Alpha Mu… Sings…

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

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Greetings Alpha Mu Sisters,

***"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."* – Norman Vincent Peale**

What a busy fall! We've made it through half of our first biennium due to the dedication and support of our sisters. I look forward to 2019 as we continue to build new bridges.

The Christmas Tea and Auction will be held on December 8th at the home of Pat Johnson-Hodge. All proceeds will benefit the *Grant-in-Aid* for a future woman educator as well as our chapter's project, *Caps for Grads*! I encourage everyone to bring a friend to the auction.

I wish everyone a warm and blessed holiday season.

Norma Nelson,
Alpha Mu President

Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education

Vision Statement

Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

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Next Meeting

Hostesses:

Executive Committee
&
Santa's Helpers
Martha Warburton
Noel Kendall

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Christmas Tea & Live Auction

Mentoring by giving to our Grant-in-Aid for Future Women Educators

Where: **Home of Pat Johnson-Hodge** **Time:** **2:00 pm**
114 **Fireside**

Goals

for the

2017 – 2019 Biennium

- Encourage members to strengthen their chapters by building membership diversity including members of all ages and ethnicities, as well as those who work in all types of schools.
- Honor our heritage as we build membership, strengthen chapters, and take on new challenges in schools and communities.
- Encourage healthy living strategies for our members and their families.
- Support initiatives and programs that will enlighten and inform members about education worldwide.

Dates to Remember

- **December 8, 2018:** Christmas Tea and Live Auction at home of Pat Johnson-Hodge
- **January, 2019:** Executive Committee Meeting
- **January 31, 2019:** ASTEF Mid-year Project Report Due
- **February 13, 2019:** Valentine Raffle and Sample
- **March 1, 2019:** ASTEF Aspiring Educator Grant Application Due
- **March 23, 2019:** Field Trip: Historic Tour of Stillman House
- **April 1, 2019:** ASTEF Project Application Deadline

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Bring an item or two to auction
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November 8, 2018

Area V Coordinator, Barbara Serota

The Area V Coordinator, Barbara Serota, attended the November 8 Alpha Mu meeting. She discussed issues such as retaining members, assigning new members a mentor, developing committees to meet the chapter needs, and the necessity for early dues collection in 2019. Dues must be sent to state by June 30, 2019, as opposed to October 31 this year. Norma Nelson presented a beautiful plant to Barbara.

Mary Sullivan received an Early Bird Yearbook certificate, and Norma Nelson received a Website Compliance Seal.

November Hostesses Mary Gonzales and Pat Segura

Alpha Mu Sisters with Area V Coordinator, Barbara Serota

Drue Brown won the birthday raffle.

Congratulations!

Our own Drue Brown was elected to the Brownsville ISD School Board on November 6, 2018.

Alpha Mu Committee Chairs

Ceremonials & Membership: Maria Gonzales
Constitution & By-Laws: Pat Johnson-Hodge
Finance: Noel Kendall
Necrology: Maria Torres
Nominations: Linda Little
Program/Personal Growth & Services: Drue Brown
Professional Affairs/Research: Pat Segura
Communication/Publicity: Hilda Flores
Scholarship/Grant-in-Aid: Noel Kendall
World Fellowship/Community Service: Norma Nelson
Yearbook: Mary Sullivan
Achievement Award: Norma Nelson
Music & Other Arts: Martha Warburton

Annual DKG Dues Update

Starting in 2019, all dues for the 2019-2020 need to be paid by June 30.

Caps for Grads

The Alpha Mu Chapter Project for 2018-2019 is **Caps for Grads!** The chapter will raise funds to provide caps and gowns for BISD female students 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. The scope of this project will depend on two factors: the number of eligible students and the chapter project funds available to assist these graduates. Our chapter will be coordinating this project with the senior counselors at the local high schools. The approximate cost of the graduation regalia per student is $45.

Alpha Mu Website

Keep up to date by checking Alpha Mu's Website!

Dkgalphamu.weebly.com

Membership Recommendations

The deadline for submitting recommendation forms for membership is February 13, 2019. Submit all applications to the Membership Committee. Be thinking now about colleagues you would like to nominate!

Everyone Bring One!

Membership drive: All sisters are encouraged to bring a potential new member as a guest to our Christmas Tea and Live Auction. ***Remember to bring new member recommendation forms to the meeting!***