

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

Hi Ladies,

Fall has arrived, and as I write this, I'm savoring the cooler temperatures and the generous rainfall that has finally broken our drought. It's a welcome change, and I'm hopeful we'll soon see more "green" returning to our landscape.

I left our first Beta Tau meeting of the year feeling truly blessed. The discussions, decisions, and thoughtful planning shared among the 19 members in attendance reminded me once again of the strength and heart of our chapter. Thank you to all who were able to join us. We look forward to seeing even more of you at our October 17 meeting.

I am especially grateful to **Lola Hill**, who has agreed to serve as Beta Tau's **2nd Vice President** for the biennium after our previously elected member needed to step down for health reasons. We will formally elect her at the October meeting so she can be added to the TSO and DKG rosters.

Committee signups for the 2026–2028 biennium are underway, and several groups will share brief reports at our next meeting. Committee chairs may be seeking additional hands, so please be ready to volunteer if you're able. Your willingness to serve keeps our chapter strong.

Our October program will be presented by **Kim DeollosCastro**, Urban Land and Water Garden Steward with the Green Spaces Alliance of San Antonio. She will introduce us to their organization and highlight the community outreach efforts they support. I believe her presentation will offer a wealth of information and inspiration for us all.

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“Before the Bell Rings... Save the Date!”

October 17 – Business Meeting

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.

*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
Sept. 19, 2026

President Scotta Williams welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. using one of the bells from her bell collection.

Cathy Criner gave the inspirational message for the day using a verse from Proverbs about life direction.

Nineteen members were in attendance. Members provided information about absent members, and Williams gave a reminder to pass that information plus prayer requests to Newsletter Editor Kathy Moran and Corresponding Secretary Virginia Stowell.

Teressa Lowrance gave testimony about her time as president and passed the legacy pin to Williams.

Sign-up sheets were passed among members. One allowed members to update their information. Another was to sign up to do the devotion. A third sign-up sheet provided the opportunity for two people to bring snacks each month. There was also a form to sign up to bring three door prizes which should have a value of \$10 or less each. All of this information will be in the newsletter to remind people what they had promised to do.

Door prizes for this meeting were provided by Carolyn Dahlgren (three) and the Beta Tau Chapter (3.) Winners this month were Roberta Carlson, Ann Carter, Carolyn Dahlgren, Lola Hill, Liz Lujan and Suzette Price.

Williams announced that reserve member Mary Alice Barrow had died. She had been a member since Nov. 1, 1962. Her service will be 11 a.m. Sept. 26, at St. Matthews Methodist Church. At the next Beta Tau meeting, there will be an informal remembrance for her.

First Vice President Myrna Burkes reviewed the list of Beta Tau committees, made explanations and added some names. Paula Moore will be the Nominations Chair and will also serve on the Programs and Service Projects Committee. Cindy Kosub will be the Scholarship Chair with Teressa Lowrance added as a member of that committee. Suzette Price will chair the Global Awareness Committee. Jeanette Pierce was added as a member of the Legislation and Research Committee.

After an explanation of the proposed budget for 2026-2027 by Williams, Treasurer Ann Carter made a motion to accept the budget as printed. Paula Moore seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The balance in the checking account as of July 1, 2026 was \$3,571.64. Saving account balances as of that date were Scholarship Money Market, \$1,589.15; Checking CD, \$3540.47 and Scholarship CD, \$18,462.25.

After discussion of the Buck-A-Book program, Dahlgren made and Brenda Krueger seconded a motion to allow freewill donations to be made for donated books which will be available for sale during meetings that do not have other fundraising events.

The next meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, at MacArthur Park Lutheran Church.

The November meeting will be the Red Bowl Auction event which raises money for the general fund. Tickets will be 50 cents each.

The goal is to have new member inductions at the December meeting. The Scholarship Fund will benefit from the cookie sale and donations made at that meeting.

The state meeting will be June 15-18 in San Marcos, TX. The registration, which is tentatively set at \$50, will be paid using scholarship funds. Jeanette Pierce will be asking for volunteers to serve during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzette Price, Recording Secretary

BETA TAU CHAPTER		
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INT'L		
2026-2027 Budget		
Operating Cash		
Balance July 1, 2026		\$ 3,571.64
Estimated Chapter Income		
Change -A-Life	\$ 160.00	
Red Bowl Auction	\$ 260.00	
Miscellaneous Donations	\$ 50.00	
Estimated Scholarship Fundraisers		
Christmas Cookie Exchange	\$ 400.00	
SACC Celebration Auction	\$ 100.00	
Total Chapter Income		\$ 970.00
Estimated Chapter Expenses		
Honors Scholarship Contributions	\$ 64.00	
Chapter Scholarship Contributions	\$ 28.80	
World Fellowship	\$ 80.00	
TX Storybook Project	\$ 80.00	
Coordinating Council Dues	\$ 64.00	
Facilities Use (\$50/meeting)	\$ 300.00	
Committee expenses	\$ 200.00	
Project Expenses	\$1,000.00	
Total Chapter Expenses		\$ 1,816.80
Checking CD		\$ 3,540.47
Estimated Scholarship Expenses		
President-Convention	\$ 400.00	
Members-Convention	\$ 500.00	
Grant-in-Aid	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Scholarship Funds		
Scholarship Money Market (July 1)		\$ 1,589.15
Scholarship CD (July 1)		\$ 18,462.25

Monthly Volunteers

At the September meeting, the members were given opportunities to be involved in our meetings by offering three sign-up lists for volunteers during the meeting. These are: 1- provide a monthly inspirational message/devotion, 2 – to provide 3 door prizes to be given away, 3 – to provide the snacks that will be provided during the beginning social time each month.

All the slots have been filled, but we would like any of you who were unable to attend the September meeting to put your name on a “back-up” list so if someone signed up cannot participate for some reason, she can find a replacement.

We will post a reminder block each month.

MONTHLY VOLUNTEERS

October 17

Snacks - Kathy Moran, Lola Hill

Inspirational Message/Devotion - Elizabeth (Liz) Lujan

Door Prizes - Teressa Lowrance

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.



Kathy Helmke is battling vertigo.



Outgoing President Teressa Lowrance presents the legacy President's pin to incoming president, Scotta Williams.

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

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SONG

Women teachers, to the calling,
Firmly rally, never falling,
Duty ne'er upon us palling,
Staunch, courageous, we!
Loyalty and trust e'er heeding!
Mindful of our sisters needing
Aid and guidance from those leading
Helpful may we be!
To Delta Kappa Gamma
Faith we pledge forever!
Hand in hand, our loyal band,
Forward moving ever! Onward!
'Tis our sisters need us
Courage, Faith and Honor lead us!
Wrongs in truth and justice heed us!
Firmly shall we stand!

Guardians of the faith yet sleeping,
For our sisters watch e'er keeping,
Deeds of others now we're reaping,
We for others stand!
To us pioneers have given;
We return their gifts to Heaven;
Work for others is the leaven
That inspires our band!
Oh, Delta Kappa Gamma
In thy fold we gather!
Unity and Liberty,
Shall be our watch words ever!
Education e'er we'll further;
Each is bound to each as brother;
With this faith in one another
We shall win for aye!

Words by Annie Webb Blanton & Cora M. Martin
Music - Lillian Mohr Fox



HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!

Ann Carter 16
Laura Lopez 18
Liz Lujan 20
Phyllis Malone 30

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

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Impacting Education Worldwide

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