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Alpha Mu...Sings...

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Texas State Organization, Alpha Mu, Area V, Chapter 36 Serving Key Women Educators in Brownsville & Los Fresnos



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Greetings Alpha Mu sisters:

We had an exceptional November meeting via Zoom with our Area Coordinator, Mellie Smithwick. Her presentation included:

- Applying for ASTEF project stipends.
- Checking the TSO and DKG International websites for professional and personal development opportunities.
- Bonding among members as we juggle through personal responsibilities.
- Embracing our new members.

Thank you to Ms. Mellie for advising us on how to continue our DKG "Journey."

The Christmas Tea and Auction held on December 4 was once again a complete success! We are beyond grateful to Mrs. Linda Little for sharing her home and all the members who participated with food, monetary donations, and gifts. Proceeds will benefit the 2022 Grant-in-Aid recipient for a future woman educator graduating from The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Let's focus on our "Journey" for a successful and bright 2022! I wish everyone a warm and blessed holiday season with your family and friends.

Your Alpha Mu Chapter President Norma Nelson

Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and Personal growth of women educators



Vision Statement

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide Volume 88, Number 3 Page **2** of **4** December 2021

CHRISTMAS TEA & AUCTION-DEC. 4

It was exciting to meet face to face for our yearly Christmas Tea &Auction event! We gathered at Linda Little's home and celebrated the holiday season with wonderful fellowship, delicious food, and dessert! We had fun participating in our Christmas auction, which was a huge success! We collected over \$1,000 for our Grant-in-Aid scholarship fund! Thank you, Alpha Mu sisters, for your attendance and generous contribution and support! For those who could not attend or contribute an item for the auction, we kindly ask for a \$20 donation to support the Grant-in-Aid scholarship. A special thank you to Mrs. Linda Little for hosting our Christmas Tea and Auction event in her beautiful home!

BUSINESS ZOOM MEETING-NOV. 9

Our November zoom business meeting was a success! We had the pleasure of having Mellie Smithwick, Area V Coordinator, as our guest speaker. She provided an informative presentation regarding DKG resources and publications. She reminded members to check out the DKG. Texas, DKG.org, and ASTEF websites. The websites offer hyperlinks to important information for professional and personal growth, scholarship applications, etc. that are available to members. She discussed the scholarship and project opportunities available through the ASTEF website. She strongly encouraged members to read the online DKG publications, Bulletin - Journal (The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin), and Bulletin - Magazine (Collegial Exchange) because they provide valuable information and articles about teaching, classroom projects, health, etc. In addition, she encouraged members to attend the upcoming Area V Workshop in August 2022, and the state convention in Lubbock, TX, in June 2022. She also reminded members that in June 2023, the TSO convention is in McAllen, TX.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 1, 2022—<u>Proposed Amendments to Bylaws</u> and Rules Due
- February 1—Chapter President's Report to State President Due
- February 1—Cornetet International Scholarship Application—Online Application
- February 1—<u>State Achievement</u> and <u>Golden Rose</u> Nominations Due

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Griselda Garcia
- Diana Gomez
- Katheryn A. King



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UPCOMING TEXAS STATE EVENTS

- 93rd Texas State Convention will be held in Lubbock, Texas, June 14-18, 2022.
- 94th Texas State Convention will be held in McAllen, Texas, June 14-17, 2023

CAPS FOR GRADS

The Alpha Mu Chapter Project for 2021-2022 is Caps for Grads! The chapter will raise funds to provide caps and

gowns for five BISD female students from **Rivera Early College High School** who do not have the money to purchase their own graduation cap and gown. This project will enable qualifying low-income students to



participate in their high school graduation ceremonies. Our chapter will be coordinating this project with the senior counselors at Rivera E.C.H.S. The approximate cost of the graduation regalia per student is \$45.

ALPHA MU, STATE, & GLOBAL WEBSITES

Stay up-to-date by checking Alpha Mu chapter's website! Included are also the state and global websites! See links below:

- https://Dkgalphamu.weebly.com (chapter website)
- https://Dkgtexas.org (state website)
- https://Dkg.org (global website)



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CHRISTMAS TEA AND AUCTION PHOTOS - DECEMBER 2

























