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JOURNEY
Which way will you go?

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LEADING WOMEN EDUCATORS IMPACTING EDUCATION WORLDWIDE



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Happy New Year KT Ladies!

It is always refreshing to start from the beginning with hope towards a new year. I truly hope you accomplish all of your goals and conquer all of your milestones you have set for this year. Back in November, our TSO President, Shalan Inmon, directed us to new personal and DKG goals that coincide with her theme: "Journey: Which way will you go?" This motto is just like the points on a compass. N - nurture yourself and members. S - Serve ourselves and our members. E - Educate ourselves and our members, as well as those outside of our organization. W - Wonder what if...

Although we never know what the future holds, we are once again facing unprecedented times in the field of education. To all of the active educators and retired teachers working in education in some capacity, stay ever vigilant! One thing I know about Kappa Theta is that not only are we flexible, but we shine our light no matter what the consequence, mood, or situation.

Please take care and nurture yourself, as well as your soul. Find something that makes you smile every day, whether it be a sunset, a comedy show, a Tik-Tok video, a Ted Talk, a prayer, or a song that gives you a positive vibe. If those don't work, try reaching out to your rose buddy and spreading the DKG love. Sending joy is the right type of contagion that you will always enjoy.

We are key women educators, and we stand true to our mission!

"Education e'er we'll further.
Each is bound to each as brother.
With this faith in one another
We shall win for aye!"

With all my heart,

Alisha Gail Odoms



NEXT MEETING:

Monday,
Feb. 21, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Bi-Chapter
Meeting &
Dinner

Greenhouse
Restaurant
600 N. Locust
Denton, TX

DECEMBER MEETING ACTIVITIES

Call to Order. President Alisha Odoms called the chapter meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Meditation. Venita Blake read a poem entitled, "A Recipe for a Happy New Year", by Anonymous. It was a reflection about all the months, days, and hours of our new year.

Program. 17th annual Chili Supper honoring LISD administrators, school board members, and retired teachers. 72 administrators, board members, and retired teachers attended our dinner.

Business Meeting.

Quorum. Alisha Odoms called for a quorum; quorum was met.

November Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved as written in the November, 2021 newsletter, with Sherry Thompson moving, and Janice Eason seconding the motion.

Treasurer's Report. Alisha Odoms presented the Treasurer's Report in Judy Kemler's absence. The amounts are as follows. Checking Account: \$3584.10; Regular Savings: \$4640.37; Grant-in-Aid Fund: \$370.62; Marjory Vickery Fund: \$2507.57. Total: \$11,102.66.

President's Report. Alisha Odoms shared that Shalan Inmon, Judy Evans, Lezli Collins, and Mandy Story wrote thank you letters from visiting previous chapter meetings. These will be read at the March meeting.

Committee Reports.

Nomination Committee. Cheryl Crawford presented the slate of officers. They are as follows. President: Venita Blake; 1st Vice-President: Suzanne Beecher; 2nd Vice-President: Alisha Odoms; Recording Secretary: Sherry Thompson; Corresponding Secretary: Carla Oliver. Cindy Neander moved to accept these nominations. The motion was seconded by Donna Olmsted. Newly nominated officers stood for applause.

Upcoming Business.

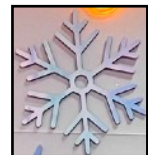
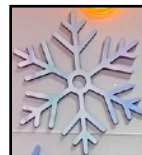
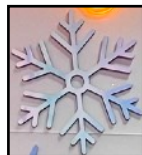
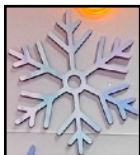
The next meeting is our Bi-Chapter meeting, which will be held on February 21, 2022 at the Greenhouse Restaurant in Denton. Please RSVP by February 14, 2022. Information on where to send money for the dinner will be found in the January newsletter. There will also be a link to indicate meal preference. We plan to carpool to Denton. This information will also be found in the newsletter.

An Executive Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 7th via Zoom. More details will follow.

Special announcements. Cheryl Crawford presented information about the late Marcie Cooley, a former DKG Chapter President and TSO Committee Member. Cheryl sold some of Marcie's Premier jewelry to benefit LEF and is planning another sale to benefit the Juanita Harmon Grant-in-Aid account. She hopes to reach our \$500 goal at the meeting. Cheryl will have the jewelry out before our meeting in March so that members can shop!

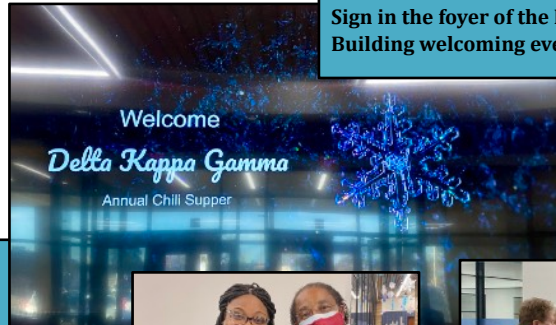
Celebrations. Alisha presented Janice Eason and Cathy Champon with cakes to celebrate their birthdays in December and January. Cindy Neander and Cindy McLuckie also received a Bundt cake for their leadership on the Chili Supper committee. Kim Kinnaird received a cake for taking over as Recording Secretary from Whitney Jones, who moved to Minnesota.

Adjournment. After the singing of The Delta Kappa Gamma Song, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

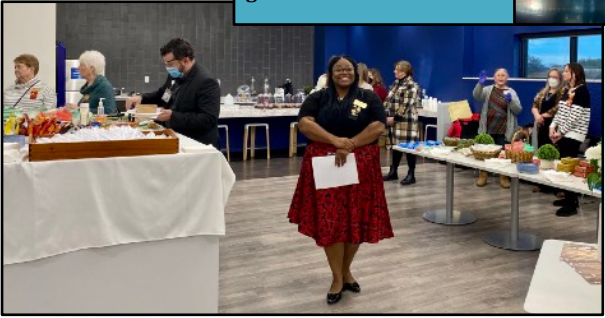




Getting ready and serving guests



Sign in the foyer of the LISD Admin Building welcoming everyone!



Members wait for guests to arrive



JANUARY MEETING PHOTOS

77 administrators and retired teachers enjoying chili and sides



Venita read a poem for the meditation.



The 2 Cindys were thanked for their work as Chili Supper Committee Co-Chairs.



December and January birthday members!

Kim was thanked for her willingness to take over the recording secretary position until the end of the year.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Patricia Bode	January 19
Betty McCrary	January 21
Janis Eason	January 26



BI-CHAPTER DINNER



The annual Bi-Chapter Meeting and dinner with Iota Chapter will be held in Denton on Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Greenhouse Restaurant, which is located at 600 N. Locust Street in Denton. To the left, you will see the invitation that Iota sent Kappa Theta. The cost for the dinner is \$20, which will be payable by members at the door on the day of the event. **However, you will need to RSVP by Monday, February 14 by going to this link and filling out a form.**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSclAVGHskpRM6rfyv8WBy6ipJfgXQYcnNV1R9ryt17VJhiOg/viewform>



JEWELRY SALE

Come early to the March meeting and shop the Marcie Cooley Premier jewelry sale fundraiser for our Grant-in-Aid Fund . Great jewelry...great prices...great fund...great shopping fun!!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- *JANUARY: Blood Donor Month and National Soup Month!
- *FEBRUARY: American Heart Month, Black History, Month, and Library Lover's Month!
- *Tuesday, Feb. 1: Cornet International Scholarship Application due; Link to info and app is here: <https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/DKGIEF/Funds/Cornetet Award/Cornetet Individual Award.aspx>
- *Wednesday, Feb. 2: Groundhog Day! Let's hope for Spring!
- *Friday, Feb. 4: National Wear Red Day! Library Lover's Day!
- *Monday, Feb. 7: Executive Board meeting via Zoom; 6:00 p.m. Link coming soon!
- *Monday, Feb. 14: Valentine's Day! Bi-Chapter Meeting RSVP due!
- *Monday, Feb. 21: Bi-Chapter Dinner and Meeting: Denton, TX; 6:00 p.m.
- *Monday, Feb. 21: President's Day and LISD Holiday
- *Tuesday, Mar. 1: State Scholarship, Mini-Grant Applications, and ASTEF Aspiring Educator Grant applications due; Links to info and app is here: <https://www.dkgtexas.org/scholarship-committee.html> and <https://www.astef.org/forms.html>



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