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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



Dear Eta Zeta Chapter:

Welcome back and I hope that you've had a nice holiday season. As we embark upon this new year, we have a lot of exciting things we must do to keep this organization strong. Eta Zeta Chapter, we need all of us on this journey working to move forward. Please join us at our next meeting at La Calle Doce Restaurant. I sincerely hope that we pack the room out and need move to a larger one the next time.

I would like to personally thank our Membership committee and chapter for all the hard work in welcoming our new members. Maria Viera Williams, Mary Bixler, Evelyn Hamilton and all the members who did a stellar job making the ladies feel welcome during our induction ceremony. Eta Zeta, thank you so much for welcoming our newest members. Elaine Hudson, Melba Timms, Lauren Timms and LaToya Maxey, we are so excited to have you on board and cannot wait to get to know and serve you.

On a personal note, a special thanks to our TSO President Shalan Inmon, Area 12, for coming and sharing her knowledge and being a participant in our ceremony. Mary Claire Welch, thank you for opening your home for our state president's lodging during her stay. Again, welcome to all our new members.

Sisterly,

Marian A. Willard

Marian A. Willard, President



Join us for the January Eta Zeta Meeting!

Date: January 30, 2023

**Time: 5:30 p.m. Eating and Socializing
6:00 p.m. Meeting begins**

**Program: "On the Way to Financial
Literacy!"**

**Location: La Calle Doce
1925 Skillman
Dallas, Texas 75206
214-824-9900**

Hope to see you there!

A hybrid option will be attempted for those of our members who have difficulty attending the meeting "in person." Leigh Taylor will send a Zoom link for the meeting.

2nd TSO Virtual Conference

February 7, 2023

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/ViZueVPbpaEshLeaA>

Registration Closes: February 3

Cost: Free

Books to be discussed:

Adulting For Dummies by Gencie Houy | <https://a.co/d/cE7fExJ>

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens | <https://a.co/d/6SkkHnp> The first 150 who complete this form will receive the Zoom invitation for the meeting. Please allow 24 hours to receive your Zoom link. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you!

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 26, 2022

Spring Creek Barbeque
3939 Emporium Circle Mesquite, TX 75150

Program: *Strengthening Eta Zeta*

Natalie Perez-Brown will lead the chapter in the process of the SWOT analysis.

October 17, 2022

Spring Creek Barbeque
3939 Emporium Circle Mesquite, TX 75150

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

La Calle Doce
1925 Skillman
Dallas, Texas 75206

Program: *Celebrating Our New Members!*

Shalan Inman, TSO President will join us in celebrating new members with an Induction ceremony.

January 30, 2023

La Calle Doce
1925 Skillman
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.

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 22, 2023 CCDC Spring Luncheon

May 8, 2023

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

Happy Birthday

Eta Zeta Members

December

Melba Timms December 3

Leigh Taylor December 7

Sandra Foster Brown
December 28

Elaine Hudson December 30

Melanie Moseley December 31

January

Liz Taheri January 2

March

Linda Horowitz March 21

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 February of 2023. We would love to include news and pictures from your Eta Zeta activities.

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Saying "Goodbye" to a Golden Rose



By Mary Claire Welch

We are very sad to share the news of the passing of Cynthia DeVies, an Eta Zeta Chapter member and Golden Rose Award honoree. Cynthia fell ill with an upper respiratory ailment that became severe in a short amount of time. Complications rendered her unable to recover and she passed away on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Cynthia was born on March 17, 1938, making her a youthful eighty-four years old.

Cynthia was a friend, sister, mentor, and encourager. Many of you would recognize her as the lovely lady who shared her talents as a pianist at convention. As members would enter the ballroom for a meeting, luncheon, or dinner, melodies from Broadway musicals would serve as a welcome to the event. It was her hope that your heart would be lightened and encouraged by the songs she played. The music was her way of enhancing our Delta Kappa Gamma meetings for the better.

Cynthia DeVies joined Delta Kappa Gamma Eta Zeta Chapter in 1979. She transferred to Eta Eta Chapter for several years and had just returned to Eta Zeta Chapter in 2022.

Cynthia served as Eta Zeta Chapter President in 1990-1992 and then once again in 2004-2006. She was given the Chapter Achievement Award in 1995 and served on many committees at the chapter level throughout her years in Eta Zeta. Cynthia regularly attended the Coordinating Council luncheons throughout the years, providing musical accompaniment for the occasion to usher in chapter presidents and to provide the notes for our Delta Kappa Gamma Song. At the state level, Cynthia served on the Headquarters, Archives, Music, and Necrology Committees. She attended the Alpha State Leadership Seminar in 2007 and was awarded the Golden Rose Award in 2013. Her presence was felt at the state conventions in Austin, Beaumont, Lubbock, Amarillo, Irving, Frisco, McAllen, Dallas, Waco and The Woodlands, She also attended Regional conventions in Oklahoma

City, Branson, Reno, and Wichita, Kansas. She also attended the international conventions held in Austin, New York, and Nashville. Cynthia expressed her excitement and pride when asked to provide musical accompaniment at the regional and international conventions.

Cynthia's educational career began when she taught first grade for a year. When she retired she had served as a Choral Music Educator for forty-five years. She did choral directing for Dallas ISD, the Dallas Girl's Chorus and children's church choirs. Cynthia enjoyed judging the Dallas Summer Musical's High School Musical Award Program for eight years.

Cynthia loved the theatre. Local and Broadway musicals brought a smile to her face. In the community, Cynthia served on the DSM Guild Board of Directors as the Chair of weekly food solicitation for the casts of the musicals. Cynthia and her husband, Ron Devies, ushered at Theater Three and the Uptown Players for ten years.

For many years Cynthia has been a maker of melodies in Delta Kappa Gamma. It is my hope that when a Broadway tune is heard Cynthia DeVies, our Golden Rose, will come to mind.



TSO Technology Conference
March 31– April 1, 2023
in
Location: Marti Elementary
Cleburne ISD
Cleburne, Texas
Conference Information on the
Technology Committee page on the
TSO website
\$65 prior to February 6, 2023
Registration closes February 6th

Eta Zeta Rainbow Room *“Donations Make a Difference!”*

Thank you to all Eta Zeta Chapter members who donated items to the Community Partners' Rainbow Room. Many of you brought items requested by the agency as a donation to the November meeting. The items of clothing, shoes, and diapers were collected and delivered to the Community Partners location the following week. How much did Eta Zeta Chapter donate?

- 1 box of Size 3 diapers
- 1 pair of Size 14 black skinny jeans
- 1 pair of Size 16 black skinny jeans
- 1 pair of Size 12 Boy's pajamas
- 1 pair of Size 8 Girl's children's tennis shoes
- 1 Boy's coat size 10/14 large winter coat
- 1 Boy's coat size 14 large hooded winter coat
- 1 Girl's coat size medium



Did the donation of these items make a difference? Yes!

Mary Bixler and Mary Claire Welch loading Eta Zeta Chapter Rainbow Room donations for delivery.

Upon pulling up to the door where donations were to be delivered, the workers at the Community Partners opened the door and enthusiastically invited me in to view the receiving area. They explained their process of collecting and organizing the donated items.



Alyssa Lockley, Alexis Raies, and Andrea Headley received donations.

They invited me to tour the Rainbow Room where the parents or CPS workers “go shopping” for the children who are in need. The message was clear. ***“Come back! We need and appreciate your donations and support!”***



Susan Lindsey and Andrea Headley were tour guides in the Rainbow Room.



Did You Know?

Schools for Africa has been the first official international project of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International since 2010. Approximately \$445,134.90 has been donated in partnership with UNICEF. Through the years, Eta Zeta Chapter has played a part by collecting donations for the Schools for Africa Project. It is a partnership with UNICEF USA.

UNICEF stands for the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. It was founded in 1946 by the United Nations to serve the children of the world's emergency needs in post-World War II Europe and China. The mandate was broadened in 1950 to address the long-term needs of children and women in developing countries.

The Schools for Africa Project currently works with 21 countries in the sub-Saharan Africa including the countries of Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. The mission is to provide access to quality basic education for children with a focus on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters.

You may read more about the *Schools for Africa* international project on the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International website (www.dkg.org). Our participation in the project fulfills our role and international mission of “Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide.” If you would like to donate, please send a check made out to ***Eta Zeta Chapter*** or payment to our Eta Zeta Chapter Treasurer, Leigh Taylor, with a note for the donation to go towards ***Schools for Africa***.

Please send to: Leigh Taylor
 3121 Cross Timbers
 Garland, Texas 75044

Educating the mind without
 educating the heart is no
 education at all.



—Aristotle



A Presidential Occasion...

Eta Zeta Inducts Four New Members



TSO President Shalan Inmon

TSO President Shalan Inmon was Eta Zeta's guest at the November chapter meeting. Eta Zeta Chapter President Marian Willard welcomed Shalan to share a message about Delta Kappa Gamma's history and thoughts about where Texas State Organization is going in the future. The question, "Which Way Will You Go?" is one our chapter has been asking throughout this biennium.

Shalan Inmon told the history of how our Society began. She emphasized how the founders sought to gather with the goal of supporting one another just as we do today, Eta Zeta members laughed as Shalan pointed out some of the changes in the teaching profession we have seen through the years. The members nodded as she read the purposes we follow as an honor society. They continue to be relevant and valuable to our members today. She pointed out that we continue to support leading women educators seeking to impact education worldwide. Shalan's encouragement of our new members to explore the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma, to research the projects that are available, and to discover their path of being a member of our Society was received well by new members and experienced members.

Eta Zeta Ceremonies Chair Evelyn Hamilton worked with Membership Co-Chairs, Maria Viera Williams and Mary Bixler, to organize the Induction Ceremony for our four new members. Elaine Hudson, Melba Timms, Lauren Timms and LaToya Maxey were inducted into Eta Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma with TSO President Shalan Inmon participating. Eta Zeta Chapter President Marian Willard, Past Eta Zeta President Mary Claire Welch, Membership Co-Chair Maria Viera Williams and Membership Co-Chair Mary Bixler also participated in the ceremony. All inductees accepted the responsibilities of membership and signed the book documenting their acceptance. Each accepted a rose and a pin. All were congratulated by Eta Zeta members present at the meeting.

A special presentation of Delta Kappa Gamma pins was made to President Marian Willard and to Recording Secretary Betty Ackerman. Their induction ceremony was held virtually due to the pandemic and they had not been able to be honored as Eta Zeta

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traditionally has honored our new members. It was a special moment to congratulate each of them and honor them "in person" with Eta Zeta warmth and gratitude for becoming members and sisters in our chapter.



Shalan speaks to inductees about the DKG of the past and the challenges of the future.

President Marian Willard, Membership Co-Chair Mary Bixler, Past President Mary Claire Welch and Membership Co-Chair Maria Viera-Williams read part of the Induction Ceremony.



New inductees Melba Timms, Lauren Timms, LaToya Maxey and Elaine Hudson were presented to Eta Zeta Chapter.

Past President Mary Claire Welch presents pins to President Marian Willard and Recording Secretary Betty Ackerman.



Chapter President Marian Willard gifts TSO President Shalan Inmon with a beautiful scarf she made as a "thank you."

Come Join Us to Celebrate

Deborah Thomas

at a

RECEPTION

Sunday, February 26, 2023

2:00 pm to 4:00 p.m.

at

TSO/ASTEF Headquarters
6220 Campbell Road Suite 204
Dallas, Texas

All TSO members are invited to come and honor Deborah with cards and well wishes

Hosts are:

Headquarters Committee
Personnel Committee

Email greetings may be sent to Emma Joven jejoven2@att.net
She will compile them and present them to Deborah at the reception.

**Time to Support the Eta Zeta's
Uniform Project**

Four high school students have been identified as needing school uniforms. The students are homeless and will appreciate Eta Zeta's help. Each uniform costs \$45. Levine's has worked with Eta Zeta in the process of providing uniforms to fit each of the students Identified. You may send a check to Leigh Taylor, Treasurer, as support for the project.

Join us for the

**Delta Kappa Gamma Society
International
Coordinating Council of Dallas County**

Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 22, 2023

from

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lakewood Country Club

6430 Gaston Avenue

Dallas, Texas 75214

**"Journey: Which Way Will
You Go?"**

Speaker: Janet Sue Rush

The cost is \$45.00 per member to be sent in by **March 27, 2023**

Treasurers please complete the CCDC registration form for your chapter.

Make your check payable to **CCDC**

Mail to: **Arsetta Branson, Treasurer**

9100 Glendara Drive

North Richland Hills, Texas

76182

For questions: 469-475-9102

Texas State Organization Convention

Scheduled for June 2023

TSO DKG Convention Chairs are rolling out the red carpet for TSO members. Drive or fly! The TSO Convention will be held in McAllen on June 14-17 at the McAllen Convention Center. This will be the 94th Texas State Convention. Information about the TSO Convention can be found on the website www.dkgtxas.org. See you there!

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6430 Gaston Avenue Dallas, Texas 75214



The cost is **\$45.00** per attendee to be sent in by **March 27, 2023**.
Please Complete the **CCDC registration form**. Make your check payable to **CCDC**.

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Texas State Organization
Eta Zeta Chapter
November 28, 2022



Members present: Marian Willard, Jeannie Morrison, Mary Claire Welch, Evelyn Hamilton, Mary Bixler, Maria Viera-Williams, Leigh Taylor, Bradley Sue Howell, Jane Walker, Betty Ackerman, Elaine Hudson, LaToya Maxey, Lauren Timms, Melba Timms

Members present via Zoom: Sandra Foster-Brown

Guests: State President Shalan Inmon, Celeste Hlavenka

Induction Celebration Dinner

Location:

La Calle Doce; 1925 Skillman Street, Dallas, TX

2022 Induction Ceremony

Maria Viera-

Williams presented four new members for induction into the Eta Zeta Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International: Elaine Hudson, LaToya Maxey, Lauren Timms, and Melba Timms. All four were recommended for membership by Evelyn Hamilton.

President Marian Willard and members Mary Bixler and Mary Claire Welch each addressed the inductees to convey that they had been sponsored for membership because they were valued and appreciated as educators.

DKG Texas State President Shalan Inmon also participated in addressing the inductees. She gave a brief history of how Delta Kappa Gamma began in 1929 during the early days of the Depression. President Inmon pointed out that DKG currently has grown to have chapters in 17 countries throughout the world. Japan is the most recent country to join in participation in DKG. Many things are quite different for women educators today, but the seven purposes set forth by DKG nearly 100 years ago remain the same. The new members were encouraged to think about the mission and vision and program of work projects which make a difference in communities.

Eta Zeta Chapter President Marian Willard and Maria Viera-Williams conducted the formal induction ceremony which included lighting of candles representing *Loyalty, Cooperation, and the Ideals of the Society*. The candles serve as a reminder for educators to enlighten the darkness of ignorance and to spread knowledge and understanding. The inductees each entered their signature in the Inductees' Register and received a rose and pin. Marian Willard and Betty Ackerman were invited to join the new inductees in lighting candles and receiving pins since they had not previously had that opportunity due to meetings during the Pandemic being on Zoom.

Meeting Called to Order: President Marian Willard called the Eta Zeta Chapter Meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Meditation: Mary Claire Welch shared the reading of a poem titled, *The True Leadership Treasure*.

Welcome: Marian Willard extended a welcome to all present and a special welcome to DKG Texas State President Shalan Inmon.

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Special Greetings from the State President: President Shalan Inmon offered specific and in-depth words of encouragement to the Eta Zeta members. She also recommended using www.dkgtexas.org as a resource.

Quorum Check and Approval of Agenda: A quorum was recognized to be present to conduct business. Both the Mission and Vision statements of DKG were printed on the agenda. Mary Bixler moved to approve the agenda as printed with the addition of the birthdays to be recognized and Mary Claire seconded the motion. A vote was taken to approve the agenda.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 17th Eta Zeta meeting had been electronically transmitted for review of the members prior to the meeting. Betty Ackerman also provided copies to be distributed at the meeting. Maria Viera-Williams moved to approve the minutes, and Mary Claire Welch seconded the motion. A vote was taken to approve the minutes as recorded.

Correspondence: Mary Claire Welch emphasized that details of dates and locations pertaining to conventions and conferences will be included in the chapter newsletter which is sent electronically. She also encouraged members with 'a yearning to write' to contribute to the Eta Zeta Press.

Mary Claire made membership aware of the CCDC (Coordinating Council of Dallas County) luncheon/speaker event scheduled for morning of April 22 at Lakewood County Club. Members with 25 and 50 years will be recognized and honored. An invitation from the CCDC will be sent to members and they will need to make a reservation by paying the cost of the luncheon to Treasurer, Leigh Taylor. The Telephone Committee comprised of Liz Taheri, Mary Bixler, and Jeannie Morrison will make calls to members with information as the time for the event is closer at hand.

President's Report: President Marian Willard echoed the comments made by State President Inmon regarding grants and scholarships offered by Eta Zeta. She also added her encouragement for members to plan to attend the state conference as well as the international conference in Detroit, MI. She noted that more detailed information will appear in the newsletter.

Marian Willard brought before the body that Eta Zeta is responsible for the music for the CCDC luncheon event, and the chapter will need to submit payment of \$40 to CCDC for dues. Evelyn Hamilton moved to submit the payment to CCDC, and Maria Viera-Williams seconded the motion. A vote to make the payment passed.

First Vice-President's Report: In Natalie Perez Brown's absence, Mary Bixler provided information about the program planned for the January meeting to be held at James Madison High School. There is an ongoing effort at James Madison to help students to develop financial literacy. A report on how the program is operating will be presented for Eta Zeta at the January meeting.

Natalie will communicate to membership any possible project in December since there is no meeting scheduled.

Mary Bixler reminded members that the Rainbow Room is a non-profit organization that provides for a collection of items to be available to social workers who have removed children from abusive living situations. Members of Eta Zeta may always donate either items or money for support of the Rainbow Room. Especially needed items were posted in the newsletter and may be brought to the January meeting. Those items to the meeting will be transported to the Rainbow Room at the office of Community Partners of Dallas for donation.

Second Vice-Presidents' Membership Report: Maria Viera-Williams welcomed each of the four new members.

Treasurer's Report: Leigh Taylor gave the treasurer's report and there was no activity in the bank account except for the \$6 service fee.

Unfinished Business: President Marian Willard presented the four inductees with tokens of appreciation for choosing Eta Zeta. State President Shalan Inmon was also presented a gift as a token of appreciation for sharing her time to visit our chapter.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Birthdays and Anniversaries/Celebrations for November and December were acknowledged and celebrated.

Songs: The membership present joined to sing in harmony The Birthday/Anniversary Song and The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Meeting Adjourned: President Marian Willard adjourned the Eta Zeta Chapter meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Next Eta Zeta Meeting: January 30, 2023 at The Great James Madison High School. The program is titled 'On the Way to Financial Literacy' and concerns an on-going effort to help high school students develop financial literacy.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Ackerman

Betty Ackerman, Recording Secretary