

# BETA ETA BUZZ



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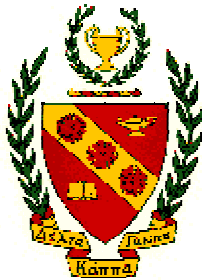
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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## A Message From Our President

### Happy New Year!!

I can't believe it is 2011. 2010 flew by so quickly. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

Our December meeting was full of fun, food, and fellowship. I want to thank everyone for all the delicious food we had. There was so much to choose from, I'm pretty sure no one went home hungry.

We had a great Winter Auction this year. **Red Roses** go to **Denise Pineault** for doing a great job as our Auctioneer and to **Kim Birkelbach** for helping **Denise** with the auction.

I want to encourage all of our members to start thinking about attending our State Convention this summer in McAllen, Texas. The State Convention is June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup>. Attending a DKG convention is such a wonderful experience, and you will meet so many great women educators.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at Bellaire United Methodist Church. I encourage you to bring a visitor with you.

See you in January!



**THINK  
SNOW**

**Annette**

## JANUARY MEETING

**Date:** January 8, 2011

**Time:** 09:30—12:00

**Place:** Bellaire UMC Parlor



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## MONEY MATTERS

**RED ROSES** to all who contributed and/or purchased the numerous items at our Winter Auction. Monies for the Winter Auction will be dispersed according to the bylaws of Beta Eta. Those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a fantastic opportunity for Christmas or birthday shopping! **RED ROSES** to **Denise Pineault**, auctioneer extraordinary.

If you were unable to be at the December meeting, you are welcome to send a monetary contribution for the auction to:

Ellen Laughlin  
2119 Tall Ships  
Friendswood, TX 77546

or bring a contribution to the January meeting. I will announce the grand total for the auction at our January meeting.

Until January 8<sup>th</sup>, I hope your 2011 is blessed and safe.

**Ellen Laughlin**  
Treasurer

Please see **Ellen** at the January meeting (or send an email to [EMLa001@sbcglobal.net](mailto:EMLa001@sbcglobal.net)) if you are interested in purchasing a **BH** (*Beta Eta*) guard for your key pin.

Last year the key pin was \$22 which included the cost of shipping. (Hopefully this price has not gone up!) I will be placing an order for key pins, and any other "official" jewelry you might want to order on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Payment will be due upon receipt of the jewelry. The shipping cost will be divided among the items ordered.

Did you know that **Kathy Doyle & Ellen Laughlin** will be smelling ROSES on New Year's Day? They will be attending both the Rose Bowl Parade and Bowl game. Of course, **PURPLE** will be the color of the day. . . **GO FROGS!**

## PROGRAM NEWS

Our annual Christmas auction is always such a festive occasion, and this year was no exception. **Red roses** to **Denise Pineault** and **Kimberly Birkelbach** for doing an exemplary job as our "auctioneers." **Red roses** to each of you ladies who brought such a delicious assortment of holiday food for our brunch. **Red roses** to our decorating committee!! Everything was fabulous, and **red roses** to all who brought/purchased auction items. If you were unable to attend our December meeting, you were missed, and we hope to see all of our members after the holidays at our January meeting.

Our own **Carla Smith** will be presenting our January program on "Assistive Technology." **Carla** will present information regarding the challenges and rewards of working with nonverbal students, and demonstrate strategies involving the use of technology that are beneficial to these students. I know you will not want to miss this informative program.

During the months of January and February, we will be collecting books, puzzles, and manipulatives for the students at Ridgemont Early Learning Center (ages birth-6 years). I know the Ridgemont community is very appreciative of our support. Thanks to all of you ladies who are so generous in contributing to this project.

As we enter a new year, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a blessed and prosperous 2011. Hope to see all of you January 8, 2011 at Bellaire UMC!

**Barbara Johnson**  
First Vice President

## YEARBOOK

**Kathy Doyle** wants to remind everyone that she will have yearbook pages at each meeting. Do remember to ask **Kathy** for them if you not received them as yet.

## Grape Parfait

3-4 lbs. red and green grapes  
 1 block of cream cheese      ½ cup brown sugar  
 1 cup (8oz) sour cream      1 stick of butter  
 1½ cup sugar      1 pkg. pecan halves

Mix sour cream, cream cheese, and 1 cup of sugar until creamy. Add grapes and mix till they are well coated. Melt butter and ½ cup sugar until bubbly and then add the pecans. Continue to stir and well coat the pecans. Spread pecans on a nonstick or sprayed cookie sheet and sprinkle with brown sugar a little at a time and bake at 350 degrees. Continue to stir the pecans and add additional brown sugar as desired. Bake pecans to desired taste, texture, and “praline” effect. Bake about 15-20 minutes. Add most of the pecans to the grape mixture, saving some for the top, and mix well. Spread grapes into a 9x13 dish, sprinkle with additional pecans. Best if chilled overnight or for a few hours before serving.

Enjoy——Annette



At the December meeting, we had a very special treat!! Our own **Virginia Collins** played the keyboard and sang Christmas music for us. It was beautiful.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

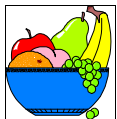


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13 Cheryl Barker	14 Ann Jackson
16 Ann Anthony	18 Ellen Laughlin
20 Jo Monday	21 Leslie Lester
27 Jean Warner	



Our Winter Auction is always a fun time and this year was no exception. **Denise** always makes it fun!! She had good help this year with **Kim** and **Annette** helping. There were gifts galore, thanks to so many that brought such special things to auction.

## JANUARY



## HOSTESSES



Karla Ofield, Chairman	
Barbara June Allen	Betty McKinney
Sherilyn Stratton	Diane McLaughlan
Marilyn Speer	Kate Robertson



## OXYMORONS

1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called

the second hand?

3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do “tug” boats push their barges?

