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Dear Sisters,

October just flew by and Thanksgiving is around the corner! Sincere thanks to our friends, Larry Lof and Seth Patterson from the historic Sabal Palm Sanctuary for the informative presentation! It was a great learning experience at the *Barbara T. Warburton Education Center* and a point of community pride to know the great work they do. Special thanks to our Alpha Mu members who attended this tour and Martha Warburton for hosting us. I know I left greatly enriched by the information shared.

Our committee chairs have been hard at work. The following deadlines were accomplished…

- E-file 990 filed with the IRS
- Chapter Yearbook was sent to state. Alpha Mu received both the Early Bird & Exemplary Yearbook Awards.
- Recertification of our chapter website

Congratulations for these accomplishments go to Hilda Flores, Mary Sullivan and Norma Nelson.

Members are the heart of the Society and we are greatly thankful that our current members have renewed their membership. I am requesting that you remember why you joined DKG including the sisters who invited you to make that initial visit. Our chapter can shape future educational programs and plans if we "re"member the chapter by recruiting new educators for whom teaching is a passion. If they teach, they are eligible!

Maggie Crandall-Aguilar will be sharing an update on our *Little Free Library* chapter project. ***Remember*** to bring books to donate for this literacy project to our meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our meeting, November 8. The presentation by the Brownsville Wellness Coalition will focus on organic gardening and the benefits for our students. Don't miss it. Check out their website at www.brownsvillewellnesscoalition.com for more information.

Wishing everyone continued blessings in the upcoming holidays. Looking forward to the New Year and the great work ahead of our committee members in support of our Alpha Mu goals.

Maria V. Gonzales
Proud 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

Hosted by:

Kay Herrera

Irene Avila

November 8, 2016

Organic Farming in the Rio Grande Valley

How Students Benefit from Garden-Based Learning

Where: Cobbleheads **Time: 6:00 pm**

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Sabal Palms

Alpha Mu members attended a meeting at the Barbara Warburton Education Center located at the Sabal Palm Sanctuary in Brownsville, Texas. Members were greeted by presenters, Larry Lof and Seth Patterson. Mr. Lof gave the members a brief history of the area which includes the Rabb plantation house. Seth Patterson discussed the actual sanctuary and the wildlife that has been identified.

The Gorgas Society, founded by Barbara Warburton in 1947, has been operating the sanctuary since 2010. In addition to touring the house, which was built in 1892 by Frank and Lillian Rabb, visitors can explore the only Sabal Palm Grove left in the United States which at one time covered land from Brownsville, TX west to Mission, TX and north to south of San Antonio, TX. With over 4 miles of trails, visitors can view all types of native wildlife. The sanctuary has also become a habitat for migrating birds. Visitors from all over come to view the over 380 species of birds which have been identified in the area.

The Rabb House, built over 160 years ago, has been restored and is an example of Victorian architecture. The house initially faced the Rio Grande but by 1895, due to heavy snow melt from the Rockies, the fast moving water changed the course of the Rio Grande. Touring the house, you can see exposed bricks in the kitchen, fireplaces in every room, and doorknobs which were at first thought to have been added later date, once the paint was removed, discovered to be original to the house. Visiting Sabal Palms gives the visitor the opportunity to step back in time and let your imagination explore life in a simpler, less technology driven time.

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Sabal Palms Sanctuary

Mary Sullivan, Noel Kendall, Linda Little, Maria Gonzales, Norma Nelson, Hilda Flores, Martha Warburton, Kay Herrera, Melissa Salazar, Irene Avila

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Presenter: Seth Patterson, Martha Warburton,
Presenter: Larry Lof

Just a Reminder…

Christmas Tea and Live Auction

Saturday, December 10, 2016
2:00 pm
114 Fireside, Brownsville, TX

Proceeds to benefit the Grant-in-Aid for Future Women Educators

November Birthdays

Hilda Flores
Rose Mary Leal
Mary Sullivan

Literacy Project

Book Donations

Remember:

Bring new and gently-used books to the November meeting!

Alpha Mu Website

Keep up to date by checking
Alpha Mu's Website

Dkgalphamu.weebly.com

Remember to Wear Your Pin!

You have earned it!

Wear your key pin to the meetings! Also, mark your calendars to wear your pin the ***first Monday of each month.*** Create buzz with potential members when you are asked about your pin!

Everyone Bring One!

Membership drive: All sisters are encouraged to bring a potential new member as a guest.