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# *Kappa Theta Keynotes*

## President's Message

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Greetings, Kappa Theta Sisters!

Monday, February 7, was the annual Tri Chapter meeting hosted by the Iota Chapter in Denton. Thirteen of us represented our chapter well and thoroughly enjoyed the fun and friendship extended to the three area chapters, Iota, Iota Iota, and Kappa Theta. The roots and long relationship of the three chapters were in the air, a very warm feeling.

Our sisters provided a wonderful meal, followed by musical entertainment by the Strickland Bell Choir – mind-blowing talent of middle school students brought out by an outstanding director with DKG ties. “Bell” choir – get the significance? We also learned the importance of being “Poet Laureate of Texas” and could certainly see why Karla Morton has that designation, another great talent and outstanding presenter. What a wonderful evening we had!

The topic of Alpha State Convention in McAllen, June 23-26, was part of the buzz in the room. The registration forms are now available online; so, we will want to get ours in early. Let me know if you would like to join our group as soon as you know your plans.

The March meeting is just around the corner. Since spring is in the air with this nice warm weather, our program will get us all ready to garden, a welcome change after our recent taste of winter. Committees involved in the Writing Project and the Grants-In-Aid are busy behind the scenes. Please be prepared to answer their request for help to meet fast-approaching deadlines. Presentations of awards in both those categories will be at the April meeting, coming soon.

Kappa Theta was represented at the Leadership Conference February 11-13 by our own Marcie Cooley! What an honor for her ... and a treat for us when she tells us all about it at the March meeting.

Spring time can't come fast enough! Enjoy the warm weather and hope it holds on with no cold weather surprises.

See you March 7!

Blessings,

*Diana*

**Next Meeting**  
**March 7**  
**Marcus HS Library**  
**6:15**

# TRI-CHAPTER MEETING



Kappa Theta members had a great time at the Tri-Chapter meeting and dinner!



Metropolitan Catering was the site of the Tri-Chapter meeting.

Cute party favors were given out to all attendees!



Kappa Theta member enjoyed a wonderful dinner, speaker, entertainment, and fellowship!



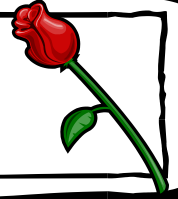
Karla K. Morton, 2010 Texas Poet Laureate, entertained the audience with her fabulous poems!



The Bells at Strickland from Strickland MS in Denton, directed by Mrs. Carol Lynn Mizell provided beautiful entertainment.

Thanks to Cheryl Crawford for pictures of Karla Morton and the Strickland MS Handbell Choir.

Poetry by Karla K. Morton  
2010 Texas Poet Laureate



**SUPERMAN'S BIRTHDAY**

It wasn't that he was hard to please.  
In fact, it was just the opposite --  
he was so easy to be around...and he appreciated everything...  
But what do you *give* the man who saves humanity on a daily basis?

But even Lex Luthor didn't know his weakness  
for the cream and the meringue...

So she baked him two pies,  
and slipped into her favourite brown heels and lead-free trenchcoat,  
(after all, it was cold and rainy and January)  
and took the pies up to his office --  
watching him raise his right eyebrow just slightly  
over those dark-rimmed frames, as he watched her bend over  
every man's desk,  
and... ever so slowly...serve each one of them a warm slice of  
coconut cream.

—*karla k. morton. 2008*

**HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!!!**



Bette Herbst

Andrea Fryt

Tia Maddox

Kelly Sudderth

Marcie Cooley

The purpose of state scholarships offered to active members of Delta Kappa Gamma is to encourage Texas State Organization members to pursue graduate study and/or adult or continuing education. Applications must be secured from Alpha State Headquarters. To print off an application, visit [www.alphastatetexas.org](http://www.alphastatetexas.org). All applications must be returned to the State Scholarship Chairman and postmarked by March 1, 2011. Also available are mini-grant applications, which are available to those who have been an Alpha State member for a period of at least five years before June 1 of the application year. Deadlines are March 1 and October 1.



## MARCH MEETING INFORMATION!

PROGRAM: "GARDENING TIPS FROM A  
MASTER"

BRING CANNED GOODS AND NONPERISHABLE  
ITEMS TO BENEFIT CCA!



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!

Emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of things Irish. Cities with large numbers of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by **New York City** in 1762. Since 1962 Chicago has coloured its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the colour traditionally associated with St. Patrick, green is now commonly connected with the day.) Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green"—sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day.

"St. Patrick's Day." *Encyclopaedia Britannica. Encyclopaedia Britannica Online School Edition.* Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2011.

Web. 16 Feb. 2011. <<http://school.eb.com/eb/article-9389231>>.

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**MARDI GRAS—MARCH 4, 2011**



Mardi **Gras**, which literally translated means “fat Tuesday,” begins in early January and culminates on the Tuesday before Lent, 40 days before Easter. Although **Mardi Gras** has been celebrated in the city since 1766, the large-scale parades did not begin until 1857. Many krewes hold extravagant balls after their parades. Most organizations choose a king, queen, and court from the families of their more prominent members. The choice is a carefully guarded secret until Fat Tuesday or the day the krewe parades and stages its ball. The elaborate costumes, crowns, and rounds of parties associated with the honor of being chosen “royalty” cost huge sums.

*“New Orleans.” Compton’s by Britannica. Encyclopaedia Britannica Online School Edition.*

*Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2011. Web 16 Feb. 2011. <<http://school.eb.com/all/Comptons/article-205501>>.*

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO MARCIE COOLEY, WHO REPRESENTED KAPPA THETA CHAPTER**

**AT THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 11-13, 2011!!!**

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES...**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



**MARCH 1—STATE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE; ALPHA STATE CONVENTION DEADLINE FOR KAPPA THETA MEMBERS**

**MARCH 7—KAPPA THETA CHAPTER MEETING—MARCUS HS LIBRARY**

**MARCH 11—WRITING PROJECT & GRANT-IN-AID SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**

**APRIL 4—KAPPA THETA CHAPTER MEETING—MARCUS HS LIBRARY**

**APRIL 9—STILWELL VISIT**



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