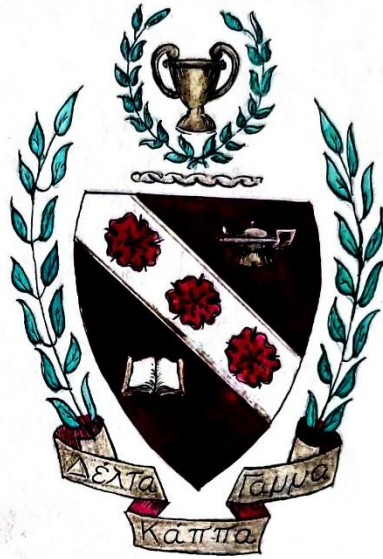


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THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL



HONORARY MEMBERS: Each biennium two women are chosen as international, honorary members because of their distinctive service to the welfare of women or because of their outstanding contributions to education. Among nationally known persons who have accepted membership are Judge Florence Allen, Mrs. Mary Ritter Beard, Mrs. Pearl S. Buck, Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell, Dr. Lillian Gilbreth, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. Margaret Mead, and Mrs. Pearl A. Wanamaker.

COMMITTEES: Through fourteen standing committees and additional special ones much of the work of the Society is expedited. Delta Kappa Gamma pioneered in selective recruitment of teachers in high schools and colleges.

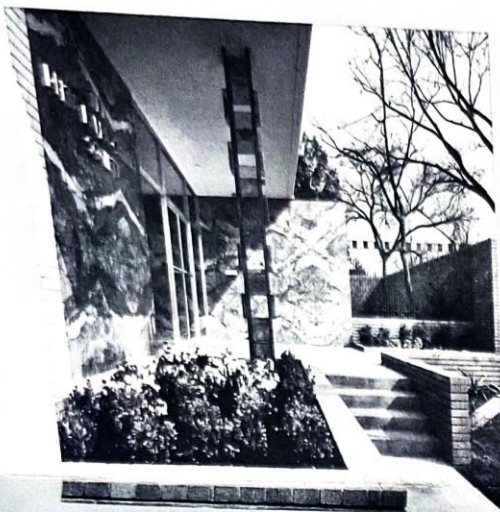
Since 1934 Pioneer Women Committees have prepared scores of biographical narratives concerning women who pioneered in education. Other committees work for improvement in teacher welfare and school support.

PUBLICATIONS: Eight times a year activities of the Society are printed in the *News*. Articles of general educational interest are made available to members through the quarterly *Bulletin*.

From time to time the Society publishes research studies, songbooks, rituals, ceremonials, and a

Handbook containing the established policies and procedures. General information concerning the Society is given in the *Circular of Information*. The latest revision of the *Constitution* was printed in October, 1956. All materials may be obtained from the headquarters office.





The Delta Kappa Gamma Society was founded on May 11, 1929, at the Faculty Women's Club, Austin, Texas. Originally chartered and incorporated in Texas in 1929, the amended charter permits establishment of chapters anywhere in the world. Expansion in new political divisions is under the direction of the international Society.



H I S T O R Y

SCOPE OF ORGANIZATION: There are now approximately 60,000 Delta Kappa Gammas in 1300 chapters which are located in British Columbia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec, Canada; in Hawaii, Alaska, District of Columbia and in every state of the United States.

The comradeship engendered by meeting and knowing influential educators is itself one reward of membership. At state conventions and at regional conferences which alternate with the international convention, members cultivate friendships and receive professional impetus for even greater service to education.

HEADQUARTERS: The international offices are located at 416 West Twelfth Street, Austin, Texas. The executive staff includes the editor, executive secretary and treasurer. The packaging of supplies, maintaining membership files, answering routine questions is done by the clerical and stenographic staff. Supplies are distributed only through the headquarters offices.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES: Facets of Delta Kappa Gamma which are distinctive are:

(1) The membership is drawn from women leaders engaged in a wide range of educational work: specialists; supervisors; administrators; teachers in kindergarten, elementary and secondary teachers of public and private schools and universities.

(2) The number of members in any chapter is limited by quota to one-tenth of the women educators in the chapter area.

(3) Through rituals and ceremonials used at formal occasions, beauty of pageantry and dress combine to enrich the social experiences of Delta Kappa Gammas.

PURPOSES EXEMPLIFIED: The Society supports three international scholarships for graduate study of \$2500 each. Many states and chapters provide financial assistance for foreign teachers and for their own members for advanced study; they supply grants-in-aid for future teachers.

The Educator's Award of \$1000 is given to the woman author whose educational book is voted as the best published during the biennium.

Each year the Society recognizes a Delta Kappa Gamma who, because of outstanding work at the international level, merits the Achievement Award—a gold medallion with chain.

ACHIEVEMENTS: In 1954 the Society celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary by presenting 52 graduate scholarships of \$1300 each. One recipient from each "state" organization in the United States and Canada shared in the \$68,000 contributed to stimulate professional growth of Delta Kappa Gammas.

In 1956 the international headquarters building was dedicated debt free. To date nearly \$250,000 has been invested in the lot, the two story building and its furnishings.

The Society has \$200,000 in bonds, interest from which pays the stipends of the three scholarships and the Educator's Award.

FOUNDERS: Twelve Texas women, representing a cross section of educational work, started the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, a member of the University of Texas faculty, interested the other founders: Mamie Bastian, Ruby Cole, Mabel Grizzard, Anna Hiss, Ray and Sue King, Helen L. Koch, Ruby Terrill (Lomax), Cora M. Martin, Lalla M. Odom, Lela Lee Williams.

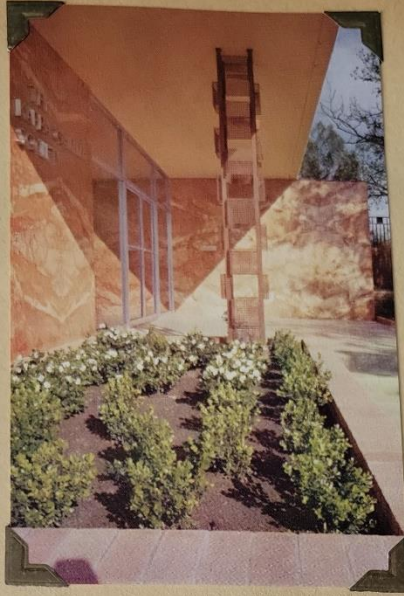


The Delta Kappa Gamma Song

Women teachers, to the calling,
Firmly rally, never falling,
Duty ne'er upon us palling,
Staunch, courageous, we!
Loyalty and trust, e'er heeding,
Mindful of our sisters needing
Aid and guidance from those leading,
Helpful may we be!
To Delta Kappa Gamma
Faith we pledge forever!
Hand in hand, our loyal band,
Forward, moving ever!
Onward! 'tis our sisters need us,
Courage, Faith and Honor lead us!
Wrongs in truth and justice heed us!
Firmly shall we stand!

Guardians of the faith yet sleeping,
For our sisters watch e'er keeping,
Deeds of others now we're reaping,
We for others stand!
To us pioneers have given;
We return their gifts to Heaven;
Work for others, is the leaven
That inspires our band!
Oh, Delta Kappa Gamma
In thy fold we gather;
Unity and Liberty
Shall be our watchwords ever!
Education e'er we'll further;
Each is bound to each as brother,
With this faith in one another
We shall win, for aye!

-Annie Webb Blanton and Cora M. Martin.



Twelfth Street entrance to International Headquarters of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society in Austin, Texas.



Marble fountain in the San Antonio Street Patio of the International Headquarters Building in Austin, Texas.