



# 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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Texas State Organization

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?*

As all of you know, life can be hectic. It seems like I am constantly taking care of one problem when two or three more pop up. The news is always so depressing. Countries are at war, our nation is divided, and so many more things that I am not listing. With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, I decided to take time to make a list of things for which I am truly grateful.

I am grateful that I was blessed with such a wonderful family. Of course, I am thankful to have two perfect granddaughters! I am blessed to have a roof over my head, food on the table, clothes to wear, and the opportunity for good healthcare. I have a wonderful group of friends I can rely on to help me at any time.

I am especially grateful for my sisters in Mu Tau. You are always willing to do anything I ask of you. It means so much to me because it makes my presidency much easier. I would be lost without all of your help. It is such a blessing to see each of you at our meetings.

Finally, I am thankful I live in a free country. I am grateful to the men and women who made my freedom possible. I hope everyone can attend our meeting on November 14th. Mindy Sutton traveled to Normandy, France, this summer to attend the D-Day ceremony, and she will be telling us about her experience.

As I said, life is very hectic, but my "gratitude" list just keeps growing! It makes me realize how truly blessed my life has been. I hope all of you take time to make a "gratitude" list. May all of you have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

—Nancy



**Happy THANKSgiving BLESSings, everyone!**

### Mu Tau Meeting

**Monday, November 14, 2022**

**4:45 PM**

**Tri-County Library, Mabank**

**Hostesses: Angela Barton, Rebecca Stephens, Trudy Watson**

**Meaningful Moments:**

**Angela Barton**

**Program: Veterans Day**

**Mindy Sutton**



### Mu Tau Projects

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## Mu Tau calendar 2022-2023

**November 14, 2022** Veterans Day Program Tri-County Library  
**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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### Mu Tau Dollars and Cents

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## The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

### Mu Tau Chapter

Treasurer's Report November 1, 2022

**BALANCE 11-1-2022** **\$2,814.50**

Deposits 00.00

**Total Available** **\$2,814.50**

Disbursements:

Convention Allowance \$200.00

Statement Fee 4.00

**Total Disbursements** **\$204.00**

**BALANCE 10-1-2022** **\$2,610.50**

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

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### Parliamentarian

Janice Sutton

### Immediate Past President

Monica Fortenberry

### The Mu Tauker Editor

Lavonne Dennis



*Let us practice gratitude.*



## Minutes of the Mu Tau Chapter Meeting

Tri-County Library, Mabank, TX

October 17, 2022, 5:00 pm

President Nancy McDonald called the regular meeting of the Mu Tau Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order by at 5:01 pm. Thirteen members were present: Nancy McDonald, Beverly Hart, Janice Sutton, Mindy Marder, Libby Horton, Mary Ann Gregg, Pam Gromley, Thelma Jedlicka, Melody Stephenson, Lavonne Dennis, Barbara Jedlicka, Mindy Sutton, and Tana Hoelscher.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was presented in the newsletter and will be filed for audit.

For Meaningful Moments, Lavonne Dennis shared "The Sense of a Goose" from *Chicken Soup for the Soul*.

Correspondence: A card from Janice Beasley thanked members for the card she received. Janice Sutton reported that Jean Robinson is continuing to recover.

Old Business: none to discuss.

New Business: Libby Horton reminded members to vote. The December Christmas Dinner Meeting at Nancy McDonald's will be discussed at the next meeting. Area One Coordinator Marsha Edney will be attending.

Pam Gromley presented the program: Virtual Teaching/Learning. Pam teaches for Proximity Learning, a nation-wide virtual teaching/learning company.

President Nancy McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Mary Ann Gregg, recording secretary

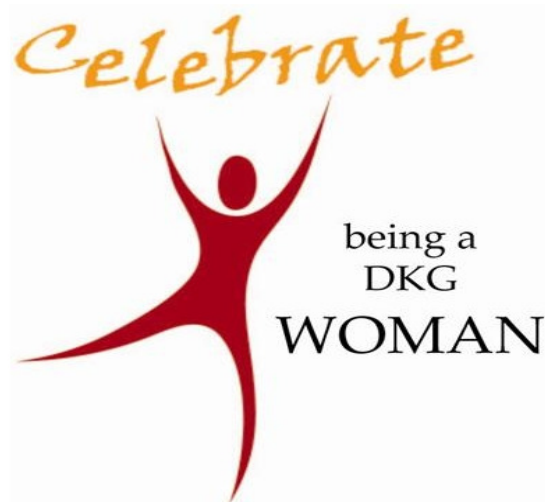
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**94th TSO Convention. McAllen, Texas. June. 2023**

## Mu Tau birthdays

Have I missed someone???

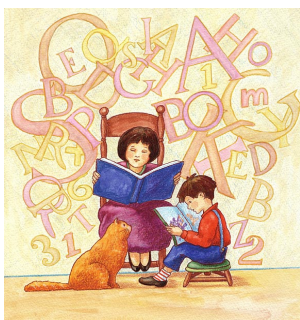


### All Mu Tau Members:

Please check your copy of our yearbook that was emailed to us a few 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. There is no **us** without **U**!

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

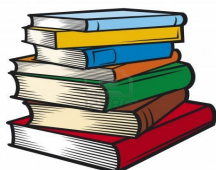
**BOXTOP\$ for  
education**



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.



# Member Spotlight

## Barbara Jedlicka



Life takes you on many roads during your lifetime.

I was raised in Kemp, Texas, and attended school there. I grew up knowing that I wanted to be a teacher. My home economics teacher in high school had a big influence on me becoming a teacher. I admired her because she always told us that you can be anything you want to be if you try hard enough. I graduated from Kemp High School, attended TVCC in Athens, Texas, and graduated from East Texas State University (now Texas A & M University) in Commerce, Texas, with a B.S. in Vocational Home Economics.

After graduation I married my high school sweetheart, Don. We have four children: Patricia, Jeffrey, Lucinda, and Thelma Louise.

My first teaching job was at Scurry Rosser High School in a two-room building behind the school. It was a quick learning experience for me, because most of the students were only two or three years younger than I. I was expecting my first child by this time and was hired at Bishop Lynch High School. I taught my first day there fourteen days after having Patricia. This was a joy because I taught only three-fourths of the day. During the years at Bishop Lynch High School I started working on my master's degree at ETSU in elementary education and English. I graduated right before my second child, Jeffrey, was born. I taught third and fourth grades at Phillips Elementary in Kaufman before coming to Mabank High School in 1990. I have thirty-one years at Mabank High School in the same department.

Don and I moved back to Kemp when our family was young. We wanted our children to be raised close to family and in a small town setting. Our three daughters are teachers; our son does concrete work. We have nine grandchildren with only one married. Our grandchildren range from age six to twenty-five. They keep us on our toes with all their activities.

Four years ago Don and I were involved in a tragic accident with my brother and sister-in-law. We spent 2 ½ months in the hospital before Don passed away due to his injuries.

My life made a major change in living without Don. I knew I had to have a purpose to move on. I worked hard, and when August came, I returned to school on a walker, but I had to prove to myself that I needed to learn to stand on my own. My Mu Tau sisters stood beside me all the way. Thanks to so many of you who believed in me. Mu Tau has been my family for the past twenty-two years, and I know life would not be the same without each of you.

Pam prepares for her program on Virtual Teaching/Learning.



Good Job



## A bit more Spotlight for Tara Sapp



**My name is Tara Sapp, as I said in the previous Spotlight article.** Some people wanted to know more. Here is what I added for this edition of *The Mu Tauker*. (Thanks for asking.)

Besides teaching kindergarten the past five and half years, I have taught third grade, a couple of years teaching resource, and a couple of years math (K-4). I think I found my niche in kindergarten.

I mentioned that I loved to travel. I believe the love of traveling came from my parents. My dad spent twenty-seven years in the Air Force. We were stationed in Germany for three years. I attended kindergarten through second grade at an American school on the military base. While in Germany, we visited many historical places.

Relocating due to my dad's service is not the only traveling we did as a family. My parents were always taking me and my two sisters all over the United States. We have visited and camped in most of the fifty states.

In my free time I love just spending time with my family. I have four nephews and two nieces that I love spending time with. Maxx and Bella (my dog and cat) definitely keep me company. I love playing all kinds of card games, domino games, and board games. I enjoy sitting in front of my piano and playing.

### Sense of a Goose

Next fall, when you see geese heading south for the winter, flying along in a **V** formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in the **V** formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 per cent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily, because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone—and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those people who are headed in the same way we are.

When the head goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs, whether with people or with geese flying south.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

What messages do we give when we honk from behind?

Finally--and this is important--when a goose gets sick or is wounded by gunshot, and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly or until it dies; and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.

--Author Unknown

--Reprinted from ***A Second Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul*** by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen, 1995.

[Ed: I had a special request to include this in the newsletter.]