



# 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,

As I conclude my second term as chapter president, I am forever grateful to all the members for your dedication to our Alpha Mu Chapter. You will always be my lovely sisters, and I am truly proud of everything we have achieved together. The past two years were unprecedented, but it was a learning experience for all of us. Nevertheless, our chapter is an outstanding example of growth, moving forward continuously.

The next and final meeting for the biennium is May 24; it will be in person at Cobbleheads. We are looking forward to seeing each other as we celebrate Founder's Day and induct the new officers for 2022-2024. Don't forget to wear your colorful hats! Also, many members have sent in their membership dues. We are looking forward to collecting ALL dues by May 31. In addition, we are fortunate that Shelly Alonso will attend the 2022 Texas State Convention in Lubbock in place of our incoming president, Linda Little. Alpha Mu Chapter will be recognized at the convention for many accomplishments, and we are very pleased that Shelly will be there to fulfill the purposes of the Society. Finally, start thinking about signing up for the Area V Workshop in Alice, TX, on August 27. We can do it--let's all go to represent Alpha Mu Chapter!

We accomplished many endeavors we never imagined we could achieve. Our "Journey" has been truly rewarding. We will continue to take pride in the fellowship and commitment we share as DKG members.

I wish you many blessings in the years ahead. Enjoy your summer break with family and friends.

Your Proud 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

## BUSINESS ZOOM MEETING—APRIL 19

We had another successful Zoom meeting in April! The Chapter's program topic was, "Teas to make us feel better." The DKG members shared their favorite teas as well as some family traditions and benefits of the teas they drink. Recipes were shared by Martha Warburton, Linda Little, Norma G. Lopez, Mary Sullivan, and Iris San Miguel.

Ms. Graciela (Shelly) Alonso, our incoming First Vice-President will be representing our incoming Chapter President Linda Little at the 93<sup>rd</sup> State Convention in Lubbock, TX from June 16-19. Ms. Linda Little, our incoming Chapter President, appointed Mary Sullivan to serve as the chapter parliamentarian.

Later this month, the executive board will be doing an End-of-Year Chapter Wellness with our Area V Coordinator, Ms. Millie Smithwick.



Sixteen members attended our April Zoom meeting.

## ALPHA MU DUES REMINDER

Please send your Alpha Mu dues to our Treasurer, Linda Little, by **Tuesday, May 31**. Method of payments include:

- CashApp, to \$nagn88. Please notify Norma Nelson.
- Zelle, to Norma Nelson at 956-455-0871 or email nan36dkg@gmail.com
- Personal check, payable to DKG. Checks should be mailed to Linda Little, Chapter Treasurer, 717 Santa Ana, Rancho Viejo, TX 78575-9747
- Membership Dues: Active members is \$75, Active Retired is \$70, and Reserved is \$40.

Please notify Mrs. Linda Little by email at rlbkttl@cs.com, or via text at 956-497-8501 with the following information: method of payment as listed above and the date transaction is completed.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 24—Chapter Meeting at Cobbleheads at 6:00 p.m.
- May 31—Alpha Mu Dues
- June 30—Fiscal Year Ends/2020-2022 Biennium Ends
- August 27—Area 5 Workshop-Alice, TX, 8:00-1:00 p.m.

## UPCOMING TEXAS STATE EVENTS

- 93<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- 94<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention will be held in McAllen, Texas, June 14-17, 2023.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Dolores C. Emerson
- Gabriela Rodriguez



## CHAPTER, STATE & GLOBAL WEBSITES

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

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

## REMINDER: CHAPTER CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED FOR AREA 5 WORKSHOP

- Table centerpieces—donate new books for reading levels from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For each book donated, a ticket will be entered in a drawing. Please bring your book donations to our May 24 meeting. Ms. Sharlene Vazquez and committee members will assist in collecting the books. If you *cannot* attend the meeting but have books to donate, please notify Sharlene via text at 956-545-5758.
- Refreshments: Continental Breakfast, coffee, juice, water, paper goods; Snacks: Grab-n-Go snacks to get everyone through the workshops
- VIP Gift Bags: At least one (1) item from each chapter for each bag. VIP will be gifted to State Personnel, Local VIP. This item may be significant to your chapter, your hometown, and it may be gift cards. Please provide useful items.
- Items for participant tote bags such as tissue, hand sanitizer, pen, notepad, chocolate candy, and cookies, etc.
- Door prizes: Three (3) gift cards of \$5.00 or more.
- Raffle items: Two (2) gift cards of \$5.00 or more.
- Help at refreshment table; distribute snacks to rooms before sessions begin.
- Volunteer at least one (1) member to be a facilitator to a presenter. Please notify our president, Norma Nelson.
- Members that would like to stay overnight in Alice, Tx, La Quinta Inn & Suites—2 beds - \$79 plus tax \$88.48.

## MAY MEETING REMINDERS

- Don't forget to wear a "HAT" to celebrate our Founder's Day!
- Don't forget to bring your book donation for reading levels 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- May Birthday members don't forget to bring your raffle gift.
- All members celebrating birthdays December – May are encouraged to bring a gift for the birthday raffle.
- Don't forget to bring a \$1 for the birthday raffle.
- Don't forget to wear your pin or make a \$1 donation.



### 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

### INCOMING OFFICERS 2022-2024

Linda Little – President  
 Graciela (Shelly) Alonso, 1st Vice-President  
 Sharlene Vazquez, 2nd Vice-President  
 Mary Ann Flores, Recording Secretary  
 Esmeralda Torres, Corresponding Secretary  
 Norma Nelson, Treasurer  
 Mary Sullivan, Parliamentarian

## CAPS FOR GRADS

The Alpha Mu Chapter Project for 2021-2022, Caps for Grads, enabled qualifying low-income students to participate in their high school graduation ceremonies. The chapter provided **eight** female **Rivera Early College High School** students with graduation regalia. Our chapter coordinated this project with the senior counselors at Rivera E.C.H.S. The approximate cost of the graduation regalia was \$45 per student. The chapter project raised funds for five regalias. Two chapter members, Drue Brown and Esmeralda Torres, donated three additional regalias! Special thanks to them for their support and generosity!

