



Eta Zeta Press



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DKG Vision Statement:

Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide

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

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From the pen of...

President Marian Willard



Greetings! It is my pleasure to welcome each of the Eta Zeta members back from our summer break. I hope each of you rested and now are ready to take care of the business of DKG and Eta Zeta. I am honored to have been inducted to serve as your president.

My theme for this biennium is ***Eta Zeta Chapter Continuing the Journey of Excellence: "Educating, Leading and Serving in our Community."*** I selected this theme because of the you, your warm spirit, and welcoming hearts. I have seen nothing but caring hearts, and a desire to go from good to great.

All members can lead as we carry out the mission and vision of this organization. We must be the leader to educate, lead, and serve in our community. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Everybody can be great because everybody can serve. You don't need to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, mercy and a soul generated by love." Eta Zeta that's what we do!

Looking forward to a productive year as we place our focus on ***Continuing the Journey of Excellence: "Educating, Leading and Serving in our Community."***

Your President ready to serve.

Marian A. Willard

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Join us for the August Eta Zeta Meeting!

Date: August 22, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m. Eating and Socializing

6:00 p.m. Meeting begins

**Location: Spring Creek Barbeque
3939 Emporium Circle
Mesquite, Texas 75150
972-682-3770**

Hope to see you there!

A hybrid option will be attempted for those of our members who have difficulty attending the meeting "in person."

2022-2024

Eta Zeta Chapter Officers

Chapter President- Marian Willard

**1st Vice President- Natalie Perez-Brown
Dr. Yvonne Manuel**

**2nd Vice President- Maria Viera Williams
Mary Bixler**

**Recording Secretary- Betty Ackerman
Diana Gonzalez**

Corresponding Secretary- Mary Claire Welch

Treasurer- Leigh Taylor

Parliamentarian- Evelyn Hamilton

Special Events for Eta Zeta Chapter

September 10, 2022

Area 9 Workshop

October 9, 2022

Fall Membership Orientation Tea

December 2022

Community Service Project

January 8, 2023

Spring Membership Orientation Tea

April 2023

Coordinating Council of Dallas County Luncheon

TIME FOR THE AREA 9 WORKSHOP



The Area 9 Workshop will be held on September 10, 2022 at Cooper Junior High School in Wylie, Texas. Cooper JHS is located at 101 Hensley Lane, Wylie, Texas 75098.

Registration, Refreshments, & Vendors
8:00 - 8:50 a.m.

Opening General Session
9:00-9:45 a.m.

Breakout Sessions 1
9:50-10:35 a.m.

Break - Vendors & Refreshment
10:35– 10:55 a.m.

Breakout Sessions II
10:55 –11:40 a.m.

Closing General Session 11:45– 12:30 p.m.

Join your chapter members at the Area 9 Workshop to learn more about your role in the coming biennium. If you have not paid for the workshop, you may pay \$15 upon registration. For any questions, call Liz Garrett, Area 9 Coordinator, at 214-514-7160.

Eta Zeta Programs at a Glance

August 22, 2022

Spring Creek Barbeque
3939 Emporium Circle Mesquite, TX 75150
Program: *Welcome Back Dinner!*
Members will share food and friendship and engage in “get acquainted” activities.

September 22, 2022

The Great James Madison High School
3000 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Dallas, Texas 75215
Program: *Strengthening Eta Zeta*
Natalie Perez-Brown will lead the chapter in the process of the SWOT analysis.

October 17, 2022

TBD
Program: *Memories of Importance*
Review of *Love Remembers* by Kathe Ambrose Goodwin and brief description of the Memory Garden program at the Arboretum by Leigh Taylor.

November 28, 2022

TBD
Program: *Celebrating Our New Members!*
We will be celebrating membership with an Induction ceremony.

January 30, 2023

The Great James Madison High School
3000 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Dallas, Texas 75215
Program: *On the way to Financial Literacy!*
Student participants will share what the program meant to them.

February 27, 2023

The Great James Madison High School
3000 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Dallas, Texas 75215
Program: *Notes from the Heart*
Natalie Perez-Brown will present a Legislative Update for Education in Texas. Ardina Colby will give a vocal mini-concert for the chapter.

March 27, 2023

The Great James Madison High School
3000 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Dallas, Texas 75215
Program: *Pioneer Women*
Tales of women in the early days of Texas as presented by DKG members from Wharton, Texas.

April 2023

Coordinating Council of Dallas County Spring Luncheon

May 8, 2023

Program: Celebration of Eta Zeta Chapter’s Birthday and Founders Day



2022 Marks 93rd Texas State Organization Convention in Lubbock

By Mary Claire Welch

As the winds blew across the state, Delta Kappa Gamma members drove toward the city of Lubbock to meet for the 93rd Texas State Organization Convention. From June 15th to June 18th Delta Kappa Gamma members joined together to contemplate the journey of educating, leading and serving others for the upcoming year of the biennium. Three Eta Zeta Chapter members made the journey to participate in the opportunities provided in Lubbock. Eta Zeta's Incoming Chapter President, Marian Willard, Eta Zeta's Outgoing Chapter President, Mary Claire Welch, and Eta Zeta's Treasurer, Leigh Taylor, joined the trainings, fellowship, singing and celebrations at the TSO Lubbock Convention.

President Marian Willard attended the President's training for new Chapter Presidents. Past Chapter President, Mary Claire Welch, was honored for her service to the Eta Zeta Chapter during the past biennium. Leigh Taylor, Eta Zeta Treasurer, attended the Treasurer's training for the upcoming biennium. Sessions were held discussing the proposed amendments to be voted on during the upcoming Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana in July of 2022. Dr. Helen Popovich, DKG Society International Parliamentarian, was in attendance at the TSO Convention and gave an inspiring address during the President's Dinner about the "Power of Yes." These were just a few of the highlights of the convention.

One of our beloved Eta Zeta Chapter members, Evelyn Hamilton, always enjoys the general session when the chapters are praised for their accomplishments. It is a time when those Chapters are asked to stand to mark their success in certain areas. This year, 2021-2022, Eta Zeta Chapter members were able to stand for **\$1 per member donation to ASTEF for Scholarships, \$1 per member chapter donation to ASTEF for Leadership, and a chapter contribution to Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund. Eta Zeta Chapter was recognized for their Early Bird Award for submitting an Exemplary Yearbook.** Eta Zeta Chapter was also recognized for our **DKG Compliant Website.**

Currently, Mary Claire Welch is serving as TSO Chair of the Personnel Committee. She participated in the introduction of a proposed amendment

suggested to alter the way the TSO Personnel Committee is appointed and sustained over the biennium. After some some discussion, the amended proposal was accepted. Eta Zeta Chapter has made its mark through the years as our members have been willing to actively participate in TSO. Marian Willard, our new Chapter President, was seen meeting and greeting, jumping in to help a speaker fix her computer, and attending as many sessions as she could to learn about our society. Before driving back to Dallas, it was apparent that Marian truly belongs to our Eta Zeta Chapter. Many members from all over the state shared that they enjoyed visiting with Marian and wished her a wonderful year. Marian had made many new friends and Eta Zeta's journey for the coming biennium had begun to become clear. West Texas winds often kick up a lot of dust. In this instance, they kicked up a vision for Eta Zeta's coming year.



Mary Claire Welch, Janye Brainard, and Marian Willard at the President's and Founder's Banquet on Saturday night.

Shalan Inmon, TSO President, and Marian Willard, Eta Zeta President, in Lubbock at the TSO 93rd Convention in June



Janye Brainard, TSO Poet Laureate, reading her poetry.

2022 TSO Convention Fun in Lubbock...



Mary Claire Welch sang with the TSO Choir for the different events.


Let's Grow Our Membership and Leadership!

By Maria Viera-Williams and Mary Bixler, Membership

It is August. It is time to plant the seeds for our membership to grow. It is time to water the seeds with our members' participation in our chapter. All members of Eta Zeta are members of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International because someone noted their talents, character, and leadership traits. Eta Zeta is filled with amazing and outstanding women educators. Let's invite more into our membership. Let's grow our chapter.

It is time to honor outstanding educators you know by asking them to become a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Eta Zeta Chapter. There are two categories of membership described for membership. An **Active Member** candidate would be a woman who is or has been employed as a professional educator. It could be anyone who is in the process of educating children or adults in a school, business, library, health profession, or the public as a professional educator. A **Collegiate Member** is an undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled in an institution offering an education degree, and has the intent to continue, academically and professionally, in the field of education. The undergraduate student must be enrolled within the last two years of an undergraduate education degree.

Eta Zeta members can begin the process of Membership Recruitment by recording the potential member's name and contact information on a Prospect Card. The Membership Committee will reach out to your prospective member to complete an application. The applications will be shared with the chapter at the next chapter meeting and a vote will be taken on the acceptance of the recommended outstanding women educators nominated. An invitation to an Orientation Tea will be extended to each of the phenomenal women educators where they will be given information about The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International at the international, state and chapter levels. Upon the payment of their dues, the candidates become members. An induction ceremony will be held at the next chapter meeting.

Eta Zeta Chapter
DKG Prospect Card 

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

E-Mail: _____

Employer: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ Cell _____

Sponsor: _____

Return to Maria Viera-Williams or Mary Bixler, Membership

The secret to growing our membership is a active participation from all of our Eta Zeta sisters in united purpose to bring new members into our chapter. All Eta Zeta Chapter members need to be on the lookout for those outstanding women educators who are just waiting to be invited into membership. Once these outstanding women have accepted an invitation to join Eta Zeta Chapter, all members will need to cultivate their friendship, share the knowledge of our society and help them to know how they can utilize their gifts and talents in our chapter.

Our Eta Zeta Chapter is our garden where membership and leadership can grow. It is time to plant our seeds by identifying prospective new members. Let's water our seeds with a collaborative spirit and united purpose of bringing the prospective members into membership. We can fertilize our chapter's growth with friendship, communication, kindness and the creation of a place for our new members among us. Eta Zeta leaders let's fill out those prospect cards for Maria Viera-Williams and Mary Bixler, Membership Co-Chairs!

For further membership information you may cl

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/About_Us/How_to_Become_a_Member/DKGMember/How_to_Become_A_Member.aspx?hkey=17458271-ff9a-4885-8592-aad749393b8d



Happy Birthday Eta Zeta Chapter Members

July

Ida Durham	July 4
Bradley Sue Howell	July 15
Debbie Duke	July 22
Marian Willard	July 22
Mary Bixler	July 23

August

Natalie Perez-Brown	August 11
Mary Claire Welch	August 16

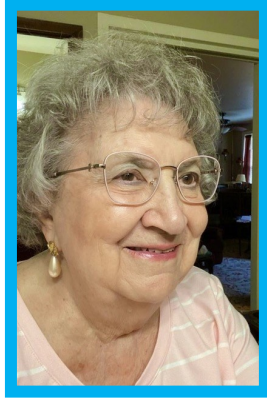
September

Joanne Szalay	September 2
Dr. Yvonne Manuel	September 14
Jeannie Morrison	September 19
Betty Ackerman	September 20





Spotlighting Norma Matthews



Norma Matthews is a beloved member of Eta Zeta Chapter. She has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for thirty-two years. During that time she has served on many committees. One of note was as editor of the Eta Zeta Press for 11 years. Eta Zeta was awarded the “Five Star Newsletter” from the state many times due to her skills as its editor. Norma’s interest and participation in the United Nations brought life, passion and insights to the topic of Global Awareness. She chaired the committee for many years. Norma has presented at the chapter, area, state and international level on the topic of Global Awareness and the international project “Schools for Africa.” Norma’s interest in certain committees in Eta Zeta are a reflection of the journey she and her husband Bill have been on since they married.

To tell the story of Norma is to tell the story of Norma and Bill Matthews. Bill and Norma met in high school in Marfa, Texas. She had moved with her parents from New Jersey to Texas because her father had invested in a motel. Bill’s mom was a teacher and his dad was the principal. Norma graduated and worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a year. Norma’s ability to attend college came as a result of the generosity of a member of a ranching family she met through her job. The ranching family member, a Physical Education teacher, taught at Baylor University and recognized Norma’s intelligence. She graciously arranged for Norma to attend Baylor University. A Baptist minister loaned Norma the money for her to enroll. She attended Baylor while Bill was seeking his education at T.C. U. as an ordained minister.

Norma and Bill both became missionaries when they married. They lived in the Philippines

and had four daughters. Norma used her education degree to teach English as a Second Language, and she used her musical talent to teach organ at the Methodist school. Bill worked at a radio station.

The Matthews’ experiences prompted their interest in the developing United Nations. The United Nations was working to rebuild the post World War II Philippines. This was to be a life long interest and mission for Norma and Bill.

The destination for the Matthews’ family return to the U.S. was Austin. Both Norma and Bill earned Master degrees before being sent by the church to France to learn French. This assignment led the couple and their family to the South Pacific. Norma taught school and Bill worked on a communication project in Fiji.

Bill and Norma returned from Fiji to live in Dallas, Texas. Bill was asked to serve as pastor of University Park Methodist Church and Norma taught school in the Dallas ISD for two years.

San Antonio was the next destination for the family. Norma and Bill moved to San Antonio where Bill served the Methodist Mission Home for four years. Norma taught first grade in San Antonio.

Upon the couple’s return to Dallas, Norma taught at Davey Crockett Elementary and then Ignacio Zaragoza Elementary. Her return to Dallas allowed Norma and Bill to become active in Vivian Castleberry’s Peacemakers, Inc. and the United Nations in Dallas. Delta Kappa Gamma Mini Grants and scholarships helped to finance some of Norma’s trips for United Nations meetings. Their interest and involvement in the United Nations has been a passion for Norma and Bill. It resulted in the publication of their book, *Hope Over Fear: Bridges for a Better World*. Bill and Norma were honored with the Eleanor Roosevelt Lifetime Achievement Award last year from the United Nations.

It is of great interest that Norma’s journey began with a woman educator who noticed that Norma had the potential to do great things if she were afforded an education. The story of Norma and Bill’s journey was supported by Norma’s ability to teach children all over the world with grace and an interest in creating a better world.

Norma Matthews, our Eta Zeta sister, well done and journey on,

Eta Zeta Honors Cassandra Jones



Eta Zeta Chapter was thrilled to award Cassandra Jones with the 2022 Chapter Achievement Award. Cassandra has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for fifteen years. Eta Zeta has enjoyed her participation and leadership throughout the years as a member of our chapter. Cassandra participates in the chapter with a positive and kind leadership style. She has been a responsible and involved member who helps the chapter to complete projects. She graciously invited the chapter to meet at her school for the Induction of new members ceremony. Her participation and generosity has been observed by many of the members. Many in Eta Zeta commented, "Cassandra has always been willing to say, "Yes," when she is needed. Cassandra, we appreciate you. Congratulations to Cassandra Jones.



Eta Zeta Press wants to know...we are looking forward to hearing from you!

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Our next newsletter will be published in September of 2022. We would love to include news and pictures from your Eta Zeta activities.

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Congratulations on New Roles & Honors for Eta Zeta Members



Maria Viera -Williams was selected as the 2021 International Educator of the Year by the World Affairs Council of Dallas-Fort Worth. Maria is the new Director of Student Affairs, Student Engagement and Global Impact for the International Leadership of Texas, a charter school system with 33 campuses currently serving approximately 25,000 students in the DFW and Houston areas.



Marian Willard, our new DKG Eta Zeta Chapter President, was honored on May 16, 2022 by Scholarshot. Marian, Principal of the Great James Madison High School, was selected for this honor because of her work with youth and community as a trailblazer for special community programs. She was praised for her focus on student success and her ability to help students to help students receive scholarships for academics and creative arts.



Evelyn Hamilton, Eta Zeta Chapter member and Parliamentarian, has been named International Music and Entertainment Chairman for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She will be serving in this position for the coming year.

We are so proud of you!!





The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Texas State Organization
Eta Zeta Chapter
May 16, 2022
Minutes



Members present: Mary Claire Welch, Jane Walker, Bradley Sue Howell, Evelyn Hamilton, Mary Bixler, Dr. Yvonne Manuel, Maria Viera-Williams, Jim Williams, Leigh Taylor, Norma Matthews, Bill Matthews, Marian Willard, Betty Ackerman, Seretha Merchant, Ida Durham (via zoom), Sandra Foster-Brown (via Zoom), Joanne Szalay (via Zoom), Cassandra Jones (via Zoom) Natalie Perez-Brown (via Zoom)

Location: Greek Isles Grill & Taverna and virtual meeting access via Zoom

Welcome: President Mary Claire Welch called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Inspiration: Norma Matthews read an inspiration from her collection of thoughts.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Leigh Taylor stated that we currently have \$8,121.21 in checking and \$1,206.88 in savings.

Founder's Day Presentation: Dr. Yvonne Manuel, Mary Bixler, Seretha Merchant, Bradley Sue Howell and Norma Matthews shared information about our DKG founders and the important contributions they made at the beginnings of DKG.

Chapter Achievement Award: Bradley Sue Howell presented the Chapter Achievement Award to Cassandra Jones.

Perfect Attendance Awards: Mary Claire Welch presented Perfect Attendance certificates to Mary Bixler, Sandra Foster-Brown, Evelyn Hamilton, Bradley Sue Howell, Dr. Yvonne Manuel, Joanne Szalay, Leigh Taylor, Maria Viera-Williams, Jane Walker and Mary Claire Welch.

Installation Of Officers: Evelyn Hamilton, parliamentarian, presented the candidates for installation.

2022-2024 Slate of Officers:

President – Marian Willard

1st Vice President – Co-Chairs – Natalie Perez-Brown and Dr. Yvonne Manuel

2nd Vice President – Co-Chairs – Mary Bixler and Maria Viera-Williams

Recording Secretary – Co-Chairs – Betty Ackerman and Diana Gonzalez (not in attendance)

Corresponding Secretary – Mary Claire Welch

Treasurer – Leigh Taylor

Chapter Birthday Presentation: Eta Zeta Chapter's birthday was celebrated with a song, a rededication to membership and the sharing of a birthday cake.

Upcoming Events: Membership Dues - \$100 for Active Membership and \$40 for Reserve Membership dues are due to Leigh Taylor, Treasurer by June 1, 2022

TSO Convention will be in Lubbock, June 16-18, 2022

DKG International Convention will be in New Orleans, July 2022

Birthdays and Celebrations- Birthdays: Johnnie Cunningham, Judy Bryant, Anna Ruth Penn, Jane Walker, Lisa Bagley and Dr. Selma Hughes. Celebrations: Maria and Jim are celebrating an anniversary! Natalie Brown has a new job! Leigh Taylor retired this May!

Delta Kappa Gamma Song: Mary Bixler led the DKG Song.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 2022

Submitted by Jane Walker, Recording Secretary _____