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*from our President*

## Looking Back



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Looking back over the Alpha Tau 2022-23 year! It was fun, meaningful, and informative. In addition, we enjoyed helping others through our projects and strengthening our Alpha Tau relationships.

We started out with our grant recipients in October and November, and enjoyed meeting the awarded teachers and hearing their plans.

Our visit to the new Door Pregnancy/Resource Center was enlightening and allowed us an ongoing involvement, as they are getting their feet on the ground and serving the community.

Our Christmas brunch at The Local Café, located at the Forney High School, staffed by high school culinary students was quite a treat! Wonderful seeing these students putting their training into action with an outstanding menu.

Fitness for the Future by lifestyle coach, Flisha Stewart, jumpstarted us into a healthy new year.

Our own Laura Buie shared the interesting craft of bobbin lace, including its history and seeing beautiful projects.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Alpha Tau birthday bash was an evening of reminiscing about our organization's history, hearing from members, and a chance to don our 90's hats. Sondra added to the evening by playing songs from the 90's on the piano.

Our last meeting for this year was an evening of fun and games with our theme of Summer Something Fun!

Thanks, Karrie, for the awesome programs!

Thanks, Jerri, for the many "guest" speakers. We never knew who would show up at our meetings to present the treasurer's report!

Thanks, Suzy, for helping us relive these meetings with pictures and articles in the Tales.

Finally, much gratitude to everyone for your part throughout the year serving on the hostess committees and participating in and attending meetings.

I wish each of you a wonderful summer, doing the things you enjoy most during this laid-back time of year, when things seem to slow down.

I can't wait to see what the 2023-24 Alpha Tau year brings!!

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

*Cathy*

## Calendar

### 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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# May 2023 Meeting

An old fashioned picnic celebration happened on May 9, 2023, at the Kaufman County Library Community Room. Alpha Tau sisters enjoyed fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, deviled eggs and an assortment of cookie desserts thanks to the Green Team.

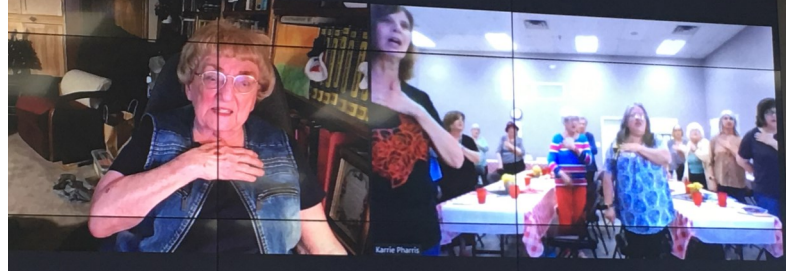
Meetings always begin with the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags. JoLynn Maddin gave inspirational advice. “We should all acknowledge and praise each other as often as possible. Positive words bring life and joy to everyone.”

Jerri Coates sent Mrs. Ray King, a DKG founder, to give the treasurer’s report. She reminded everyone that dues are due NOW! Cathy Stewart asked everyone to turn in a survey of this past year’s programs and meetings.

Ann McDonald won the Quilt Raffle and gave it to Bettye Penny in order to keep this treasure in the family.

Vivian Themer won the meeting door prize.

Karrie Pharris then led a series of summer games with prizes.



## Please Remember in Your Prayers

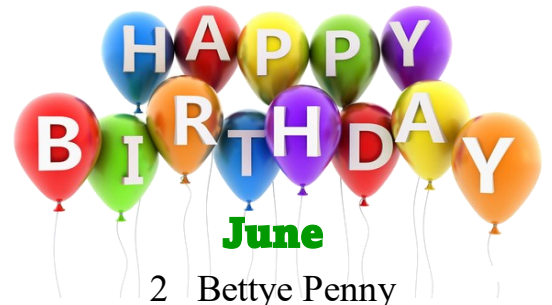
✝ Please remember in your prayers **Joan Moore**, whose sister, Dara Munn of Paris, TX, was killed in a car crash May 18th.

**Jerri Coates** thanks everyone for their prayers and concern. She is “doing much better after her stay in the hospital for blood clots in her leg and lungs. She goes back to the doctor in June to find out if the blood clots are gone. She is praying God will melt them away, and she knows He will.”

✝ Epsilon Kappa “lost our wonderful member Dr. Phyllis Richards on April 18, 2023. She lived the most amazing life for **103** years and enriched our chapter with her DKG spirit, wisdom, humor, service, and leadership.”

✝ Please remember 94-year-old reserve member Marjorie Farmer Arrington passed away on May 14, 2023. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a women’s educational organization, in Corpus Christi and later was a reserve member in Austin.

*Please remember all our sisters in prayer.*



- 2 Bettye Penny
- 9 Alberta Smith
- 13 Vivian Yancey
- 15 Rachel Calvery

### July

- 12 Cathy Stewart

### August

- 3 Sondra Perry
- 15 Jane West
- 20 Virginia Fineout

## All About You!

**Laura Buie** “On April 29th, my husband and I had the experience of a lifetime! We took a whale & dolphin watching tour in Newport Beach, California where we saw not one but three Fin whales! We were visiting our son, Mark, and his wife, Lynne, along with her family who were here visiting from Dundee, Scotland.

**Vivian Themer** “Don and I will be celebrating our granddaughter, Kherington’s, middle school graduation, and attending granddaughter, Ella’s, dance recital in May.

**Joan Moore** “I will be making more trips to Colorado now that my family is moving back to the Denver area. Our grandson will stay at Texas A&M while our granddaughter will begin college in Montana this fall.



# Alpha Tau Quilt Raffle

**And the winner is: Ann McDonald!!!**

Ann donated the quilt to the Penny family.

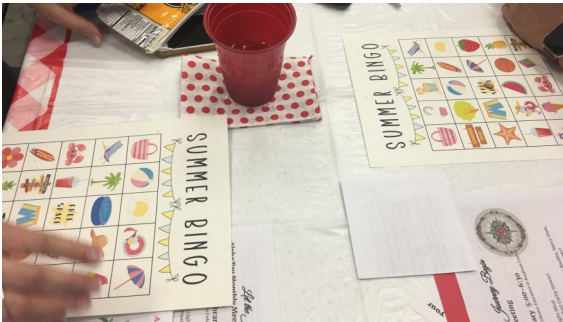
*The pieced top from this quilt came from the family of long-time Forney resident, Duane Penny, and includes vintage fabrics. Many of the swatches of this quilt are believed to be feed sacks, which housewives of the Depression Era used to make clothing and other household items. The backing is newly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

# Summer Games

At the May meeting, Karrie Pharris gathered us together for some fun—Summer games. We shared everyone’s travel wish list and measured that to what was actually happening. Then there was BINGO and “OH MY,” this game could have gone on for quite some time and was becoming quite serious. Prizes were eagerly sought after. Then Corn Hole was set up and tables were teams.

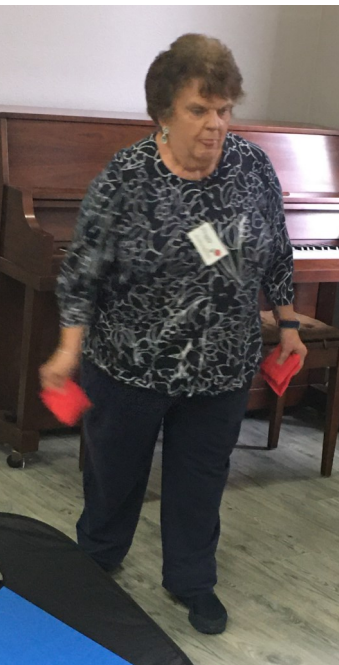
## BINGO

Bingo caller was Suzy McCook and players were seriously having fun. Shown below are Karrie Pharris, Marnie Cushing, Ann McDonald & Laura Buie.



## Corn Hole

What fun! Corn Hole champ this day was Table Three team, Ann McDonald, Bettye Penny, Laura Buie & Suzy McCook.



Shown above & right are Peggy Johnson, Laura Buie, Mollie Kasper, Jerri Coates, Laura, & Alberta Smith.