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**Meeting Dates**

**5:00**

<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>First Presbyterian Church Copperas Cove</b>
<b>Jan 6 Saturday</b>	<b>CCHS Rm 196</b>



**2022 - 2024 OFFICERS**

President: Angelan Ringland
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Kay Townsend
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Evelyn Thompson
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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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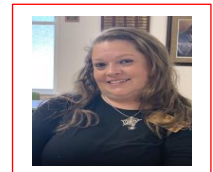
**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.**



The new state theme of TSO President Bonnie Moore is SOAR to new heights in the hot air balloon.

President’s Remarks

*Notes from  
Angelan...*



Wow! What an informative legislative update from the House Chairman of the Public Education Committee, Texas Representative, Dr. Brad Buckley! It was long, but hopefully you learned something new. I think it’s evident we need gather our fellow educators and vote for public education friendly candidates. Please use your voice and email, call, and write your representatives (house and senate). We’ve got to thank the ones that are voting for public education and remind others that they need to vote pro public education friendly. Together we can continue to ward off the push for essential savings accounts!

*Angelan Ringland,  
President*

## November Minutes

I. Inspiration- Angela Dunlap - bible verse

Micah 6:8

II. Dr. Brad Buckley-Education Update 93.6 billion spent on education

12-14 was spent on property but down (.16 cents less for KISD) - swapped with other funding

1.6 billion- one time TRS payments \$7500 for +75 , \$2000? 70-75

3.4 billion - prop 9 - COLA

HB 900 Reader Act - Funding so district not held responsible - publisher responsible to tell

HB 1605 High Quality instructional Materials funding

Covid - beginning could have given teachers increase in pay - then parents started to disagree with book titles

Structured Literacy

Reading comp comes from experiences

HB 3 - school safety 254-289-4464

III. Introduction of Guests

Melissa Davis - dyslexia - Seagart

Sharey Dennis - Seagert Elementary

Janice Stalder

Myrna Hart

IV. Get to know you activity - favorite or last meal

V. December Meeting- Silent Auction (bring \$20 valued gift and spend at least \$20)....invite lots of people!! We will also vote for officers for the next 2 years.

VI. January Meeting- CPE credit-1st Saturday who can help? What do we need?

VII. Any Old Business

VIII. Any New Business- Kids Christmas-who will get the items? Professional growth and services committee

Sarah Kenney moving to NJ - consider options

Motion made to look into making treasurer a voted position not appointed

IX. Celebrate - **DKG Art Gallery:**

Dr. Michele Cox - Photography and 3D Stained glass

Door Prizes

X. Sing

Deadlines Coming Up:

November 15th- Annual Report of Chapter Treasurer December 1st- TSO Yearbook

Important Dates:

Nov. 9th- Executive Board meets to go over Bylaw June 22nd- Area/Regional Workshop

Respectfully,  
Michele L. Cox, Ed.D.

## November's Treasurer's Report

Cash Balance on October 16,	<b>\$4,150.43</b>
<b>Receipts:</b>	
Door Prize, \$65.00, Children's Christmas \$125.00	<b>\$190.00</b>
<b>Expense:</b>	
Postal fee \$7.95, Tickets \$9.61, Partial Convention fee \$125.00	<b>\$142.56</b>
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$4,181.31</b>
<b>Investments:</b>	
<b>Lambda Omicron Savings, 10/27/2023</b>	<b>\$6,347.10</b>
<b>Mae Stevens Student Scholarship 10/24/2023</b>	<b>\$6,933.74</b>
<b>Mae Stevens Member Scholarship 9/29/2023</b>	<b>\$5,487.32</b>
 <b>TOTAL WORTH</b>	 <b>\$22,949.47</b>

Respectively Submitted  
Carolyn Taylor  
Treasurer



### Reminders:

#### Central Regional Area Workshop

**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Place:** McNeil High School

5720 McNeil Drive

Austin, TX 78729

**Cost:** \$50 if registered by May 15th

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

\$65 at the door

**Registration information will be sent to Chapters in February, 2024**

**A list of hotels near McNeil High School will be included with registration info**

**Transplant Recipients International Organization: Central Texas Chapter**  
2114 S. 15<sup>th</sup> St  
Temple, TX 76504  
[www.triocentraltexas.org](http://www.triocentraltexas.org)

Hello, Everyone!

Amy's House recently celebrated full capacity. It is a wonderful achievement, but more than bragging rights to say, "Yes, the house was completely full!" are the stories behind those eight full rooms and the people in them. If those walls could talk, the stories they'd tell...

Stories about the heart that now beats in the chest of a father who was once so ill, the kidneys that will remove years of future dialysis treatments for a young grandmother, the pancreas that ended the constant deprivation of foods once loved. The LVAD that allowed a mother to continue "being there" for her husband and her two children. The support and love shown to a brother, father, wife, sister, and husband as they embark on a journey to a new and fulfilling life filled with possibilities of a bright future ahead after receiving that organ they prayed for so many times. The hope that shines through when they finally "make the transplant list" after years of dialysis. These and so many other success stories could be shared if only time stood still for a moment. Those are the good days at Amy's House. They give us all faith that there will be wonderful times ahead for these families.

We also have days when Amy's House comforts those most in need. The heartbreak and agony of watching someone hope and pray, only to have yet another hurdle to cross. Just one more thing to do to get on the wait list for that life-altering organ. The quiet still voice that prays in the darkness of that bedroom for God to bless her husband with just another few months, knowing it's a life shadowed by sickness and pain. The joy of thinking they were going home, then getting the news that there is an infection. The fear of organ rejection just when they thought they were safe. These are the moments when time stands still and the future a transplant patient dreams of seems like a mirage in the distance. The walls would tell you those stories too... the tears, the fears, the prayers when all you can do is look to God and ask for help just this one last time. These walls would tell you those families need a hero, and they need some courage and hope at this moment in their life.

These are the miracles and the moments I see every day. They all make up Amy's house and the tapestry of lives that we support. We also "see" you, the hero that stands in the gap. Those who pray for the ones in need. Those who give their time, their money, and their talents to make this all work out. The doctors, the donors, the social workers, the administrative folks who offer services to us at little or no cost. Even the shuttle drivers who take those patients to and from the hospital. Yes, we have faith that God will take care of our guests, but we also have faith in the goodness of people just like you. Those who stand with us day after day, month after month, and year after year. If these walls could talk, they would tell of all the miraculous things that happen because of our everyday heroes. People who are seldom if ever seen, but who make it possible for us to do what we do around here. Just like we tell you about the people we support, we also tell our guests about the people who support the mission of Amy's House, like yourself. They are touched by your generosity and compassion. The average miles traveled one way to get here this month was 223 miles. It is a long way for many, but these walls would tell you that thanks to you, "home" is just a short drive or shuttle ride from Baylor Scott and White for our guests. "Thank you" hardly seems adequate; but as this Thanksgiving season approaches, we want to convey our sentiment and appreciation for your continued support and engagement with Amy's House. Not only has the house been at capacity this month, but so have our hearts. There are few moments around here when time stands still enough for us to tell you how much you mean. There are hundreds of stories we could tell others about each of you and the difference you make every day here at Amy's House. Thank you for supporting us during the good days, as well as the days that are hard. If these walls could talk, they'd tell you what a difference you have made for so many in need. Matthew 25:40

Phyllis Renfrow, Executive Director

Amy's House



**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**  
**LAMBDAOMICRON CHAPTER**  
**STANDING COMMITTEES 2023 - 2024**



<b><u>Society Mission and Purposes</u></b>
<b><u>Educational Excellence</u></b> Kathryn Townsend (Chair) Nancy Arrington Ella Dawn Eiland Michele Cox (Ed.D)
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<b><u>Yearbook</u></b> Evelyn Thompson (Chair) Pat Bigford
<b><u>Newsletter</u></b> Virginia Guerrero (Chair)
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