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

THETA CHI IS BRANCHING OUT

President’s Message:

First of all let me thank the chapter members for the beautiful rose wrist corsage I wore the night of the president’s presentation. I was very proud to represent Theta Chi.

Now that the 80th Alpha State Convention has concluded, it’s time to start thinking about what lies ahead for the chapter. We need to start thinking about what we want to accomplish as a chapter this next year. What kind of programs do we want to have?

I believe our best resource for programs is our own members. We are always taught to never say no when asked to do something for Delta Kappa Gamma. Will you step forward and say yes to doing a program for the chapter? Our first vice president Michelle Bradberry would love to hear from you with your program ideas.

The Executive Board will be meeting in the near future to outline plans for the coming year. Please let one of us know what you would like to see at the meetings.

HONORS FOR THETA CHI

Theta Chi Chapter members should be busting at the seams for all of their accomplishments this last year.

P.A.C.E. Award

Annie Award: Sisters and Seniors Project

Chapter Website

Tudor Rose Award: Increase in membership

Hundreds for Headquarters: meeting the state goal

Five Star Newsletter

Exemplary Yearbook & Early Bird Award

Journeymers for Enlightenment: donation to the Scholarship Fund

Members-In-Print: article written by Jeanette Rhyan

Plus, Jeanette Rhyan presented a workshop on ΔΚΓ Bingo and Connie Rensink presented a workshop on Living Passionately
A letter from Corpus Christi,

Dear Sisters,

I never realized how far away Corpus Christi really was from my front door. This was actually my first trip to the ‘Sparkling City by the Sea’ and I thoroughly enjoyed my time there.

Each day as I left the hotel to catch the bus for the short ride to the convention center, I was struck by the beauty of the sea (and the high humidity). Of course, the wind never did stop blowing.

The week began with a pajama party which gave those of us who drove in early something to do on Wednesday night. We played games and danced. Connie Rensink won an award for cutest pajamas.

For me, Thursday included a practice for the Program Committee and attending the Leadership and Communication Development Seminar presented by Dr. Elaine Whilmore. The convention was called to order Thursday night by President JoAnn Brooks. After a quick business meeting and presentations, the audience was treated with some fun opening night entertainment.

Friday was a busy day full of lots of things to do. The Info Fair was a big success. “Flat Annie” made an appearance at the Info Fair. Many committees set up tables to pass out information about the responsibilities of the committee. Some chapters set up craft tables with Delta Kappa Gamma items for sale.

Of course we had the big raffle for the Headquarters Fund. There were over twenty gift baskets in the raffle, plus a handmade dulcimer by George Davis and a rose quilt made by the members of Xi chapter. It’s been reported that the Headquarters Fund raised over $14,000 this year. Just to let you know, Theta Chi chapter made a donation to the basket organized by Iota Pi.

I was part of the Program Committee presentation on Friday morning and helped distribute the 101 Annie Awards that were given out for outstanding programs and/or projects.

The Birthday Luncheon is always a highlight of the convention. There were several 50 year members in attendance along with 62 year member Bess Church McDonald from Iota Pi. What a wonderful lady she is. Area X member Bonnie Stroman was awarded the State Achievement Award.

Friday afternoon I presented my workshop on \( \Delta K \Gamma \) Bingo. It was standing room only and we all had a lot of fun. Friday night was free to see the sights of Corpus Christi. A few of us joined Connie and her Leadership 2009 group for Mexican food.

Saturday is always a busy, and long day that started off with a beautiful Necrology program, followed by the business meeting. There were lots of committee reports and a very detailed report from the Finance Committee about the money of Alpha State.

Following the business session, the Area X presidents met with outgoing Area Coordinator Carolyn Waller. Kelly Broadus, Iota Pi President, and I presented Carolyn with a personal gift card and a donation to the Headquarters Fund in her name. Carolyn has been a great AC for Area X.

Before I could go back to the hotel to change for the Founders Banquet and Presidents Presentation, the presidents had their practice for the evening’s presentation. That didn’t leave much time to change.
The Founders Banquet started off with the presentation of all the chapter presidents that were in attendance. It took 57 minutes to introduce everyone.

Following dinner, the installation of new officers was held. Area X was beaming with pride as Nancy Newton was installed as Second Vice President and Betty Vines as Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Elected Personnel Committee member Linda Sommervill was also introduced. The evening concluded with a reception for the new officers and past state presidents.

What a whirlwind of events in such a short time. Seeing my friends from across the state is always such fun. There is always lots of news to catch up on, but never enough time. I met many new friends that I can’t wait to see again.

It won’t be long till the 81st Alpha State Convention meets in Waco, June 17 – 19, 2010.

WELCOME TO THE NEW BIENNIIUM!

As the new biennium begins for Alpha State so comes some new changes. Dr. Vicki Davis has selected ‘Advance the Society: Believe, Engage, Learn, Lead’ as our words of wisdom for the next two years. I love the icon she and Carol McMillan have designed. You might pick up on the words, believe, engage, learn, lead. In other words, BELL. Yes, we will be hearing lots of ‘bells’ during the biennium.

Some other changes you will want to become accustomed to:

- The use of Arabic numbers instead of Roman numerals. For example Area X can now be written as Area 10.
- TSO: Texas State Organization should be used in the subject line for all emails going out to the members.
- The letters DKG may be used instead of the Greek letters, as long as they are used in good taste.
- Instead of regular mail or emails, a lot of the printed materials will be available on the website. Get in the habit of checking the Alpha State Website and the International Website on a consistent basis.
- Going Green is big. This will really apply to the yearbook and pages that no longer need to be included. More information about that in the near future.

I know that you will want to support Dr. Davis and her officers has they lead us into a new biennium full of the sound of bells!
Theta Chi News

June Birthdays
Luanne Choppy – 10th
Tammy Trice – 16th
Jeanette Rhyan – 26th
LaShan Malunowe – 28th

July Birthdays
Valerie Hudson – 10th
Billie Ebersole – 11th
Barbara Ashworth – 17th
Angela Anis – 22nd

Sickness and Distress
Since I’ve been out of town I haven’t received any emails or calls about anyone feeling under the weather. Let’s keep everyone in our prayers for continued good health or healing.

Officer Change
Marcia Zorn, who has been our treasurer for the last seven years, has asked to be replaced due to job conflicts. It is with regret that I accept her resignation but understand we can’t do everything.
Robin McGowan has stepped forward and accepted the treasurer’s position for the rest of this biennium. Please be patient with her as she gets accustomed to her new position.
Robin’s address is 901 Roaring Canyon Road, Euless, 76039. Her phone number is 817-354-6679.

Dues
It’s time to think about sending in your dues. Theta Chi dues are $82.00. You may pay this amount in one lump sum, or spread it out over several months. The deadline for dues is October 31st.

Theta Chi is Still Branching Out, but this year with bells on the branches.

I am very proud of the way our tree grew last year. All the beautiful leaves which represent our members and the red apples which represented our programs make for a very healthy tree. I will be adding quite a few roses to the tree which will represent the honors Theta Chi has received. But our tree is not finished growing. We have another year of growth and we don’t want our tree to stop growing now.

- Be on the lookout for prospective members. You never know who will be one of our future leaders.
- Think about program topics for the next year.
- When you think about coming to a meeting, think about who you can call and ask them to ride with you to a chapter meeting.
- Plan on attending the Area 10 Luncheon next February.
- Plan on traveling to Waco for the next convention.
- Plan to get involved.

Make Success Your Destination
There is an anonymous poem entitled ‘The Road to Success’ in which the author writes that the road to success is not straight.
One curve leads to failure another leads to confusion. Friends and relatives are the speed bumps and flashing yellow caution lights along the way.
Sometimes your job will seem like a flat tire.
To get back on the road and reach your destination you’ll need a spare tire called determination, an engine called perseverance, and an insurance policy called faith.
The bumpy road you travel will feel smoother if you pack a positive attitude to bolster your belief in yourself plus plenty of enthusiasm for whatever lies ahead.
From The Path to Success is Paved With Positive Thinking by Wally Amos.