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Fall is In the Air

Well, not quite, but with school starting and Alpha Tau meetings beginning next month; there are thoughts of fall. The executive committee met and I am so excited about the new year.

Our **Flamingle** night will be a great way to start off! A lot of mingling, food, fun, and discussing programs for the year!! And, of course, you will need to **wear pink** that night (September 12); so pull out your pink shirts, pants, shoes, or whatever you want to put together. (Thanks, Jerri, for sharing information about a Flamingle!) Please feel free to invite any prospective members and let us know and we will make sure we plan food and fun for everyone! No business meeting in September.

There has been interest in having a book club this year! Karrie is on this and we will learn more. We have a KENO night planned. If you can play Bingo, you can play Keno. This will be a time to invite prospective members to join in the fun and prizes. We will bring items to donate to a needed organization. We have a new project and will enjoy hearing from the founder of Bee-Happy Day Program in Kaufman at our January, 2024 meeting.

We are well on our way to a fundraiser! Mollie has a quilt top ready and will be complete by raffle time. Thanks, Mollie! We also plan to add another item or two to the raffle, so people can purchase tickets for a desired item.

I hope you are finding ways to stay cool and stay positive! With loving thoughts and God's blessings for each of you!

Cathy

Calendar

September 12, 2023

October 10, 2023

November 14, 2023

December 2023
Christmas Gathering

January 9, 2024

February 13, 2024

March 2024
Spring Outing

April 9, 2024

May 14, 2024

Meetings

2nd Tuesdays

Sign-in & visit 5:00

Meeting begins 5:30

Kaufman County Library
Community Room
3790 S. Houston Street
Kaufman, TX 75142

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Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide

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Flamingle

Tuesday

September 12, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Kaufman County Library Community Room

Hostess Committee: **Gold Team**: *Vivian Themer, Jana Garner, Judy Barton, Alberta Smith, Janice Dowlearn, Jane West, Judy Jedlicka, Suzy McCook (Molly Kasper)

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember all our sisters in prayer.

Prayers go up for **JoLynn Maddin and Karrie Pharris's** families. JoLynn's husband, Karrie's father, died August 21st. Services are pending.

*Please pray for Alpha Tau sisters and their families.
Pray for our teachers and students and for a safe
productive and smooth school year.*



September

20 **Jerri Coates**, aka Pepe LePew, Chef Pierre, Anna Hiss, HipHop DeeJay, Fiscal Fitness Guru & Mrs. Ray King

All About You!

Karrie Pharris' daughter, Ragan, will wed on December 1!

Aydee Reyna expects a new grandbaby in December!

Suzy McCook back from Nashville where she and team reviewed showcases for E! Terrell.

Virginia Fineout had a concert celebrating her birthday in August and played the piano.



Alpha Tau Board Meeting July 27, 2023 Officers met at the Chisholm Country Store & Café in McLendon-Chisolm for a luncheon meeting. Shown above are left to right: Vivian Themer, Parliamentarian, Cathy Stewart, President, Laura Buie, Recording Secretary, Karrie Pharris, 1st Vice President, Jerrie Coates, Treasurer, Aydee Reyna, 2nd Vice President, and Suzy McCook, Corresponding Secretary.

WELCOME

Area 9 Coordinator

Janie Wigley



We bid a fond farewell to Liz Garrett, our former Area 9 Coordinator, and wish her great success as the new TSO Membership Committee Chair.



Greetings from a small bit of your Regional Area Workshop Steering Committee. From left to right: Sabrina Rosson, Area 17 Coordinator; Cindy Gordon, Area 1 Coordinator, Lynda Anderson, TSO Mentor for Areas 1, 9 and 17; and Janie Wigley, Area 9 Coordinator. You might ask "Why only a small bit of the Regional Area Workshop Steering Committee?" That is because as a chapter president in Area 9, you are also part of the Steering Committee as are chapter presidents in Areas 1 and 17.

Please put **Saturday, June 22, 2024** on your calendar and mention this date often to your chapter members. TSO will not have a convention in 2024. The survey from the 2022 Area Workshops indicated that our TSO members were willing to drive 2-2 1/2 hours to a Regional Area Workshop. Planning is underway and chapter presidents will be a big part in that planning.

Sometime in the future you will receive an invite for a ZOOM meeting. The ladies pictures above will be thrilled if you choose to join us in the ZOOM and participate in planning this event.

**The 95th Annual Convention will be held Monday,
June 23, 2025 through Friday, June 27, 2025, in Denton, TX.**

The four of us are looking for a location that is centrally located. We hope to get that nailed down soon. As we have more information, I will pass it on to Area 9 chapter presidents with the subject line "Regional Area Workshop." We are excited and hopefully you will be excited and that excitement spills over to your chapter members.

SOAR to new heights along with me.

Janie Wigley, Area 9 Coordinator
Gamma Beta Chapter
Texas State Organization
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S seek new members and opportunities
O pen your heart, mind, and attitude
A ct to serve and share
R each to renew, respond, and relate


Five Star Award
 For Chapter Newsletters
 This Certificate is Awarded to
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 Area 9
 2023
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Magnetic Badges

Several sisters have inquired about ordering the pretty metal magnetic with ribbon name badges. At the right is an order form for you to use and mail in or you may call or email to place an order.

Many thanks to this industrious chapter for providing these badges, which can hold all DKG pins.



DKG Magnetic Badges Order Form

\$20 each (\$18 each if ordered in groups of two)

Chapter Name: _____

Member Name: _____

Mail Badge To: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Please choose ribbon color: Red _____ Black _____

Receipt for Magnetic Name Tag

Amount Paid: _____

Cash: _____ Check: _____ (Ck.No. _____) Credit Card: _____

Checks payable to Iota Omicron Chapter

For more information or reorders: iotaomicrondkg@gmail.com

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Alpha Tau Hostess Teams 2023-2024

Date	Program	Hostess Teams
9/12/2023	Flamingle Kaufman County Library Community Room	Gold Team *Vivian Themer, Jana Garner, Judy Barton, Alberta Smith, Janice Dowlearn, Jane West, Judy Jedlicka, Suzy McCook (Molly Kasper)
10/10/2023	Craft Place—TBD	Green Team *Marnie Cushing, Karrie Pharris, Bettye Penny, Jo Lynn Maddin, Nancy Shaw, Virginia Fineout, Cathy Stewart (Aydee Reyna)
11/14/2023	Teacher Awards KCLCR	Red Team *Joan Moore, Ann McDonald, Vivian Yancey, Sondra Perry, Laura Buie, Jerri Coates, Peggy Johnson (Rachel Calvery)
12/9/2023	Christmas Brunch	Chisholm Country Store & Café 10 a.m.
1/9/2024	BEE-Happy KCLCR	Gold Team
2/13/2024	Keno KCLCR	Green Team
March, 2024	March Outing	Opportunity Central "OC" Forney ISD www.theoc.net
4/9/2024	Birthday Celebration Book Study—KCLCR	Red Team
5/14/2024	Officer Installation Fun & Games- KCLCR	Mixed Team

Alpha Tau May 9th Meeting Minutes

After a light meal at 5:00, President Cathy Stewart called meeting to order at 5:30

President welcomed guests and thanked hostess committee for the meal and decorations.

Pledges were led by President Cathy Stewart

Inspiration was given by Jo Lynn Maddin encouraging members to use positive words and build each other up. She also recited the poem "Say It"

First Vice President, Karrie Pharris, asked members to suggest programs for next year on the questionnaire that was to be completed at the end of the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary, Suzy McCook, asked members to share upcoming happenings in their lives to be printed in "The Tales."

There were no objections to the February and April minutes, so those will stand as written.

Treasurer Jerri Coates, alias Mrs. Ray King—first treasurer of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1979, gave the treasurer's report. Money on hand is \$1875.05. Bettye Penny made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion was seconded by Suzy McCook. Motion passed.

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

Treasurer Coates stated dues may be sent to her by June--\$88 for currently employed teachers; \$78 for retired teachers; and \$28 for reserved members.

Quilt Raffle was held—winner was Ann McDonald who in turn gave the quilt to Bettye Penny since it was donated by Bettye's family.

New business: President Cathy Stewart presented Corresponding Secretary, Suzy McCook, with the 5 Star Award for the Chapter Newsletter, The Tales.

President Stewart explained the questionnaire to members that was to be completed at the end of the meeting.

Program: Summer Something presented by First Vice President Karrie Pharris. Members enjoyed summer games and discussed favorite places to travel.

Door Prize was drawn—Winner Vivian Themer

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30