

# Delta Kappa Gamma Lambda Chapter

## November 9, 2019 Minutes

Members Present: Charlotte Betcher, Patsy Chasteen, Vicki Hatton, Joe Anna Hibler, Karon McCubbin, Sharon Simmons, Reonna Slagell Gossen, Melissa Knabe, Marie Pool, Lynda Richert, Marva Webb

Members Absent: Brenda Archer, Phyllis Hobbs, Alexia White, Charlinda Ogle, Vanessa Perez, Emma Wilson

Guests present: Speaker Custer County District Attorney Angela Marsee

President McCubbin called the meeting to order and introduced our speaker Custer County District Attorney Angela Marsee

District Attorney Marsee's mother was a teacher and was once a member of Lambda. She has a strong background of educators in her family. She is in her second term for District 2 and covers Beckham, Ellis, Roger Mills, Washita, and Custer counties which is a total of 5200 square miles. District Attorney Marsee gives presentations to many different groups and organizations of ways to be aware of protecting yourself against scams. She has started a series of public service announcements on the radio with "Crazy Maxine" which addresses serious problems with some humor. The announcements include Maxine around in the local area starting in Weatherford, with Police Chief Louis Flowers', expand to the Clinton Police Chief and eventually to the court house with the Sheriff included on the public service announcement. Have had good feedback on these humorous public announcements.

Attorney General Marsee continued to share the following tips with us to avoid scams:

1. Do not answer the phone if you do not recognize the number or person calling. They can leave a voice message if they are really wanting to get in touch with you. Most scammers will reach you by phone. If you do answer, hang up and do NOT give any information. Be very careful as they want to have you say one word like "yes" during the recorded conversation.
2. Check with your bank as they should have a fraud alert for your account protection.
3. Never hire a home contractor soliciting from door to door. Door to door salesman are required to check in with the city and have a permit. If you hire a home contractor, make sure you have a written contract with them and NEVER pay for repairs up front.
4. A government agency will never ask you to pay with a prepaid card or transfer of money for anything. The scammer will usually ask you for items such as a Greendot card, wire transfers, or a Google play card. Recently a scammer portrayed themselves as the sheriff from Canadian county and told individuals that they had a warrant out for their arrest due to an unpaid ticket. Again, government agencies do not conduct business over the phone, always through the postal mail.
5. Checking your emails: NEVER open a suspicious email or if you do not know the organization or person. The scammer will make it look like it is from someone you know. This holds true for Facebook as well. It is not you in the video or picture in which they are claiming.
6. Notifications of your lottery or sweepstakes winning; if you truly are a winner, they will never require you to pay money to get your winnings.
7. Be vigilant! Know what you purchase on Amazon. The scammers will try a nominal purchase on your account and if they are not caught they will continue to larger purchases.

8. Notify your bank and local law enforcement agency if you think you have become a victim. Also, the Consumer Protection Agency.

9. Be careful meeting people on line as well. Dating sites are a common way to scam individuals. The individual sounds wonderful and very trustworthy.

Domestic violence month was October and reminds us again of the type of abuse that occurs behind closed doors both emotional and physical. If you suspect someone is a victim or if you are a victim, call your local law office for service. Our community is in a transitory nature currently due to the 780 Bill passage. Simple possession of any drug is a misdemeanor now. Thirteen were released in our DA district under that provision. There are collateral consequences and issues of 780 that the DA is trying to figure out how to do. There are many barriers such as steady employment, child care and transportation for getting treatment for drug addiction. We currently only have out patient treatment at Red Rock. Felony numbers are going down and misdemeanors going up. Now, property crime has to be over \$1000 for a felony. We need more funding to address the issues; with mental health and drug abuse the main issues that need to be addressed for our criminal behavior. We need to have help before they go into the system as well as the time they are in the system. Help needs to continue once they are out to maintain their success. This is currently a negative impact on public safety. We have had an increase in DUI's, homeless population and now a challenge of dealing with prescription marijuana. Attorney General Marsee is making an effort to do a better job describing what the person has done to get where they are as accountability is huge as the pardon and parole board is substituting their own opinions instead of the judgement from judges, jurors and attorneys on the cases. Efforts are being made to aid in continuing education and getting treatment while in prison. We also need to have programs with employers to help people with their jobs.

President McCubbin lead the Flag Salute to start the meeting. Sharon Simmons lead the invocation having us think about what we are thankful for and looking towards the Danish secret to happy living; HYGGE (HOO-ga). They have a sense of well-being and contentment in spite of the long, cold damp winters. They have candles and lamps for ambiance, they gather together regularly with groups of coworkers and families to focus on an attitude of gratefulness.

President McCubbin lead the reading of the DKG mission; minutes and treasurers report were read and stand approved. There was no correspondence. Essay forms were distributed to Burns Flat and Cordell. Treasurer Marie Pool has the contact for the foster care money gathered from last year to distribute. Marva Webb recommended to add it to the donation that will be conducted at the December meeting before submitting the monies. President McCubbin distributed a page of notes from the State eBoard/committee meeting and asked members to start thinking about donating items to our basket for the state meeting that start with the letter "L" for Lambda.

Braggs were given. December meeting will be held at the Clinton High School FCCLA room. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Reonna Slagell Gossen