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Exploring the Possibilities: Let Our Vision Light the Way!

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President's Message

Dear Kappa Theta Sisters,

Your generosity never fails to amaze me! A visitor might have thought it was Christmas, with all the books, DVD's, and PediPlace supplies you brought to our October meeting! Delta Kappa Gamma sisters certainly rise to the occasion when asked to help others.

Connie Gall and Linda Coates put us in the right frame of mind with meditation and music that reminded us of our love and obligation to our beloved USA. We were rewarded with a wonderful program presented by Linda Robinson, an honorary DKG member, about her work with the USO, supporting our military personnel deployed overseas. The slides of the USO she established in Iraq, along with her powerful narrative, brought us to a closer understanding of the program she holds so dear. The books and DVD's we donated will certainly help with a wonderful program to maintain connections between military moms and dads and their children. We are making plans to greet incoming soldiers at the DFW airport soon.

Closer to home, our long-time support of PediPlace can now take a more specific direction, thanks to Rosemary Odoms' contact with its director. Although our big pile of varied supplies will be much appreciated, we decided as a chapter to focus on providing paper goods four times during the year. Rosebud groups will be assigned a particular month to bring those supplies so that there is more regularity and consistency to our giving. Look for the assignment list in this issue of the Kappa Theta Newsletter.

The main thing on our minds this time of year in Delta Kappa Gamma is membership. The deadline for your annual dues to be sent to Judy Kemler is October 18. Equally important is our new member nominations, which are due to Mary Walker on that same date. We are always sad to lose members, but we are very pleased to keep our membership numbers up by nominating new, highly qualified women educators to join us. Their initiation at the December meeting is always very special.

As always, there is plenty of activity behind the scenes with committees doing their jobs. The yearbook is well underway, thanks to Sherrie Galloway. Likewise, the writing project and the grants-in-aid are started with information going to all the schools. The raffle is being put together for the chili supper in January. In addition, there are always legislative and scholarship opportunities going on.

Fall is a very busy time of year for all of us. Why should we expect anything different from Kappa Theta? Thanks for all you do!

Diana

Next Meeting
Monday, Nov. 7
6:15 p.m.

Marcus HS

Program:
Denton County
YOUTH TOday
(YOTO)
Details inside!

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP!



Connie Gall gave a lovely meditation to begin the meeting.

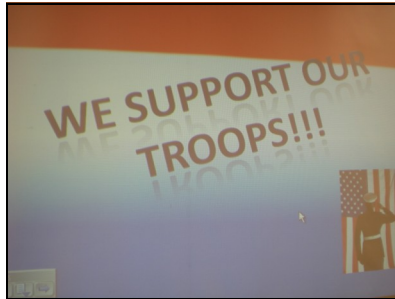
October hostesses show off their fabulous refreshments!



Mary Walker conducted a Remembrance Ceremony for Linda Fontes.



One of the slides from Linda Robinson's presentation.



Members network before the meeting.



Happy members enjoy each others' company before the meeting!



Members brought books and blank DVDs to the meeting for the USO project.



Guest speaker Linda Robinson told members about her USO project.



Members show off the books and DVDs collected for the USO.



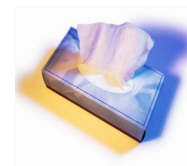
Members visit while waiting in line for refreshments.



SCHEDULE FOR ROSEBUD GROUP/PEDI-PLACE DONATIONS



****Classy Ladies & Hot Bread Sisters: November****
Late Bloomers & The Nearly Wild Rosettes: March
Purple Passion & Rose Petals: April
Tangerines & Top Knots: May



Bring general office supplies and paper products. Suggestions: Bright white copy paper, toilet paper, tissues, dispenser type paper towels, and postage stamps.

Mark your calendar! "Welcome Troops Home!" @ DFW Airport! November 12



PREVIEW OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING
November 7 - 6:15 p.m. - Marcus High School
Program: Denton County Youth Today (YOTO)
Speaker: Jessica Peters, FUMC Lewisville
"Serving Homeless Teens"

Project: Pedi-Place Donations (see schedule, above)



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!!



Ruth Ferris	Nancy King	Mary Walker
Juanita Harmon	Linda Hale	Anita Johnson
	Shirley Vanderford	Patricia Cheatham
	Jeannie Cumbie	

CHAPTER REMINDERS



- * Chapter dues of \$85 are due by 10/18. Please send checks to Judy Kemler at Flower Mound HS. If you have not paid dues or written a letter of resignation by October 31, you will be dropped from the membership.
- * Membership nomination forms are available on the Alpha State website or from Mary Walker. Forms are due to Mary at Flower Mound HS by October 18. We will vote for new members in Nov.
- * Check the Rosebud Schedule for the meeting your group will be bringing paper/office products for PediPlace!



History of the Jack-o-lantern

Every October, carved pumpkins peer out from porches and doorsteps in the United States and other parts of the world. Gourd-like orange fruits inscribed with ghoulish faces and illuminated by candles are a sure sign of the Halloween season. The practice of decorating “jack-o’-lanterns”—the name comes from an Irish folktale about a man named Stingy Jack—originated in Ireland, where large turnips and potatoes served as an early canvas. Irish immigrants brought the tradition to America, home of the pumpkin, and it became an integral part of Halloween festivities.

"History of the Jack O' Lantern — History.com Articles, Video, Pictures and Facts." *History.com — History Made Every Day — American & World History*. Web. 12 Oct. 2011. <<http://www.history.com/topics/jack-olantern-history>>.



From the Fall, 2011 Issue of *The Lone Star News*...Is there a workshop, conference, training, or some sort of professional development you are dying to attend, but due to budget restraints your school district is unable to send you? Then why not apply for a mini-grant! The purpose of the mini-grant program of the Texas State Organization Scholarships Program is to support non-traditional types of professional development activities for Society members. The maximum amount available per member is \$500. Applicants must have been a member of the Texas State Organization for a minimum of 5 years before June 1 of the application year. The application is available from Headquarters or on the Alpha State website www.alphastatetexas.org. Applicants are encouraged to return all documentation in one envelope to State Scholarship Chairman Barbara Derrick; 4214 Bolton Ave., Santa Fe, TX 77510. Mini-grants are given twice per year with an Oct. 1 & Mar. 1 deadline. Don't Delay! Apply today!

Barbara, Derrick. "Mini-Grants." *Lone Star News, Fall, 2011*. Delta Kappa Gamma Texas State Organization. Web. 10 Oct. 2011.



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