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Beta Tau NEWSLETTER

Aspire to create positive change through collaboration, service, and leadership opportunities.

Cultivate growth of members and chapters.

Thrive together by fostering a sense of belonging and celebrating success.

Bell by Bell: Notes from the President

As we enter November, with our Halloween activities behind us and the calendar quickly filling with Thanksgiving gatherings and Christmas celebrations, I hope each of you will take time to reflect on the many blessings in your life. Whether you are celebrating a new job, enjoying a long-held position, attending a wedding or graduation, welcoming a new baby, or simply appreciating time with family and friends, there is much for which to be thankful. While life also brings challenges and setbacks, we can find comfort in knowing that God's blessings continue to surround us each day.

One of my goals as President of the Beta Tau Chapter is to help our members become more familiar with the vision and purposes established by the twelve founders of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Throughout the coming months, I will highlight each of these purposes and share how they continue to guide our work today.

The first purpose is:

To Unite Women Educators of the World in Genuine Fellowship

This purpose emphasizes building meaningful relationships among women educators across communities, states, and countries. DKG encourages friendship, mutual support, collaboration, and professional growth among its members. I believe our Beta Tau Chapter does an excellent job of fostering genuine fellowship and lasting friendships within our group, and when we reach out to other chapters here in the city and the area at meetings and workshops, we extend that purpose.

Did you know that the Texas State Organization (TSO) includes approximately 200 chapters? DKG also has chapters in every state in the United States and in 17 other countries around the world. With more than 46,000 members spanning North America, Central America, South America, Europe, and Asia, our organization truly provides opportunities to connect with women educators on a global scale.

In addition to our Red Bowl Auction at the November meeting, our chapter member, **Paula Moore** will share her presentation **"Living Well with Diabetes."** We look forward to learning from her and sharing fellowship as we continue to support one another as educators and friends.

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“Before the Bell Rings… Save the Date!”

November 14 – Red Bowl Auction Fundraiser

December 12 – Scholarship Cookie Sale Fundraiser

January 16 – 91st Birthday Celebration

February 20 – Business Meeting

March 20 – Key Women Educator Awards

April 10 – Business Meeting

May – SACC Founders’ Day Celebration

Our regular meeting location and time will be MacArthur Park Lutheran Church at 10:00 AM unless members are notified in advance of any changes in the site or the time.

Red Bowl Auction



At the November meeting, the chapter will hold our silent auction to raise funds for chapter projects. Members are encouraged to bring items – new or used – that are no longer needed in their home but could be something another member would enjoy having. They can be jewelry, knick-knacks, baked goods, books, whatever you have that another member will be glad to have. Tickets are $.50 each and will be put into the bowl (or cup) beside each item for a chance to have the winning ticket pulled.

Check out Beta Tau’s Website
http://deltakappagamma.org/TX-betatau

MEETING MINUTES



Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Beta Tau Chapter
Business Meeting
MacArthur Park Lutheran Church
2903 Nacogdoches Road
San Antonio, TX 78217
Oct. 17, 2026

Following a time of fellowship, President Scotta Williams welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. using one of the bells from her bell collection. Kathy Moran and Lola Hill provided the snacks.

Liz Lujan gave the inspirational message for the day using a poem from her newest book called, “The Woman in the Woods.” She gave each person present a Halloween treat bag.

Twenty-three members were in attendance. Members provided information about absent members, and Paula Moore introduced her guest Bee Dee Doublet.

First vice-president Myrna Burkes introduced the speaker Kim Deolloz-Castro from the Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas which is an accredited nonprofit land trust serving San Antonio and Bexar County. She told about the mission of the organization and highlighted the “Tiny Forests” project.

The minutes of the Sept. 19, 2026 were approved as corrected to say that Paula Moore will be a member of the Nominating Committee rather than the chair of the committee.

Ann Carter noted that she, Scotta Williams and Suzette Price met at Firstmark Credit Union on Oct.3, 2026, to update the signatures to allow those three to be able to sign checks for the chapter.

Treasurer Carter gave a brief accounting of financials for the previous month including Change-A-Life and Buck-A-Book fund deposits and reimbursements to members. It was noted that reimbursement forms are available when needed.

The three door prizes for this meeting were by provided Teressa Lowrance. Liz Lujan also donated three copies of her books which were also given as prizes. Winners this month: Myrna Burkes, Bee Dee Doublet, Lynda Haile, Ruby Lopez, Patsy Roe and Scotta Williams.

Brenda Krueger, Myrna Burkes and Lola Hill gave an informal remembrance for Beta Tau Reserve Member Mary Alice Barrow. Hill and Williams attended her funeral service at St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church on Sept. 26, 2026. The Beta Tau Chapter received a note from the Texas State Organization recognizing the passing of Mary Alice Barrow.

Chair Burkes reported that the Programs, Service Projects, Personal and Professional Enrichment Committee has basically completed the programs for the 2026-2027 year. The committee includes Lynda Haile, Kathy Helmke, Paula Moore and Virginia Stowell,

To complete unfinished business, President Williams gave a listing of committees that need members.

The Nomination Committee needs members. The nominations will be for the next biennium so there is time to consider possible nominees and to solicit volunteers.

The Achievement Committee also needs members. Key Women Educators in Chapter Service, Community Service and Education will be selected in 2027 and 2029. Besides those awards, members also could be honored for years of membership, if the committee so choses.

Price is the chair of the Global Awareness Committee which also needs members.

The Music Committee is chaired by Cathy Criner and includes Paula Moore and Kathy Moran.

Teressa Lowrance was given her Shutterfly book honoring her presidency. At the last meeting she had passed her legacy pin to the current Beta Tau Chapter president, Scotta Williams. Williams will provide forms that direct how Delta Kappa Gamma pins should be handled after the death of a member.

The November meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, at MacArthur Park Lutheran Church. The Red Bowl Auction will be held that day. The event raises money for the general fund. Tickets will be 50 cents each.

The state meeting will be June 15-18 in San Marcos, TX. In the October newsletter there is a link to a survey which allows members to sign up digitally for committees that interest them. A decision will be made on whether the Beta Tau Chapter will pay the $75 for registration for its members.

Cathy Criner let the group in singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzette Price, Recording Secretary



Scotta Williams presents Teressa Lowrance her president's book for her term. Thank you Teressa for your service to our chapter. Thanks to Suzette Price for creating this lovely keepsake.

MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

November 14

Snacks – Suzette Price and Carolyn Smith

Inspirational Message/Devotion – Charlotte Gates

Door Prizes – Cindy Parisher

Thank you to all of you who supplied our snacks, the inspirational message and the door prizes last month.

Texas State Convention – June 15-18, 2027

The TSO Convention will be held in San Marcos, and the 2027 Convention Steering Committee is calling on members to volunteer to serve on planning sub-committees. Please look over this list of opportunities and let us know where your talents will shine. If you are interested in chairing a sub-committee, please let us know. Click on this link to fill out the questionnaire:

TSO Convention Committee Interest Survey

MEMBER NEWS

Prayers requested for Myrna Burkes' daughter, Beth. Her cancer has returned. Due to liver damage from previous chemo, the usual protocol can't be used. She's receiving treatment at MD Anderson.



The MacArthur Park Lutheran School will be having their Community Garage Sale in the parking lot along the west side of Nacogdoches Rd. on the Saturday we have our November meeting. You will need to park on the north side of the building and enter the doors under the drive-through area - we meet in the Fireside Room.

December is our Cookie Exchange to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. Everyone loves to get homemade cookies or treats to share during the holidays.

Please remember to send prayer requests and good news to the editor, Kathy Moran, Scotta Williams, president, and Ginny corresponding secretary,.



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

Myrna Burkes 19

Jeanette Pierce 28

Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes Professional and personal Growth of women educators and Excellence in education.

Texas State President
Dr. Stacey Arnold

Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

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