



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

The Mu Tauker

The Mu Tauker editor Lavonne Dennis
lavonnedennis1@gmail.com

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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?

Welcome back! After a summer of intense heat and extremely dry conditions, I am excited to see green grass and begin my biennium as president of Mu Tau. I hope all of you who are still working are having a smooth, peaceful beginning to a new school year. You definitely deserve one!

This summer four of our members attended the State Convention in Lubbock: Mindy Sutton, Janice Sutton, Libby Horton, and Monica Fortenberry. I want to give a special thank-you to Mindy for taking my place at the presidents' training. Libby and Monica also went to New Orleans for the International Convention. It sounds like they all had a wonderful time.

Our Area 1 workshop was changed from an in-person to a Zoom meeting on August 6th. It was very informative, and I'm still in awe of anyone who can switch to technology that quickly!

The Executive Board met on August 8th to plan our chapter meetings. I am so blessed to have so many knowledgeable and dedicated sisters who make my job much easier. It's pretty amazing to see how everyone works to put all of this together. We have a lot of experienced members who know how DKG works, which is a great help to our chapter.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year for our chapter. Our first meeting is at Tri-County Library on September 12th at 4:45. I hope to see everyone on Monday!

Nancy



Mu Tau Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2022

4:45 PM

Tri-County Library, Mabank

Hostesses: Executive Board

Meaningful Moments:

Janice Sutton

Program: Memoirs of Mu Tau

Mu Tau Birthday Celebration

Janice Sutton



Mu Tau Projects

Little Free Libraries

Boxtop\$ for Education

Mu Tau Scholarship

Schools for Africa

SEE

Forever Families

Find us: <http://dkgtxmutau.weebly.com>

Webmaster Pam Gormley

www.dkg.org

www.dkgtxas.org



Together again!

Mu Tau calendar 2022-2023

September 12, 2022 **Mu Tau Birthday, Tri-County Library**
October 17, 2022 **Virtual Teaching/Learning Tri-County Library**
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, 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**



Graphics not DKG property are from Microsoft and/or Broderbund and nameless Facebook/internet posts. Photos are by Mu Tau/ DKG members.

Mu Tau Dollars and Cents

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Mu Tau Chapter

Treasurer's Report September 3, 2022

BALANCE April 26, 2022 **\$3,261.93**

(Last Report to Mu Tauker)

Deposits May-Aug. 2,920.50

Total Available **\$6,182.43**

Disbursements:

Dues Payments

International 1,080.00

State 552.90

Other 371.53

Statement Fees June-August 12.00

Total Disbursements \$2,016.43

BALANCE September 3, 2022 **\$4,166.00**

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



**More and more fun at
Mu Tau in May!**

MU TAU CHAPTER MEETING

Delta Kappa Gamma

May 9, 2022

The May meeting of Mu Tau Chapter of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was held on May 9, 2022, at Victorian Lady Tea Room in Mabank, Texas. President Monica Fortenberry called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and welcomed 19 members.

After Libby Horton said the blessing, everyone enjoyed the meal served by the tea room hostesses: sandwich plate, dessert, and beverage. The attire was from 1929 (the year of the founding of DKG), including hats and gloves. Jean Robinson read a prayer for Meaningful Moments.

The minutes were approved as written in the April ***Mu Tauker*** newsletter.

Treasurer Libby Horton's report was filed as written in the April ***Mu Tauker***.

Reports: Melody Stephenson presented the 2021-2022 Achievement Award to Beverly Hart and Pam Gormley. Beverly Hart gave a report on the Little Free Libraries. The Mabank Methodist Church provided books for the libraries. President Fortenberry thanked Pam Gormley for helping to provide for the Zoom meetings. Tara Sapp was announced as Teacher of the Year from Kemp ISD.

Installation Ceremony: To begin, Monica gave good wishes to the new executive committee. The 2022-2024 officers were installed: President Nancy McDonald, First Vice President Mindy Sutton, Second Vice President Janice Beasley, Recording Secretary Mary Ann Gregg, and Corresponding Secretary Angela Barton. Ceremonies chair Mary Ann Gregg presented the new officers with long-stemmed roses, and photos of the new team were made.

Program: Ceremonies Chair Mary Ann Gregg presented the Founders Day Program: a Bingo game about facts around Delta Kappa Gamma. Each member was given a Bingo card with facts about our Society. As Mary Ann read the facts, each member had to find the answer on her card. Winners Melody Stephenson, Mindy Marder, and Janice Sutton were awarded prizes. It was a good way for each member to recall facts about DKG.

Announcements: Area 1 Workshop, August 6, 2022, at New London, Texas. International Convention July 12-15, 2022, and State Convention is in Lubbock, Texas.

President Fortenberry adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Barbara Jedlicka, Recording Secretary

Monica Fortenberry, President



Fun, fun, fun at our May meeting!

Mu Tau birthdays

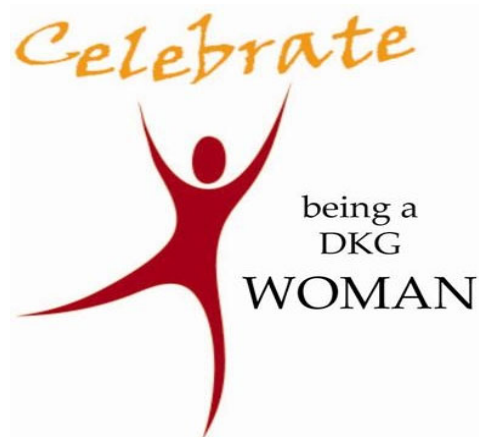
Nancy McDonald, 9/21

Shawnn Oliver, 9/24

Mindy Sutton, 9/13



Libby and Monica in NOLA
DKG International Convention



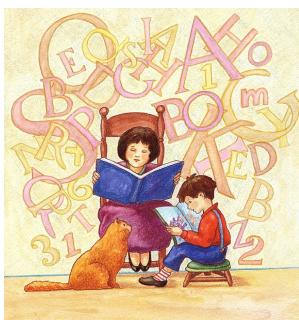
Mu Tau's new Executive Board

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

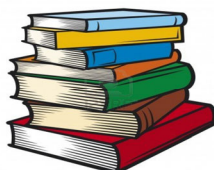


When ordering books and other good things online, remember that **Amazon Smile!** benefits Delta Kappa Gamma. To date DKG has benefitted by more than \$3,542.67. **Way to go, DKG shoppers!**

**BOXTOP\$ for
education**



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



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

Mu Tau
Executive Board Meeting
 8/8/2022
 Janice Sutton's home

The following members were present: Lavonne Dennis, Mindy Sutton, Nancy McDonald, Janice Sutton, Beverly Hart, Angela Barton, Monica Fortenberry, Libby Horton, and Mary Ann Gregg.

President Nancy McDonald called the meeting to order shortly after 5:00 pm.

The first order of business was to announce that Janice Beasley was stepping down because her husband was ill, and Beverly Hart agreed to step into the office of Second Vice President.

The second order of business was to determine the meeting dates and times for this year. In consideration of the various school districts represented in our chapter and their various school calendars, our meeting dates are moved to the second Monday of the month, in the hope of greater attendance.

September 12, 2022, Tri-County Library, Mabank, 4:45 pm

October 17, 2022, Tri-County Library, Mabank, 4:45 pm

November 14, 2022, Tri-County Library, Mabank, 4:45 pm

December 12, 2022, Nancy McDonald's home, Catered Dinner Meeting

January 9, 2023, Executive Board Meeting, Janice Sutton's home

February 13, 2023, Tri-County Library, 4:45 pm

March, 2023, Orientation, date TBA.

April 10, 2023, Induction, First United Methodist Church, Mabank, 4:45 pm

May 8, 2023, Founders Day, Tri-County Library, 4:45 pm

Committee Chairs were discussed and are as follows:

Communications and Publications--**Lavonne Dennis**

Courtesy--**Angela Barton**

Finance--**Janice Sutton**

Legislative and By-Laws--**Libby Horton**

Membership--**Beverly Hart**

Programs and Projects--**Mindy Sutton**

Nominations--**Pamela McBride**

Personal and Professional--**Tana Hoelscher**

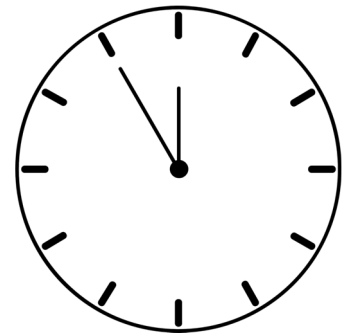
Ceremonies--**Mary Ann Gregg**

Janice Sutton brought up a point of discussion. Since our chapter did not receive an ASTEF stipend at Convention, could we use the \$250.00 usually given to Tri-County Library to go to our support of Forever Families? The reason is that Tri-County Library is now owned by the City of Mabank and should not have as much trouble with funding.

Libby Horton is refunding the Area1 Workshop cost of \$13 to members who paid her. All members at the Executive Board Meeting who paid agreed to donate their \$13 back to the chapter.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 6:00 pm.

Mary Ann Gregg, Recording Secretary



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

Member Spotlight

Beverly Hart



I was raised in the Payne Springs area, attending Mabank schools. As a child I played “school” and wanted to be a teacher and have a happy family. I met Bill, my husband, during my second summer of working at Southwest Tablet Manufacturing Company, the summer before my senior year at North Texas State University. Southwest Tablet Manufacturing Company made Aladdin School Supplies and office supplies. One of my responsibilities was to read and process the letters from children wanting prizes for their saved Aladdin coupons.

After I graduated from NTSU with a degree in elementary education and certification for early childhood education, my first teaching position was in an inner-city multi-age early childhood classroom, K-1, near Fair Park in DISD. It was the historic period of DISD desegregation, fall 1971, where teachers were transferred to minority schools instead of children being transferred to different schools. It was quite an educational year for me in many areas. Bill and I married in November of that year. After teaching two years in a K-1 classroom, I trained and became a Hoffman Reading Lab teacher. Hoffman Reading Labs were a performance-contracted reading instruction initiative for low-performing schools. I enjoyed the reading lab teaching experience for five years before we started our family.

Bill and I moved to Red Oak in 1973, where we raised our two children, Jason and Kristen. I began teaching first grade at Shield’s Elementary in Red Oak when our youngest child started kindergarten. In 1999 we built our house and moved to Mabank, while our children were attending Texas A&M University. I taught first grade at Central Elementary School, with Libby Horton, principal, and Nancy McDonald, first grade team leader, for five years before retiring in 2004. I was honored to be a charter member of Mu Tau in 1999.

Since Bill retired in 2008, we have traveled to many places on our bucket lists until Covid stopped our traveling adventures. Our travels now are to Dallas and Coppell to visit our five wonderful grandchildren, ages 2-14.

We are and have been very blessed.



Mu Tau ladies were in Lubbock in June. So was he!

Committee Assignments

Ceremonies: Chair Mary Ann Gregg; Lavonne Dennis, Thelma Stegman, Trudy Watson, Barbara Jedlicka
Communications and Publicity: Chair Lavonne Dennis; Kathy Clardy, DeAnna Smith, Melinda Robertson, Pam Gormley
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 Fortenberry, Kim Johnson, Dana Parker
Nominations: Chair Pam Gormley; Sheila Lewis, Beverly Hart
Personal and Professional Enrichment: Chair Tana Hoelscher; Mindy Marder, Jean Robinson, Amanda Schmidt, Angela Barton



Monica in the middle! Chairman Libby and her committee And who's claiming these?!



Some of the beautiful faces of Mu Tau



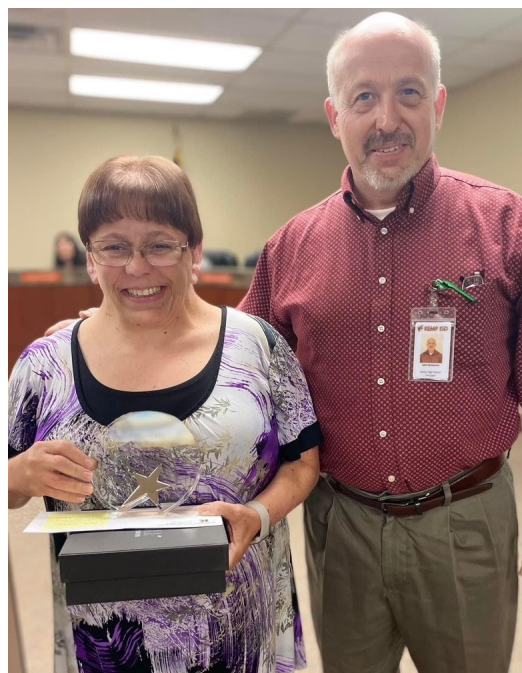
Ask them about Blue Dog, Red Dog in New Orleans.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Mu Tau Achievement Awards to Beverly Hart and Pam Gormley



Teacher of the Year Tara Sapp