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The Heart of the Society Is Its Members.

Officers:

- President—Di Ann Suggs
- First Vice President—Anne Sundquist
- Second Vice President—Clara Lynch
- Secretary-Annette Bopp
- Treasurer—Janet Robb

CALENDAR

- 10/24 GHACC at Kingwood
- 11/07 Birthday Meeting—3 chapters—Bucca di Beppa
- 12/05 Christmas at Brookwood
- 02/11 Self Defense
- 04/07 Officer Installation



BIRTHDAYS

- 10/10 Sue C. (belated)
- 10/19 Sharon R.
- 11/09 Roni S.
- 12/22 Di Ann S.

New Members, Chapter Celebration Highlight News

GHACC for all Houston area chapters will be held October 23-24. Anyone interested can contact Di Ann about attending with her. Members from our region will gather at The Racquet Club in Memorial to honor our State President.

The **birthday meeting** for all Montgomery County chapters will be held November 7 at 11:00 at **Buca di Beppo** in Shenendoah—east side of I-45. Come share food and fellowship. **Deadline: 11/01**

Dues Due!

Please send your DKG dues to **Janet Robb**, if you have not done so already. The state office expects dues by October 31. Reserve dues are \$30; regular, \$65.

Janet Robb
31603 Cedardale
Magnolia 77355

New members (l-r) Kerry Tamborello Ogden and Kim Combs are initiated in September.

(Repeated from last newsletter FYI)

Outreach to Others

Realizing that we no longer can provide the funding needed to give the Valentine gifts for girls at Boys & Girls Country, we lovingly put away that outreach. We discussed several options and came up with two for entire chapter participation.

Sandra Powers, recognizing the need for items for veterans, has collected and taken items to the VA hospital in Houston. We agreed to collect items—clothing, travel-size toiletries, books, magazines—and help her with at least two trips during the year. The first collection time will be November 7 at the birthday dinner.

We also agreed to assist **Angel Reach**, a group that helps youth in need. These individuals have been in foster care and then are released at age 18, often with nowhere to live and with little more than the clothes on their backs. Go to their Facebook page to get to know the group.

We will continue funding a **scholarship** for students in education.





Posted from the President...

Dear Sisters,

You have probably read the email from our courageous member, Sharon Watkins, as she faces decisions to be made regarding her recent cancer diagnosis. Please keep her in your prayers as she makes those decisions and obtains treatment. Please also pray for Dave Sundquist, husband of Anne, as he fights several medical situations. Pray that the doctors will find the sources of his problems and that he will heal quickly.

We were awarded two recognitions from State. Again, we received the award for our completed yearbook being turned in prior to the due date. Thanks again, Clara, for using your talents to compile the yearbook as instructed and for getting the document in early. We appreciate you! We also won the Rosebud award for increase in membership.

I hope to see all of you at the GHACC luncheon this month, the birthday celebration in November and our Christmas lunch—no business—at Brookwood Community.

Love,
Di Ann

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Shirt Alert!

If you are interested in getting a DKG shirt as some of us have, contact Marcia B. at 936-443-5711 or rbaren@consolidated.net. Since the original company that made the shirts is no longer in business, she found another one in Montgomery. Shirts will be black with the bling logo. Check with her regarding available styles/prices.

Rest-of-the-Year Plans

Those of us who attended the Christmas dinner at Brookwood in Brookshire last year enjoyed it so much that we are planning that same jaunt again. Mark your calendars now to start the Christmas season **Saturday, December 5**. The ambience is pleasing, and the store that benefits those at Brookwood is filled with gift ideas—and items you'll enjoy as well. This is simply a fun time with no meeting at all.

February 11 will find us at Elaine West's house for a program on self defense, and we will hold our Founder's Day and officer installation ceremonies **Thursday, April 7**, at Ann Allen's house.



WOULD YOU LIKE ONE OF THOSE CLASSY NAMETAGS? They are only \$10 each, have your name on it, and can be ordered through Di Ann.



President Di Ann lights the new member candles during the initiation ceremony in September.



Friends and former colleagues Di Ann Suggs and Sharon Watkins compare friendship rings.



Whether or not you are still associated with a school district or are retired, please read, since this affects all of us.

This email service is provided by the Texas Retired Teachers Association and has been edited by this editor due to space.

TRS to Host Town Hall Meeting About Health Insurance Program

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) met in September to discuss various issues impacting the pension fund and the TRS-Care retiree health insurance program. TRTA and its members have worked for 13 years to help preserve the system, one that is affordable and well liked by those eligible for the coverage with almost 250,000 people using it, helping them maintain financial security.

Many members of the 84th Texas Legislative Session worked to keep TRS-Care from having a \$786 million shortfall. Legislators approved funding to permit retirees to retain coverage and avoid staggering premiums. They also passed a bill to create a study group to determine possible solutions to prevent further problems with TRS-Care coverage. The study group's design and purpose are to provide a long-term solution to the problems associated with insurance costs. Its findings should provide plans to prevent such crises from arising in the future and to assure retirees that they will have adequate coverage.

TRTA is hosting a town hall meeting this month

to gain input from members and to find long-range solutions for the future. The meeting will be held **Thursday, October 22**, in Austin. Final details are still being arranged, but the meeting will probably be held at **TRS Headquarters**.

Watch for further emails from **Inside Line**. If you do not receive these emails, go to **trta.org** for more information or to sign up for emails.

Get involved!



Carrying on the Tradition

Charter member **Sue Combs**, center, stands with new members **Kerry Ogden** and **Kim Combs**. Kerry is a former student, and Kim is Sue's daughter-in-law. What a group!



(One other educator was approved for membership but had extenuating circumstances that kept her from being initiated. She will be initiated in April.)

**Send news/ideas for the newsletter to sun1gypsy@gmail.com.
Anne Sundquist**