



DELTA BUZZ



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International < Delta Chapter #4
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Scheduled Meeting

October 13, 2022 - 6:30 P.M.

**Memorial Honoring
Our Delta Sister**

Maggie Sohel



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President's Corner

Dear Delta Sisters,

A couple of years ago on October 21, 2020, our sister and exceptional educator left our world, Margarita Sohel, better known as *Maggie*. I do not remember exactly when I met Maggie. I know that it was many years ago working for Fort Worth ISD. We worked closer together when she headed the adult education program in Arlington ISD. Maggie had a wonderful smile and was always happy. She had the gift of making others feel special. Equally important, she had an exceptional work ethic, expected the same of her staff and had a passion for serving her students. I have many fond memories of Maggie from the conferences we attended, riding back from Houston meetings or DKG meetings. There were times when we laughed so hard that we could not stop. There were times when she spoke of her cancer with such courage and great hope. There were times when we prayed. Maggie was a trooper until the end. I would like to think that she held on because she was blessing and praying for her family and for everyone that was fortunate to cross her path or be her friend. You are missed, sweet Maggie. Thank you for making our world a better place.

This month we will honor her memory along with her daughter Lisa Marie Nichols, her son, John Sohel and friends. We hope you can join us.

Blessings to all,

Aida

Sunshine Blessings and Well Wishes For

*Every member of our Delta Chapter
And to their families, and friends*

Birthday Wishes to:

Bertha Guzman

October 9

Maggie Sohel

October 17, 1945 - October 21, 2020



TEXAS STATE ORGANIZATION: YOU ARE THE KEY

Area 10 Luncheon



Area 10 Luncheon, September 10, 2022.
Right to left, Aida Martinez, Sofia Zamarripa, Adela Serrano and Linda Ramos

Several of our Delta Chapter members attended the Area X Workshop, Anita Castaneda, Aida Martinez, Sofia Zamarripa, Adela Serrano and Linda Ramos. It was nice to meet and mingle with members from other chapters.

There were enlightening sessions for the executive board along with topics beneficial to all chapter members Attendees will share with you what they learned from the sessions they attended.

Thank you to all the members that attended, for bringing pastries, helping with the distribution of workshop door prizes, and more importantly, for giving up a Saturday for Delta.



The gold key pin is inscribed with the Greek letters Delta Kappa Gamma, signifying key women teachers. The laurel wreath represents achievement. The cup signifies knowledge.

2022 - 2023 Meetings

Chapter Meetings	Location
September 8	Zoom
September 10	Area 10 Workshop
October 13	Elsa Guajardo's Home
November 12	Linda Ramos' Home
December 8	Elsa Guajardo's Home
TBA in February	Area 10 Luncheon
March 9	Sofia Zamarripa's Home
April 13	TBA
May 11	TBA
Executive Board Meetings	ZOOM or FACE to FACE
August 3, 2022	
November 10	
Others TBA	



Maggie Sohel Memorial Service *October 13, 2022*



In the years that followed we only saw each other occasionally. I was happy to see her again when she rejoined Delta last year. We immediately formed a strong bond sharing our experiences with cancer, stories about our families, and most of all about our faith. Maggie influenced me and inspired me greatly. I will miss our conversations and her ever smiling face, but her beautiful spirit will remain with all of us. I love you my friend. **-Jo Linda Martinez**

Maggie, both as a friend and educator was a giving and caring person. As a principal, she did her best to know her students and help the children with their needs. She had excellent communication skills with the parents of her students, and she was supportive and loyal to her staff. She welcomed our Tarleton students to her school without hesitation and put them right to work with the children of most need at her school! **-Dr. Anita Castañeda**

I will always remember Maggie as a happy person who cared about people, especially for the success of all students. We will miss her smile. May the Lord bless Maggie and her family. **-Minerva Adela Serrano**

Remembering Maggie...

I will never forget the first time I met Maggie about 20 years ago. I knocked on the door of her hotel room in San Diego at 3:00 a.m. She greeted me with a smile and welcomed me into the room she was sharing with our mutual friend, Linda Ramos. My approval to attend the reading conference had come too late to get a room at the conference hotel so Linda asked her roommate, Maggie, if she was willing to share their room with me. Maggie made sure I had what I needed and treated me as if she were graciously welcoming me into her home. That was Maggie.

Now, you may wonder why I arrived in the middle of the night. Well, the devoted Grandma that I was, I could not miss my granddaughter's first birthday party and a late evening flight was all I could get. There was never a dull moment with Linda and Maggie together. It was one of the most enjoyable conferences I ever attended.



Maggie and her Delta chapter sisters at the February 2020 Area 10 luncheon.

Maggie was a special person. From the day I met her she made me feel as if we had known each other all of our life. She had a joy in her that made one feel lucky to be in her presence. Maggie loved life and all those in her life. Her passion for education was inspiring. I will miss her humor, her determination, her strong faith, and especially I will miss her and all she encompassed. I feel fortunate to have called her, "Friend." **Elsa Guajardo**

Maggie's positive and happy outlook on life was very contagious. She was a loving and caring person who had a strong faith in God. I was lucky to know Maggie on a personal and professional level. We would sometimes meet for dinner. She would reminisce of her late husband and share stories of their life and love together. Maggie was truly thankful for her children. I was so blessed to have Maggie as a friend and as a colleague. Her beautiful smile and laugh leave me with fond memories. **-Sofia Zamarripa**

I had the privilege of knowing Maggie through work. We worked together for several years and I, as anyone who was lucky enough to become her friend, enjoyed working with her. While working with Maggie I got to know her at a deeper level as a friend and as a colleague. She was the most caring and kind person anyone will ever know. She was a great educator who always had everyone's well being in mind. She had an infectious sense of humor that if you spent some time with her you would immediately make you forget the worries in your life. We attended many business trips together along with other colleagues and needless to say, they were always fun. She was smart, giving and made a big difference for many children. If I had to say something to Maggie I would have to say "Maggie, when you left this world you left an empty spot that I doubt anyone will be able to fill. You had a beautiful soul that will always be remembered by your family and those who knew you." Rest in Peace, dear friend. I hope that when it's my time to go we will meet again. **-Maria Moon**

Letter to Maggie

Dearest Maggie,

This is your friend Q.L. writing to tell you what an unbelievable pain I have in my heart to know that I won't be able to have our wonderful conversations on the phone. Each one always left me with a smile on my face and usually with me laughing out loud at the fun we had sharing stories, old memories, politics, religion, books, education and almost anything that popped into our heads. You have a strong spirit, Maggie and I know your presence will be with me always.

You were truly an inspiration in the way you handled having cancer with the deepest faith and always with humor. Your positive attitude about life and life's difficulties made it a joy talking to you. I learned so much from you in the last few months through our many conversations. I know you loved Lisa and John and your dear little dog, Chacha so very much and your main worry was always about them. I promise to check on them often.

I wish heaven had a phone so I could hear you say, "Hey, Q.L." once more, but it's good to know that you are in a place where there is no pain or worries only joy and peace.

So, until we meet again, you will be in my thoughts and prayers and always in my heart.

Your friend,

Linda (Q.L.)