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## The Mu Tauker

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

**Texas State Organization** 



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Area 1 Chapter 307 Mu Tau Chapter

Cedar Creek Lake Area

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

## **Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**

### Nancy's Notes



Mu Tau Sisters, new and not so new,

School has started. Football season is here. Halloween decorations are in stores. Mu Tau has our first meeting. It seems fall is here until you step outside! This summer heat and drought has been brutal. I just want to stay inside in the cool air!

Our year looks to be very exciting. Five of our members made the trip to McAllen to attend the state convention. We had a wonderful time. There will be some changes, which we will discuss at our meeting.

The Executive Board met on August 10th to plan our meetings. Mindy Sutton and her program committee have some great plans for the upcoming year. We have so many talented members who make our meetings very informative and enjoyable. I appreciate the willingness of everyone to help make our meetings so special. Once again, it is amazing how everyone works so diligently to put all of this together.

Our meeting on September 11th will be our birthday celebration. Libby will be helping us **Party Like It's 1999!** I hope to see everyone at the meeting on Monday at 4:45 at the library. In the meantime, stay cool!





Welcome Back, Sisters!

Happy new beginning!

Forward moving ever!



Seek, Open, Act, Reach

**Mu Tau Meeting** 

Monday, September 11, 2023

4:45 PM

Tri-County Library

Mabank

**Hostesses: Executive Board** 

**Spotlight** 

Mindy Sutton

**Program** 

Party Like It's 1999!!

#### Mu Tau Projects

Little Free Libraries
Boxtop\$ for Education
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#### Mu Tau calendar 2023-2024

September 11, 2023 Mu Tau's Birthday Party!

October 9, 2023 The Hope Squad

**November 13, 2023 Creative Arts** 

December 11, 2023 TBA

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 April 1, 2023

BALANCE 5-31-2023	<b>\$4,102.25</b>
Deposits	
6.20 Venmo	335.00

Total Available	\$4,437.25
Disbursements:	
Ck. #966 TSO	560.00
Ck. #967 DKG Int.	1,120.00
Statement Fee Jun, Jul	8.00
Total Disbursements	1,688.00
BALANCE July 31, 2023	\$2,749.25

Libby Horton, Mu Tau Treasurer TSO dues paid; DKG Int. dues paid;

Form 15 filed; 990N filed





# 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

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Janice Sutton

**Parliamentarian** 

Janies Satton

**Immediate Past President** 

Monica Fortenberry

The Mu Tauker Editor
Lavonne Dennis





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#### Minutes of Mu Tau Chapter Meeting

The Victorian Lady Tea Room, Mabank, TX

May 8, 2023, 5:00 pm

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

Nancy McDonald blessed the meal, and for Meaningful Moments, Mary Ann Gregg shared updates on Sisters who were not able to attend the meeting.

Serving as hostesses, Thelma Jedlicka and Mary Ann Gregg assisted members at the buffet of chicken salad and orange turkey sandwiches, fruit, chips, Almond Joy cake, and strawberry cake.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as corrected.

The treasurer's report as printed in *The Mu Tauker* was accepted to be filed for audit. Libby Horton reported that Jo Ann Davis from the ASTEF Board of Directors said thank you for the four \$20 gift cards sent from Mu Tau for the Mystery Mania fundraiser at convention. Libby also reported that a gift basket with Van Zandt Coffee and YETI Mugs from Mu Tau will be presented at convention.

There was no chapter correspondence or old business.

TSO Convention dates are June 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Nancy McDonald presented a rose to Mindy Marder in remembrance of her mother. Nancy also shared that *The Mu Tauker* again received the Five-Star Newsletter Award and thanked Lavonne for her time, talents, and devotion to producing our award-winning newsletter.

For our program, Lavonne Dennis staged and cast her original Founders Day program (written in 1996), with Janice Sutton performing the role of Dr. Blanton and Jean Robinson as Cora Martin. Mu Tau sisters played the other ten founders by drawing names for assigned roles. The witty, insightful, inspirational, and informative reader's theater script explored Annie Webb Blanton's journey as she formed and birthed Delta Kappa Gamma in 1929. Each member came away with her own autographed picture of the supposed *USS Delta Kappa Gamma*, signed by each member present.

President Nancy McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Mary Ann Gregg, Recording Secretary

Nancy McDonald, President





Say it loud: say it proud!

Mu 7au Sisters serving on 750 committees

Libby Horton, Finance
Melody Stephenson, Necrology

Monica Dickerson, Membership

Janice Sutton, Nominations

Thank you ALL so much for what you do so well! Pure gold you are!

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## Mu Tau birthdays

September

Nancy McDonald, 9/21

Shawnn Oliver, 9/24

Mindy Sutton, 9/13







#### Committee Assignments for 2023-2024 (See page 6 for Hostess Committees.)

Ceremonies: Chair Mary Ann Gregg; Lavonne Dennis, Thelma Stegman, Trudy Watson, Barbara Jedlicka

**Communications and Publicity: Chair Lavonne Dennis**; Kathy Clardy, DeAnna Snith, Melinda Robertson, Pam Gromley

Courtesy: Chair Angela Barton; Janice Beasley, Rebecca Stephens, Jean Robinson, Mary Ann Gregg

Finance: Chair Janice Sutton; Libby Horton, Mindy Sutton, Sheila Lewis

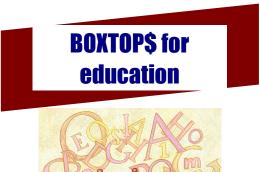
Legislation and Bylaws: Chair Libby Horton; Melody Stephenson, Kim Johnson, Kathy Clardy

**Membership: Chair Beverly Hart;** Janice Sutton, Tara Sapp, Rebecca Stephens, Monica Dickerson, Kim Johnson

Nominations: Chair Pam Gromley; Sheila Lewis, Beverly Hart

**Personal and Professional Enrichment: Chair Tana Hoelscher;** Mindy Marder, Jean Robinson, Amanda Schmidt, Angela Barton

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













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.

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#### Minutes of the Mu Tau Executive Board Meeting

Janice Sutton's home, Mabank, TX August 10, 2023, at 5:00 pm

President Nancy McDonald called the executive board meeting of the Mu Tau Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International to order at 5:02 pm. Seven members were present: Nancy McDonald, Beverly Hart, Janice Sutton, Libby Horton, Mary Ann Gregg, Lavonne Dennis, and Mindy Sutton.

President McDonald and First Vice President Mindy Sutton led a discussion on meeting dates, times, locations, and programs for the upcoming year. Recording Secretary Gregg will make a meeting reminder card to be available at the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lavonne Dennis has created a Mu Tau/DKG brochure to be included in new member packets.

The Executive Board discussed prospective member procedures, induction, and the dates and locations for these events.

Mu Tau Chapter was chartered in 1999, so in honor of our birthday, the Executive Board will hostess the September meeting; the theme will be Party Like It's 1999.

Tara Sapp has moved to Azle: her new address is 820 Southeast Parkway, Azle, TX 76020; new email is *tarasapp@charter.net*. (806) 474-8279

Deanna Thompson Smith has a new email address: thompsondeanna02@gmail.com .

President Nancy McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Mary Ann Gregg, Recording Secretary
Nancy McDonald, President





## **SOAR** to new heights....

Goals for the new biennium:

Seek new members and opportunities

Open your heart, mind, and attitude

Act to serve and share

Reach to renew, respond, and relate

**TSO 2023-2025** 

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#### **Hostess Committees for 2023-2024**

Hostess Committees: First named is chair of committee.

September: Executive Board

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

November: Mary Ann Gregg, Melody Stephenson, Alison Neighbors, Kathy Clardy

January: Executive Board

February: Mindy Marder, Ann Hayes, Amanda Schmidt, Jean Robinson, Janice Beasley

March: No regular meeting

April: Kim Johnson, Mindy Sutton, Janice Sutton, Pam Gromley, Melinda Robertson

May: Barbara Jedlicka, Thelma Stegman, Monica Dickerson, Angela Saine, DeAnna Thompson Smith

#### Updates for your membership contacts

#### **Tara Sapp**

New home; new job 820 Southeast Parkway

Azle, TX 76020 806-474-8279

#### **DeAnna Thompson Smith**

thompsondeanna02@gmail.com
Happy retirement

Many congratulations are in order for our dear Monica! On June 16, she got married and is now Monica Dickerson! She and her husband enjoyed their honeymoon to Yellowstone and are happily settling in to married life. Please congratulate Monica Dickerson!

## New Faces in TSO & Area 1 2023-2025

#### **TSO President**

**Bonnie Moore** 

#### **Area 1 Coordinator**

Cindy Gordon

Kappa Pi President





