/27/2024 Mae Stevens Student Scholarship 02/23/2024 Mae Stevens Member Scholarship 12/29/2023	\$6,354.60 \$6,936.06 \$5,492.11
Total Worth	\$23,063.80

Respectively Submitted
Carolyn Taylor
Treasurer



Reminders:

- May 4th – Area 8 Luncheon – Time and Place to be determined.
- TSO is trying a new concept. There will be Regional Area Workshops. We are Area 8.

Click on the link below to register and for more information...

[Central Regional Area Workshop](#)

Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Place: McNeil High School, Austin

Cost: \$50 if registered by May 15th

\$65 if registered between May 16th and June 1st \$65 at the door



March 20, 2024

Dear Michele,

Congratulations! The DKG International Arts and Humanities Jury thanks you for being among the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts entrants of the January 15 – February 15, 2024, submission period. Your 3-D piece, 'Symbol of Wisdom', has been accepted into the DKG Fine Arts Gallery.

An announcement will be sent to your State President, Webmaster, and Newsletter Editor. Please inform your Chapter President and Arts & Humanities liaison (if you have one). There is also a press release attached for your use in your local newspaper.

We anticipate the unveiling of the new DKG Fine Arts Gallery by mid-April. Your work will be displayed in the gallery for six months, after which it will be archived for two years. Another opportunity for showcasing your accepted work is at the DKG International 2024 convention or 2025 conference Expo. If you are interested in participating in the DKG in person Art Gallery 2024, at National Harbor, MD this summer, please complete the Google form that is currently available on the DKG website under the convention page. We encouraged you to submit additional works during the next submission period from August 15 – September 15, 2024.

We have had great interest in the Art Gallery and consider it to be an especially important venture for the Society. We are continually impressed by the caliber of work submitted and the creativity of our members! Thank you for your support! Again, congratulations for your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

DKG International Arts & Humanities Jury
Irene Maskaly, Chair
Roxanne Lagarde
Dr. Linda Eller
Heidi Ragsdale

12 March 2024

Dear Sisters of Lambda Omicron,

You cannot possibly imagine how amazed, surprised and humbled I was to receive a package filled with birthday wishes. The ladies of Lambda Omicron remembered me! It was a special moment in an old man's life. It will not be forgotten.

In the forty-five-plus years of Nancy's involvement with Delta Kappa Gamma, I have found it continually fascinating that over the years that I have been so welcomed into the fellowship of the organization. I feel as if I have been adopted as a bother. I am moved and honored by that.

I thank each of you for taking the time and making the effort to prepare your comments and best wishes. I am humbled and thankful that you have made that effort. Every DKG sister was important to Nancy – and she knew the names of thousands – so, you are also important to me. Whether we have met at State Convention or some other event, or never met at all, I want you to know that you are important to me as well.

My birthday was busy and rewarding. For several days I was in my kitchen preparing hams, sweet corn, cut green beans and sponge cake for our church outreach ministry, and we fed almost 100 homeless persons in south Fort Worth Saturday afternoon. Serving others is always a privilege...and, to do so on your 81st birthday! What could be better?!

Eight-first birthday...does that mean I'm almost in my seventies? Perspectives sometimes change with age.

Anyway, I want to say thank you and express appreciation to each of you for the birthday cards and wishes.

Maybe we shall have the opportunity to share a hug and a cup of coffee at the Convention in Denton next year. Look for me. Hugs, even if we don't have coffee.

With kind regards and love,

Ed (Mr. Nancy) **Newton** TSO Presidential First Spouse, 2013-15

Below are the results of our survey taken at February's meeting...

Would you be willing to carpool? Yes or No ----- **Driver or Rider** 5 Yes Driver 5 No (1-trouble due to taking care of grandkids/scheduling 2 Rider 1 yes – either driver or rider

What do you like about our chapter meetings?

Updates/pertinent information; socializing and learning new information; gathering with friends and learn good information and good prizes; variety of programs; service projects; fellowship and information; friendship; I love our friendships that we are building; they are quick and to the point/interesting topics for our knowledge

What would you like to see different in our chapter meetings?

I like the activities set up / recruit more members; more participants; earlier meetings; increased attendance and participation – need to contact members each month – find out why aren't attending and if we could do something to assist; I'm fine with what we do; more guest speakers; maybe more activities to uplift current teachers/health topics for retirees

What kind of activity/activities/programs, would you like to see at our monthly meetings?

Holiday related; something theme? Book study? =)

Social Activity to know each other better; informational speakers; more information on our group

Which committee(s) would you like to learn more about?

Snack Committee – how can I be more involved? Any Most of them

Which committee(s) would you be willing to serve?

2 - Any; whatever is needed; doesn't matter; most; I am on 2; Anywhere I am needed; flexible; scholarship/world fellowship; achievement awards; which every one needs help

Are you planning to attend Regional Area Workshop (RAW) in Round Rock (June 22, 2024)?

If not, why? 1 No 4 Yes 2 Not sure yet 1 No – caregiver/aging parent

3 No – will be out of state; I am willing but have many family commitments' 35th wedding anniversary

Is transportation to the RAW event on Saturday, June 22, 2024 an issue for you? Yes or No. 8 No 1 yes 1

NA

Would you be willing to carpool? Yes or No Responses: 5 – No; 3 – Yes – driver; 1 Rider

Other Comments/Concerns that you would like to share:

More communication within the chapter other than the week before the meeting; I think Angelan has done a great job and am looking forward to Michele's Biennium



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

LAMBDA OMICRON CHAPTER

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