Jennifer’s Journal

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday as well as a restful one. I’m looking forward to what this year brings and I have made my new year’s resolutions. One of mine is health and another is no regrets. I heard a great lesson at church yesterday on living your life with no regrets. It is easy to look at the past and want to change things you can’t, but every day you have a chance to begin a new step in the right direction. So why not live by making decisions that you don’t regret.

On the healthy note...My Fruitvale Family is participating in Lighten Up East Texas. It is a healthy challenge (free challenge) to lighten up. It is a regional weigh loss challenge where individuals, teams and communities compete to lose weight and improve their health. You can go to their website to learn more: www.LightenUpEastTexas.com.

Please invite potential members to our next meeting.

See you Tuesday.

Jennifer

Beta Omega Meeting

January 14, 2014
Refreshments
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Meeting
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Crawford House, First United Methodist Church, Canton, Texas

2013-2015 Theme
Expand the Vision: Educate, Inspire, Encourage
November’s Minutes

The Beta Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at the Crawford House, Methodist Church in Canton, on November 12, 2013 for the Annual Auction. The auction is the fundraiser for scholarships/grants for senior county girls who are planning to become educators. The money raised may be used to pay tuition, buy books, gas or in any way which will help with their education.

Dr. Jennifer Jones, President, opened the meeting and welcomed members to the auction followed by the Collect. Dr. Jones then introduced the auctioneers for the evening and turned the meeting over to them.

Wills Point Superintendent Suzanne Blasingame and Wills Point retired teacher Karen King served as the auctioneers. Over $1100.00 was raised during the auction. Following the auction a brief business meeting was held. Two members Martha Aaron and Sundy Rodgers were dropped from the chapter for failure to pay dues and it is hoped that at some point they will be able to rejoin Beta Omega. Nannette Atkins, long time member of Beta Omega, passed away in 2013 and therefore she also was dropped from the membership. Patience McGuffey brought the new yearbooks and passed those out.

The next meeting will be on January 14, 2014 at the Crawford House. With a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song, Dr. Jones closed the meeting and everyone left having enjoyed the fun, food, fellowship and were happy to be going home with the great items they acquired during the 2013 Auction!

Brenda Arthur, Recording Secretary

Sheriff Ray to Speak on “Safety for Women”

Sheriff Lindsey Ray will be our speaker at the February meeting. His topic will be “Safety for Women.” This would be a good time to invite our neighbors or fellow teachers to meet our county sheriff and hear his suggestions of ways to remain safe.

Happy New Year!
Happy Birthday

January

Jennifer Jones  26
Alynda Davis  30

Treasurer's Report:
$2796.00

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Please Consider ...

attending the 85th Texas State Convention in Lubbock, Texas on June 19-21!

Check it out at:
www.alphastatetexas.org/

Remember:
Invite former Grant-in-aid recipients to the January meeting. Also, invite those former members who might be interested in rejoining!

Member News

• Brenda Arthur has been doing a maternity leave in first grade in Wills Point and will finish this week in time to get ready for her first great-grand baby. Her granddaughter, Hali, who is teaching in Troup, is due on February 9th.
• Jackie Ragland’s son, Deen, has completed his year’s work in Afghanistan for the Department of Army. He and her grandson, Hank are in Mexico with her daughter-in-law where she is doing her medical internship.
• Congratulations go to Phyllis McCaffree and husband, Charles, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 27th with a dinner party in Van hosted by their children and grandchildren.
• Brandy McGuffey, Patience’s daughter, has finished her Bachelor’s degree, summa cum laude with Highest Honors at SFA. Brandy was one of seven University Scholars recognized during the December commencement exercises. Brandy’s motto is, “It’s better late than never!” (That’s what she painted on her mortarboard anyway.) She is currently teaching math at Fairview Junior High School in Alvin ISD.
• Rachel Parker, Joan Driver’s daughter, who is dealing with injuries after a fall from her horse, is continuing physical therapy. At last count, she had a total of seven breaks in two bones all between the knee and ankle of her right leg. Rachel has had six surgeries including putting in a second rod to replace the first one loosened by infection. She has graduated from a walker to a cane and still has a long recovery ahead.
• Cindy Rakestraw’s father, Bill Sturdivant, has had more hospital time and surgeries during the holidays. Cindy and husband, Ed, have been on-call as all-round “caretakers.” Please keep all these families in your thoughts and prayers.