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Spectacular Spring



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Spring is here and brings its own wonders of the season. Trees and flowers are blooming. Weeds, too! With the time change, we can enjoy the added daylight to enjoy sunny, warm days. We think of spring cleaning and spring storms. Easter brings us a renewed faith in our Lord. We see the new life of animals all around!

Our April meeting will bring in spring and our 90th birthday celebration. Our archives committee has been busy going through years of Alpha Tau memorabilia to display and share at our April meeting. Many thanks to Bettye Penny, Karrie Pharris, Jana Garner, and Mollie Kasper for going through a file cabinet of memories.

Spring break is an important time of renewal for our active teachers:

*Aydee Reyna went on a mission trip to Guatemala with a group of 12 students and 15 adults from FBC Forney for eight days. They did Vacation Bible School activities and shared the gospel at a public school for two days. In addition, they delivered food and prayed with families in Santiago City. The group traveled to a private school in San Pedro and held Vacation Bible School for elementary and middle school students and had the opportunity to share the gospel with them. In all, 242 individuals accepted Christ as their savior.

*Marnie enjoyed a trip to Santa Fe and is now looking forward to retirement in May. She has trips planned and we look forward to her sharing these adventures.

*Mollie spent her spring break helping with the archives committee and working on their farm. She added electricity to her greenhouse, electricity and water to the chicken coops, and acquired rabbits! This is a busy time for Mollie and her husband!

I am looking forward to planting flower beds and a garden. I enjoy spending time outside in the spring with gardening, walks, and camping.

I hope each of you have a special way of enjoying this time of year!

With loving thoughts and God's blessings for each of you!

Cathy

Calendar

April 11, 2023
90 Years!
Birthday Bash!

May 9, 2023
Travel Tips

Meetings
2nd Tuesdays
Sign-in & visit 5:00
Meeting begins 5:30
Kaufman County Library
Community Room
3790 S. Houston Street
Kaufman, TX 75142

Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.
Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide

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April 11, 2023

Alpha Tau Birthday Bash!!

5:00 p.m. Kaufman County Library Community Room

Wear your 1930's garb and hats. Bring that 1930's music.



Memories of Delta Kappa Gamma

By Adeline Roberts

As a high school student during the 1940's, I respected and admired my teachers. In our local weekly newspaper, I would read about two of my favorites: Maxine Klump and Vera Beil, attending Delta Kappa Gamma meetings. I knew the society must be very special but also quite secretive.

About twenty years later, as I was teaching in Kaufman, I again read about Delta Kappa Gamma in the *Kaufman Herald*. Again I read of teachers I respected: Maxine Stover, Helen Edwards, Lillie Mae Coatney, Malda Hanna and Nannie Belle Henderson. I was very honored and humbled when I was invited to join Alpha Tau, Delta Kappa Gamma in 1968. Back then one never knew from whom the recommendation came, but I felt close to Lillie Mae Coatney who was president at that time, and I feel that she was the one who "signed" for me.

We were very formal and strict back then. The program parts of our meetings were open to visitors, but when business was conducted, visitors were excused. We also had the practice of preferential voting when we inducted new members. This meant that more names were nominated than were accepted. When I was president in 1974-1976, Cheryl Rhamlow made the motion that we change the preferential voting. I remember her saying that if a person was nominated, she was good enough for membership without being eliminated by someone a little more popular. If you knew Cheryl, you know she spoke her mind. Some members resisted the change, but personally I never understood why our founders would have given us the preferential option as well as the method we now use.

Until the late 1990's all of our meetings were on Saturdays and were usually luncheons. I'm glad this tradition has changed. It was hard to get "dressed up" and leave the family for several hours in the middle of a Saturday!

Time has flown and I can't believe that I'm the oldest member of Alpha Tau at age eighty-two! That also means that I've been a member half of my life!

This remembrance was published in a special edition of the Alpha Tau Tales in December 2010.

Alpha Tau Quilt Raffle

Drawing on Tuesday,

April 11, 2023

at the Alpha Tau meeting.

Tickets on sale NOW.

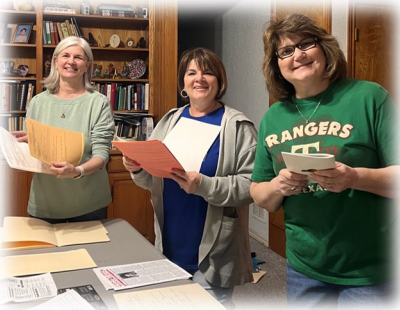
Arms length (18 tickets) for
\$20 or \$5 per single ticket



The pieced top from this quilt came from the family of longtime Forney resident, Duane Penny, and includes vintage fabrics. Many of the swatches of this quilt are believed to be feed sacks, which housewives of the Depression Era used to make clothing and other household items. The backing is newly added, and was chosen to coordinate with the colors of the top. 69" x 85"

Supporting the Alpha Tau Chapter "Grants for New Teachers" and chapter projects.

Archives Research



The Alpha Tau Archives Committee researched and updated the Archives during Spring Break. Shown at left: Jana Garner, Karrie Pharris & Vivian Themer. Shown below are: Karrie Pharris,

Bettye Penny, Jana Garner & Mollie Kasper. Many thanks, Sisters!



WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE
GROUNDBREAKING OF

Donald P. and Vivian N. Themer Middle School

12503 FM 1641
(NEXT TO HENDERSON ELEM)
FORNEY, TX 75126

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023
6:00 P.M.**





ASTEF Thank You

The Alpha Tau gift cards arrived safely today (3/23/2023). Thank you so much. Please pass my appreciation on to your chapter. Your chapter's support of Mystery Mania at the state convention allows ASTEF to offer scholarships and funds for chapter projects to our members and chapters. Do stop by our booth if you come to convention and see the fun of Mystery Mania. Again many thanks for your support.

Joanne Webb Davis
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The Delta Kappa Gamma International



March Outing Fun



The Alpha Tau March Outing planned at the Dallas Arboretum was changed because of bad weather.

Instead, a trip to Tino's restaurant in Sunnyvale was so enjoyable with fun, good food and good fellowship.

Shown from left up and around the table are:

JoLynn Maddin, Karrie Pharris, Jana Garner, Jerri Coates, Laura Buie, Bettye Penny, Marnie Cushing and Cathy Stewart.



Community Service Update

Our project this year is working with "The Door Life and Pregnancy Resource Center" located in Forney. Some of you

toured their facility in November and this spring we have been working with them to determine some of their needs and how we can help. We provided personal items like lotion, shampoo, deodorant, some journals, children's books and gift bags. They give their clients gift bags to let them know they are loved and cared about. We also purchased some toys for their waiting area when clients may have other children with them. We will continue to provide items as needed. If you would like to learn more about The Door go to thedoorryc.org.

Alpha Tau Minutes—February 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Cathy Stewart at 5:30

President Stewart welcomed guests and thanked the hostess committee.

Pledges were led by Sondra Perry.

Inspiration was given by Vivian Yancey.

President Stewart introduced the program and the speaker, Laura Buie. Mrs. Buie shared the historical aspects and craft of Bobbin Lace.

First Vice President Karrie Pharris presented details about the March outing to be held on March 18th at the Dallas Arboretum beginning at 10:00 a.m. More information will be sent at the beginning of March.

Second Vice President Aydee Reyna presented members with awards for 10-year increments of membership and members with 50 years or more: Karrie Pharris—20 years; Bettye Penny—40 years; Adeline Roberts—55 years; and Linda Quattlebaum—55 years.

Corresponding Secretary Suzy McCook asked members for personal information to add to the Tales.

There were no changes made to the January minutes—minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Jerri Coates (Pepe Le Pew) explained the annual fundraiser—Quilt will be raffled—18 tickets for \$20 or \$5 per ticket. Drawing will be held in April.

Financial report was not available.

New Business:

President Stewart also explained the fundraiser.

Vivian Themer shared with members a tutoring opportunity with the Genesis Center in Kaufman.

President Stewart shared that The Alpha Tau's 90th birthday will be held at the April meeting.

President Stewart stated the State Convention will be held June 14th—17th at McAllen, Texas.

Motion was made by Bettye Penny: Alpha Tau will donate a \$10 and \$15 gift card to the ASTEF Fundraiser at the State Convention. Vivian Themer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vivian Themer will purchase the gift cards and send cards to the designated ASTEF officer.

President Stewart held the drawing for the door prize—Bettye Penny won the door prize.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Please read & study these minutes prior to the next meeting in order to accept with or without changes quickly.

Let the Journey Begin

Bridging Yesterday and Tomorrow to Enhance Education in Kaufman County

Alpha Tau Monthly Meeting Agenda

April 11, 2023

Kaufman County Library 5:00-6:30

5:00 Doors Open--Socialize--Light Meal

5:30 Meeting Called to Order: President Cathy Stewart

Welcome Guests

Thank You to Hostess Committee: Gold Team: Vivian Themer, Jane West, Judy Jedlicka, Jana Garner, Judy Barton, Alberta Smith, Janice Dowlearn, Marnie Cushing

Pledges: Jana Garner

Inspiration: Marnie Cushing

Greeter: Vivian Themer

State Convention: June 14-17, McAllen

Welcome Area 9 Coordinator: Liz Garrett

Raffle Drawing

*(No business meeting, as we celebrate our 90th birthday.
Our next business meeting will be at the May meeting.)*

Vice President Karrie Pharris:

*Information on The Door Life & Pregnancy Resource Center

*Program: 90th Birthday Celebration

Door Prize

6:30 Meeting Adjourned: The Delta Kappa Gamma Song

Membership Goal: The percentage of members in attendance will increase; members will be celebrated; and members encouraged to attend Alpha Tau activities.

Projects - The Door Pregnancy Center, Care Bags for members unable to attend



Alpha Tau Programs 2022-2023

Date	Program	Hostess Committee
✓ 9/10/2022	Area Workshop Wylie, TX	
✓ 10/11/2022	New Teacher Grants, Bettye Penny <i>Location - Crandall Community Room</i>	<u>Red Team:</u> *Ann McDonald, Vivian Yancey, Sondra Perry, Joan Moore, Laura Buie, Jerri Coates, Suzy McCook, Peggy Johnson (Rachel Calvery)
✓ 11/8/2022	“The Door” Pregnancy Center, Vonnie Salguero <i>Location - Spellman Museum, Forney</i>	<u>Gold Team:</u> *Jane West, Judy Jedlicka, Vivian Themer, Jana Garner, Judy Barton, Alberta Smith, Janice Dowlearn (Marnie Cushing)
✓ December 3, 2022	Christmas Brunch	The Local Café, Forney HS, Forney 10 a.m.
✓ 1/10/2023	Fit for the Future - Flisha Stewart	<u>Green Team:</u> *Karrie Pharris, Bettye Penny, Jo Lynn Maddin, Nancy Shaw, Virginia Fineout, Cathy Stewart (Aydee Reyna, Mollie Kasper)
✓*February 7, 2023	Member Craft/Presentation	<u>Red Team</u>
✓ March 18, 2023	Dallas Arboretum 10-2	
4/11/2023	90th Birthday Bash Alpha Tau is 90 years Old!! <i>Officers</i>	<u>GoldTeam</u>
5/9/2023	Summer Somethings Travel Agent, Traveling Tips	<u>Green Team</u>

*February 7 is a date change from the 3rd Tuesday.