



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

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Nancy's Notes



JOURNEY
Which way will you go?

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." To me, this song depicts so much of the Christmas season. I love seeing children get excited over the decorations and Santa. I enjoy spending time with family and friends. Eating wonderful food and desserts is very appealing to me! Unfortunately, it's not the most wonderful time for many.

This time of year gives me a sense of nostalgia. I have so many wonderful Christmas memories from my childhood. I can still recall how excited I was for our church Christmas pageant. I'm not sure I was ever cast as an angel, though. I loved going to Granny's house and playing with cousins. Although we have lost some members of our family, we still get together at Christmas. We have grown over the years, and now we get to watch our grandchildren playing with cousins!

I also feel a slight sadness at Christmas. I realize how blessed I am to have a large and loving family. I know there are so many who are alone and are dealing with tremendous problems. I know the season brings added stress on many. I think of the mothers and children at Forever Families. I am thankful there are places people can go for love and help. I appreciate the dedication to Forever Families from my Mu Tau sisters.

With everything going on in the world and our lives, it is easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas. This year, I am going to light a candle and say a prayer for peace, for everyone to love one another, and for healing for mankind. Just think what a difference it would make in the world if everyone lit a candle and said a prayer!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our dinner on Monday. May all of you have a joyous holiday and a happy and healthy new year!

—Nancy



Directions to my house: From Mabank: Take Hwy 198 North to FM 3080. Turn right on FM 3080 and drive until you see a green cemetery sign. This road is Van Zandt County Road 2802. Turn left on 2802. My house is the first brick house on the left. It has a pipe fence in front.

Merry Christmas!

Mu Tau Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2022

5:00 PM

Nancy McDonald's home

Hostesses: Mary Ann Gregg, Sheila Lewis, Amanda Schmidt, Libby Horton, Melinda Robertson

Meaningful Moments

Sheila Lewis; Amanda Schmidt

Program

Christmas Dinner Party

Janice Sutton will be at the Tri-County Library parking lot if you'd like to follow her to Nancy's house, heading out about 4:45.

Mu Tau Projects

Little Free Libraries

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Forever Families

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Mu Tau calendar 2022-2023

December 12, 2022 Holiday Celebration Nancy McDonald's home
 January 9, 2023 Executive Board, Janice Sutton's home
 February 13, 2023 Book Review Tri-County Library
 March, 2023 Orientation of new members, TBA
 April 10, 2023 Induction of new members, FUMC, Mabank
 May 8, 2023 DKG Founders Day, Tri-County Library
 June 14-17, 2023 94th TSO Convention, McAllen, TX
 July 18-22, 2023 International Conference, Phoenix, AZ

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Mu Tau Chapter

Treasurer's Report December 2, 2022

<u>BALANCE 11-1-2022</u>	<u>\$2328.50</u>
Deposits	00.00
<u>Total Available</u>	<u>\$2328.50</u>
Disbursements:	
Convention state & international	\$400.00
Statement Fee	4.00
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$404.00</u>
<u>BALANCE 12-2-2022</u>	<u>\$1924.50</u>

Libby Horton, Mu Tau Treasurer



Mu Tau Executive Board 2022-2024

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

Monica Fortenberry

The Mu Tauker Editor

Lavonne Dennis



Mindy Sutton shares her experience in France in observance of the anniversary of D-Day, a moving presentation for all of Mu Tau. One French driver who spoke little English told her: "Thank you for 1944." Not many dry eyes in the audience after that!

Minutes of the Mu Tau Chapter Meeting

Tri-County Library, Mabank, TX

November 14, 2022, at 5:00 pm

President Nancy McDonald called the regular meeting of the Mu Tau Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order at 5:02 pm. Twelve members were present: Nancy McDonald, Beverly Hart, Janice Sutton, Rebecca Stephens, Libby Horton, Mary Ann Gregg, Jean Robinson, Angela Barton, Trudy Watson, Lavonne Dennis, Barbara Jedlicka, and Mindy Sutton.

Hostesses Angela Barton, Rebecca Stephens, and Trudy Watson served a fall charcuterie board, monogrammed DKG sugar cookies, and various lemonades, tea, and water.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as read by Mary Ann Gregg. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Libby Horton and will be filed for audit.

For Meaningful Moments, Angela Barton shared a quote from Mother Teresa and reflected on how precious life is and how, as educators, we are acutely aware of how fleeting life can be.

Chapter Correspondence: Lavonne Dennis read a message from Monica Fortenberry dated 11/3/22 stating that she had her gall bladder removed during emergency surgery. She will miss the November meeting because she is enrolled in a college class on **Revelation**, but will attend the meeting in December. Also, Mary Ann Gregg told the group about an honor her late father will receive at Baylor University on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon at the Baylor vs. TCU football game.

Old Business: Lavonne Dennis reminded us to check the email containing the new Mu Tau yearbook and verify our information.

New Business: The Christmas Dinner Party at Nancy McDonald's home was discussed. The party will begin at 5:00 with charcuterie. Dinner and dessert will follow. Members will pay \$15 each that evening. A map with detailed instructions will be provided via email before the party.

The Veterans Day Program: Mindy Sutton detailed her travels with the SMU Band to Normandy, France, for the June, 2022, D-Day commemoration.

Door prize winners were Janice Sutton and Lavonne Dennis. Libby Horton's name was drawn and because she works in Athens, she requested a re-draw for someone who could use the Tea Room Gift Certificate.

President Nancy McDonald adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm.

Mary Ann Gregg, recording secretary



94th TSO Convention. McAllen, Texas. June. 2023

Mu Tau Birthdays

Beverly Hart, 12/2

Linda Robinson, 12/3

Rebecca Stephens, 12/8



All Mu Tau Members:

Please check your copy of our yearbook that was emailed to us some weeks ago to see if your contact information is up to date. If the listing for you is not your current one, please let me know so that we have the latest on how to reach you. THANKS!

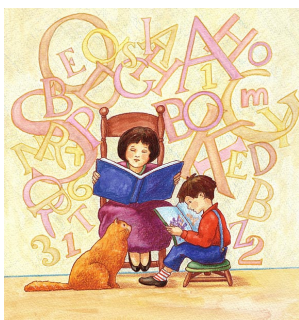
Member Spotlight

will resume in the **February** issue of *The Mu Tauker*.



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

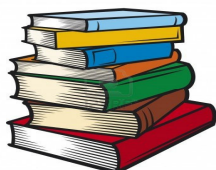
**BOXTOP\$ for
education**



Donate **used** books to help stock Mu Tau's Little Free Libraries at Northpark and Cherokee Shores.



When ordering books and other good things online, remember that **Amazon Smile!** benefits Delta Kappa Gamma. To date DKG has benefitted by more than \$3,542.67. **Way to go, DKG shoppers!**



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

Your presence is requested at the

Mu Tau

Taste of Italy Christmas Dinner

Nancy McDonald's home

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Mabank, TX 75147

Monday, December 12th, at 5:00 pm

Menu

Tagliere di salumi (Charcuterie Board)

Insalata caprese (Caprese Salad)

Lasagna

La bruschetta (Garlic Bread)

Crostata al cioccolato (Chocolate Tart)

Tè freddo (Iced tea)

Acqua (Water)

*Please bring \$15.00 for dinner.

