



Kappa Kappa News

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Kappa Kappa's Meeting

Saturday, January 25, 2013

Julie Comardo's home

16410 Pecan Dr.

Sugar Land 77498

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9:00 a.m. Meeting

Program: Organization Strategies

Hostesses: Kathy, Paulette, Tisha



Save the Date:

Our next meeting is February 22.

Upcoming meetings: March 22, April 26, and May 10

Initiation/Installation at Brookwood: April 26

Area 18 Workshop: September 13

Member Spotlight

Tisha Jones has taught ten years and is working toward applying to become an assistant principal. Tisha and husband Olatide Erinle have a daughter Mercedes, age 12, and a son Davon, age 9, along with Kibbles, a Chihuahua to keep them all in line! Tisha enjoys reading, shopping and traveling and her favorite vacation would be something outdoors in a cold area. Brrr! She enjoys Italian food, along with meeting new faces, stimulating conversations, fishing and just hanging out with family and friends. Her favorite book is *Energy Bus* by Jon Gordon and such TV programs as *The Voice* and *Grimm*.

President's Message: We are looking forward to a great speaker who will inspire us to get organized. She will begin speaking at 9:30, so we will start refreshments at 9:00, followed by a short business meeting. Think about your favorite organization tip you would like to share with our group. We will also be initiating our newest member, Kaye Breuer. She came as a guest with Mary Milner and enjoyed our December meeting so much, she joined right then! Remember to keep in contact with our former members who said they might like to come back. Invite them to our next meeting!

New Members

It's time to start thinking about choosing new members for our chapter. Remember how special you felt when you received your invitation, and nominate a teacher who deserves this honor. Nomination forms are available for download on the Delta Kappa Gamma website and we will also have some at the meeting.

State Scholarships

If you are interested in applying for a State Scholarship, download a Scholarships Brochure from the TSO website and read about all of the different types of scholarships that are available. There are scholarships that assist members who are earning college credits, as well as others that are available for Road Scholar, formerly Elderhostel, continuing education, research, conferences and other non-traditional types of professional development activities. Applications and instructions are available at www.alphastatetexas.org under the scholarship link.

Member News

Alexis Comardo: Mitch and I went to NJ/NYC for 9 days to see my family for the holidays. We saw the Rockettes, went to Carnegie Hall and the Holiday Train show at the New York Botanical Gardens amongst many other things. It was a busy yet fun trip! Our joint 2014 resolution is to learn Japanese. We have already started with podcasts online and our textbook and workbook come in tomorrow!

Tisha Jones: I had a wonderful break as always. My parents came over for Christmas; we opened presents, cooked breakfast, went to the movies and enjoyed each other's company. What can I say...I LOVE MY PARENTS! My stepson was awarded 4 Rockets tickets for his amazing drug free poster/essay. His dad and I were excited to help him celebrate

by having a great time at the game. I'm also proud to announce that I have lost a total of 60 pounds since June 2013. Although I have "lots" more pounds to shed the real reward is continuing to become healthy for the new year.

Elinor Nichols: Elinor had a delightful holiday traveling all the way to Pearland to be with relatives and friends for both Christmas Eve and Christmas breakfast. Then, it all went downhill the following morning when a severe virus caught up with her and made her miserable for the next four days! What a relief to be in good health once again!! Happy New Year everyone!!

Mary Milner: My family had a lovely, casual Christmas---nothing high stress, except that in the midst of making bathrobes for Christmas gifts, my Bernina sewing machine went kaput! So there will be some late Christmas gifts for my nieces and nephew! I did get the flannel strip-quilted throw and Longhorn fleece bathrobe done for my husband.

Kathy Spiech: Had a very restful time with my daughter and son over the Christmas holidays. Enjoyed a wonderful dinner on Christmas Eve at Perry's steakhouse, a play and just spending time together.

Abby Hawes: Ran a personal best at the Chevron Houston Marathon. This was her third marathon!

Recipe Corner

Sweet & Spicy Bacon Chicken: Nita Bagley

Ingredients: Chicken Breast Strips, Garlic Powder, Chili Powder, Bacon, Brown Sugar.

Directions:

Season chicken with salt, pepper, garlic powder and chili powder; wrap in bacon and roll in brown sugar.

Bake 400 till crispy 30-40 min. Watch so as not to burn.

Quiche Recipe: Marjorye and Jamye Robinson

* Feel free to substitute chopped spinach for the broccoli if you desire to do so. This should serve 10 people.

INGREDIENTS:

2-1/2 cups milk

5 eggs

3/4 cup and 3 tablespoons Bisquick

1/4 cup and 1 tablespoon butter, softened

1-1/4 cups grated Parmesan cheese

1-1/4 (10 ounce) packages chopped frozen broccoli, thawed and drained

1/2 cup of onions

1-1/4 cups cubed cooked ham

10 ounces shredded Cheddar cheese

A dash of Tony Chacere seasoning (green can)

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease quiche dish or pie pan.

2. In a large bowl, beat together milk, eggs, baking mix, butter and parmesan cheese. Batter will be lumpy.

3. Stir in broccoli, spinach, onions, ham and Cheddar cheese.

4. Pour into prepared quiche dish or pie pan.

5. Bake in preheated oven for 50 minutes, until golden brown.

Legal Shield

Thank you for the opportunity to share with the young ladies about Identity and sharing with them on being safe as they shop for the holiday. I had a great time visiting with the ladies and having an opportunity to laugh. If I can be of help to anyone with our membership, please feel free to call me or visit my website at www.legalshieldassociate.com/turnerdr or video www.greatlegalbenefit.com

Thank you,
Demetrius Turner
Independent Associate
Small Business, CDLP & Group Benefit Specialist



Happy January Birthday to

4-Sally B



"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365 page book. Write a good one."
— Brad Paisley

Kappa Kappa Officers 2012-2014

Co-President – Julie Comardo and Shirl Hawes

First Vice President - Teresa Toliver

Second Vice President – Elinor Nichols

Recording Secretary – Tisha Jones

Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Spiech (Hearne Grant and Molly Och awards)

Treasurer - Pat Sebastian

Parliamentarian – Georgia Nemeth

December meeting photos



Kappa Kappa Chapter

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Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2013

Opening: The regular meeting of the Kappa Kappa Chapter was called to order at 9:43 on December 7, 2013 at Julie Comardo's home by Julie Comardo.

Guest Speaker: A Representative from Legal Shield discussed the possible ways to prevent "Identity Theft."

Practice safe shopping in stores. Never use a public computer to shop online. Only go to trusted websites.

Debit cards are not as safe as credit cards. Never leave mail in open areas

Do not let everyone know you are leaving town. (This includes posting pictures on Facebook, Twitter, etc.)

The representative also mentioned the 5 Types of Identity Theft:

Character identity theft

Social Security Number (SSN) identity theft

Medical identity theft

Driver's license identity theft

Credit identity theft

Inspire the Vision (Achievement Awards) and Rosey Awards: Elinor presented the "Rosey Award Birthday Certificates" and an Achievement Award to Amanda Castro.

Shared Family Traditions/ Celebrations

Business Meeting:

Raffle Fundraiser- **Pat passed out the raffle tickets. The total amount of the tickets: \$50.00 for the I-Pad Mini.**

Membership-**Shirl stated we have 12 members under 40 years old. Shirl read Andrea Cain's resignation letter and the chapter voted on resignation for Andrea Cain. Shirl also presented Nita Bagley with a 25 year certificate.**

Nominations- Shirl asked everyone to start thinking about new officers for the new year. She also asked for volunteers for Chapter President. There were no volunteers.

Ceremonies-Shirl asked everyone to start thinking about new members. Our initiation ceremony will be:

April 26, at **Brookwood Community, 1752 FM 1489, Brookshire, TX 77423**

Technology Tricks and Tricks-Teresa stated she is currently working on a blog for the state website. Our DKG

Facebook page will be completed soon. Teresa encouraged everyone to tryout www.JibJab.com .Adjournment: **Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 by Julie. The next general meeting will be Jan. 25, 2014 at Julie's home.**

Minutes submitted by: Tisha Jones

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