



# Eta Zeta Press



Texas State Organization of  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Five Star Newsletter 

Eta Zeta, Chapter 174, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas  
Texas State Organization, Area 9

Volume 60 Issue 2, October 2023

**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.

*From the pen of...*  
**President Marian Williard**



Dear Fabulous Ladies,

As you know, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. With love to those who are currently fighting this disease, I want you all to know the following. You will find the courage to face the reality of breast cancer. The fact that no one is immune to breast cancer is truly frightening, and many women prefer to live under a rock, not thinking or talking about the disease—as though what they aren't aware of won't or can't hurt them.

Ladies, if you know someone who is experiencing breast cancer, pick up the phone or send a note to them to let them know you are thinking of them. We are asking all ladies to change from DKG red and wear pink to our meeting to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

We are honored to have our own Area 9 Coordinator Janie Wigley as our guest at our upcoming meeting. She will discuss with us the upcoming Regional Area Conference and workshops. Eta Zeta, if you can, let us pack this meeting out.

Eta Zeta don't forget to bring your donations for the Rainbow Room to this meeting. Also remember you will have the opportunity to donate to our DKG International project "Schools . for Africa."

I certainly appreciate your dedication to this organization. As we continue to "Soar to Greater Heights," lets make sure each member becomes an active member. I want to encourage you to continue working to continue to grow our membership.

**Join us for the  
October Eta Zeta Meeting**

**Date: October 23, 2023**

**"Janie Wigley Brings News from TSO!"**

**Speaker: Janie Wigley  
Area 9 Coordinator**

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

**6:00 p.m. Meeting begins.**

**Location: La Calle Doce Restaurant**

**1925 Skillman**

**Dallas, Texas 75206**

**972-682-3770**

**Hope to see you there!**

**A hybrid option will be provided for those of our members who would like to attend the meeting by Zoom. Leigh Taylor will send a link to those who request one.**

Let's continually be seeking to invite prospective members to join our great organization.

Your President,

*Marian A. Willard*

President

Eta Zeta Chapter



## Eta Zeta Programs at a Glance

2023 - 2024

### August 28, 2023

La Calle Doce Restaurant  
1925 Skillman Street, Dallas, TX 75206  
Program: *Welcome Back Dinner!*

### September 25, 2023

La Calle Doce Restaurant  
1925 Skillman Street, Dallas TX 75206  
Program: *Planning with Elaine Hudson*

### October 8, 2023

New Member Orientation  
Location: TBD

### October 23, 2023

La Calle Doce Restaurant  
1925 Skillman Street, Dallas, TX 75206  
Program: *"Janie Wigley Brings News from TSO!"*

### November 27, 2023

La Calle Doce Restaurant  
1925 Skillman Street, Dallas, TX  
Program: *Eta Zeta Night of Delight*

### January 22, 2024

La Calle Doce Restaurant  
1925 Skillman Street, Dallas, TX 75206  
Program: *"Eta Zeta's Night to Unite"*

### February 27, 2024

La Calle Doce Restaurant  
1925 Skillman Street, TX  
Program: *"The Thirty-Six Hour Day"*

### March 25, 2024

La Calle Doce Restaurant  
1925 Skillman Street, Dallas, TX 75206  
Program: *Eta Zeta Presents: Music in Our Schools  
Mini-Concert*

### April 27, 2024

Coordinating Council of Dallas County Spring Luncheon  
Location: Lakewood Country Club

### May 6, 2024

La Calle Doce Restaurant  
1925 Skillman Street, Dallas, TX 75206  
Program: *Celebration of Eta Zeta Chapter's  
61st Birthday and Founders Day and Installation  
of Officers*

## Happy Birthday Eta Zeta Members!

### *October*

Evelyn Hamilton

October 21

Norma Matthews

October 26

### *November*

Heather Hawthorne

November 9

LaToya Maxey

November 12

## 2023-2025

### Eta Zeta Chapter Officers

**Chapter President-** Marian Willard

**1st Vice President-** Elaine Hudson

**2nd Vice President-** Mary Bixler

**Recording Secretary-**LaToya Maxey

**Corresponding Secretary-** Mary Claire Welch

**Treasurer-** Leigh Taylor

**Parliamentarian-** Evelyn Hamilton

### **Acknowledgements:**

Picture/Graphics Credits All Graphics were taken from free online Clip Art.

All pictures were taken by Eta Zeta members for placement in our Eta Zeta Press.

DKG logos and images used with permission and according to Society guidelines.



# How's Your Eta Zeta Mint Membership Drive Going?

## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Eta Zeta Chapter Soaring to New Heights

*“Educating, Leading, and Serving in our Community”*

**S** eek new members and opportunities

**O** pen your heart, mind, and attitude

**A** ct to serve and share

**R** each to renew, respond, and relate

**We would love for YOU to join our chapter.**

**\* Open to to all educators, trainers, and careers that educate and teach.**

Membership Chair: Mary Bixler, [mary.bixler@gmail.com](mailto:mary.bixler@gmail.com)

President: Marian A. Willard

Which member invited you \_\_\_\_\_

Name, cell number, & Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- Have you chosen a location with educators to share invitations for membership and a mint? After all, there are some educators out there who are “mint to be” a new-member in our chapter!
- Let us know how it is going at our next meeting!

### Leigh Taylor Serves Eta Zeta Well



Eta Zeta Chapter would like to thank Leigh Taylor for serving as our webmaster. She has worked to make our website compliant with Delta Kappa Gamma rules and regulations while making it available for members’ use.

Thank you Leigh for your amazing skills and dedication to our chapter. We appreciate you.



## UNIFORMS PURCHASED FOR STUDENTS IN NEED

Twenty high school students attending The Great James Madison High School were identified as possible recipients of school uniforms. Eta Zeta Chapter members donated funds to supply the needed uniforms for homeless students who could not afford to purchase school uniforms.

Evelyn Hamilton, Melba Timms, Elaine Hudson, and Mary Claire Welch are currently serving on the committee supporting chapter Projects. The Uniform Project is one the Eta Zeta members have shown support for the past two years.

The Programs & Project Committee for our chapter contacted Amy Holt at Levine's Department Store to determine the cost and sizes available so the uniforms could be purchased and delivered.

Evelyn Hamilton, Melba Timms, Elaine Hudson, Leigh Taylor, and Mary Claire Welch met at Levine's Department store to pick up the uniform shirts. It was a joy to finally meet Amy Holt, the manager, who has been so helpful throughout the years we have been providing uniforms to homeless students. We were introduced to the staff at Levine's who have also been helping us for the past few years. Leigh Taylor, Treasurer, wrote the check as the group looked on.

The Projects Committee drove to The Great James Madison High School with the shirts to present them to Principal, Marian Willard. Principal Willard and the staff at the high school have been generous with their time and energy to make the Uniform Project a successful one. Thanks to Evelyn Hamilton, Melba Timms, Elaine Hudson, Mary Claire Welch and Leigh Taylor for their time. Good things can happen for those in need!



Eta Zeta Chapter members Melba Timms, Mary Claire Welch, Elaine Hudson, Evelyn Hamilton, Amy Holt (Levine's manager), Leigh Taylor and the Levine's staff members gathered for the purchase of twenty uniform shirts for homeless students in need.



Eta Zeta members Melba Timms, Elaine Hudson, Marian Willard, Leigh Taylor, and Evelyn Hamilton celebrated the receipt of the uniform shirts to be given to 20 Madison High School students currently in need.



# What a Week It Has Been...

There was a soft sound of bells I recognized as my phone announcing the arrival of a message. It was 6:45 p.m. in Dallas. I picked up the phone curiously and, seeing that it was Betty Ackerman, my friend and Eta Zeta sister, I began to read and wonder why she was sending a text and not calling. This is the text she was writing to me.

*It is late here (nearly 3 a.m. Tuesday) so I will construct an update to send to dear friends who have been worried as you've watched the news of the war playing out in Israel. Such a tragedy for so many! Good news is that we feel relatively safe.*

*After landing in Tel Aviv on Saturday, we stayed in a boutique hotel in West Jerusalem (not in the West Bank). The plan was developed by our leaders to try to find an opening along the border of Jordan to cross to get out of Israel on Tuesday and to make plans to fly home from Amman, Jordan. We had not initially planned on going to Jordan at all.*

*This morning the plan to leave Jerusalem was moved up because the attacks seemed to be coming more in our direction. We left and drove northward with apparently much less traffic than usual. On the way out of Jerusalem, we stopped to look out to observe from a distance what we could see of the old walled city. While there, we heard sirens and missiles! We had to immediately get down on the concrete surface for a short time.*

*We did observe a smattering of military presence along the route. Schools are out and people are apparently preparing by gathering food. We were able to visit Magdala and enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Gallilee. We are now in a very nice hotel in Tiberias and the dinner was most amazing.*

*The hours it has taken to get our individual flights booked and rebooked because of the chaos is not imaginable. Even when you think you it's done and confirmed, it may not be.*

*We will eat breakfast and leave here to cross the border in only a few hours now. We should be able to see and do some interesting things in Jordan over the next several days. My flight on Royal Jordanian Airlines is scheduled to leave at 2:10 a.m. on 10/14( that's 8 hours ahead of Central time). It connects to an American flight in Paris and then to Dallas. Will be in Paris about 5 hours. Thanks for caring and hope you will find this update soothing.*

**Wednesday 8:04 a.m. Mary Claire: Betty, where are you now?**

**Betty:** *Jordan. Moving each day. We were in Petra last night and today. We are seizing the opportunity now to do some amazing things in Jordan which were not on our itinerary.*

**Mary Claire: Good stay safe.**

**Thursday 2:04 a.m. Betty:** *We just received a message from a fellow traveler who has been able to get home. Message: It looks like you all made it out of the Gallilee region just in time. I'm seeing reports that terrorists are paragliding in from Lebanon and using drones. People in Northern Israel are instructed to stay sheltered until further notice. It's such a juxtaposition...what's going on in Israel and the peace of being where we are now....Wadi Rum.*

**Thursday 9:09 a.m. Mary Claire: Where are you now? Is that in Jordan?**

**Saturday 4:17 a.m. Betty:** *Yes, we've been in Jordan. We are boarded in Paris and headed for home.*



**Betty Ackerman traveled to Israel as part of an interfaith dialogue initiative led by her former pastor, Dr. George Mason. The group called Faith Commons were in Jerusalem when Hamas began to send missiles. The Iron Dome deflected most of the missiles while the Faith Commons were in Jerusalem. The group of 15 were able to make it home to Texas safely. What a week!**



## ***It's Time to VOTE!***

***Encourage everyone you know to VOTE on November 7, 2023 for Proposition #9.***

***- A vote for Proposition #9 is a vote for teachers to receive a Cost of Living Adjustment for the first time in 20 years.***

***-For this to happen, Proposition 9, House Joint Resolution 2, must receive the approval of the voters creating an amendment to the Texas Constitution to release the funding.***

***We must get everyone to vote in November for the teachers to have the opportunity to benefit from this initiative.***



***Coming Soon!***

***Northeast Regional Area Workshop***

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Dr. Gene Burton College & Career Academy**

**2301 John King Boulevard, Rockwall, Texas**

# The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

## Texas State Organization

### Eta Zeta Chapter

Meeting September 25, 2023



Members Present: Evelyn Hamilton, Elaine Hudson, Melba Timms, LaToya Maxey, Mary Bixler, Marian Willard, Leigh Taylor and Norma Matthews

Members Present Via Zoom: Sandra Foster Brown, Bradley Sue Howell, Jane Walker and Cassandra Jones

Special Guest In person: Norma Matthew's husband: Bill Matthews

Location: LaCalle Doce Restaurant, 1925 Skillman St., Dallas, TX and via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order: The Eta Zeta Chapter meeting was called to order at 6:13 P.M., by President Marian Willard, who extended a welcome to members and in person and by Zoom.

Meditation: Brought by Mary Claire Welch and Norma Matthews

Quorum Check: The quorum of 1/3 of active members was met with 9 in person members and 3 via Zoom

Adoption of the Agenda: There was a motion to adopt the agenda and a show of hands to approve it.

Minutes/Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A motion was presented, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Correspondence: There was an email sent by Mary Viera Williams stating she was leaving Eta Zeta Chapter to join another chapter due to extra duties at work.

President's Report: All presidents in the area will have a meeting. The area coordinator will be at the next Eta Zeta meeting. At our next meeting, the executive board will meet from 5:30-6:00. October 2<sup>nd</sup> members that have not paid their dues will be dropped. President Willard wanted to know if the IRS 990 had been filed. Leigh Taylor, Treasurer, stated it had been filed.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report: Elaine Hudson discussed the program ideas that the members had presented to her in an email. Program ideas were needed for November, January, February and March. Some of the ideas presented were: Fun/Game Night, Braver Angels Group, Skit for Founders' Day, Mini Concert or Melody of Songs, Alzheimer's Walk. The members agreed to the following: November-Fun Night, January-Braver Angels, February-Alzheimer's Walk, March- Mini Concert and May- Founders' Day Skit. Elaine also discussed voting "Yes" for Prop 9, giving retired teachers a raise.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report: The October Orientation meeting will be rescheduled. Mary Bixler discussed the membership. Prospective member cards were passed out. Each member was asked to recruit new members by taking the cards to schools and putting in teacher's mailboxes.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurers report was passed out. Proposed budget was also passed out. Mary Claire Welch asked if the newsletter budget could be increased to \$150 to cover the cost of ink for hard copies to be sent to state and to Reserve members.

Parliamentarian's Report: Melba Timms spoke about making an amendment to a motion, President Marian Willard explained the process a little more.

Newsletter: The deadline for articles to be included in the October/November Newsletter is October 13. Please share any awards or good news that you have received.

Birthday and Other Acknowledgments Song: The following members were identified as having birthdays in September: Jo Anne Szalay, Jeannie Morrison and Betty Ackerman. Norma and Bill Matthews will celebrate 69 years of marriage. Mary Bixler led the members in the celebration song.

Meeting Adjourned: The Eta Zeta Chapter Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. with members in a circle holding hands singing "The Delta Kappa Gamma Song."

Next Eta Zeta Meeting: October 23, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

LaToya Maxey, Recording Secretary