



The Mu Tauker

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Area 1 Chapter 307 Mu Tau Chapter

Cedar Creek Lake Area

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Nancy's Notes



Dear sisters,

As I was looking at my calendar, I realized we are already in the Holiday season. It seems like I keep adding more activities to my calendar, more things on my to-do list, and there is always the "unexpected" that comes out of nowhere. It can be an exhausting and very stressful time of the year.

However, it is also a good time of year to reflect on life. I have been so blessed in my life. I was given a wonderful example of a strong faith. I have family and so many friends I can ask for help whenever I need it. One special group is my Mu Tau sisters. It is difficult to put into words how much I appreciate your love, talents, and friendship. You are what makes Mu Tau such an amazing chapter.

For those who were not able to attend our meeting last month, Amanda Schmidt is an example of a great Mu Tau sister. She shared her work with the Hope Squad in her district. It is so encouraging to know young people are learning how to help others who may be at risk for self-destructive behavior. Sheila Lewis coordinates the Hope Squad at her campus. It would be wonderful to see this program utilized in many more districts. I am looking forward to our meeting on Monday because Melody Stephenson will be sharing her flower arranging expertise, and Mary Ann Gregg will share ideas for a charcuterie board. Not having a creative bone in my body, I am excited to see what they can teach me! It will be a fun and entertaining meeting. I hope to see everyone on Monday, November 13th, at the library!

—Nancy



Seek, Open, Act, Reach

Mu Tau Meeting

Monday, November 13, 2023

4:45 PM

Tri-County Library, Mabank

Hostesses: Mary Ann

**Gregg, Melody Stephenson,
Alison Neighbors, Kathy Clardy**

In the Spotlight

Alison Neighbors

Program

Creative Arts

Flowers and Food

Mu Tau Projects

Little Free Libraries

Boxtop\$ for Education

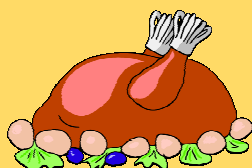
Mu Tau Scholarship

Schools for Africa

SEE

Forever Families

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Mu Tau calendar 2023-2024**November 13, 2023 Creative Arts****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 Chapter

Treasurer's Report November 6, 2023

BALANCE 10-1-2023 \$2,735.65

Deposits 00.00

Total Available \$2,735.65

Disbursements:

Statement Fee October 4.00

Total Disbursements 4.00**BALANCE Nov. 6, 2023 \$2,731.65****Scholarship Fund as of 9/29/23 \$1,180.87***Libby Horton*, Mu Tau Treasurer

**Mu Tau
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2023-2024**

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

Tri-County Library, Mabank, TX

October 9, 2023, at 4:45 pm

President Nancy McDonald called the meeting to order at 4:48 pm. Seventeen members present were Lavonne Dennis, Mary Ann Gregg, Beverly Hart, Libby Horton, Barbara Jedlicka, Sheila Lewis, Nancy McDonald, Thelma Jedlicka, Amanda Schmidt, Alison Neighbors, Trudy Watson, Kim Johnson, Mindy Marder, Ann Hays, Angela Barton, Melody Stephenson, and Pam Gromley. Two special guests were in attendance: Hunter Barton, daughter of Angela Barton, and Parker, Therapy Dog-in-Training for Wills Point HS, owned by Amanda Schmidt.

Member Spotlight featured Kim Johnson in the hot seat. She was a good sport, and President McDonald approved of all her answers. Who will be in the Spotlight in November?

Angela Barton, Sheila Lewis, and Trudy Watson provided refreshments: cheese, crackers, Fall Mix, double chocolate brownies, and spiced apple cider.

Libby Horton corrected the minutes of the September meeting. The door prizes for the September meeting were two \$10-dollar gift cards instead of two \$15-dollar gift cards as stated in the September minutes. The Treasurer's Report was printed in the Mu Tauker and will be filed for audit. It was corrected to indicate it was for September, not for May.

Chapter Correspondence. Recording Secretary Mary Ann Gregg let the chapter know that Jean Robinson was not feeling well today but wished us all a good meeting. Nancy McDonald read a thank-you note from the chapter to Lavonne Dennis thanking her for the **USS DKG** commemorative ships and her dedication to Mu Tau and the excellence she brings to Mu Tau and DKG.

Old Business. President McDonald announced Rockwall as the location of the Regional Area Workshop for Areas 1, 9, and 17 on June 22, 2024. There is a \$50 fee, which will cover lunch and two snacks in addition to the registration fee. Newly-elected officers will be trained, and sessions for all members will be offered. All members are encouraged to attend.

Other Business. Epsilon Epsilon President Virginia Reeder will share the invitation to Mu Tau's November meeting at her regular chapter meeting and let Mary Ann Gregg know if they will join us in November.

New Business. President McDonald explained the difficulty in finding a location for Mu Tau's Christmas Dinner meeting as most venues are closed on Monday. A productive discussion resulted in the decision to meet at President McDonald's house for a pot-luck supper, ornament exchange, a funny gift exchange (something needing to be rehomed), and games. Angela Barton will be in charge of the games, and there will be a sign-up sheet at the November meeting for members to sign up for what they will bring.

Lavonne Dennis brought DKG bags collected from conventions past and offered them up for members needing a bag for their Mu Tau things. Melody Stephenson has DKG wallets to share and will bring them next month.

Last item of New Business. Second Vice President, Beverly Hart passed out Prospective Member information cards for members to have on hand.

Amanda Schmidt presented two interesting, inspiring, and informative programs. She introduced Parker, her 2 ½ year old Cava-poo-chon dog, who is a therapy dog-in-training currently serving at Wills Point High School. Amanda explained the difference between a service dog and a therapy dog and told us how Parker helps students in ways that she cannot. Amanda shared that as soon as she acquired Parker, she wanted to pursue therapy dog training with him. He was a perfect gentleman and has the full support of Mu Tau as he continues his training. In her second presentation, Amanda shared her work implementing Hope Squad in her district. Amanda is the District Crisis & Intervention Counselor for Wills Point ISD. Hope Squads seek to reduce self-destructive behavior and youth suicide by training, building, and creating change in schools and communities. Hope Squad members learn the warning signs, who is at risk, how to intervene, and where to get help. *[Continued on page 4]*

Mu Tau birthdays

November ????????????

**Have some
cake
anyway!**



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The program was developed in Provo, Utah, and since its start in 2005, data shows a drastic reduction in suicide at Provo City Schools. This is year two for Wills Point ISD, and Amanda is encouraged by the increase in teacher, administrator, and student buy-in and participation. Sheila Lewis, counselor for Wills Point Intermediate School, coordinates Hope Squad at her campus and agrees that it is an effective program. For more information you can go to hopesquad.com.

Amanda, Sheila, and the other Wills Point Counselors, for the 3rd year in a row, are participating in the DFW Metro Walk on 10/21 to raise money for prevention programs and support for those who have lost someone to suicide.

Ann Hays won a \$15 Starbucks gift card in the door prize drawing.

President Nancy McDonald adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.

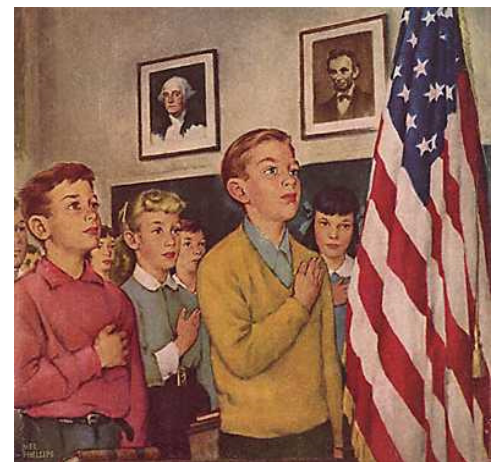
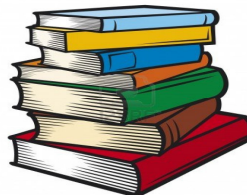
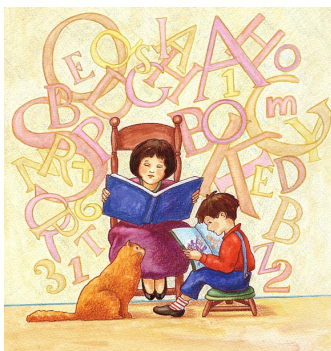
Mary Ann Gregg, Recording Secretary

Nancy McDonald, President

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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.



Amanda and Parker, in training



Refreshments, birthday girl Mindy goes first.



A Halloween smorgasbord



Kim in the Spotlight



What was the question?

Mu Tau's October

A time for laughter

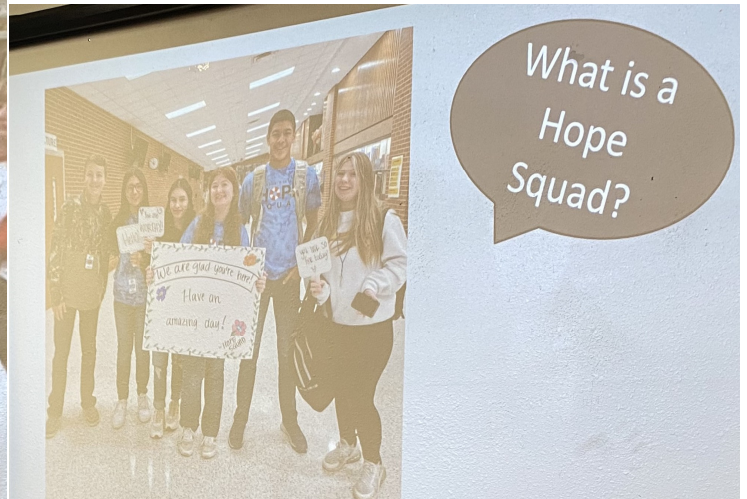
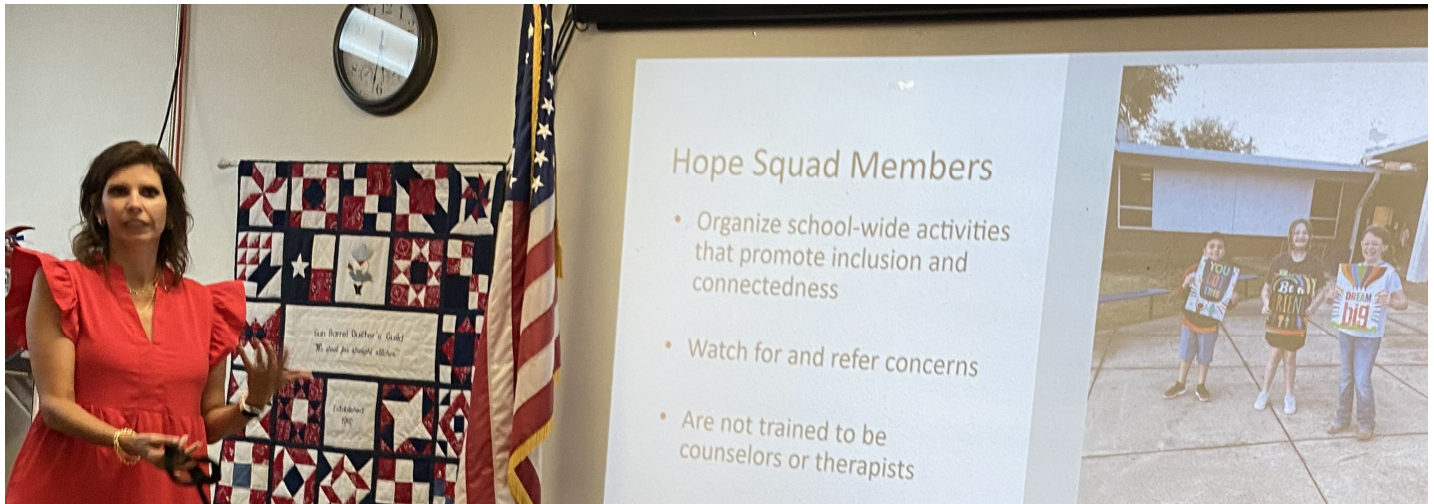
A time for learning

A time for caring

A time for celebrating who we are



Et cetera---



They also serve..... Thank you, veterans.

On your knees or bowing in prayer, please remember these special ones in our Mu Tau family.

Janice, Mindy, and Paul Sutton as he recovers from surgery.

Jean Robinson as she heals from a fall and broken bones in her arm.

