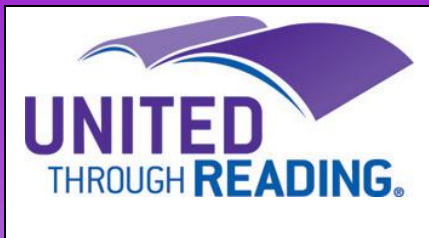


# Las Colinas Newsette

83<sup>rd</sup> Texas State Convention  
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## Convention Updates



Books: Fantasy, Fiction, Action, Adventure, Mystery, Special Occasions, Just the Facts, Connecting During Separations

Our mission is to unite military families facing physical separation by facilitating the bonding experience of reading aloud together.

Our vision is that all children will feel the security of caring family relationships and develop a love of reading through the read aloud experience.

United Through Reading, the nation's first nonprofit to promote the read aloud experience for separated military families, offers deployed parents the opportunity to be video-recorded reading storybooks to their children which creates positive emotional connections and cultivates a love of reading. By participating, deployed parents can turn downtime into Mommy or Daddy time to help ease the stress of separation, build family resiliency and make homecomings easier.

So, what can you do? The Personal Growth and Services Committee is asking chapters and individuals to bring new children or teen books to the convention along with writable DVD's in clear cases. The books along with a DVD of the separated parent recording the story will then be shipped to the children by United Through Reading's United Service Organization partner at Dallas Ft. Worth airport.

## Thinking about the Convention

When thinking about the upcoming convention, there are a few things you will not want to miss.

1. Before the convention begins, try a massage, a manicure and/or a pedicure at Mokoko's located at the Omni. Remember the 15% discount.
2. Don't forget to schedule a tour to Headquarters.
3. Katie Snapp will be our guest speaker at Opening Session on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup>. Her energy and humor will energize the members.
4. The Birthday Luncheon on Friday is always a highlight of any convention. Members are being asked to wear red, white, or blue to the luncheon in honor of our patriotic theme. Highlights always include honoring our 50+ year members, announcement of State Achievement Award and Golden Rose Award recipients, information about the Unifying Project, and entertainment/guest speaker.
5. Gondola Rides on Friday night. What a fun way to wind down the day by spending time with friends on an evening gondola ride. For more information contact [ruckergondola@gmail.com](mailto:ruckergondola@gmail.com).
6. Workshops, workshops, workshops. There are so many workshops to choose from you are bound to find two or three you will want to attend.
7. Founders Day Banquet Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Jeni Souders will be the guest speaker. What a beautiful way to close a convention.

## Convention Tours

Almost eight years members voted to relocate Headquarters to a new building near the corner of Preston Road and Campbell in Dallas. During the convention tours to the Headquarters building will be available. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

The tours will be available on Thursday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. On Friday, after the Birthday Luncheon tours will be available from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Your last chance to tour Headquarters will be on Saturday, after the business meeting from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

If you have never had a chance to visit this beautiful, functional office, then by all means, find time to take a tour to your Headquarters building.

### TSO Tours from Las Colinas

Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

Tour 1: JFK Sites/Neiman Marcus

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

Tour 2: Cowgirl Culture: Bass Performance Hall, Stockyards, Cowgirl Museum

Tour 3: Cowtown Art District: Modern Art, Kimbell Art, and Amon Carter Museums

Tour 4: Cowboy Stadium and Las Colinas Mustang Museum

Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tour 5: Private Grapevine Winery Tour

Tour 6: Northpark Mall

Tour 7: Southlake Town Center

Details will be published in the upcoming issue of the *Lone Star News* or can be found on the website.

## For more information:

- Check the Alpha State Website regularly at <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/>
- Contact Jeanette Rhyan – Las Colinas Convention Registrar at [rhyantexas@aol.com](mailto:rhyantexas@aol.com)

## General Information

It won't be long now till members of Delta Kappa Gamma take over the Irving Convention Center. The Steering Committee is working hard to make sure that everyone has an exciting convention.



The Omni Mandalay Hotel is eagerly awaiting our arrival. The Wednesday evening Soiree along with Saturday morning Necrology Service will all be held at the Omni. Have you made your reservation? There are only king size rooms left, with roll-a-ways available.



There are so many things to see and do, in and around Las Colinas. In what little spare time you may have, take a quick walk to see the Mustangs of Las Colinas. They are majestic!



Experience Las Colinas..... forward to your arrival.