



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:

January 2022 came, and it is gone! I hope you have not faced any health challenges at the beginning of the year or with the weather over the past few weeks. I am delighted to announce that the December Christmas Tea & Auction was a successful event raising over \$1000! We will use the proceeds to award a \$500 scholarship to a junior or senior female from UTRGV majoring in education in April 2022. We know full well the value of giving and receiving. This certainly shows the sharing spirit that exemplifies all of us in Delta Kappa Gamma. A special thank you to Mrs. Linda Little for hosting the auction in her beautiful home and to all the members who donated their time and gifts.

In January the executive board met and decided not to hold an in-person meeting in February. Instead, each member is asked to donate \$20 to purchase graduation caps & gowns for five female graduates from Rivera ECHS. As of now, two members, Drue and Esmeralda, want to donate funds for two additional caps and gowns. The February meeting is Tuesday, February 8, via Zoom. The \$20 donations will go to our chapter's project, Caps for Grads, as well as to ASTEF. February is also a very important month for Alpha Mu because it is time to vote on the new slate of officers for the upcoming biennium 2022-2024. Linda Little and Esmeralda Torres are on the Nominations Committee, and they will be coordinating the new slate of officers.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone virtually at the meeting. Please make an extra effort to join us at this meeting.

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**

VALENTINE SWEETS & TREATS

Due to the rising cases of the Omicron variant, our yearly Valentine Sweets & Treats Auction has been changed to a virtual fundraiser! Our executive board decided that our February 8 meeting will be via Zoom. Instead of having the sweet treats for auction/sale, each member is being asked to donate \$20 for the Caps and Grads project and ASTEF. Please send your \$20 donation to our Treasurer, Linda Little, by **Tuesday, February 15**. Method of payments include:

- CashApp, to \$nagn88, please notify Norma Nelson
- Zelle, to Norma Nelson at 956-455-0871 or
- Personal check, payable to DKG. Checks should be mailed to Linda Little, Chapter Treasurer, 717 Santa Ana, Rancho Viejo, TX 78575-9747



DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 15—[Application to Present a Breakout Session in 2022 Convention](#)
- February 8—Business Meeting via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
- March 1—Membership Snapshot
- March 1—[State Scholarships and Mini Grant Applications](#) Due
- March 1—[ASTEF Aspiring Educator Application](#) Due
- March 15—2022-2024 Chapter Officers Due to TSO Headquarters
- March 15—Personnel Guidelines Updates Due to TSO President
- March 15—[Chapter Officer Google Form \(President & Treasurer\)](#)

UPCOMING TEXAS STATE EVENTS

- 93rd Texas State Convention will be held in Lubbock, Texas, June 15-18, 2022.
- International Convention will be held in New Orleans, July 12-16, 2022
- Area Workshop – Alice, TX, August 27, 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)



ALPHA MU OFFICERS 2020-2022

Norma Nelson – President
 Melissa Saldivar, 1st Vice-President
 Drue Brown, 2nd Vice-President
 Letty Hernandez, Recording Secretary
 Esmeralda Torres, Corresponding Secretary
 Linda Little, Treasurer
 Mary Sullivan, Parliamentarian

HONORING OUR 40 AND 25-YEAR MEMBERS

Photos of our 40-year member, Pat Johnson-Hodge and our 25-year member, Noel Kendall. Both were honored and given their pin, certificate and rose by our officers, Norma Nelson, President, Drue Brown, 2nd Vice-President, and Mary Sullivan, Parliamentarian. We are grateful for their continued service to our Alpha Mu Chapter. Pat Johnson-Hodge served as president two non-consecutive terms in 1990-1992 and 2002-2004. Noel Kendall served as president in 2006-2008 and treasurer for several terms. Congratulations to Pat Johnson-Hodge and Noel Kendall!



Pat Johnson-Hodge, 40-Year Member



Noel Kendall, 25-Year Member



Noel Kendall and Pat Johnson-Hodge



Drue Brown and Noel Kendall



Pat Johnson-Hodge and Mary Sullivan



Noel Kendall, Norma Nelson, and Pat Johnson-Hodge