



## Beta Bits~

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### Reminders

#### A reminder from Linda Herrera--Treasurer

When you write a check be sure to make it "only" to Beta Chapter. This is how the bank recognizes the deposits to the Beta checking account.

If you would like to honor or memorialize a friend or family member you can do this with a donation to the Virginia Rutledge Living Memorial of the Beta Chapter.

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*DKG Vision: Leading women educators  
impacting education worldwide.*



### President's Message

Happy New Year, Beta Sisters! I know many of us had distressing issues to cope with over the holidays, but I hope each and every one of you had at least a few lovely moments to enjoy some peace and respite, and I hope that 2016 is a much better year for all of us!

Please check the meeting schedule elsewhere in the newsletter and mark your calendars. Some of our most important work occurs in the spring semester. We will soon be awarding scholarships and grants, nominating new officers, initiating new members, and making plans to attend the TSO convention, just to name a few things coming up.

Also, PLEASE plan on coming to our meeting on January 26th! Nancy Richter is preparing a program that will fit right into many of our new year's resolutions: Fat, But Fit! I've heard a lot about this presentation, but have never seen it, so I'm looking forward to it. Along with yourself, try to bring two things with you to the January meeting: the name of some wonderful lady who would make a great addition to our Beta family, and the name of a deserving young woman that you recommend for one of our Beta scholarships or grants. TSO is strongly encouraging all our chapters to grow in membership. When you invite someone to consider membership in Beta, emphasize the honor of membership and the fellowship of the DKG sisterhood. I remember going to my first TSO convention here in town and marveling at being in the same place as so many other people from Planet Classroom! Remember that membership guidelines include women who are not necessarily in the classic teacher situation; education directors, physical therapists, nurses -- people who have a teaching component to their jobs are qualified to be members of Delta Kappa Gamma. Please bring a prospective member's name and address to our meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>, or mail it to our membership chairman, Sylvia Cardenas, so that we can send her a personal letter of invitation. Sylvia will have copies of the letter available at the January meeting.

Do you have something "snow-y" to wear to the meeting? I've got a special little gift for one lucky lady showing her snow-themed fashion! See you soon!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

September 25, 2015~~**HOMECOMING** 6 p.m.  
Hope Lutheran Church  
5714 Callaghan Rd.  
Hostess: Executive Board  
Meditation: Sallie Frederick  
Program: TSO Convention Highlights, Tribute to Beta's Retirees and Program Highlights of the year  
\*October 27, 2015~~~Business Meeting 4:45 p.m.  
Program: Hispanic Heritage Month  
Presented by Jeanne Cantu and author ?????  
Hostess: Sylvia Cardenas  
Meditation: Gloria Word  
\*Nov. 07, 2015 ~~~~ Dr. Bessie Pearce Recruitment Grant Fund Luncheon and Fashion Show  
Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.  
Meditation: Rose Burton  
\*Dec. 12, 2015~~~~ President's Event 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Christmas Arts and Crafts

**\*Jan. 26, 2016 ~~~~ Business Meeting 4:45p.m.**  
**Program: Fat, But Fit in 2016**  
**Presented by: Nancy Richter Instructor at the VA**  
**Hostess: Linda Herrera**  
**Meditation: Carolyn Newman**

**\*Feb. 19-21, 2016 ~ STAR Retreat**  
**\*Feb. 23, 2016 ~~~~ Business Meeting 4:45p.m.**  
Program: Grants and Scholarships  
Presented by Linda Bullard and Committee  
Hostess:

Meditation: Carol Reposa  
**\*Mar. 22, 2016 ~~~~ Business Meeting 4:45p.m.**  
Program:  
Presented by  
Hostess: Ruth Aguirre  
Meditation:

**\*April 16, 2016 ~~~~ Ceremonials Luncheon**  
Dominion Country Club 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Meditation: Lutene Nunn

**\*May 2016 ~~~~~ Founders' Day TBA**  
**\*June 04, 2016 ~~~~~ Beta's Birthday DKG Headquarters**  
Meditation: Linda Bullard

**\*June 23-25, 2016 ~ TSO Convention #87 Frisco, Texas**  
**\*July ~~~~~ Executive Board Meeting**  
**\*July 05, 2016 ~~~~~ Convention**

**\*Sept. 23, 2016 ~~~~~ Homecoming /Hope Lutheran 6 p.m.**  
Hostess: Executive Board  
Program: TSO Convention highlights, programs for the year  
**\*Oct. 25, 2016 ~~~~~ Business Meeting 4:45 p.m.**  
Program: Dia de los Muertos  
Presented by:  
Meditation:

**President's Projects Continue for 2015-2016**

- \*Bring school supplies for Hope Lutheran Day School.
- \*Library books for Madonna center.
- \*The Red Bra of Courage ~ Women of SAMM Shelter
- \*St. Peter/St. Joseph Children's Home
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- Bring **two \$5.00 gift cards** to raffle at our meetings to support Dr. Bessie Pearce Recruitment Grant Fund for College Women.

SNIPPETS from Beta Meeting and Events

Since our last newsletter we have had a meeting , a luncheon and a President's Christmas event.

October Meeting~ Theme "Wear Orange for a prize"

- \* After our delicious meal, Linda called the meeting to order.
- \* Gloria gave an inspirational meditation followed with the pledges to the United States and Texas.
- \* The September meeting minutes were read and accepted .
- \* The Treasurer's Report was given and accepted for audit.
- \*Committee Reports were given for Legislation, Membership, Yearbook, Financing Recruitment Grants: Style Show and Luncheon tickets were sold and Attendance==17 members and 1 guest.
- \* President Linda R. continues her President Projects: Hope Lutheran Day Care, books for Madonna Center, The Red Bra of Courage and St. Peter/St. Joseph Children's Home supplies.
- \* Program: Hispanic Heritage Month~ Author Diane Gonzales Bertrand discussed her writing process and shared her books.
- \* Announcements, Raffle and Orange Door Prize
- \* Adjournment and the DKG Song

November Event

\* The Financing Recruitment Grants Luncheon was held November 7<sup>th</sup> at Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club. Members modeled fashions from the Damon and Draper's and brought new items for raffle and silent auction. Attendance was 84. Thank you to Sallie and her committee for this wonderful event.

December Event

President Linda R. held a Christmas gathering December 12, 2015 at Villa de San Antonio Independent Living. One of our members Isabel Walker and her husband live there. This was a great way to include her by entertaining at her new home.

As you can read, Beta has been very busy these last three months.



**President's Event**

Beta President Linda held the annual event at Villa de San Antonio. This site was chosen because Isabel Walker and her husband moved to this location. Since Isabel does not get out often Linda took the event to her. An enjoyable gathering!





Our condolences go to Mamie Lew on the passing of her husband while he was receiving treatment in Houston. Peace and love for your family.

Condolences to family and friends of Susie Smith on the passing of her Aunt Adah. May you and yours find peace and love.

Two of our ladies had a wonderful trip to Hawaii. Dr. Sharon Michael-Chadwell and her mother Mary Michel went to Oahu where Sharon gave a presentation at the University of Hawaii. I'm sure they will gladly share their adventures and photos with us.

Austin Frederick had a stroke recently. I check with Sallie and she said he is doing great. He is back at work, and just cutting back a bit. Sallie is fine and both are thankful.

Claudia Walker has a new position as Literacy Coach with San Antonio ISD. Congratulations and we hope you are enjoying it.

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**Student Profile: Claudia Walker –**

**Edd in Leadership Program January 12, 2016**

Written by Dr. Arron Grow associate professor in the School of Applied Leadership.. [CityU News, School of Applied Leadership](#)

Claudia Walker is a student in CityU's School of Applied Leadership's Doctor of Education in Leadership program. Her emphasis is organizational leadership. She has recently taken a mentor-type position in a school district that has the lowest academic scores in the state. Her new position will have many challenges. I asked her about her new role; how her doctoral studies are helping her in her work; and other questions concerning her experience and learning. Here is what I learned from my interview.

**Being a Teacher Mentor – An Example of Leadership**

Claudia serves now as a teacher mentor for a school district in Texas. Her biggest responsibility will involve coaching teachers on how to use more effective strategies to teach literacy to high school students. Ultimately, she will be working with teachers to plan different ways to improve instruction and student progress. She also meets with principals, instructional coaches, and other school personnel as needed to support professional development.

In my conversation with Claudia, she demonstrated that even if a person doesn't have a position of leadership stated or implied in their title, this doesn't mean they are not or cannot be a leader. As leadership speaker Mark Sanborn claims in the title of one of his many leadership-related books, *You Don't Need a Title to Be a Leader*, Claudia is in a position designed to effect change and progress – this is the very definition of leadership. I was excited to learn about how she is leading in her new role.---

*Use website above to read more about Claudia's new endeavor.*

***Birthday Wishes for our 2016  
Birthday Ladies!  
January***

- Pam Ellis .....01/13
- Alicia Wilson ..... 01/15
- Ann Brown ..... 01/17
- Rose Burton ..... 01/19
- Donna Case-Davenport ... 01/24

**DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS and NEW MEMBERS**

- Members~ M.E. Cole~ January 1<sup>st</sup>
- High School and College females~ February 1<sup>st</sup>
- New member applications~ February 1<sup>st</sup>
- \*\*See attached guideline/application forms.\*\*



***Heartline, Issue 1 87<sup>th</sup> TSO Convention  
Experience Frisco June 23-25, 2016***

- ★ Located just north of Dallas
- ★ Bills itself as "Texas' Rising Star"
- ★ Located on the Shawnee Trail (for cattle drives from Austin)
- ★ Named in tribute to the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway that led to its founding
- ★ Was fastest growing city in the US 2000-2009
- ★ Had population 150,000+ in September 2015
- ★ Has restaurants ranging from steakhouses to barbecue, from Mexican to Italian to Asian, and from fine to casual dining
- ★ Offers entertainment—**sports** (Dallas Cowboys football, RoughRiders baseball, TX Legends basketball, FC Dallas soccer, TX Tornado hockey), **museums** (Frisco Heritage Museum, Museum of the American Railroad, Public Art Tour), **shopping** (Stonebriar Centre, IKEA, Sam Moon Trading Co., The Shops at Starwood), **family fun** (iFLY Indoor Skydiving, Pole Position Raceway, Canyons Rock Climbing, Frisco Discovery Center)
- Convention Hotel** The Embassy Suites by Hilton
- Check the TSO website regularly: <http://www.dkgtexas.org/>

\*\***BETA bits Newsletter** deadline is the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Darlene or Gloria with information you would like added to the newsletter. Darlene's 725-4491 [dcox@grandecom.net](mailto:dcox@grandecom.net) [gloriaword@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gloriaword@sbcglobal.net)



**Our state President Marilyn Gregory's theme for her 2015-2017 biennium is:**

*The Heart of the Society is its Members.*

We must nurture our members and encourage them to take leadership roles. The goals for this biennium are from the acronym Heart...

**Health:** to encourage members to practice healthy lifestyles to promote healthier chapters

**Education:** to educate members about the importance of membership and encourage them to make an impact on their communities and the world **Achievement:** to achieve our goals as leaders in our chapters and recognize our accomplishments as key women educators

**Reflection:** to reflect on our heritage as we advance the Society

**Teamwork:** to work as members of a team to strengthen involvement in all levels of the Society

Marilyn Gregory

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\*\*Blanche Delgado is our Area 6 Coordinator. \*\*

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*For helpful resources, visit these websites. Remember, set a goal to find something new each time you visit!*

**Visit Alpha State and International for MORE.....**

<http://www.dkgtexas.org/>

Visit the website to read about the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention in Frisco, Texas June 23-25, 2016

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The Winter Lonestar News is online only

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Breakout Proposal for the 87<sup>th</sup> convention is due February 16, 2016. Found under Deadlines and Forms.

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**Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat 2016: STAR 2**

Camp Allen, Navasota, TX February 19-21, 2016

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Looking for funding for your educational endeavors. Review the website for guidelines and deadlines for application

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[www.dkg.org/](http://www.dkg.org/)

**2014-2016 International Theme**

85 Years and Beyond: Advancing Key Women Educators for Life

- \* International convention is in Nashville July 5-9, 2016
- \* The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is on Facebook
- \* Did you know you can shop for DKG items and supplies?



**Beta's Officers for 2014-2016**

- Linda Richter ++++++President
- Gloria Word ++++++First Vice Presidents
- Phyllis Michael ++++++Second Vice President
- Rose Burton ++++++Recording Secretary
- Debbie Montez ++++++Corresponding Secretary
- Linda Herrera ++++++Treasurer
- JoAnn Acosta ++++++Parliamentarian

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**Diane Gonzales Bertrand Author/Presenter**

We were most fortunate to have this well known San Antonio author and educator present our October program. She is noted for writing wholesome stories featuring Mexican-American characters and celebrating family life. She suggested when writing, use familiar words, names and events in the Hispanic Culture. She gave titles and displayed some of her books. She read one of her stories to show how she takes from her life and the life around her to make the stories grab the interests of the reader, whether young or old.

Mrs. Gonzales Bertrand is at St. Mary's University and is a visiting lecturer in creative writing and English composition. She is faculty advisor for the literary magazine "Pecan Grove Review". She gives workshops for children, young adults and adults through out Texas on creative writing.

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**January Committee Information**

This is the year **NEW OFFICERS** are nominated. Please email or call Chairman Nancy Richter or committee members Yvonne Dilley, Sallie Frederick, Linda Herrera, Linda Gomez-Richter or Jo Russomano with suggestions. They will meet soon.

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**SOCIAL COMMITTEE** for January meeting

Chairman Linda Herrera, Committee members Helen Balvin, Jeanne Cantu, Cristina Cotrino, Yvonne Dilley, Cookie Edwards, Lynda Reyes, and Esther Rios.

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**BUSINESS MEETING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Membership (new member recommendations)~ Sylvia
- Living Memorial~ Darlene
- Recruitment Grants~ Linda B. and Nancy R.
- Scholarships~ Cookie
- Courtesy~ Debbie M.
- Attendance~ Phyllis