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# Eta Xi Roses

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[Website](#)

Credit Sara Ranzau

## Little Free Library

How sweet are these pictures of Mario Villarreal and his daughter reading a book from our Little Free Library? We need more books for the library, so stop by and stock up if you get the chance. Also, we need someone to organize the library. Please contact Chris or Cristi if you would like to volunteer or want more information.



## Save the Date!

February 9, 2019

### [Chapter Meeting 10AM-12PM](#)

Ryan Hall – First  
Presbyterian Church  
800 Jefferson St.  
Kerrville

April 1, 2019

### [Chapter Meeting 4:30-6 PM](#)

The Manse @ First  
Presbyterian Church  
800 Jefferson St.  
Kerrville

May 3, 2019

### [End of Year Social 5 PM](#)

E1 Sombrero de Jalisco  
303 Sidney Baker  
Kerrville

## Mission Statement

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

## Chapter Rules

### *Classes of Members*

An active member is a woman who is employed as a professional educator at the time of her election or has been retired from an educational position.

You can read all the chapter rules [here](#).





## Social Networking

To contribute pictures or content to our local chapter social media sites, please contact our webmistress, Katherine Graham at [\(409\)718-6099](tel:(409)718-6099) or [etaxitexas@gmail.com](mailto:etaxitexas@gmail.com).

### Local Social Media

[dkgetaxitexas.weebly.com](http://dkgetaxitexas.weebly.com)

[Delta Kappa Gamma Eta Xi Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

### State and International Social Media

[DKG – Texas State Organization](#)

[The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International](#)

[Delta Kappa Gamma @DKG\\_SI](#)

[DKG Pinterest Page](#)

## Fall Splendor

I think that I shall never see  
 A poem as lovely as a tree...  
 Poems are made by fools like me,  
 But only God can make a tree.  
 -from "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer



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## Contribute to Our Newsletter!

I'd like to include more content that helps Eta Xi members to maintain health and well-being as we try to balance family and teacher life. Submit content such as articles, recipes, and pictures by email to Ashlee Nouri at

[etaxinewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:etaxinewsletter@gmail.com)

Next Deadline: December 30, 2018

## Holiday Season Recipe



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One thing I really love about this time of year is the fresh cranberries. Sadly, Thanksgiving dinner seems to be the only time I consume them, but this year I was determined not to give those tart little berries the boot just because it was suddenly Christmas time according to the Black Friday ads all over my television and computer screen. My mother always makes fresh cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving, and this year there were leftovers, which I decided to mix with my morning oatmeal. Holy cranberry compote, Batman! It was so good that I made a second batch to go with another week of breakfasts, only this time I combined it with another of my holiday loves: spiced tea flavors. Let me tell you, if you reduce fresh cranberries in agave syrup and add cloves, ginger, nutmeg, cinnamon, and orange extract, what you get is pure magic and a great addition to your holiday culinary repertoire.

### *Spiced Cranberry Orange Compote*

1 lb fresh cranberries  
1½ cups Agave syrup  
2 tsp orange extract  
1 tsp cinnamon  
½ tsp cloves  
¼ tsp ginger  
¼ tsp nutmeg

Add all ingredients to a small pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until cranberries pop and sauce thickens. Serve warm over oatmeal or muffins, use as a pie filling, top with a crumble, or serve cold over Bluebell vanilla. Feel free to adjust measurements to your taste; if you like a sweeter flavor profile, add ½ a cup more of Agave syrup.

## Eta Xi Winter 2019 Meeting Duties

Date	Place	Meditation	Hospitality	Raffle
February 9, 2019 10:00 - 12:00	Ryan Hall -1st Presbyterian	Melissa Fine	Laura Lutz Cathy Martin	Eunice McCoy Chris Simone

## New Member Induction And December Social

On December 3, 2018, Eta Xi met at Bella Vita in Kerrville to induct our newest member, Barbara Taylor, and to celebrate the Christmas season.

The evening began with Barbara accepting the call to service and support that membership in DKG entails, and the members present agreed to encourage her in fulfilling her role in the organization. After the induction, we held a raffle for some fun little goody bags and enjoyed a delicious Italian dinner and the fellowship of good friends.

Congratulations to Barbara, and to those who could not make it, best wishes for a happy holiday season and a blessed new year!



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### Visit International, TSO, and ASTEF!

Looking for information about what is happening in DKG? Check these out!

[www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org)

[www.dkgtexas.org](http://www.dkgtexas.org)

[www.astef.org](http://www.astef.org)

[Lone Star News](#)

Log into your DKG account using your member number and the password:  
**dkgociety2014**

### Chapter Reports

To access the minutes and treasurer's reports, click the links. Please read each before our next meeting so any necessary changes can be made at the time.

[MINUTES](#)

[TREASURER'S REPORT](#)

[COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS](#)

## Connect More!

Get connected to our sisters around the state and world!

[DKG Community Forums](#)

[Lone Star News](#)

[Get Connected Newsletter](#)

[New Member Recommendation Form](#)

[Teacher Achievement Award Information](#)

## RAISING FUNDS

Don't forget to bring your dollar for the brag bag!

**Remember to wear your pin, or it'll cost you \$25!**

If it's your birthday, bring your age in pennies!

[Education News from Around the State](#)

Credit Sandy DuBose and Matt Boyd

## New Member Bio: Introducing Barbara Taylor



From her days, in high school Barbara seemed to know she wanted to be a teacher. In college she pursued a double major in Elementary Education and Special Education. Her first job after graduation was teaching a class of Severe and Profoundly Disabled children in Saint Louis, Missouri. Barbara married and had two children: Betsy and Robert. After her children were born, she served as a preschool director before they moved to Wichita, Kansas, where she taught a group of physically disabled students for one year followed by one year in a general education classroom of third and fourth graders.

When the family moved to Houston, Barbara became a preschool/kindergarten teacher for two years at the Methodist church, and then they moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where she did a little substitute teaching. Another move brought her back to Texas in the Dallas area where she decided to become certified to teach in Texas schools, and ultimately, she attended TWU to obtain her Master's degree in Special Education with a certification as an Educational Diagnostician. She was a diagnostician in Irving ISD for five years followed by Special Education Coordinator for 7 years in a nearby special education county cooperative group. In 2007 Barbara found her way to Kerrville ISD where she was hired as an Educational Diagnostician before her retirement in 2013.

Currently Barbara enjoys working in her yard, spending time with family and friends, and traveling. We are delighted that she has joined Eta Xi Chapter of DKG where she can share her talents with other dedicated educators. We look forward to what she will bring to this sisterhood.



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## A Message from the Presidents



Dear Eta Xi Sisters,

As the 2018 year draws to a close, we often get nostalgic and think over the past year and all we have experienced. Whether they have been mountain top highs or deep valley lows, we are thankful that our lives have been tested or enriched and have come out on the other side.

One of the big things your presidents have been blessed by is the incredible sisterhood of our Eta Xi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. We have all stepped up and taken on roles that are out of our comfort zones but have been enriched beyond measure by the support, willingness of everyone to go the "extra mile" and step up when there is a job to be done. There are a few times it hasn't been "pretty" and there has been mad scurrying to meet deadlines but when we all pitch in together, deadlines get met; raffle tickets get sold "without" the tickets; books get put into the library; members get called; social media gets posted; refreshments get provided and we all heave a big sigh of relief that someone stepped up to help when it was needed.

We still have a lot of goals that need to be accomplished but as we grow more comfortable in our new roles and understand our responsibilities, this can only get easier. With a new executive board and many new members, we are all on a steep learning curve that can be slippery at times with all the other responsibilities in our lives. We are women who wear many, many hats but each have carved out the time and willingness to give a piece of themselves to this awesome organization.

Thank you seem like such small words to say for the huge commitment you have each made to make this chapter successful.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,  
Chris and Cristi

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