



The Mu Tauker

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

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Area 1 Chapter 307 Mu Tau Chapter

Cedar Creek Lake Area

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Nancy's Notes



Dear Sisters,

I have always heard, "Time flies when you're having fun." I am not sure how much fun I have had, but I do know this year has flown by. It is hard to believe it is almost Christmas!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Since we are now experts at flower arranging and charcuterie, I know everyone had a beautiful arrangement and delicious charcuterie board! A big thank you to Melody and Mary Ann for your great presentations at our November meeting. As I have said before, I am amazed at the talents and knowledge of our members.

Our meeting on Monday will be Christmas fun! We are having a pot luck dinner at my house with an ornament and white elephant gift exchange. I hope everyone will be able to attend. No pressure, but I have been cleaning and decorating!

As Christmas approaches, I hope everyone will remember the true meaning of Christmas. It is a wonderful time to cherish family, friends, and memories. Thank you to my wonderful chapter sisters for supporting me, always helping me, and the wonderful memories of all of the years. My wish for everyone is to have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year!

—Nancy



Seek, Open, Act, Reach

Mu Tau Meeting

Monday, December 11, 2023

4:45 PM

Nancy McDonald's home

Program

Dinner

Fun & Games



Mu Tau Projects

Little Free Libraries

Boxtop\$ for Education

Mu Tau Scholarship

Schools for Africa

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Forever Families

Merry Christmas!

Happy 2024!



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Mu Tau calendar 2023-2024

December 11, 2023	Holiday Hoopla!
January 8, 2024	Executive Board Meeting
February 12, 2024	What Are You Reading?
March, TBA	Orientation for new members
April 8, 2024	Induction of new members
May 13, 2024	Founders Day
June 22, 2024	Area Workshop, Dallas
July 9-13, 2024	International Convention, National Harbor, MD



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Mu Tau Dollars and Cents

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Mu Tau Chapter

Treasurer's Report December 5, 2023

BALANCE 11-6-2023	\$2,731.65
Deposits	40.00
Total Available	\$2,771.65
Disbursements:	
Statement Fee November	4.00
Total Disbursements	4.00
BALANCE Dec. 5, 2023	\$2,767.65

Libby Horton, Mu Tau Treasurer



Mu Tau Executive Board 2023-2024

President

Nancy McDonald

First Vice President

Mindy Sutton

Second Vice President

Beverly Hart

Recording Secretary

Mary Ann Gregg

Corresponding Secretary

Angela Barton

Treasurer

Libby Horton



Parliamentarian

Janice Sutton

Immediate Past President

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Lavonne Dennis



Directions to Nancy McDonald's house from Mabank:

From Mabank travel on Hwy198, and turn right on CR 3080.

Turn left at a sign that says Cemetery. This will be VZ CR 2802.

Nancy's house is 2274 on the left, and you will see a pipe fence.

Nancy's cell phone number is (903)880-5524.

Nancy's house phone number is (903) 887-7345.

Directions to Nancy McDonald's house from Canton:

From Canton travel south on Hwy198 to Van Zandt County Road 2802.

Turn left on 2802, and continue to the house.

The house is 2274 and will be on the right. Look for the pipe fence.

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International**Minutes of the Mu Tau Chapter Meeting**

Tri-County Library, Mabank, TX

November 13, 2023

President Nancy McDonald called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Thirteen members present were Mary Ann Gregg, Lavonne Dennis, Melody Stephenson, Kim Johnson, Amanda Schmidt, Alison Neighbors, Mindy Marder, Janice Sutton, Nancy McDonald, Libby Horton, Angela Barton, Barbara Jedlicka, and Monica Dickerson. Three special guests were in attendance: Beth Huffington, Rita Curington and Jeannie Hoffman from Epsilon Epsilon in Arhens and Parker, the therapy dog working at Wills Point High School. **Member Spotlight** featured Alison Neighbors in the hot seat. Alison delightfully answered each question, and President McDonald thanked her for her candid answers. Stay tuned to see who will wind up in the hot seat next!

October Minutes were +approved as printed in *The Mu Tauker*.

The Treasurer's Report presented in *The Mu Tauker* will be filed for audit.

There was no Chapter Correspondence.

Old Business. There was a Zoom planning meeting in October; there will be another one this Sunday for the Regional Area Workshop held on June 22, 2024. The workshop fee is \$50 per person and includes lunch and two snacks. Everyone make plans to attend.

Mu Tau Christmas Party Review. The party will be at Nancy McDonald's home again this year. Please sign up on the sheet for what food you will bring. If you were not at the meeting, you can text or email Nancy to let her know what you will bring. There will be a wrapped ornament exchange, an unwrapped white elephant gift exchange and games. Look for a map to Nancy's house in the December Mu Tauker.

New Business. Amanda Schmidt spoke to the president of Hope Squad: there is a need for volunteers. Let Amanda know if you can volunteer.

Melody Stephenson noticed that Mabank Intermediate used a positive sticky note area during lunch, and she spoke to the counselor there about Hope Squad. The counselor expressed an interest in Hope Squad and commented that she hoped it did not require too much money to use.

Creative Arts Program. Melody Stephenson received her Floral Design credentials at age 18 from a design school in Colorado. She showed how to take a bouquet of flowers purchased from the grocery store and create a stunning arrangement in a glass vase. As she de-constructed, trimmed, and arranged the flowers, she taught the 5 elements and 7 principles of design. The 5 elements are line, color, form, spacing, and texture. The 7 principles are balance, scale, focal point, proportion, rhythm, contrast, and harmony.

Mary Ann Gregg served charcuterie tasting boards for sharing and guided the members in tasting and combining different meats, cheeses, jams, and crackers. *Charcuterie* is a French word meaning *cured meats* and usually refers to pork. However, it is also acceptable to use large muscle meats like roast beef, too. Members tried chevre (goat cheese), Manchego (sheep's milk cheese), and cream cheese (cow's milk cheese). Fig and raspberry preserves and jalapeno jelly paired with the salami, Black Forest ham and roast beef to transform the cheeses into surprising small bites. At the end of the sampling, she taught everyone how to roll a rose out of smoked Provolone cheese and out of salami. Members were invited to fill a charcuterie box to take home.

President Nancy McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Mary Ann Gregg, Recording Secretary

Nancy McDonald, President



Mu Tau birthdays

December

Beverly Hart, 12/2

Linda Robinson, 12/3

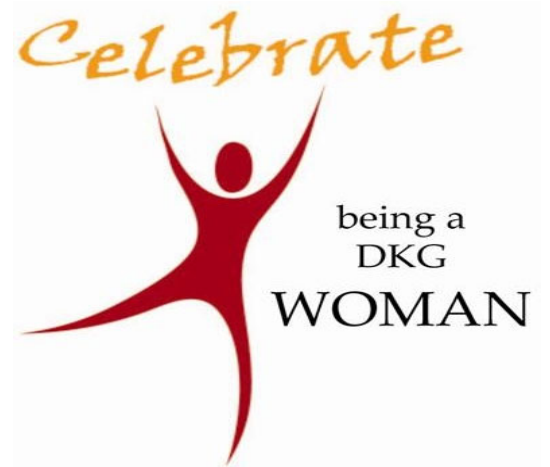
Rebecca Stephens, 12/8

February

Angela Barton, 2/17

Libby Horton, 2/8

DeAnna Smith, 2/25



Happy birthdays, Sisters!



Alison Neighbors

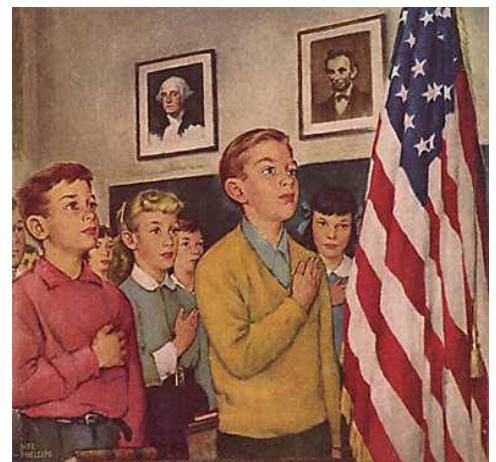
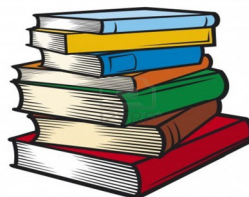
Mu Tau's Spotlight member for November~~

Not only does she answer Nancy's questions brilliantly; she also cooks Thanksgiving dressing for her family that spans generations.

**Congratulations!!!
Jean Robinson
was awarded
Yard of the Month
in her neighborhood!
Way to grow, Jean!**

Note: Boxtop\$ help our schools help our kids. **Boxtop\$ are now to be submitted by photos from your smart phone.**

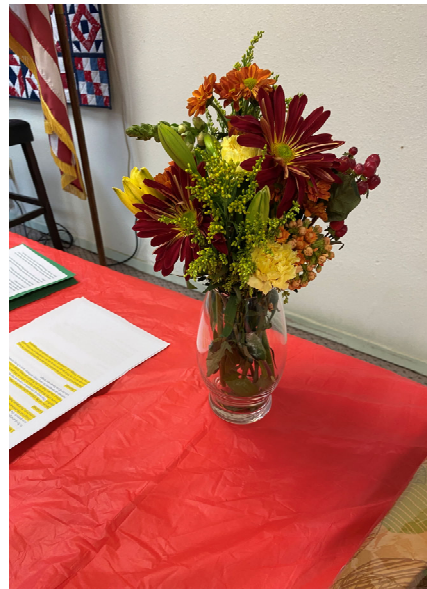
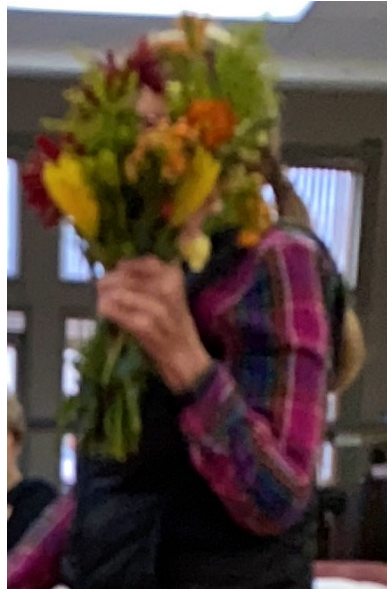
**BOXTOP\$ for
education**



Donate **used** books to help stock Mu Tau's Little Free Library at Northpark.

Bring the books to Beverly Hart. Reading helps people in our communities to become better readers and perhaps better citizens.

~~~~An Evening of Creativity at Mu Tau's November~~~~



Voila!

Melody shows and tells about the secrets to successful flower arranging: Key elements are line, color, form, spacing, and texture; key principles are balance, scale, focal point, proportion, rhythm, contrast, and harmony.

Then there was food! Charcuterie, here's how!

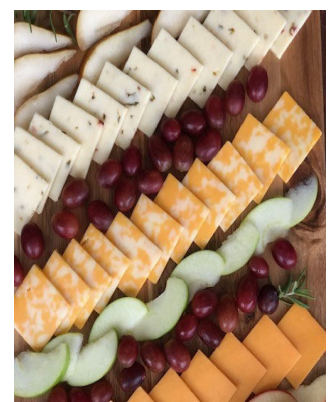
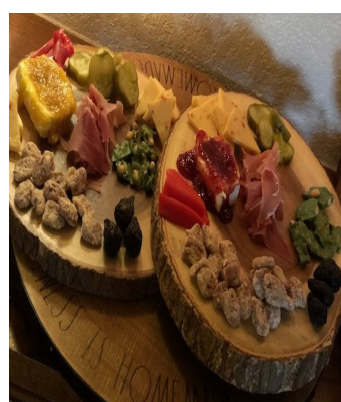
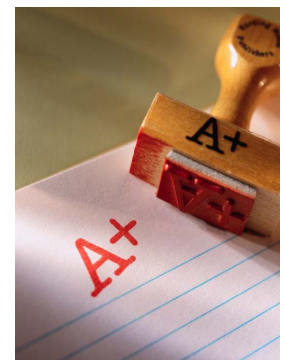
Once again Mary Ann demonstrates how to have fun with what we eat without playing with it.



Et cetera---

No doubt your copy of DKG's *Collegial Exchange* has arrived in your mailbox. As busy as your life is right now, please reward yourself by looking at it. Even if you have time only to skim through it, be inspired by reading the titles of the articles and remind yourself why you are a teacher and what our sisters do for us and our profession. Truly, we are an amazing bunch! If Annie could see us now! Maybe she does and smiles!

We all know and really appreciate the saying that a teacher may never know the reach of her influence. Surely that is the case for Melody when she did her flower arranging presentation in November. But look what has happened. Our sister visitors from **Epsilon Epsilon** took the lesson to heart. Here they share the results of their creative impulse. Believe it. Love it!



Oh, look! Mary Ann's *charcuterie boards* share traits with Melody's *flower arrangements*: line, color, form, spacing, and texture. She even **makes** flowers out of cheese!

