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A Message From Our President:

Our last meeting of Lambda Chapter on October 9 was a real treat! If you missed it, you missed an excellent time with some of our fellow DKG sisters from Oklahoma City and Woodward!

Our state Delta Kappa Gamma president, Lori Richardson-Morphew, presented an excellent program about the detrimental results of too much exposure to technology for children! She gave statistics, specific examples, and showed some videos that displayed some sad realities about children's foregoing fun activities that most of us enjoyed as youngsters in order to play video games and spend time on social media. Alarming data about childhood cancers, social bullying leading to a surge in suicide statistics among children and teens, childhood obesity, and other sobering information highlighted the concerns about constant technology.

One video that Ms. Richardson-Morphew showed was particularly disturbing. It showed a baby, barely able to sit alone, throwing a screaming, kicking fit until the mother handed the child a cell phone. The baby immediately stopped screaming, sat up, and began to swipe the screen. It was enlight-

ening. Discussion followed the presentation about observations teachers presently in the classroom are reporting about behavioral issues associated with cell phones and other devices in the classroom.

Accompanying Ms. Richardson-Morphew to the Lambda meeting at Lucille's Roadhouse in Weatherford, was Joann Rogers, the president of Alpha Chapter in Oklahoma City.

Lambda Chapter was also honored to welcome members of the Psi Chapter from the Woodward area of our state. Toni Burgess, Psi president brought her daughter, La Dena Eads, who is also a teacher in Springdale, AR. Other Psi attendees were Esther Fields, Janice Rutledge, Debby Yarbrough, and Ann Pectoom. In addition, another Lambda guest who attended our meeting was Jenifer Estes, who teaches in Cordell.

Our next meeting is coming up on November 13. I hope you will be able to fellowship with us then! I look forward to seeing each of you! Have a beautiful fall! Marva





From left: Lori Richardson-Morphew, Lambda guest. Lambda Chapter members are Phyllis Hobbs, Marva Webb, Lynda Richert, Reonna Slagell-Gossen, Karon McCubbin, Patsy Chasteen, Becky Trent, Alexia White, and Vicki Hatton.



Delta Kappa Gamma State President, Lori Richardson-Morphew—guest speaker in October!



Psi Chapter members, Toni Burgess, Psi president; Lori Richardson-Morphew, state president; Esther Fields, Karon McCubbin (formerly Psi); Janice Rutledge, Debby Yarbrough, and Ann Peetoom.



Member Spotlight

Karon McCubbin



Karon McCubbin graduated from Seiling High School. After graduation she attended Oklahoma Christian for two years and then graduated from SWOSU with a double major in Home Ec and Business. She also received her Master's Degree from SWOSU. She taught 21 years in Seiling, Oklahoma. Eighteen of those years she taught 4th grade. After retiring, Karon worked for 5 years for Prevent Blindness of Oklahoma. Her job was testing children's eyes in the Western part of the state. She enjoyed driving to all of the schools she served.

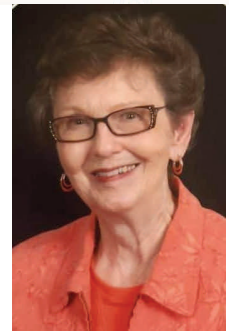
Karon started sewing when she was 13 and never quit. She has made every kind of garment that there is to make. She moved to Weatherford after leaving Seiling because her mother left her house to her. Karon started quilting when she moved and she tries to sew at least 4 hours a day. Her dream is to sew as much as she can.

Karon has two daughters and a son; and her husband has two sons and one daughter. Between them, they have six grandchildren; and they had two great-granddaughters that were born in October of this year.

Karon belonged to Retired Educators until they dissolved this year. She served as their President a of couple times. She is currently President of Kappa Kappa Iota for the second time and she was the State-President a few years ago. Karon also belongs to Creative Homemakers and now currently is serving for the next few months as their President.

Karon says she loves going to the all the different conventions and seeing all of her friends that she has made over the years.

Sharon Simmons



Sharon Simmons was initiated into DKG as Sharon Hare fifty years ago after she'd taught five years, which was the requirement back then. Her Bachelor's degree came with a teaching certificate in Secondary Education. However, when her young husband was terminally ill, she was offered a job in elementary on a provisional certificate. So, Sharon got herself to Southwestern State College (now SWOSU) for an elementary certificate and a Master's degree. Sharon says she enjoyed her career in elementary, all of it at Cordell Public Schools.

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Sharon also says that Cordell was a great place for her daughters to grow up. Two of them became educators, and the third one is currently assistant to the provost at OSU; so she is also in education.

Sharon Simmons became Sharon Simmons in 1985 when she married Buster Simmons, who had at one time been an elementary principal. In 1998, they moved to Weatherford, where she could remain near her Cordell friends and he could be closer to interests in Geary. Buster died in 2013. By that time Sharon had deep roots in Weatherford, where she is active in organizations and leads a women's class in her church.

Advice?? She says to keep a journal. Keep pictures with names and dates. This will definitely be helpful in later years!



Patsy Chasteen



Patsy Chasteen grew up in Tennessee. She graduated from high school at Goodlettsville, Tennessee in 1965. Patsy received an A.A. degree in Liberal Arts from Freed Hardeman Junior College, Henderson, Tennessee in 1967.

Patsy worked in offices for several years and a day care center. She decided after working at the day care center to finish her degree. After a move to Weatherford, Oklahoma, Patsy graduated from Southwestern with a degree in Elementary Education in 1976.

Patsy's first teaching job was in Dill City teaching special education classes on a temporary certificate for one year. In 1978, she began teaching 3rd grade at Cordell Elementary school. Patsy received her Masters degree, Reading Specialist from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1981. She taught 3rd grade for 31 years in Cordell and retired in 2009. Patsy was Teacher of the Year in 1991 and 2009.

Patsy has been a Delta Kappa Gamma member over 30 years. She has enjoyed being and working with dedicated teachers. Patsy served as treasurer for three years.

Some of the good memories Patsy has about teaching are seeing the children's interest and excitement growing when they are learning. She especially enjoys teaching reading.

Patsy married Roland Chasteen in 1998. Roland passed away in 2018. Patsy has a big, blended family of two foster daughters, three stepchildren and their spouses. She also has eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Since retiring, Patsy has enjoyed volunteering. She volunteers with the West Central Oklahoma Literacy Council and Connections Food and Resource Center. She also likes to travel with friends and also her brother, read, and do flower gardening.

