

Alpha Sigma News

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Greetings,

I cannot believe spring is here. It is one of my favorite times of the year. As teachers, it means it is almost summer. Let the countdown begin!

Be sure and make your reservations for San Antonio convention this summer.

Things you can do at the 2015 Convention in San Antonio:

1. Bring your chapter's prize-winning Annie Board.
2. Find a great necklace at a kiosk in Rivercenter Mall or at the convention vendors in the hotel Travis room.
3. Attend one of two sessions for First Timers.
4. Feel the solemn presence of those who died fighting at the Alamo.
5. Support your chapter president as she is presented to the convention.
6. Try at least three restaurants on the river walk; drink Shilo's root beer.
7. BYOFB: Bring Your Own Favorite Bag; help provide bags for newcomers.
8. Sing in the Texas State Chorus to bring fun and elegance to events."-DKG Lone Star News

I am looking forward to all of these things as well as representing Alpha Sigma well. I hope everyone spreads some Spring cheer and gets ready for a wonderful summer!

Your DKG sister,

Gencie Houy

Have you read your chapter rules that were e-mailed to you? Don't forget to bring your copy of the proposed chapter rules. We will be discussing and voting on changes this month!

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Mission

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

**April 11, 2015
Lubbock Women's Club
10:00 am**

Hostesses: Barbara Elliott and Gloria Clawson

Delta Kappa Gamma Moment: Mickey Cole

Program: "Happy Birthday, Alpha Sigma!" by Various Members
April Showers - prep gifts for Texas Tech Student Teachers

Happy Birthday!

Robin Carter
Mickey Cole

March 30
April 4

Let's Give 14 Early Career Educators a Great Start!

Bring sticky notes, pens, pencils, stickers, chocolate candy, Sonic Cards, Starbucks cards, and any "goody" a new teacher would need.

We will stuff gift bags (Alpha Sigma will provide) after our birthday celebration.

Meeting Dates for 2014 - 2015

April 11	Happy Birthday, Alpha Sigma!	10:00
May 2nd	Founders' Day Luncheon	11:30
June 25-27	86 th Alpha State Convention San Antonio, TX	
July 2015	Southwest Regional Conference Wichita, Kansas	

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

Brunch Menu for April 11

Ham and Cheese Omelets
Skillet New Potatoes with Bell Peppers and Bacon
Frozen Fruit Salad
Buttermilk Biscuit
Chocolate Brownie with Ganach and Raspberry
Cost \$14.00

RSVP to Judy by Tuesday, April 7
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State Convention, San Antonio, TX Registration Form Available

<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>

The Alpha Sigma Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the Lubbock Women's Club on February 7, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by President Gencie Houy. President Houy welcomed those present along with a visitor Leslee Weaks from Amarillo. We were also joined by a new member, Josie De La Garza who visited the chapter in January.

Shalan Inmon gave the Delta Kappa Gamma moment. She compared membership in DKG to the best chocolate cake, the Texas Sheet Cake. To make this cake you need:

2 cups flour and sugar: the structure of the Society that was given by the Founders

¼ tsp. salt: the Area Coordinator who adds flavor to the chapters

4 tbsp. cocoa: the sisters all across the state who bring variety from many chapters

2 sticks butter, 1 cup water, heated together: the By-Laws, Constitution and

Guidelines

½ cup buttermilk: those hard decisions that have to be made

2 beaten eggs: seasoned members who have seen a lot in DKG

1 tsp. baking soda: kind words of encouragement that add leavening—a little goes a long way

1 tsp. vanilla: sisters who do a good job and go about it quietly

Grease the pan: uplifting programs

Pour batter in pan and bake: the Society all over the world

Frost the cake: genuine spiritual fellowship we enjoy with each other

Bake the cake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes in a jelly roll pan. Enjoy the cake as much as you enjoy our chapter.

Old Business:

Minutes of the last meeting were included in the last newsletter. Paula Miller moved to accept the minutes as written. There were no objections to accepting the minutes. President Gencie gave kudos to all members present last month who played the Delta Kappa Gamma Song on the hand chimes.

New Business:

Paula Miller gave the Treasurer's Report. At this time the chapter as of February 7, 2015, there is a balance on hand of \$1155.16.

Committee Reports:

Linda Wigner gave the Social & Welfare Committee report. Elizabeth Bowen's father has been placed on hospice care. Mary Vines' husband has been ill.

Judy Evans gave an update on Chapter Rules. Since it is necessary to rewrite the Chapter Rules, she has taken a model for chapter rules from the TSO website. The Chapter Rules need to be rewritten and submitted to the state office by May 30, 2015. President Gencie appointed Shalan Inmon and Paula Miller to join Judy on a committee to rewrite the Chapter Rules.

Announcements:

Elizabeth Bowen will be presenting a paper at the South Central Writing Centers Association at the University of Texas on February 14, 2015. The paper is titled "Writing Centers Aren't Fix-it Shops: Changing the Culture of Writing on Our Campus". We wish the best as her makes this presentation.

Congratulations to Shalan Inmon. She has been nominated State Recording Secretary pending approval of members at the state convention in June.

Hats off to Judy Evans! She has been appointed by Nancy Newton to serve on the State Finance Committee. Judy has been selected to attend Leadership Seminar. She is working to learn all of the words of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song in the right verse and the right order before she goes. Good luck, Judy!

We know you can do it. Alpha Sigma will be well-represented again by such outstanding members! Way to go, ladies!

Program:

Leslee Weaks presented the program, "Love and Logic". She has held a variety of positions in school systems from classroom teacher to administrator. She has also worked at Region 16 ESC as a Behavior Specialist. Currently, she is employed by Amarillo ISD as Special Education Coordinator. Leslee originally presented this program at Region 16 ESC as a 3-day training. It was originally divided into nine modules, but she presented an overview of 2 modules for the chapter.

"Love and Logic" puts the responsibility back on the student for his/her behavior. She contrasted praise versus encouragement. Praise does not work with a difficult student. Encouragement, however, offers a statement of what the student had done in a specific description. The teacher is asked to make a very purposeful list of statements about what she notices about a student's behavior. She gives a couple a week for about 4 weeks before she asks the student to do what is hard for the student.

Using enforceable statements both at home and at school helps the student to remember what is expected. By using this type of communication with a difficult student, the whole demeanor of the classroom and home is changed. This was an excellent program with good suggestions and very concrete handouts that would be easy to adapt to a classroom or home.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Jo Lovingier