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The President's Message

The holiday season has started and one has to wonder where the year 2020 has gone. This is a time of giving, celebrating and social gatherings with family and friends. Even though a large part of the year has been spent wearing masks, with only small group gatherings, we still have much to be thankful for. Delta Gamma is still strong and our Sisters continue to support and check on each other. We hold meetings when possible, and continue to give to others.

As we prepare to take a day or two off from our busy lives to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us be thankful for the blessings we have received. The Webster Dictionary defines thanksgiving as an expression of gratitude to God. Thanksgiving Day refers to a day in 1621 when the Pilgrim Fathers celebrated their harvest festival. Today, it is a time to slow down, think of the things we are thankful for, and to praise God for His blessings to mankind.

I love Thanksgiving because it is centered around family, friends and traditional food. Surrounding ourselves with loved ones, we reflect on those who paved the way, and they will forever be in our grateful hearts.

We, as educators, are committed to making a difference in each student's life. We take great pride in their successes and count our blessings that we have been enabled to enrich their lives and also learn from them. Let's remember to take extra time with our own children and grandchildren to help their development and well being.

On Monday, November 9, 2020, we meet at the First Baptist Church in Tenaha. Our Tenaha hostesses are working to ensure that everyone will enjoy the evening. Remember, masks will be worn and social distancing will be practiced. Safety precautions will continue to be in place at our meeting.

Come, take part and thank a Sister who has helped and inspired you.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Madeline Gill
President

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Treasurer's Report

Delta Gamma Treasurers Report
October 2020
Checking Account

Previous Balance.....	\$2107.80
Deposits.....	-0-
Checks / Debits.....	-0-
Current Balance.....	\$2,107.80

Grant / Aid

Previous Balance.....	\$878.56
Interest earned.....	-0-
Current Balance.....	\$878.56
Minus cushion	-200.00
Spendable Balance.....	\$678.56

Doing What You Love!

One of the main things I wanted to do, as an educator, was to instill in my students the ability to not be afraid of trying new things. Recently, I took my own advice and ventured out to do the very thing I had ask of my students. I have always loved to paint. So, with a little encouragement, I started doing paint nights with family and friends. I love it! With all the stress, as an educator, mother, wife, grandparent, etc., we are feeling right now, we need to find an outlet. For me, it is painting. For you, it may be reading, scrapbooking, or journaling. Find your happy place. I found mine!

Wendy



VOTE 2020

Every four years, we have a civic responsibility to make a difference in our lives based on our principles and values. We can do this by making our vote count by simply getting out and voting. As educators, we are often looked upon for guidance and leadership from family members and close friends in performing this task. Make sure you lead them to the poles if you have not already voted.

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PLEASE REMEMBER: CALL YOUR HOSTESS CHAIRMAN EACH MEETING TO LET THEM KNOW WHETHER YOU WILL BE ATTENDING OR NOT, SO AN ACCURATE COUNT WILL BE TURNED IN. PLEASE DO THIS ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY OF THE REGULAR MONDAY MEETING OF EACH MONTH. IF YOU HAVE COMMITTED TO ATTENDING, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THE MEAL.

Don't Forget:

When? Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 @6:00 pm

Where? First Baptist Church, Tenaha

Program? Ellen Reeder, Master Gardner

Cost of meal? \$8.00

Invocation? Nora Robinson

Meditation? Sylvia Jackson

Hostesses?

Carolyn Hooker Nora Robinson

Sylvia Jackson Wendy Watson

A JOB WELL DONE!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO CAROL MCMILLIAN FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB SHE HAS DONE ON OUR YEARBOOK YET AGAIN. SHE HAS HELPED US RECEIVE THESE HIGH HONORS FROM STATE: THE EARLY BIRD AWARD AND THE EXEMPLARY AWARD. WE ARE TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE HER IN OUR CHAPTER. SHE GRACIOUSLY GIVES OF HER TIME TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT FOR US.



TSO President Pattie Belknap "You are the Key" biennium pins are now available at the TSO Headquarters. You can find the order form by going to www.dkgtexas.org or in the Lone Star News. The price is \$5.00 plus shipping and handling.



Keys to endless TSO possibilities

Patti Belknap
Texas State President
2019-2021



Each day after the morning news, the television show “Let’s Make A Deal” comes on. Although the host is different from the one most of us remember, it operates on the same premise of costumed contestants trying to guess what’s behind Door #1, Door #2 or Door #3. Sometimes the contestants get a wonderful prize like a boat or car, but other times they end up with a kangaroo. The past few months have been a bit like that game show. Members are wondering what is behind those doors and which one should they choose? Let’s examine our DKG doors.

Behind Door #1 we find chapter members having chapter meetings on Zoom, Facebook Live or Google Hangouts. Members who perhaps stopped attending meetings because they were unable to drive at night, or they are home taking care of a sick child or relative, are now attending. Tech buddies are helping members adjust to the technology while building stronger bonds with each other. Business meetings are held by sharing the screen, and programs are presented in new and interesting ways. Regardless of the format, members are connecting.

Behind Door #2 we find TSO making plans for the training of future leaders with Leadership Seminar applications now available on the website. Soon members will be considering submitting their names to be TSO officers or serving on an elected committee during the next biennium. The Denton Steering Committee is making plans for the Denton Convention, June 17-19, 2021, and is providing many opportunities for member participation. This convention will have a shorter schedule and will end by 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Behind Door #3 we find our active educators learning to teach in a whole new way. Some will meet their students in person wearing masks and using a variety of personal protective equipment while others will teach virtually. Whatever their district’s situation, they will do their jobs with the same passion and flexibility that they always have because they are Key Women Educators. We also find many of our retired educators supporting those active educators by sending gift cards and notes of encouragement.

No one knows what the future will bring. Like the game show, we sometimes just need to take a chance. There are no unwelcome prizes for us. We have the keys we need and endless possibilities for creativity behind each door.

Which door will you unlock?

JUST A GOOD READ – Just in case you missed it!

Happy Birthday

October:

27 Bobbie Clay

November:

5 Montez McNaughten

7 Becky Wiggins

8 Debbie Leggett

11 Judy Adkison

16 Beverly Tippet

17 Sheryl Graves

21 Carolyn Hooker

22 Ellen Mills

24 Carol McMillan

27 Elaine Snider

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