



# Kappa Omega Musings

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A 5 Star with a Seal of Merit Newsletter

The Delta Kappa Gamma International  
Alpha State Texas



## Debbie's Doings



Dear Sisters,  
Welcome back to a new and challenging school year! If you are like me you're feeling a little overwhelmed. I wish all of you the best this coming school year. I hope all of you had a very restful summer. My retired sisters, I hope you enjoyed your summer and hopefully you have exciting things to do this fall. I hope we are all ready to start a new year in DKG. I had a lot to learn this past year and with your help we will have an even better year. We have made a budget and will need to raise some money since we are very low. We have come up with the idea of having a spaghetti dinner. It was one of the easier fund raisers we could think of and hopefully we will be doing it in October. Please come to our mixer in September to meet with your committees and help us move forward. We are excited to welcome our new members to their 1<sup>st</sup>. official meeting. I will give a very brief talk

about the DKG state convention I went to in Austin this summer. They did not raise our state dues thank goodness.

We have the first four meetings planned, we have the dates and the where will be confirmed and we will let you know where later.

September 23<sup>rd</sup>. will hopefully be at the Bank and Trust at 4:30 on our regular meeting time and day. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 4:30. We will have a mixer to get to know each other and meet with our committees and vote on our fund raiser and budget.

October 28<sup>th</sup>. We will hopefully have a presentation on Pinterest at the Rio Grande Café. It will start at the same time as our regular meetings 4:30 and it will be Dutch Treat for whatever you want to eat or drink.

November 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have our 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon since we started

in 1979. Information will be given later.

Of course our Christmas party will be around the beginning of December since we all know how busy we get. Again, details will be given as soon as we know them.

Please come and be a driving force to help me finish my time as President and be a part of all of the new things to come. We will be sending all committee information to you later on this month so you know which committee you are on and which meeting you will be helping with, please check that your campus sisters are receiving the newsletter and let us know if anyone is not receiving them.

God bless you all and thank you for all the help you gave me last year. I know you will continue to help our group become better and stronger.

Your sister,

Deborah Sanders



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If anyone would like to have the newsletter mailed to them, please give Patti 6 self-addressed, stamped envelopes. They will be mailed to you.

#### 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.*

**Kappa Omega Website**

[www.kappaomega.weebly.com](http://www.kappaomega.weebly.com)

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## Technology Updates

Our sister, Cheryl Pond, has her own blog called "Pondering IT". You can link to it from the Instructional page on the district site by clicking on Instructional Technology or through this link:

<http://ponderinginstructtech.blogspot.com/>. On this blog you will be introduced to all things "educational technology". From good books to great websites, you can find all sorts of technical stuff.

This page is for parents and students as well as teachers. Training links and

Teaching Resources are just two of the informational places that you can find here. Be sure to check it out! Way to go, Cheryl!



## CHAPTER WEBSITE

Don't forget that Kappa Omega has a TSO approved website of its own. <http://kappaomega.weebly.com> is the place for you to find out what is going on in the chapter. If you forget a date, can't find your yearbook, don't know where your copy of the newsletter is, or want to check out the pictures from the last meeting, this is your source for all things Kappa Omega. If you have any suggestions about content, please let Patti Oefelein know.

## ASTE F

**What is ASTEF?** The Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation - ASTEF - is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established to support and enhance activities of Texas State Organization (TSO), The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. All gifts to ASTEF are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

### What is the Connection between TSO and ASTEF?

TSO is the originator of ASTEF, the fundraising entity that assists TSO in fulfilling its purposes. TSO chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma invite

women educators to membership. All members of TSO are also members of ASTEF. As ASTEF seeks external funding to support its projects, the foundation's nonprofit status allows broader recognition for the work of TSO.

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TSO as it seeks corporate, foundation, and federal grants.

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## 2013 Meeting Dates

Be sure to put these dates on your calendar now.

**September 23** @ the Bank and Trust @ 4:30. It will be a meet and greet and a time for committees to get together to plan.

**October 28** @ Rio Grounds Café @ 4:30. Bring your iPad, iPhone, Smartphone, laptop, etc to get some pointers on Pinterest: that addictive, won-

derful website that meets every teachers needs!

**November 16** @TBA. This will be our 34th Birthday Luncheon.

**Early December** will be our annual Christmas party. Information will be shared with you as soon as the details are worked out.

## Meeting Responsibilities

**Hostesses:** Debbie Sanders, Nydia Fernandez-Contreras, Teresita Avila, Jacque Gurley-Looney, Michelle Guajardo, Lydia Torres Rocha, Cynthia Rocha Frausto

**Greeters:** Executive Board

**Collect:** Michelle Guajardo

**Meditation:** Debbie Sanders

## Sister Sound Offs

This year, this space will be dedicated to upcoming events that are submitted by the sisters of Kappa Omega. If your school is holding a fundraiser, if you are involved in a community effort through another organization or your church, or whatever is going on in your life that the rest of us would like to know about....just sent it to Patti Oefelein at [poefelein@stx.rr.com](mailto:poefelein@stx.rr.com) by the 15th of the month and it will be posted here.

**ESL CLASSES** Northside Baptist Church is offering ESL classes starting

Monday, Sept. 16th from 7:00-9:00 pm, 1100 Amistad Blvd. Registration is Tuesday-Friday, Sept. 3-6. But new students may register after that on Mondays from 7:00-9-00 pm. If you know anyone of your parents who might be interested, the flyer is attached as the last page of this newsletter.

**EVENING BIBLE STUDY** Many times Women's Bible Studies are held during the day when active educators cannot participate. If you'd like to attend a Bible Study at the right time,

you need to know that Patti Oefelein is hosting and teaching a study at her home on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm. This fall the study will be Beth Moore's *Seeking a Heart Like His*. If you'd be interested in attending come on by 1 Nighthawk Trail (across from Little School House on Amistad Blvd.) Tuesday evening, Sept. 17th. Everyone is welcome.



## Sister Birthdays

September-

**Diana Guzman-9**

**Alejandra Torres-16**

**RaquelMartine-17**

**Sandra Lomas-19**

**Leticia Partida-24**

**Cheryl Pond-24**

**Wish these sisters a Happy Birthday when you see them or drop them an email on their special day**



### Officers for 2013-2014:

President-**Debbie Sanders**

Corresponding Secretary-**Nydia**

**Fernandez-Contreras**

1st Vice President-**Teresita Avila**

Treasurer-**Jacque Gurley-Looney**

2nd Vice President-**Michelle Guajardo**

Parliamentarian-**Lydia Torres Rocha**

Recording Secretary-**Cynthia Rocha**

**Frausto**

## State Scholarships and Deadlines

Check out this website to find information about state scholarships that Alpha State offers. There are many types and amounts of scholarships offered to active teachers, in-training teachers, and retired teachers. Surely one of them is just right for you. Whether you are working on your masters, doctorate, or a new certification, the Texas State Organization wants to help. <http://alphastatetexas.org/scholarships.html>

The International organization also offers

scholarships. As many as 30 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advance degrees. Scholarships for those seeking a master's degree are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. <http://www.dkg.org/category/committee/scholarship> This website has all the information and a brochure outlining the standards and deadlines for applying for one of these grants. The money is there for our use. Please apply!

## Up-coming Convention Dates

### 85th Texas State Convention

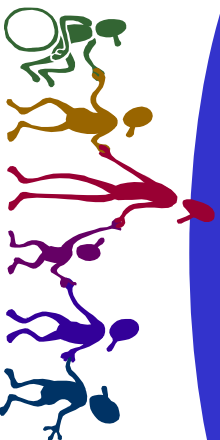
Lubbock Convention Center

Lubbock, TX

June 19-21, 2014

*Northside Baptist Church  
1100 Amistad Blvd.  
774-6111*

## Clases de Inglés ESL



**Clases para todos los niveles (principiante, intermedio y avanzado)**

**Matrícula (Registración) Día:  
del 3 al 6 de septiembre**

**Hora: 7-9 pm**

**Northside Baptist Church-1100 Amistad Blvd.**

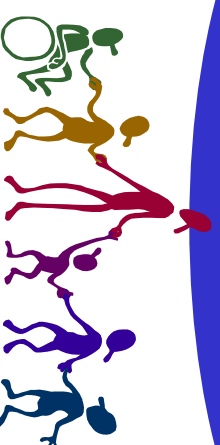
**Las clases son gratuitas. El estudiante debe pagar por su libro.**

**Las clases serán los lunes (7-9 pm) comenzando el lunes 17 de setiembre.**

**Las clases serán de setiembre a mayo.**

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## English as a Second Language Classes



**ESL classes are for all levels of English acquisition.**

**Enrollment and interviews conducted**

**Tuesday-Friday**

**September 3-6 , 2013**

**7:00-9:00 pm**

**Northside Baptist Church, 1100 Amistad Blvd.**

**Classes are free. Students will only need to purchase their textbook.**

**Classes will be on Mondays beginning September 17th @ 7:00 pm.**

**Classes will be from September to May.**