

# *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**

**Recording Secretary**  
**Mary Jo Lovingier**

**Treasurer**  
**Paula Miller**

**Parliamentarian**

Dear Alpha Sigma,

I want to share a poem that expresses how thankful I am for each of you!

A Teacher for All Seasons  
Joanna Fuchs

A teacher is like Spring,  
Who nurtures new green sprouts,  
Encourages and leads them,  
Whenever they have doubts.

A teacher is like Summer,  
Whose sunny temperament  
Makes studying a pleasure,  
Preventing discontent.

A teacher is like Fall,  
With methods crisp and clear,  
Lessons of bright colors  
And a happy atmosphere.

A teacher is like Winter,  
While it's snowing hard outside,  
Keeping students comfortable,  
As a warm and helpful guide.

Teacher, you do all these things,  
With a pleasant attitude;  
You're a teacher for all seasons,  
And you have my gratitude!

Our own Carolyn Sowell will present a wonderful program "Road Scholars--Lifelong Learners". She will share her personal experiences with travel and applying for assistance through DKG. See inside for a special opportunity to give to Alpha Sigma.

Have a blessed day and I hope to see you all on February 6th!

*Gencie*

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## **Mission**

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

Carolyn Sowell  
"Road Scholars---Lifelong Learners"  
February 6, 2016  
Lubbock Women's Club  
10:00 am

Hostess: Donajean Caffey

DKG Moment: Josie De La Garza

**Happy Birthday!**

**Anita Rangel 5th**  
**Carolyn Sowell 10th**

**Lone Star News**

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available at  
[http://www.dkgtexas.org/  
uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/](http://www.dkgtexas.org/uploads/4/2/8/3/42835841/)

**SCHOLARSHIPS  
MARCH 1 DEADLINE**

[http://www.dkgtexas.org/  
state-scholarships.html](http://www.dkgtexas.org/state-scholarships.html)

- **3 hour graduate/  
undergraduate**
- **6 hour graduate/  
undergraduate**
- **9 hour graduate/  
undergraduate**
- **Adult Education**
- **Doctoral Program**
- **Travel Scholarships**
- **Mini Grant Scholarships**
- **Aspiring Educator for non  
members of DKG**

**Meeting Dates for 2015 - 2016**

February 6	Meeting	10:00
March 22	New Member Orientation	5:30
April 2	Happy Birthday, Alpha Sigma!	10:00
May 7	Founders' Day Luncheon	11:30
June 23 - 25	87 <sup>th</sup> Alpha State Convention Frisco, TX	
July 5 - 9	International Convention Nashville, TN	

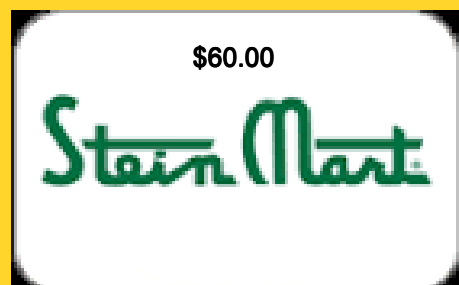
ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE LUBBOCK WOMEN'S CLUB  
2020 BROADWAY, LUBBOCK UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

Register for the Convention Hotel in  
Frisco, June 23-25, 2016

[http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/  
personalized/D/DALFSESDKG-  
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**ENJOY A CHANCE TO WIN  
\$60.00 OF SHOPPING FUN**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6  
BRING CASH OR CHECK OF ANY AMOUNT  
TO EARN A CHANCE TO WIN**





The Alpha Sigma Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Lubbock Women's Club on January 9, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by President Gencie Houy. President Houy welcomed those present and recognized a very distinguished visitor, Nancy Newton, Past State President.

President Houy led the group in an ice breaker. President Houy read the statement "Students should be able to ban a teacher if he or she does not teach well". Those present were asked to react to the statement by moving to the specified area of the room. Designations for the four areas were agree, strongly agree, disagree, strongly disagree.

#### **Delta Kappa Gamma Moment:**

Shalan Inmon gave the Delta Kappa Gamma Moment by introducing Nancy Newton, Immediate Past State President and asking members to tell something about themselves by identifying a cartoon character and a type of food or cuisine. This would help President Newton make connections with members.

#### **Old Business:**

Minutes of the last meeting were included in the last newsletter. Two mistakes were pointed out and were corrected. Mary McCown moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Josie DeLaCruz seconded the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

Mickey Cole read an update from Karla Hankins. Karla is still a member of Alpha Sigma, but she has moved to Colorado and is an elementary school principal there. She had applied for a teacher exchange program with an interest in Australia. She was chosen to participate in the program. She and a teacher from Australia have exchanged places. They are living in each other's homes, doing each other's jobs, and meeting people from their new communities. Mickey has communicated with Karla and has asked for her to keep us informed about her experiences this year.

Mickey Cole also asked members to give her updates that need to be made to the chapter yearbook. The chapter has received an Early Bird Award due to Mickey's diligent work on the yearbook.

#### **New Business:**

Paula Miller gave the Treasurer's Report. At this time the chapter has a balance of \$1064.03 on hand.

Shalan Inmon gave the Social and Welfare Committee report for Linda Wigner who was not able to attend the meeting because of the cold weather. She is requesting prayer for Marlene. Marlene has her next chemotherapy treatment next week. Mary Jo Lovingier needs prayers for the healing of her foot. Shalan is hunting Gloria Clawson and has not been able to locate her. Lindsey Inmon is pregnant with a girl and is beginning to feel better.

The chapter had received a Christmas card from Mary Rowlette. President Houy read the card.

#### **Announcements:**

President Houy encouraged members to start planning to attend the state convention that will be held in Frisco. She emphasized the deadline for reserving tickets to the baseball game which will be the Friday night entertainment for the convention. The hotel for the state convention is Embassy Suites in Frisco.

The Area XII Workshop will be held in Lubbock at Lakeridge Methodist Church.

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to nominate a slate of officers for the next biennium. Mickey Cole asked for volunteers who would like to be chapter officers.

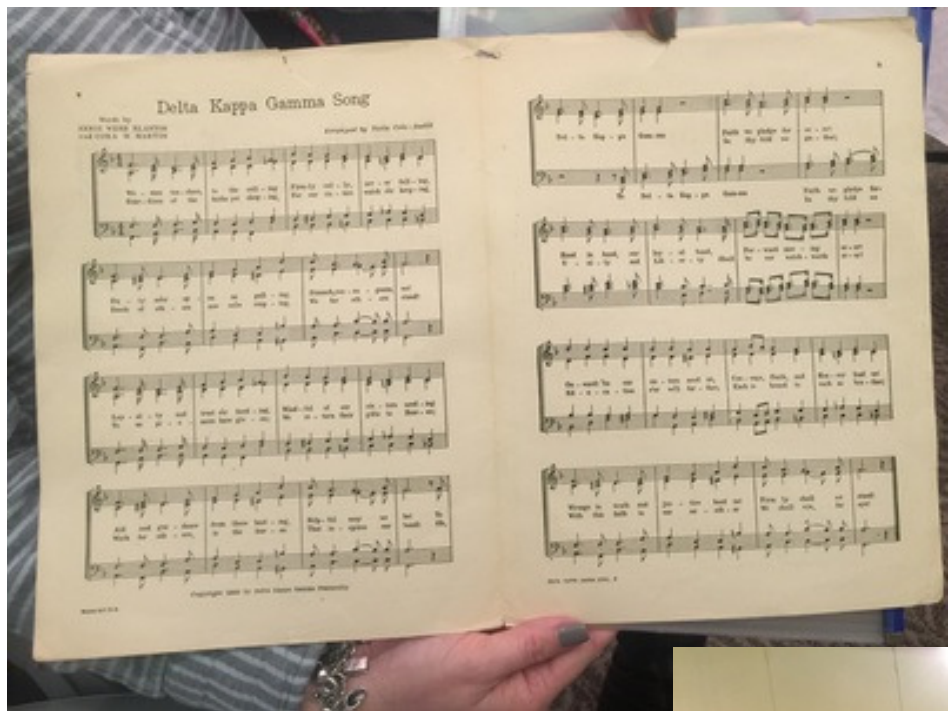
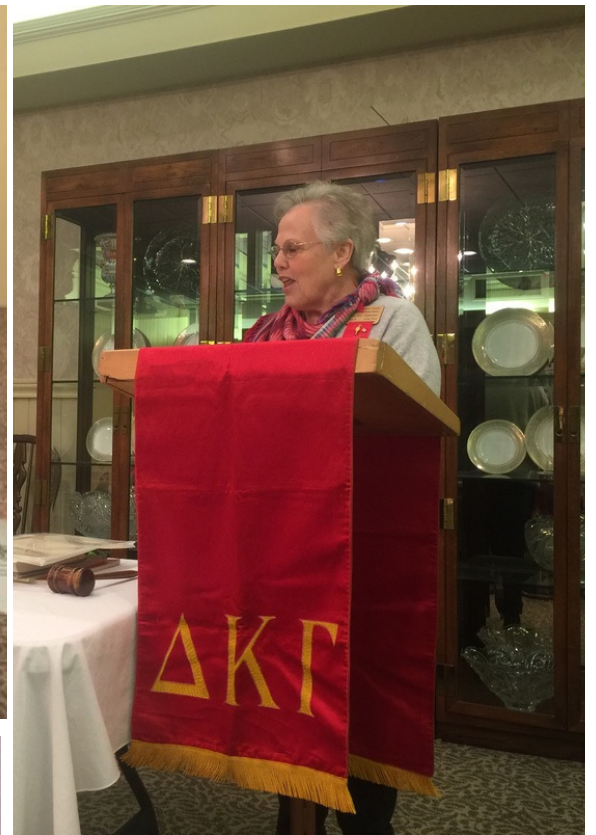
#### **Program:**

The program, entitled "Have I Got a Song for You", was given by Nancy Newton, Immediate Past State President. President Newton gave the history of our Delta Kappa Gamma song that is sung at the close of each chapter meeting. The words to the song were composed by Annie Webb Blanton and Cora Martin. Although it is difficult to sing, Dr. Blanton did not want any changes made to the tune or the words. The song was first published in 1786 in Wales and was entitled "Men of Harlech". Because Dr. Blanton was so fond of the song, she asked Ms. Viola Cole-Audet to arrange the song for women's voices. Ms. Cole-Audet was a charter member of Beta chapter in San Antonio although she lived and worked in Chicago. She illustrated the song and challenged members to figure out the lyrics that went with the illustrations. This program was a very interesting one that gave members a look at the long history of our society's song.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Jo Lovingier



Above: Nancy Newton, Immediate Past State President  
Top Left: Lindsey Inmon and Mary McCown discuss the significance of the words.  
Left: Original score of the DKG Song  
Below: Group discussion led by Nancy Newton

Women  
Teachers to  
the Calling...

