



# DELTA BUZZ



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International < Delta Chapter #4  
Texas State Organization, Area 10 Fort Worth, Texas

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

### *Scheduled Zoom Meeting*

**Meeting # 691 892 2279**

**Passcode: RJ8jAC**

**December 9, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.**

**Guest Speaker  
Nelcy Cardenas**



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## **President's Corner**

Dear Delta Sisters,

The other evening, I was talking to my son, Christian about how I wanted to forget 2020. He, in turn, replied that I should not forget it. 2020 was a year that reinforced the things we know are important but so often take for granted. He is absolutely right. I am thankful for those wise words from a younger one, and I will embrace 2020 as a year of unprecedented events.

On a lighter note, this month we are honored to have Nelcy Cardenas present Wednesday evening. She will be sharing her Jerusalem experience. Another special treat will be presented by Dr. Anita Castañeda. Also, this month's newsletter includes a new column recognizing chapter members. We will be reaching out to all so get those bios ready!

I am sincerely overwhelmed with gratitude for your participation in our Zoom chapter meetings, board meetings, committee meetings, late night calls, emails, texts, reports, yearbook, newsletter preparation, (just to name a few) and **all** that has been done to date to keep our chapter going. Thank you to everyone!

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season. May you all have a safe and Merry Christmas, and my hope is that 2021 be filled with insurmountable blessings for us all.

All my best,  
Aída

*Sunshine Blessings and Well Wishes to all our chapter members. This year all of us have been touched in some way by family losses, illnesses, or other matters. Our prayers go out to each member, their families, and friends.*

### **Birthday Wishes to:**

María Thibodeau	December 1
Mary Downs	December 22
Monica Gonzalez	December 28
Nelcy Cardenas	December 29



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## DECEMBER'S GUEST SPEAKER



Nelcy Cárdenas resides in Fort Worth, Texas. She joined the Delta Chapter October of 2012. Nelcy is a bilingual speech language pathologist and has worked in public schools for 14 years. She took a position as the Residence Assistant for the Magdala volunteer house in the Holy Land in October 2019 and returned to the US due to COVID-19 in April. In her leisure time, Nelcy enjoys scrapbooking, reading, traveling, doing service projects and spending time with family and friends.

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

*Jo Linda Jara Martínez Recognized with the WAVE Award, Wise Accomplished Valued Elder, Summer, 2020 for a Legacy of Educational Leadership and Service*



In August, The Focus Network and Tarrant County District honored Jo Linda and various community leaders such as former mayor, Kenneth Barr, Louise Appleman, longtime community activist, and others who served the community and education.

Following the example of her father, Manuel Jara, Jo Linda sought to be a servant leader as an advocate, teacher, and mentor to thousands of children and young adults. Throughout her adult life, Jo Linda served young people as a campfire leader, den mother, religious education teacher, classroom teacher, coordinator of the Bilingual Teacher Assistant Program. A highlight of her career, Jo Linda founded the leadership program Hispanic Youth Promoting Excellence (HYPE) that expanded to other leadership initiatives under the umbrella of *Absolute Xcellence (AX)*. Operating with a “youth leading youth” model, the goal was to develop leaders by first focusing on communication skills and soon evolving into opportunities to lead younger students. Using Hispanic literature as a means of connecting, students gained an appreciation of their culture, a desire for higher education, and the ability to fulfill their own potential as our next leaders.

By vocation, Jo Linda was a Bilingual/ESL educator until her retirement in 2008. She is a product of FWISD and earned a B.A. from Texas Wesleyan University. Taking breaks to rear her children, she spent 30 of 42 years serving the FWISD Bilingual/ESL Department in many capacities.

Among some of the honors Jo Linda has received are Who’s Who Among American Educators, Texas Woman Power of One Award, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Teacher Award, the United Hispanic Council Outstanding Achievement Award, Dieciséis de Septiembre Outstanding Volunteer Award, Department of Commerce Minority Enterprise Development Regional Director’s Award, the Outstanding Woman of Fort Worth Commissioners’ Award – Women Who Inspire Learning as well as numerous awards of appreciation for volunteerism from other organizations. She has served on many boards including Delta Kappa Gamma, Anytown Advisory Board, TCU Leadership Advisory Board AAUW Sister to Sister Summit Co-chair and is currently a member of the MACE Board.

Today, Jo Linda’s passion is enjoying time with her husband, Jesse, four children, and eleven grandchildren. Even though she cannot see them in person due to Covid-19, the stories, photos, and video calls continue to be the joy of her life.

## 2020-2021 Chapter Meetings

Chapter Meetings-	Inspiration
December 9, 2020	Dr. Anita Castaneda
February 9, 2021	Maria Thibodeau
February 13, 2021 Area 10 Luncheon	
April 13, 2021	Linda Ramos
May 11, 2021	Sofia Zamarripa
June 17-19, 2021 DKG State Conference. Denton, Texas	<b>Chapter meeting time 6:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Executive Board Meetings</b>	
January 13, 2021	<b>All meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.</b>
March 17, 2021	
June 9, 2021	
August 11, 2021	



Submitted by Jesse Martinez