



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



Mu Tau Sisters,

I hope when you receive the newsletter, we will actually be experiencing fall weather. The rain was very welcome, but I am ready for cooler temperatures!

Our first meeting in September was wonderful. Libby took us down memory lane with things that happened in 1999. As the years go by so quickly, it was fun to take time to reminisce! We also had our birthday celebration. It has been 24 great years since Mu Tau was chartered, and I am looking forward to many more years. Of course, the refreshments were very tasty! Thank you to the executive board for providing our refreshments.

The executive board decided to do a member spotlight this year. We want to have the opportunity for us to get to know each other better. Mindy Sutton was in our first Spotlight, and she did a fantastic job. I am looking forward to many more Spotlights in the upcoming months. You will be contacted before the meeting so that it won't be a complete surprise!

This month, Amanda Schmidt will be sharing her Hope Squad program, which I am sure will be very informative. She is also bringing a special guest that I am excited to have join us. I hope everyone has the opportunity to attend our meeting on Monday! I look forward to seeing all of you!

—Nancy



Seek, Open, Act, Reach

Mu Tau Meeting

Monday, October 9, 2023

4:45 PM

Tri-County Library, Mabank

Hostesses: Angela Barton,
Sheila Lewis, Rebecca Stephens, Trudy Watson

In the Spotlight

Kim Johnson

Program

The Hope Squad

Amanda Schmidt

Mu Tau Projects

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Happy Halloween!

And all other days in between....

Mu Tau calendar 2023-2024

October 9, 2023	The Hope Squad
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

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Examine yourself and get your mammogram.



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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 October 1, 2023

BALANCE 8-31-2023 **\$2,745.25**

Deposits 00.00

Total Available **\$2,745.25**

Disbursements:

Ck. #968 omitted Scholarship

fee for dues 5.60

Statement Fee August 4.00

Total Disbursements **9.60**

BALANCE September 30, 2023 **\$2,685.25**

Libby Horton, Mu Tau Treasurer



Mu Tau Executive Board 2023-2024

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Nancy McDonald

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Mindy Sutton

Second Vice President

Beverly Hart

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Mary Ann Gregg

Corresponding Secretary

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Minutes of the Mu Tau Chapter Meeting

Tri-County Library, Mabank, TX

September 11, 2023, at 4:45 pm

President Nancy McDonald called the September meeting of the MuTau Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order at 4:53 pm. Thirteen members were present: Lavonne Dennis, Mary Ann Gregg, Beverly Hart, Libby Horton, Barbara Jedlicka, Sheila Lewis, Nancy McDonald, Jean Robinson, Angelya Saine, Amanda Schmidt, Mindy Sutton, Janice Sutton, and Pam Gromley.

Member Spotlight is a new feature President McDonald is incorporating into chapter meetings this year. Her aim is for us to get to know each other better and have fun doing it. Mindy Sutton was in the Spotlight and bravely answered 10 questions asked by Nancy and even fielded questions from the members at large. [This type of game was played on the Bravo series, Inside the Actor's Studio with James Lipton. He ended each broadcast with the same 10 questions for each actor.] These questions were intended to dig down below the surface and uncover some interesting, previously unknown information. Stay tuned to see who the spotlight will land on next month.

The minutes of the regular May meeting and the August executive board meeting were approved as printed in the September ***Mu Tauker***. The Treasurer's Report was printed in the ***Mu Tauker*** and will be filed for audit. Libby Horton shared that Area 1 has all forms and reports completed and filed. Chapters who do not meet the deadline of November 15th will be removed from the International roster and required to reorganize using Omega at the beginning of their chapter name.

In Correspondence, Corresponding Secretary Angela Barton was enjoying family time at Disney World, so Recording Secretary Mary Ann Gregg read a thank-you note from Jean Robinson for the calls, texts, and prayers since May. Nancy McDonald read a thank-you note and passed pictures from Sharing Special Hearts in the Arts for our contribution to their organization at Convention.

In Old Business, Lavonne Dennis gifted each member her own ***USS DKG*** sailing ship to commemorate her original Founders Day readers theater performed at the May Founders Day meeting. [These ships were still sailing and had not arrived by Founders Day but docked at Lavonne's home shortly after the May meeting.] President Nancy McDonald received a larger ship since she has been our fearless leader this biennium.

President McDonald gave a recap of the Convention in McAllen attended by five Mu Tau chapter members: McDonald, Libby Horton, Melody Stephenson, Janice Sutton, and Mindy Sutton. There will be a State Convention every other year and Regional Area Workshops every other year. The next such meeting for Mu Tau members will be a Regional Area Workshop on June 22, 2024. It will be a one-day, very intense, officer training and workshop day. Areas 1, 9, and 17 chapters will attend at a location in Wylie or Rockwall and the cost per person will be \$50, lunch included. Sheila Lewis knew of a new community center called the OC; she will find out pricing information. All members are encouraged to attend.

In New Business, Mary Ann Gregg asked the membership if they would like to invite members of the Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma to join Mu Tau at a monthly meeting. Mu Tau members agreed and picked the November Creative Arts Program meeting as an option. President Virginia Reeder of Epsilon Epsilon will extend the invitation to her chapter and reply to Mary Ann Gregg with a response.

In other New Business, President Nancy McDonald and First Vice President Mindy Sutton discussed options for our December Christmas Dinner meeting. Castle Oaks Winery has not returned Sutton's call. Angelya Saine suggested The Boathouse in Athens. Suggestions are welcomed.

[The very newest arrival happened at 5:03 pm. Alison Neighbors's granddaughter, Ellie Mae Neighbors was born, weighing in at 10 pounds. A very special piece of New Business, indeed.]

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

Libby Horton presented "Party Like It's 1999!" through PowerPoint, and with party horns, members looked back at trending clothing and hair fashions, Y2K beliefs, practices and preparations, world events, and last, but most importantly, the chartering of the Mu Tau Chapter in September of 1999. Chapter #307, Mu Tau, was the last chapter chartered in the millennium by choice. Charter members picked whether to charter in 1999 or 2000, and they chose 1999. Photographed behind the refreshment table were five charter members: Nancy McDonald, Lavonne Dennis, Jean Robinson, Janice Sutton, and Beverly Hart.

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The Executive Board provided refreshments. They served nuts, mints, red velvet cupcakes, and water for Mu Tau's 24th birthday celebration. Members raised a cupcake and sang the Happy Birthday song to Mu Tau.

Libby Horton and Pam Gromley won \$15 Sonic gift cards as their door prizes.

President Nancy McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Mary Ann Gregg, Recording Secretary

Nancy McDonald, President

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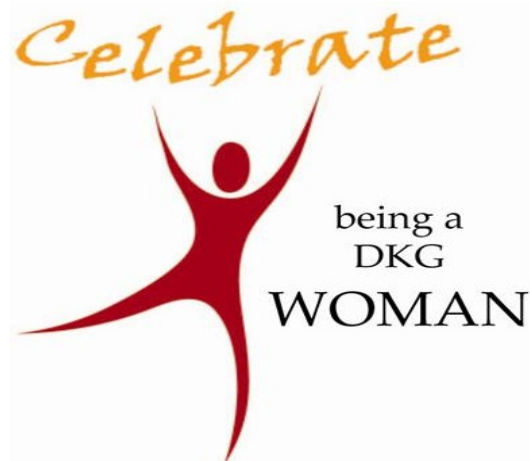
Mu Tau birthdays

October

Mindy Marder, 10/27

Jean Robinson, 10/15

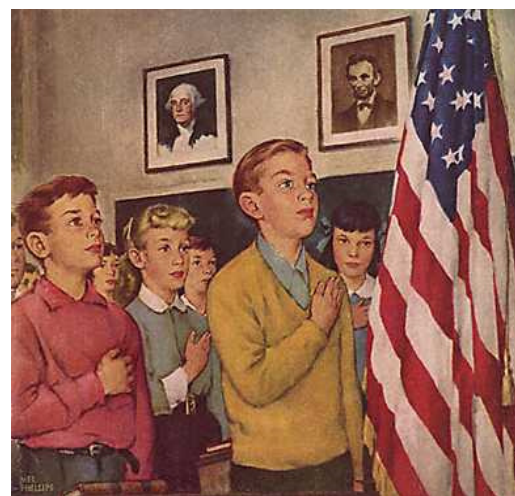
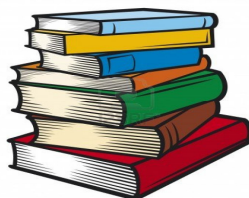
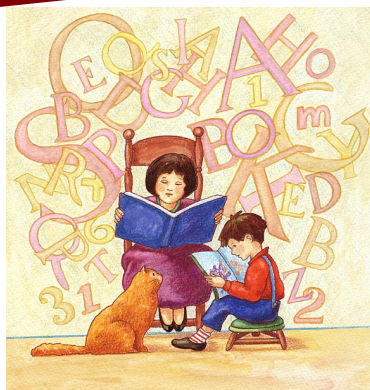
Janice Sutton, 10/16



IT'S NOT A SALE! It's not a sale. It's a freebie! I have three DKG totes in various designs that were part of past TSO Conventions. These are always endearing mementos for convention attendees. The particular ones that I refer to here have been passed on to me from former Mu Tau President Kaye Fitzgerald, and, having my own, I don't need these I'm offering. I think especially for Mu Tau's most recent members these would be extremely useful for keeping Mu Tau/DKG materials close and safely organized. Any of you may have first dibs!!! Please! —Ltd [See pictures on page 5.]

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

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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.



Nancy leads from beginning to finale at our first meeting, presiding, Spotlighting Mindy Sutton, accepting the mother ship of the **USS DKG** fleet.



Mu Tau charter members Nancy McDonald, Lavonne Dennis, Jean Robinson, Janice Sutton, Beverly Hart at our 24th birthday celebration

Notice how even the cupcakes know Mu Tau?



Everyone present took home a replica of the good ship **USS DKG**.

Mary Ann Gregg verified the christening by printing the name on each little ship. Thank you, Mary Ann!



Libby takes us back to our 1999 founding and brings us up to now—
Forward moving ever!



Here are the DKG bags referred to on page 4 **not for sale**.

Choose one, take it home, use it, and love it like a Sister! **SOAR** with it!



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