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## Seminar for Purposeful Living & Road Scholars Trip to Williamsburg

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Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEF) has two marvelous events coming up to benefit members as they grow personally and professionally.

Just before the international convention in Indianapolis, ASTEF will hold the Seminar for Purposeful Living, a special event presented each biennium. This year's event, the "Golden Dream in 2014," will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, July 23-26.

According to the DKG website, "the program mixes glitter and memories with genealogy, baseball, art, folklore, Abe Lincoln memorabilia, an Amish settlement, shop-

ping, chocolate, jazz, history, and authors. But the part that makes the seminar work is the participants as they discuss, chat, renew friendships, and make new friends."

A variety of breakout sessions will allow members to pursue their interests. A highlight will be the visit to an Amish community filled with historic displays, shopping, and an authentic Amish family-style lunch. Registration information may be found at <https://www.dkg.org/content/2014-seminar-purposeful-living-1>.

The second big event will please travel lovers and history buffs. ASTEF is sponsoring a trip to historic Williamsburg,

VA in the fall (postponed from the original spring date). The tour will be arranged by Road Scholars and led by historians and other experts. Participants will learn about plantation society, slavery, and events leading up to the siege of Yorktown. The cost, \$849, includes the guided tours, lodging for five nights, meals, and other fees. It will be a stress-free, worry-free trip.

Watch the TSO website and *Lone Star News* for the new dates and deadlines. It's limited to 45 participants, members, their families, and friends, so don't delay to sign up for this incredible trip.

### February Foundation Focus Month

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February is the month to learn more about **ASTEF**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation established to support and enhance activities of Texas State Organization (TSO), The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. **ASTEF** raises money to endow scholarships for women educators in Texas, funds leadership events to support the professional and personal growth of Texas women educators, and supports projects that promote educational excellence for Texas students. All gifts to **ASTEF** are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. **ASTEF** is the fundraising entity that assists TSO in fulfilling its purposes. As a member of TSO, you are also a member of **ASTEF**, so talk to Janet Hext about making a donation to **ASTEF** today!