

IOTA EPSILON INSIGHT AUG-SEPT 2023

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MISSION STATEMENT

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



VISION STATEMENT

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

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TSO PRESIDENT BONNIE MOORE

S *ee*k new members and opportunities

O *pen* your heart, mind, and attitude

A *ct* to serve and share

R *each* to renew, respond, and relate

2023-2025 BIENIUM GOALS

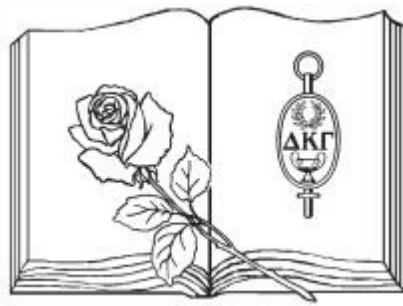


DANYLE KING

**IOTA EPSILON
CO-PRESIDENTS
2022-2024**



LINDA RYAN



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Iota Epsilon Sisters,

Welcome back to your campus and to Iota Epsilon!

The only certainty in life is change. We make plans, take pledges and together make promises. We ponder the meaning of life, picture our future and take mental photos of beautiful memories.

Yes, my husband and I made a *promise* "as long as we both shall live." Yes, I made a *pledge* to be a co-president with Danyle for two years in the Iota Epsilon Chapter. But I am now *picturing* a new future in Navasota, Texas with Grant Holt.

As many of you know my husband, Howard passed on 10/16/2022 from IPF. Since that time I have reconnected with Grant, a boyfriend from 45 years ago! It is a Hallmark movie to say the least. (Grant's wife passed away 10 years ago.) Just to clarify, he broke up with me. ;) He currently owns the Lindley, Robertson, Holt funeral home there.

We are blessed with a second chance to ponder the mysteries of life and make new memories together.

I joined DKG because my principal, Mrs. McKetta, invited me as the teacher of the year for Northampton Elementary, but I stayed because of the friendships and our mission to support education. Please continue to support Danyle and the sister that will become her Co-President.

I will miss you all! To quote Winnie the Pooh "If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever." From my heart to yours, change is certain but tomorrow is not. Celebrate your presence in the present and DANCE IN THE RAIN!

Sister love and mine,
Mary Jane

2022-2024 IOTA EPSILON OFFICERS

Co-Presidents: Danyle King and Linda Ryan

Co-1st Vice-Presidents (Programs): Shari Sullivan and Cynthia Villalovos

Co-2nd Vice-Presidents (Membership): Donna Taylor and Stephanie Bailey

Sherri Davenport: Recording Secretary, GHACC Chairperson, ASTEF Director; TSO Nominations Committee

Debbie McGee: Treasurer

Rhonda Stowe: Parliamentarian



WELCOME LINDA RYAN!

Hello sisters!

I hope you are all off to a great start this school year! I want to introduce Linda Ryan as our new Co-President of Iota Epsilon, set to step in for Mary Jane, who has decided to pursue new opportunities and will be moving to Navasota to join her new love, Grant.



I am thrilled Linda has agreed to join the leadership team and will contribute to its continued success. She has successfully led teams and fostered strong relationships with students and colleagues.

Our primary goal as Co-Presidents will be to ensure a seamless transition and maintain the momentum that Mary Jane has established during her tenure. I know we are both committed to upholding the values and vision of Delta Kappa Gamma. Together with the existing leadership team, I am confident that we can navigate any challenges and capitalize on new opportunities that come our way.

We believe in the power of collaboration and open communication, and we are eager to work closely with each member of our chapter to achieve our collective goals. We are firm believers in fostering a positive and inclusive work environment, where everyone's contributions are valued and recognized.

We would like to extend an invitation to you and the entire team to reach out to us with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have. We are always open to feedback and suggestions, as we believe that the best results are achieved through collective effort.

Together, we are confident that we can continue to drive the success of Iota Epsilon and make a positive impact in education.

Please join me in a warm welcome to Linda at our first meeting on September 11th.

Sincerely,
Danyle



MAY MEETING MINUTES

Iota Epsilon Chapter Meeting

May 1, 2023

KPD

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm by President Danyle King
- Happy Birthday to Iota Epsilon -
- New members were recognized.
- End of Year Inspiration - members read together.
- Scholarship winner, Aurora Johnson, was recognized by Sherri Davenport. She shared her story and her college plans for the fall.
- Danyle thanked the sisters for bringing donations for TEAM. Shari reminded members to volunteer at Lone Star College in the library.
- Recognitions, celebrations, and shoutouts were done. Danyle reminded members about the June 5 Pool Party at Phyllis' house. Sign up to bring snacks.
- April and May sisters' birthdays were recognized. Sisters sang.
- Mary Jane led sisters through the "May Day" basket activity.
- Shari and the Programs Committee led members through the Founders Day pop quiz and program
- Members of the ceremonies committee led sisters through a Brief History Lesson about Delta Kappa Gamma and our chapter, Iota Epsilon.
- Co-Presidents, Mary Jane and Danyle, presented Years in Service Awards and Perfect Attendance. Perfect Attendance winner, Rhonda Stowe's name was drawn for free dues for 23/24.
- Co-Presidents, Mary Jane and Danyle, presented the Chapter Achievement Award to Sherri Davenport.
- Presidents recognized Pricilla Tilton as our newsletter editor and our 2 retirees, Debbie and Irme
- A draft of our chapter programs for 23/24 was shared with the members.
- Mary Jane shared an idea for items of interest - crafts, exercise, social (dinner movies)
- Debbie shared the Treasurer's Report for April
- The Little Library has been restocked.
- Members were encouraged to attend the state convention in McAllen in June and the 2024 Regional Area Workshop is June 22, 2024.
- Door prizes were given away
- Members sang The Delta Kappa Gamma song.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Submitted by:

Sherri Davenport

Secretary

IOTA EPSILON EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 5/15/2023

Meeting called to order by Mary Jane Jones, Co-President at 6:30 pm

Board members present: Cynthia Villalovos, Shari Sullivan, Donna Taylor, Stephanie Bailey, Debbie McGee, Mary Jane Jones, Danyle King, Priscilla Tilton, & Sherri Davenport, Absent: Rhonda Stowe

Board members had dinner together at Mary Jane's new home.

Discussion of the following business items:

1. Debbie took names of executive board members who are attending the convention and will reimburse the registration fee. She asked if anyone else had any more receipts for reimbursement.
2. New item to discuss: Shari motioned that members who pay dues by the May meeting will have their name in a drawing for a gift card. Mary Jane gave a second. Motion passed.
3. Cynthia asked about attending Klein New Teacher onboarding event - Executive Board has attended in the past and hasn't gotten much interest from new employees. Danyle prefers not to attend this event again. There was a discussion about attending the Klein "Energize" conference in January instead. Cynthia made a motion to check into presenting at this conference instead.
4. Donna is going to make a 11x17 poster to hang in each school's teachers lounge.
5. Ask each committee chair to provide an update to members at each meeting? Make a slide. Have something to report.
6. Induction – catering a meal at KMPC is too expensive. Discussion about changing location to allow for more space due to the large number of attendees. Suggestion – Northampton Country Club with a pasta bar
7. New members will purchase their own key pin; chapter pays for their dinner.
8. Program/Projects Calendar for the 23/24 year was shared
9. ASTEF project stipend - something about mental health. "The Dot" book series for counselors. \$43 for 8 books for each elementary counselor from schools represented by our membership.
10. Pride in the Big Picture Orientation - February 26, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
11. What went right this year? Inspiration (on a slide)
12. What needs to change? Icebreaker during social time, calendar each monthly meeting
13. Anything needing to be removed?
14. Come early (5:15 pm) to greet sisters arriving at the KPD.
15. Start of small group interests
16. Rhonda - reach out to those ill/bereavement. Start a Meal Train. Send a birthday email
17. Who is attending the pool party? (Cynthia will bring a gift for Phyllis.
18. Suggestions to add to newsletter "where sisters are working"
19. At the first meeting, sisters will be asked to answer 3 questions:
 1. Why did you join DKG?
 2. What do you love about DKG?
 3. Why are you still here
20. Suggestions from Shalon - MJ read from the Lone Star newsletter
21. How to get each meeting advertised to audience? Impact Ad/Klein Communications Department? District webpage?
22. Who still owes dues? Can we help membership VPs contact?
 1. Yes - Rose Massey said she will be paying MJ (Venmo?)
23. MJ writes check to Debbie McGee
24. THANK YOU officers!!!

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Sherri Davenport, Secretary



*One child,
one teacher, one book,
one pen can
change the world.*

- Malala Yousafzai -



UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11th: Welcome back! Chapter focus for new year and new TSO biennium goals. Members can sign up for committees.

OCTOBER 2nd: Period. Poverty. Pampering

NOVEMBER 6th: Legislation updates, Self-Defense, Christmas Card Creation

DECEMBER 4th: Dinner/ Christmas Card Distribution & Caroling at Assisted Living Facility

JANUARY: No meeting.

FEBRUARY 5th: Savings/Retirement Presentation and ASTEF Presentation

MARCH 4th: Cookie decorating, Angel Paws, Voting new members

APRIL 1st: Induction of new members

MAY 6th: Scholarship presentation/Founder's Day Celebration



NEXT IOTA EPSILON CHAPTER MEETING

WHEN: September 11th, 5:00pm Social Time, 5:30 Meeting

WHERE: Klein Police Station, 7407 Louetta Rd., Spring, Tx. 77379

FAREWELL MARY JANE

It's with heavy hearts that the Iota Epsilon sisters must say farewell to our multi-talented, effervescent, Co-President, Mary Jane Jones. MJ has an indomitable spirit and has been a dynamic leader in our chapter for 17 years. In that time she has served as Co-President, Co-Vice President for Membership (4 years) and Co-Vice President for Programs (2 years). Mary Jane spreads joy wherever she goes. We will miss her contagious smile and her special ability to bring people together. Farewell, MJ! Best wishes from your Iota Epsilon sisters as you begin this exciting new chapter in your life.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



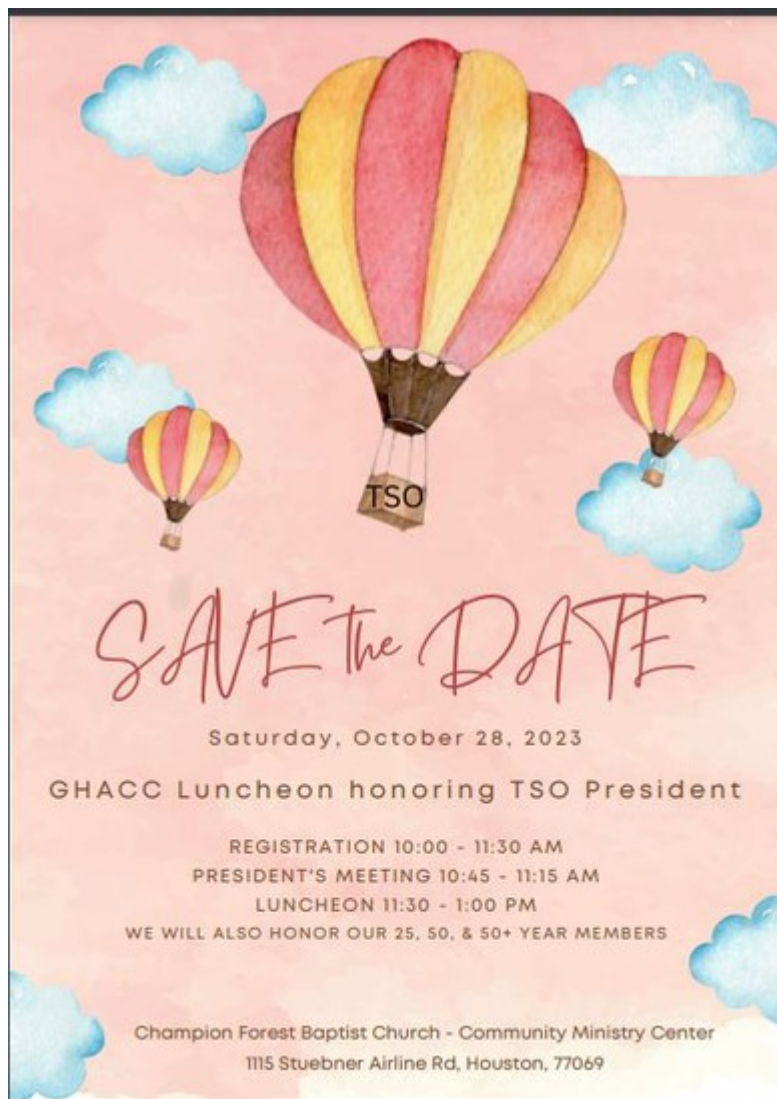
Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend our meetings. Please know you are truly appreciated. The friendships we share and the connections we make are invaluable.

GHACC NEWS (GREATER HOUSTON AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL)

Information regarding the GHACC Luncheon can be found below. If you plan to attend, you can bring a \$25 check (payable to GHACC) to the September meeting. Sherri will mail it with hers. If not, you can mail it on your own. Click the link to access the registration form.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesBGfjx98hPsEi9VzIcuq_Pft_3YG13WI3wi3TKVpgYNbdw/viewform





TREASURER'S REPORTS BY DEBBIE MCGEE



Iota Epsilon Chapter of
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Treasurer's Report
May 31, 2023



Checking Account Activity

Beginning Balance	\$2,354.67
Paper and Statement Fee	(\$2.00)
Check 1365	\$30.00
Check 1366	\$107.94
Check 1368	\$50.00
Service Fee	\$15.00
Balance May 30	\$2,149.73

Savings Account Activity

Balance on May 30	\$2,248.95
Interest Paid on	\$0.00
Balance on May 30	\$2,248.95



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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Treasurer's Report
1-Sep-23

Checking Account Activity

Beginning Balance	\$4,992.00
Paper and Statement Fee	(\$2.00)
Service Fee	\$15.00

Balance Aug.30	\$4,975.23
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Savings Account Activity

Balance on May 30	\$2,248.95
Interest Paid on	\$0.00
Balance on May 30	\$2,248.95



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

These lovely ladies celebrate birthdays in September!

Happiest of birthdays from your Iota Epsilon sisters!

- Irmi Hammit
- Kristin Ordanes
- Martha Pauler
- Andrea Partridge
- Cindy Pounds
- Tenley Sablatzky



SHOUT OUTS

Celebrations? Recognitions? Achievements?

We would love to celebrate with you! Please send your information and photo to Priscilla.

pat249@aol.com



REMIND

If you are not receiving our text messages through REMIND, text @dkgsist to 81010 or use this link

<https://remind.com/join/dkgsist> to join and stay connected.

Celebrate



being a
DKG
WOMAN

SUMMER SWIM PARTY

Iota Epsilon sisters celebrated the end of another successful school year with a swim party hosted by Phyllis Primes. We enjoyed the beautiful pool, played board games, ate wonderful food and of course shared lots of laughs. Thank you, Phyllis, for your hospitality and for welcoming us to your lovely home. Everyone had a great time!



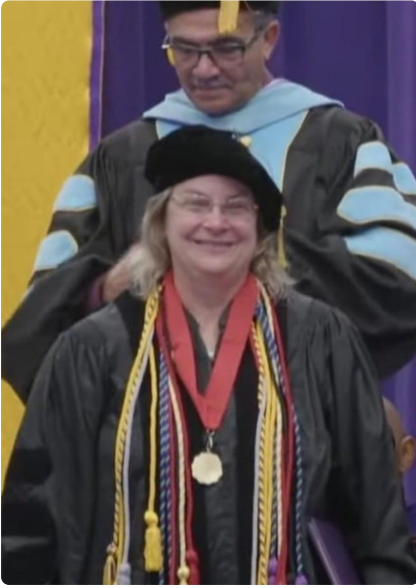


SUMMER CONVENTION

Iota Epsilon was well represented at the 94th TSO State Convention in McAllen in June. The sisters shared fellowship, friendship and lots of fun!



THESE SISTERS SHINE!



DR. GAIL BREKKE

Iota Epsilon is honored to congratulate our Iota Epsilon sister, **Dr. Gail Brekke**, who earned a Ph.D in *Educational Leadership in Higher Education* from Prairie View A&M University. You're an inspiration to us all! Well done!



RHONDA STOWE

Rhonda is featured on a poster representing **Team Klein, The Klein ISD Educational Foundation**. Team Klein provides grants to educators twice a year on a competitive basis for innovative classroom projects. Thanks, Rhonda, for representing our chapter and district so well.



KRISTIN ORDANES

Kristin Ordanes is leaving the classroom and moving into a new role. She will serve the families of Klein Forest HS as their Mental Health Specialist. This position is new to Klein ISD. There will be a Mental Health Specialist at each high school, working as a school counselor without a case load. The focus will be on mental health. The specialists will see kids in crisis, pull small groups, and provide guidance lessons and character education. Congratulations, Kristin, as you begin this exciting new chapter in your career!

KLEIN COMMUNITY NEWS

KTRK's Adam Winkler interviewed Steve Baird, the Director of the Klein Historical Foundation and the Museum Curator at Wunderlich Farm. Klein ISD owns and operates its own living history museum. Thousands of Klein students visit the farm each year to learn the history of the community. Klein also endeavors to engage senior citizens in the community by making available

the Senior Citizen Gold Card. During the interview, Iota Epsilon member, Georgan Reitmeier, speaks to Mr. Winkler about the benefits of the Klein Gold Card Program.

<https://abc13.com/klein-isd-historical-foundation-back-to-school-wunderlich-farms/13629787/>

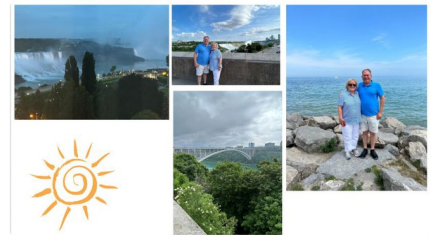
<https://www.kleinisd.net/communications-planning/community-relations/senior-citizens-benefits>

GOOD 'OLE SUMMERTIME 2023

Whether wandering near or far, our sisters celebrated summer with lots of family, friends and plenty of fun in the sun. Thank you, Donna Taylor, for the beautiful presentation.



SHERRI DAVENPORT



DONNA TAYLOR



RHONDA STOWE



TERRI TAYLOR



SHEILA SHUMAN



MARY JANE JONES



DANYLE KING



JUSTYNN FLAHERTY



Stephanie Bailey



Cynthia Villalovos



Marissa Hirsch



MANDELE DAVIS



Courtney Mull



Christina Daniels



Andrea Partridge



Kristin Ordanes



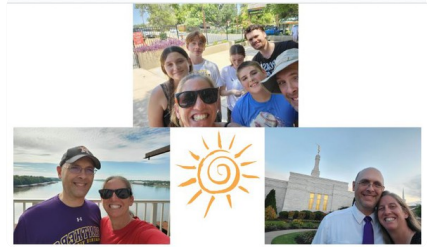
Carolina Kocina



Lisa Ngo



Linda Ryan



Shari Sullivan



Meredyth DeBoer



Irmi Hammit

SHIRTS FOR SALE

Mary Jane has gently used Iota Epsilon DKG t-shirts for sale. The shirts are size XL and are \$10 each. Please see Sherri Davenport if you are interested.





IS DINNER READY?



How many times have you heard "Is dinner ready?" Well, here's a simple recipe you can prepare ahead of time to satisfy even the pickiest eater.

MOM'S CHICKEN DINNER

Ingredients:

- 5-6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese
- 2 cans Cream of Mushroom soup

- 1 package Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing (dry mix)
- 1 (12oz.) package medium egg noodles, cooked

Directions:

1. Warm cream cheese, soup and dressing mix.
2. Place chicken in Dutch Oven and pour soup mixture over the chicken.
3. Bake at 325 degrees for 2 - 2 and a half hours.
4. Remove from oven and cut chicken into bite size pieces.
5. Combine chicken, soup mixture and cooked egg noodles.
6. Enjoy!

STAR 2024 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Registration for the STAR event is now open and can be accessed on the [Forms](#) page. Mark your calendar for February 16-18, 2024 at Camp Allen.

95th DKG TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

MARK YOUR
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Mark your calendars for the 95th State Convention!

June 23-25, 2025
Embassy Suites and Convention Center
Denton, TX

For more information, click the link below:

<https://www.dkgtxas.org/2025-convention-denton.html>

DKG IOTA EPSILON CHAPTER RULES

The chapter rules for Iota Epsilon have been updated to align with the DKG International rules. You can access the updated rules by clicking the link below. The changes have been highlighted.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B3LU-K8ILf8N2LoudRt_kQCkqYx9PktRLb6AFzwy4Y/edit

REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

CHECK OUT THE SUMMER ISSUE OF THE LONE STAR NEWS HERE

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DKG APP HERE



WHO IS ASTEF

Members of the Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) include all members of the Texas State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma. If you belong to a local chapter in Texas, you belong to ASTEF. The Annual Meeting of members is held during the TSO Convention every year. ASTEF is managed by a Board of Directors elected by its members. The current Board consists of sixteen elected Directors and four Directors ex-officio. Ex-officio

Directors include the TSO President, TSO Exec Sec/Treas, TSO Scholarship Chair and TSO Leadership Chair.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ASTEF HERE



IOTA EPSILON SUPPORTS RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF HOUSTON-GALVESTON

We are still collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. The pop tabs will be collected at the end of the school year and recycled. Proceeds from our collection will benefit Ronald McDonald

House Charities of Houston-Galveston. Please enlist the help of friends, neighbors, family, students and your school to collect the pop tabs for this worthy cause. Your support will truly make a difference to those in need.



IOTA EPSILON LITTLE LIBRARY

Our **Little Library** is set up at each meeting. Don't forget to check it out! Bring a book and take a book.

DKG - INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA

Schools for Africa became the Society's first official international project in 2010. Currently the project works with 21 countries in sub-Saharan Africa including: Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. The SFA mission involves providing access to quality basic education for children, focusing on girls, orphans and other vulnerable youngsters. LEARN MORE:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ProgramsProjects/Schools_for_Africa/DKGMember/Schools_for_Africa.aspx?hkey=5f9432b4-c387-444b-9193-05707a1dcc24

SEE- Support for Early Career Educators

In order to share the vision, Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide, and strengthen our Society, the Educational Excellence Committee established Supporting Early-career Educators (SEE) as its second international project during the 2012 International Convention in New York City. LEARN MORE:

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/ProgramsProjects/Supporting_Early-career_Educators/DKGMember/Support_for_Early_Career_Educators.aspx?hkey=8067ff62-1183-4c31-a2f8-12df06b35209

DKG - IOTA EPSILON CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

If you have anything you would like included in our chapter newsletter, please email me. Priscilla Tilton at pat249@aol.com

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