

GAMMA ETA NEWSLETTER

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Donna's Dialogue

By: President Donna Anderson

Brrrrr!!!! Is it cold enough for you?

Winter has certainly made its presence known here. I hope everyone has stayed warm and safe through these below freezing days.

If you want to warm up, consider going to State Convention in June in

McAllen. I plan on booking our hotel room this month, so please

let me know who wants to come along!

Hope to see you at our February meeting for our "Night at the Museums."



Alpha State, Texas
Gamma Eta Chapter
Chapter 79
Area XII
Including:
Cottle, Crosby,
Dickens, Motley,
Kent, and King Counties



FEBRUARY HOSTESS GROUP

Catered Meal at
Night at the Museums

Gamma Eta Officers Administrative Committee

<i>President</i>	Donna Anderson
<i>First Vice President</i>	Janie Wigley
<i>Second Vice President</i>	Amy Jarrett
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Lindy Stafford
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Mani Foster
<i>Parliamentarian</i>	Cristy McClenny
<i>Past President</i>	Cheryl Hindman
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sharon McDougle

FUTURE EVENTS

When: Monday, February 7

5:30 p.m.

What: *Night at the Museums*

Meal: \$9.00

Catered by "Charley's"

Facilitator: Cheryl Hindman

Where: Mt. Blanco Fossil

**Museum & Pioneer
Memorial Museum @
Crosbyton**

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ON JANUARY 10TH., GAMMA ETA MEMBERS GATHERED AT CROSBYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WERE JOINED BY SPECIAL GUEST, SUPERINTENDENT EARL JARRETT OF SPUR ISD.





Minutes of January 2011 Meeting

Gamma Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met in the Crosbyton Middle School for the regular meeting January 10, 2011. Sixteen members braved 20 degree weather to hear Mr. Earl Jarrett, Spur Superintendent, speak. Donna Anderson, President, opened the meeting after members and guests enjoyed a delightful meal of chicken salad, homemade rolls, and strawberry shortcake.

Brenda Karr introduced Mr. Jarrett to the group. He gave some personal background, surprising many with the fact that he grew up in Silverton. He is serving in his fourth year as Superintendent at Spur where his wife, Amy, one of our DKG sisters, teaches.

Mr. Jarrett opened his program by introducing some recent headlines concerning education in Texas. Just today, our State Comptroller, Susan Combs, reported a 27 billion dollar deficit in our state budget. Because of this, Mr. Jarrett told our group that we need to realize that we are probably going to have to “do more with less.” He told us that we have 4.8 million students in Texas with an expected increase of 84,000 students each year. This means that we will have over 5 million students in this biennium, the majority being Hispanic. He also said that minorities living in poverty are the hardest students to educate.

The program included discussion of some of the ideas which may be offered in the legislature’s attempt to correct the deficit. Class size, no discretionary grant money, reduction of foundation school programs, and leveling of dollars spent per student were discussed. With twelve end of course exams going into effect, it will be a challenge to prepare students with less funding. Mr. Jarrett ended his presentation by telling us that regardless of the financial problems, the jobs we do are not changed because of our dedication to education.

After our program, an ice breaker was enjoyed by all. We found verbs for each of the letters in “January,” a fun exercise which can be used in every classroom for any month. After a discussion, the November minutes were approved as written in the newsletter. Christy McClenny moved to approve the minutes and Linda Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passed. The treasurer, Sharon McDougle, gave a report that included a balance of \$2,013.58. There was no correspondence, and there were no committee reports.

Donna asked for discussion on the fact that we have nine meetings this year with one meeting being an optional meeting. It had been noted that perfect attendance could be eight meetings if a member attended the optional meeting. Vivian Morris moved that attendance at eight out of nine meetings would qualify as perfect attendance. Becky McGalliard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Donna reminded members to think of teachers who would like to become members. The next meeting will be a “Night at the Museums” at Crosbyton. The meeting closed with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Respectfully submitted by Lindy Stafford

As the DKG song closed, Janie Wigley hurried to present our Loving Angel to a dedicated Gamma Eta member, Merla Watson, whose smile and uplifting spirit are ever present at Gamma Eta meetings. Congrats, Merla!



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DON'T FORGET
 to wear your pin to each meeting!

REMEMBER:
 Make **SURE** you bring your **\$9.00** for the Charley's meal. It will be delicious and just perfect as we enjoy our "Night at the Museums." **WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

our Gamma Eta
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY WOMEN!

February 10	Madeline Stanford
February 12	Becky McGalliard
February 14	Debbi Ball
February 28	Donna Anderson

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

FUTURE MEETING UPDATES

Monday, 3/7/11 @ 5:30 @ FUMC Matador
Gamma Eta's Birthday Bash
 Greeter: Patsy Weems; Icebreaker: Merla Watson;
 Program Facilitator: Vivian Morris
 Hostess Group: Matador (Lindy Stafford, Chelsea Read, Willita Burke, Karen Rothwell)

Monday, 4/11/11 @ 5:30 @ FUMC Spur *Jewels for You* Jennifer Martin/Tonya Givens demonstrate how to make your own jewelry. There will be a charge for supplies.
 Greeter: Vicki Sellers; Icebreaker: Tondi Jeter; Program Facilitator: Amy Jarrett

Monday, 5/2/11 @ 5:30 @ TBA, Founders Celebrated,
 Greeter: Officers, Ice Breaker: Mani Foster, Program Facilitator: Vicki Sellers,
 Hostess Group: Bring a salad to share.

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Our Thanks
 ...to Supt. Earl Jarrett of Spur ISD for giving his time to update us about important education issues in Texas. Our eyes and ears will remain open as news continues to reach us from Austin.

We Welcome
 ...area educators and past educators to visit our Gamma Eta meetings and possibly make the decision to join our efforts to support education now and in the future.

Please call or email me with newsworthy concerns or joys so that I may add them to our monthly **GAMMA ETA NEWSLETTER**. Thanks!
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VIVIAN'S HOMEMADE WHOLE WHEAT ROLLS

- 2 Tablespoons yeast (2 packets)
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 1/4 cup honey (2 oz)
- 3/4 cup olive oil (6 oz)
- 2 fresh eggs (room temperature)
- 6 cups whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp. salt



Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water and honey mixture for about 5 minutes. Add olive oil, eggs and salt. Stir. Stir in whole wheat flour a cup at a time until dough loosens from sides of bowl. Sprinkle some of the flour onto a dough board or cabinet counter; turn dough onto this and knead for a bit. Dough should be very soft. Place dough into an oiled bowl, cover with sprayed Saran Wrap and let rise until double in size. Punch down. Make out into rolls; let rise until double. Bake at about 375 degrees for 15 or 20 minutes, according to size of rolls. Serve. OR; After kneading, you can place dough in a large ziplock bag, seal, and put into refrigerator overnight. Dough will rise in bag, so you may need to unzip, press out air a time or two,. Next day, set bag of dough out of frig and allow to slowly warm on cabinet. Then make out rolls; let rise; bake. **BROWN 'n SERVE:** Bake rolls at 325 for about 20 minutes. You want them to cook through but not really brown. Cool. Place rolls in jumbo ziplock and freeze. Later, take out whatever number you need; let warm up a bit; bake in hot oven, 375 or 400 degrees, for maybe 10 minutes.

****Vivian served these delicious rolls at our last meeting, and they were absolutely fabulous! Thanks, Vivian!!!**