

# *Alpha Sigma News*

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## **Officers 2014-2016**

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**Gencie Houy**

### **First Vice-President**

**Donajean Caffey**

### **Second Vice-**

### **President**

**Mickey Cole**

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**Mary Jo Lovingier**

### **Treasurer**

**Paula Miller**

### **Parliamentarian**

Dear Sisters,

What a wonderful year it has been. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your president this year, and look forward to this summer and next year!

The goody bags for our student teachers were a huge success. They felt so appreciated. You should have seen their smiles! I am so glad to belong to a society where giving and making a difference in our community is the top of our priorities. I hope to see everyone at our Founders' Day Luncheon on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This should be an enjoyable time for all.

Please see the special invitation from the Alpha Kappa Chapter and a special invitation from our State president concerning convention this summer on page 2!

Your Sister,

*Gencie Houy*



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## **Mission**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

**May 2, 2015  
Lubbock Women's Club  
11:30 am**

Hostesses: Gencie Houy and Carol Wheeler  
Program: "Celebrating Our Founders"  
Luncheon  
RSVP to Paula by NOON, MONDAY, April 27  
Cost \$15.00

**Happy  
Birthday!**

*May*  
*Beverly West* 9th  
*Marilyn Gipson* 20th

**State Convention, San Antonio, TX  
Registration Form Available**

[http://86thsoconvention.weebly.com/  
uploads/2/8/8/7/2887763/  
registration.int.3.pdf](http://86thsoconvention.weebly.com/uploads/2/8/8/7/2887763/registration.int.3.pdf)



**Southwest Regional Conference  
Wichita, Kansas  
July 22-25**

Visit the following link for more information

[https://www.dkg.org/category/events/  
conferences/southwest-regional](https://www.dkg.org/category/events/conferences/southwest-regional)

*Members & Guests of Alpha Sigma Chapter,*

*Please join us on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Lubbock Women's Club,  
2020 Broadway, for our annual Founders' Day Luncheon. We plan to have  
time to visit beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 with the program  
to follow.*

### **An Invitation from Nancy**



We are waiting for YOU to join us in San Antonio! FUN! We have an exciting new schedule for our 86th Convention which includes a Ceremony of Remembrance on Friday morning and a spectacular Chapter Presidents' Presentation. FUN! Come join the Fiesta! By the way, this year there will be no pre-convention party; so, if you arrive on Wednesday, you will have plenty of time to explore the fabulous San Antonio River Walk.



The Alpha Sigma Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Lubbock Women's Club on April 11, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A.M. by Vice-President Donajean Caffey. President Gencie was with her girls on a children's choir trip.

The DKG moment was presented by Mickey Cole. Mickey reminded us that spring brings many seeds that are growing. Just think how many apples grow from an apple seed. Life is like seeds—it can impact many others. In this meeting members will be honoring new teachers who will be impacting the future of many lives. Mickey concluded that she was glad that she had been a teacher.

#### Old Business:

Minutes of the last meeting were included in the last newsletter. Shalan Inmon moved to accept the minutes as written. Linda Wigner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer Paula Miller gave the Treasurer's Report. It had not changed since the report in February, 2015. The current balance is \$1155.16.

Linda Wigner presented the report from the Social Committee. She had sent a birthday card to Mary Rowlette giving her an update from the chapter. She encouraged other members to send cards to Mary since she always enjoys hearing from chapter members.

Judy Evans gave the report from the ad-hoc committee on chapter rules. The committee was comprised by Judy, Shalan Inmon and Paula Miller. The rules must be approved by the state by the end of May. The committee used the state model for updating the chapter rules. The chapter policy on attendance was revised. Different levels of membership were added. The amount of the dues was not stated in the chapter rules in order to allow for changes that be made. Bringing the chapter rules into line with the state rules, the chapter treasurer will be appointed by the president, not elected by chapter members. Committees were renamed in order to bring them into line with state changes. Special chapter policies will define the chairmen of the committees. Awards to be given in April were added. The chapter Achievement Award guidelines were added to the chapter rules. This award will be given at the end of each biennium. After discussion by members present, the chapter Achievement Award Committee will be added as a subcommittee of the Membership Committee. The motion to suspend the former chapter rules was made by Shalan Inmon with the second made by Paula Miller. The motion carried. The motion to accept the new chapter rules, as revised, was made by Cindy Guinn and seconded by Marlene Wellman. The motion carried, and the revised rules were adopted. Shalan Inmon presented membership awards with the help of Judy Evans.

#### New Business:

Paula Miller had attended the Texas Retired Teachers Convention in Austin and had visited the Capitol with many other retired teachers. They were recognized by both the House and the Senate. She noted that 300 home school students were recognized before those who were public school teachers! The most important news from the convention was the "patch" given to TRS Healthcare to keep the insurance program solvent. The Senate is hoping to come up with a long-range fix for TRS Care. TRS itself is now actuarially sound.

Shalan Inmon gave a report from the local Coordinating Council. Since the IRS form was not returned, the Coordinating Council no longer exists. This will do away with the March orientation for new members. Each chapter will be responsible for having an orientation for new members. The \$460 left in the Coordinating Council fund will be donated to the ASTEF and the Mary Rowlette Scholarship Fund.

Judy Evans reported on the Leadership Seminar that she was invited to attend in February in Dallas. Her great worry was knowing the DKG Song, and she passed that test with flying colors! Way to go, Judy!

#### Announcements:

- Donajean Caffey encouraged members to attend the Alpha State Convention in June which will be held in San Antonio.
- Judy Evans reported from the State Finance Committee. They will be working on the state budget this month.
- Donajean Caffey reminded members about the Founder's Day Luncheon that will be held on May 2nd. The deadline for reservations is April 28th. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 and should be sent to Paula Miller.
- Mary Vines reported on Pat Jordan and her move to assisted living.
- Marlene Wellman noted that the Project Committee and any other members will work at Scholastic Books to earn credits toward books. Books will be donated to Bean Elementary where Lindsey Inmon teaches.
- The Projects Committee organized members present to fill bags with all kinds of goodies for the student teachers at several Lubbock elementary schools. Members had brought all kinds of things that a new teacher might need to stock her desk and/or classroom. There was enough to fill 15 bags to overflowing an enough to give to the student teachers in addition to the bags. These will be presented at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Thursday, April 16th at the weekly meeting of the student teachers.

#### Program:

Shalan Inmon presented the program to recognize Alpha Sigma's birthday. Alpha Sigma was established in 1933. Shalan gave an overview of what was going on in the world in 1933.

A delicious brunch was served to members attending the meeting with time to visit and enjoy the fellowship of the group.

Donajean Caffey adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Respectively submitted,  
Mary Jo Lovingier



Mary and Cindy stuff gift bags for Texas Tech Student Teachers.



Pen, markers, post its, gift cards and chocolate candy from Alpha Sigma.



Alpha Sigma members enjoyed their goody bag stuffing.



Student teachers from Tech Teach were honored by Alpha Sigma with wonderful teacher goodies. Mickey, Marlene, and Shalan visited with them about DKG and gave them advice for their first year in education.

