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| Trull, Miss Fern C..... | died |
| VanWalk, Mrs. Grace R..... | died |
| Varner, Mrs. Marjorie N. | died |
| Welborn, Mrs. Doris | resigned |
| Weitzel, Dianne..... | resigned |
| Whitaker, Mrs. Helen M. | died |
| Wicklin, Mrs. Suzanne L. | resigned |
| Wright, Jacquelyn | resigned |

NECROLOGY AND RELATED TOPICS

Not exactly necrology, but here are people who are no longer in the chapter, but who were members in 1994. The list is not complete, but it's 'way too long.

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| Andrews, Miss Edythe | died |
| Barker, Ms. Elaine | drop, no dues |
| Basker, Mrs. Anne (chapter honorary) | died |
| Bonney, Mrs. Marjorie E. | died |
| Bunch, Mrs. Bonnie R. | transferred |
| Burriess, Mrs. Melba E. | died |
| Burrows, Mrs. Norma A. | died |
| Calhoun, Miss Bertha May | died |
| Christensen, Mrs. Lois | resigned, ill health |
| De Roest, Della L..... | resigned |
| Douglas, Rose | died |
| Egbert, Miss Princess L. | died |
| Foltz, Mrs. M. Jill | transferred |
| Fox, Mrs. Esther M. | died |
| Frerichs, Miss Alma..... | died |
| Gallagher, Miss Kathleen..... | resigned |
| Gartner, Mrs. Diane | moved |
| Gestvang, Mrs. Christie | drop, no dues |
| Hansen, Mrs. Esther H. | died |
| Hartsough, Ms. Bertina | died |
| Hathaway, Mrs. Mary Kathryn | resigned |
| Hess, Mrs. Diane..... | resigned |
| Hill, Mrs. Rieta C..... | died |
| Hillis, B. Ruth | died |
| Holzgang, Mrs. Marjorie (chapter honorary)..... | died |
| Hoover, Mrs. Esther D..... | died |
| Howe, Mrs. Marian C. | died |
| Hugle, Mrs. Linda Jane | resigned |
| Jacoby, Mrs. Judy Ann..... | resigned |
| Jenson, Mrs. Cecelia Ann | resigned |
| Jones, Mrs. Karen L..... | moved |
| Kerlinger, Mrs. Bessie O. | died |
| Krauss, Rebecca S..... | died |
| Marsh, Mrs. Vicki Mae..... | drop, no dues |
| Milius, Miss Margot A..... | died |
| Moore, Evelyn..... | died |
| Pettit, Carol | moved |
| Shultz, Mrs. Catherine | drop, no dues |
| Smith, Emma..... | drop, no dues |
| Strode, Mrs. Carol D..... | resigned |
| Tice, Miss Elizabeth..... | resigned |

To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.

To initiate, enforce, and support desirable legislation in the interests of education and of women educators.

To endow scholarships to aid outstanding women educators in pursuing graduate study and to grant fellowships to women educators from other countries.

To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

To inform the membership of current economic, social, political, and educational issues to the end that they may become intelligent, functioning members of a world society.

What does Delta Kappa Gamma mean to you today? *[Hand out index cards for members to write their responses.]* It could mean:

- ↳ A support system of sharing, caring friends and colleagues.
- ↳ The opportunity for personal and professional growth.
- ↳ Heightened awareness of educational issues.
- ↳ The challenge to work for legislation which impacts education and addresses the concerns of women educators.
- ↳ Opportunities to serve the community, students, and education.
- ↳ Personal enjoyment through music and fellowship.
- ↳ The inspiration of the Founders and members who invested their lives in progress for education and for women educators.
- ↳ With effort, the chance to make a difference in the world.

And thank each one for her special part
In Delta Kappa Gamma.

Authored by Opal Carruth Linder, California

As these 12 women came to Austin that day, they had a common dream that they could form a society which might extend its membership and its influence so that it would be recognized as a fellowship of capable women educators. These women were dedicated to using their gifts and talents and powers to improve the nation=s services to children, youth, and all who sought knowledge. They were also dedicated to advancing the welfare and opportunities of women.

The 12 founders had a vision; they challenge us to walk in their footsteps. Through years of depression, war, and on-going educational crises, the Society has grown until it is now international in scope. Education, women, and society have all benefitted from the dream.

There is a golden glow of candlelight about this time. It is the reflection of our Founders= Day Anniversary and the familiar richness of our red and gold colors. Dr. Blanton described the first lighted candle as Aa beacon of hope to thrust back the darkness of ignorance and confusion, of strife and hate.@

To live in those we leave behind is not to die, so these 12 women have found in us, their heirs, a piece of immortality. As we pledge ourselves to serve the cause of education, their dream lives on. ~ Hostetter

Given conditions in our world today, the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma are more pertinent today than ever before. To renew the founders= ideals, we need only look to the Delta Kappa Gamma purposes. Listen to them well and recommit yourself to these goals:

To unite women educators in a genuine spiritual fellowship.

To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

Lalla Odom

Teacher at Metz Elementary School, Austin;
head of Math Department, Allan Junior High, Austin

Lela Lee Williams

Elementary teacher, Willis Point, Texas; Auditorium
activities director for elementary schools, Dallas.

Collated by Ms. Helen Hostetter, Alpha Sigma State

We turn back to Austin that day in May
When our founders must have paused to pay:

ALord, give us light that we may see
The vision of eternity.
The earnestness that we may use
Thy gifts to us for others.@

The glow of hope shone in each soul,
Adventure=s glory in each eye.
The work of each for all, their goal;
And from it grew our binding tie.

They called it Delta Kappa Gamma.
Twelve they were who chose to stand
Together in purpose. Twelve who planned
With faith in the strength of women united,
And faith that the vision which they had sighted
Would grow to a mighty power.

They found the time in their busy day
To pause that 11th day in May
In nineteen hundred and twenty-nine
In Austin, Texas. They found the time,
The vision, the faith, the imagination
To bring into being our organization.

We turn back to them today,
And lighting each candle, here we pay
A tribute to each courageous heart

- Annie Webb Blanton** English teacher at Austin High School; State Superintendent of Schools in Texas; Professor of Educational Administration, University of Texas.
- Mamie Sue Bastian** Elementary teacher, Houston; Principal of Bowie and Crockett Elementary Schools, Houston.
- Ruby Cole** Elementary teacher, San Antonio; Principal, Burnett Elementary School, San Antonio
- Mabel Grizzard** Upper elementary grade school teacher and principal, Ellis County, Texas; rural supervisor of elementary schools, Texas.
- Anna Hiss** Professor of physical education, University of Texas
- Ray King** Fifth and sixth grade teacher, Fort Worth Elementary Schools; history teacher, Central High School, Fort Worth
- Sue King** Latin teacher, Denton and Mineral Wells High Schools, Texas; Department Head in History, Ernest Parker Junior High School, Fort Worth
- Helen Koch** Instructor of Psychology, University of Texas; Professor of Psychology and Director of Nursery School, University of Chicago
- Ruby Terrill Lomax** Associate Professor of Classical Languages and Dean of Women, University of Texas
- Cora Martin** Elementary teacher in Munday, Paducah, and Fort Worth, Texas; Professor of elementary education, University of Texas

Valentine's Day 1929 Massacre (7 gangsters died).
It was indeed a time to ~~A~~ thrust back the darkness . . . and hate. @

In 1929 life expectancy for women was only 54.6 years; in 2005 it was 80.4 (Census). According to the *Digest of Education Statistics* (2006) <<http://nces.ed.gov/>>, educational levels were as follow:

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| 1920 | 22% of all races had less than 5 years of elementary school. |
| <u>1930</u> | <u>17.5%</u> B a substantial drop in literacy: Depression! |
| <u>1999</u> | <u>1.6%</u> |
| 1920 | 13.5% of all races had completed high school |
| <u>1930</u> | <u>19.1%</u> B a decent gain |
| <u>1999</u> | <u>83.4%</u> 2005: women <u>85.4%</u> ; men <u>84.8%</u> |
| 1920 | 3.3% of all races had completed 4 or more years of college |
| <u>1930</u> | <u>3.9%</u> B a small gain |
| 2005 | Women: 26.1%; men 29.4%--bachelor's degrees |

On May 11, 1929, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton invited the following women to Austin, Texas, for a discussion of plans and purposes. Ms. Blanton was a leader who inspired others with her vision. She has been described as physically small, but mentally powerful. She was a good organizer, a champion of humanity, and a born leader. Her ideals have inspired many teachers.

Dr. Blanton once commented:

~~A~~ It is not the number of the degrees and titles which we hold that really counts; it is the quality of our members, and our ideals and spirit that have made Delta Kappa Gamma what it is today. The torch which its founders exhort each member to hold aloft is the ideal of service to humanity, a daily and constant service through making ourselves better teachers and giving out best to the education of youth. @

Present at that initial meeting in 1929 were the 12 founders of Delta Kappa Gamma. Today members of Omega Chapter will light a candle for each one.

Light candles as each name is read. Prepare 12 candles and 12 holders. Bring a lighter, preferably one of the campfire lighters. Use the paraphernalia to drape the table with red and gold..

FOUNDERS= DAY CEREMONY 2009

The **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International** was 80 years old on May 11. **Alpha Rho State** is 68 years old. **Omega Chapter**, founded in 1954, is 64 years old.

And just remember what was happening in 1929 when DKG was organized:

- Herbert Hoover was our new President.
- In addition to casualties from World War I (16 million died; 21 million were wounded), post-World War I inflation was destroying the European economy. By 1926, the French franc had dropped from 5/\$ to 50/\$; between 1919 and 1923, prices rose as follows:
 - Austria: 14,000 %
 - Hungary: 23,000 %
 - Poland: 2.5 million %
 - Russia: 4 billion %
 - Germany: 1 trillion % (In 1914, 4 marks = \$1; in August 1923: 2000 marks = \$1, but by November 1923: 4.23 trillion marks = \$1.)
- Benito Mussolini, *Il Duce*, was promoting Fascism in Italy; members of La Cosa Nostra fled Mussolini and came to the US: the Italian Mafia was here.
- Adolph Hitler was steadily gaining more supporters for his Nazi regime in Germany; der *Führer* was planning for the Third Reich.
- Joseph Stalin had just taken power in Russia by exiling Trotsky;
- Japan was already in control of Korea and was working to take Manchuria;
- The Nationalists (Chiang Kai-shek) and Communists (Mao Tse-tung) were at war in China;
- The stock market crash which caused Great Depression was a bit more than five months away—October 29, 1929;
- Jim Crow laws and segregation were the order of the day in the U.S.;
- Women had only had the vote for a few years: August 26, 1920 marked ratification of the *19th Amendment* to the *U.S. Constitution*;
- Prohibition was in full swing inspiring bootleggers, the speak-easy, and the Mob. Al Capone ruled Chicago and was credited with the St.