



Kappa Theta Keynotes

President's Message

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Greetings, Kappa Theta Sisters!

One of the signs of a truly great organization is that, even when one piece is absent, "the show goes on" smoothly without them. I can only speak as an observer rather than a participant but I am not surprised that the April 4 meeting went so well under the leadership of Vice-President Robyn Rucker, along with the committee chairs and members who conducted the awards ceremony and the visit to Stilwell. I knew it would happen! A big thanks to everyone involved!

Another sign of a truly great organization is the PACE Award, which I consider the "Oscar" for DKG chapters at the State level. It is on my mind right now since the application is due May 1. The application will be so EASY to complete! Kappa Theta is such an active chapter and participates in virtually every opportunity to fulfill the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma. So, reporting the many activities that our members support will be like bragging on my grandchildren - lots of fun!

Our April and May meetings are showcases for the hard work of several parts of our organization. The Juanita Harmon Grants-In-Aide, the Writing Project awards, and the trip to Stilwell are the most visible and perhaps most important ways our chapter reaches out to the community. Our celebration of the Founders and Birthday of Delta Kappa Gamma comes at the May meeting, giving us an opportunity to reflect on the heritage of this great organization.

Come to the May meeting with a song in your heart! The program will remind us of ways to take care of ourselves as women educators; then, we'll have a big party! Even bringing the school supplies for CCA will be fun.

Spring is made for celebrating ... and Kappa Theta has a lot to celebrate!

Warmest regards,

Diana

Next Meeting

**Monday
May 2
6:15**

**Marcus HS
Library**

Details inside!

MAY BIRTHDAYS!



Cheryl Crawford

Bonnie Finkle

Connie Gall

Sheri Galloway

Karen Haas

Kathleen Ives

Chris Johnson

Erika Lowery

Cathy McAlister



MAY MEETING—MAY 2, 2011

PROGRAM: Women's and Children's Health Issues

SPEAKER: Kathy Saucedo, Marcus High School Nurse

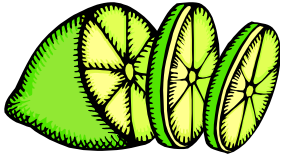
Founders and Birthday celebration!

Delta Kappa Gamma Renewal celebration!

Plans for state convention in McAllen will be discussed!

*****Bring school supplies for CCA!!!**

KEY LIME PIE



A refreshing, light dessert!



INGREDIENTS

- 2 8" graham cracker pie shells 1/3 cup lemon juice
 1 can sweetened condensed milk
 1 12" container of cool whip green food coloring (opt)

Combine milk, lemon juice, and several drops of green food coloring and stir until blended. Fold in one cup of Cool Whip. Divide mixture between the two pie shells. Ice pies with remaining cool whip. Garnish with lime slices. Allow to chill overnight.

From the Spring, 2011 issue of *International Journal for Professional Educators: Models of Leadership (The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin)*...

The implementation of innovative educational practices is a complex process that requires a number of variables to work concertedly to bring about desired change. School district administrators play a vital role in fostering change that leads to school success inasmuch as their leadership often affects how teachers institute new programs and execute them successfully in their classes. The researchers investigated the impact of leadership on the process of program implementation, and their findings revealed that leadership style is one of the key factors to innovative program success.

Dove, Maria G., and Mary Ellen Freeley. "The Effects of Leadership on Innovative Program Implementation." *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin: International Journal for Professional Educators*. 77.3 (Spring, 2011): 25-31. Print.



UPCOMING EVENTS!!! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 7—Chapter Meeting @ Marcus High School Library—6:15 p.m.

June 22-26—Alpha State Convention in McAllen, Texas

Sept. 6—Chapter Meeting @ Marcus High School Library—6:15 p.m.



CHAPTER PROJECT FOR MAY MEETING
SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CCA!
BRING THEM TO THE MEETING!



MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 9



The roots of Mother's Day were based on love and respect for motherhood rather than on commercial exploitation. They may be traced to Anna Jarvis (1864-1948), a West Virginian who wished to perpetuate the memory of her own mother while honoring the contributions of all mothers. The intention of Jarvis—who, ironically, was neither wife nor parent herself—was to establish a day of reverence for mothers, to be celebrated across the country. The initial public memorial for her own mother took place in 1907, and the following year similar services were held for all mothers, throughout the nation. One reason that Mother's Day was embraced as a holiday was that it helped allay fears about the then-emerging "new woman." The new woman was the suffragette who was not satisfied to be compliant in the presence of men. The new woman demanded the right to vote. She might even brazenly smoke cigarettes or offer her own opinions in public!

Edelman, Rob. "Mother's Day." *Bowling, Beatniks, and Bell-Bottoms: Pop Culture of 20th-Century America*. Ed. Sara Pendergast and Tom Pendergast. Vol. 1: 1900s-1910s. Detroit: UXL, 2002. 220-221. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 18 Apr. 2011.



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