

Theta Lambda News

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The latest edition of the Lone Star News is now online!

President's Message

Dear Theta Lambda Sisters,

It is hard to believe another school year is starting already. Whether you are teaching, working as an administrator, or retired, everyone can feel the busyness that goes with the beginning of school. Excitement is in the air! Perhaps you are decorating your room or helping someone who is, hiring and/or training teachers, taking children or grandchildren for clothes and school supplies, or buying school supplies to share with classroom teachers. Everywhere around you, the sounds of school fill the air.

Excitement is in the air for DKG and our chapter. DKG TSO has a new president, Shalan Inman and her theme is *Journey: Which way will you go?* Area 18 has a new Area Coordinator, Teresa Tolliver, and she is energized and excited to work with us. I'll share more about this in September. Closer to home, there are great programs and opportunities to serve being planned for our chapter. I hope you are excited about being a part of Theta Lambda. It's going to be a great year!

We had our first 'Summer Social' at the Museum of Fine Arts, and 11 members and one guest had a wonderful time strolling through wing after wing of amazing art from all over the world followed by a delicious lunch at Café Leonelli. In January we will have another time for a social event. If you have ideas for a great January Social, please share them with our Social and Courtesy Committee, Alisha Procter, Lillie Beth Wilson and Mary Herlitz.

There are three important events in September and I hope you are able to attend them.

Come join us for Theta Lambda's September meeting!

Home: Lillie Beth Wilson or Zoom
 Hostess: Michele Croft and Laura Downes
 When: Monday, September 20
 Inspiration: Stacy Frenchwood
 Music: Pam Baker
 Program ~ Organizational Meeting and Summer Sharing

September 10th - Area Workshop (will send information as it comes in)

September 18th - President's Reception (see earlier email with details)

September 20th - First Chapter Meeting of 2021-2022 at Lillie Beth Wilson's home

See you in September! Catherine has something fun planned for us (see her write up in the newsletter) and you know the food and company will be great!!

Sally Kubiak
President, Theta Lambda

Sharing and Caring



For our September meeting, please come prepared to share three (3) things about your summer. Suggestions: family news, travel, books read, professional development.

Parks Youth Ranch



We will continue to support Parks Youth Ranch this year. Currently, their census is lower than normal but they anticipate a jump once school starts and at-risk students are identified by school personnel. They continue to need stuffed duffel bags for new residents and want us to continue with the Holiday Boxes. The plan is to provide some duffel bags this fall and another batch in the spring. We will gather items between now and our October meeting and stuff them that evening.

With many things being on sale with the start of school, I will create a 'Signup Genius' page soon so you can take advantage of sales and even tax-free weekend. In the meantime, if you see something that adolescents might need or want for a great price, go ahead and buy it. I am sure will be able to include it in duffel bags or Holiday Boxes this year.

I know Parks Youth Ranch is so grateful for your generosity over the past few years. I know I am always so impressed with your giving spirit.



Minutes—Theta Lambda Monthly Meeting

May 17, 2021



After a lovely meal at home of Jayati Sengupta the meeting was called to order by our President Sally Kubiak. Our guests Rachel De Fuente brought by Stacy Frenchwood and Julie Eisenhauer, Area 18 Coordinator, were introduced and Jan Randolph presented them with gifts.

Old Business

The inspiration titled “Rejoicing with Friends” was read by Laura Downes from the book [Choose Joy](#).

The minutes written in the April newsletter were approved and a motion to approve was made by Sister Jane Myer and seconded by Laura Downes. The minutes were passed unanimously.

The financial report written in the April newsletter were approved and a motion to approve was made by Miriam Watson and seconded by Cheri Flick. The financial report was passed unanimously.

The Texas State Convention held in Denton, Texas June 17-19 will be attended by Stacy Frenchwood, Sally Kubiak and Nancy Dobbs. Anyone interested in attending contact Sally.

New Business

Parks Youth Ranch summer needs requested by contact person were discussed. They need snacks, incentive items, activity things, gift cards to movie theaters, and generic gift cards. Homemade goodies are also a good option. The items can be purchased or checks/cash can be donated for the needed items to be purchased. These things can be brought to or sent to Sally Kubiak.

Julie Eisenhauer, Area 18 Coordinator, talked to the chapter members and asked questions. There will be a new coordinator assigned by the incoming TSO President. At the Area 18 Fall Meeting in September the new Area 18 Coordinator will be introduced. In the future her chapter will share their membership advancement plan showing how her chapter increased membership using Zoom. She asked what the state officers could do for our chapter. The following suggestions were given and discussed. What are the future plans for Delta Kappa Gamma? What are the available scholarships and grants? What programs and initiatives are being done to support educators and children? Julie said that losing members is a big problem for all chapters.

Having a Summer Social in mid July was introduced by Alisha Proctor. Location ideas were given, Brookwood, George Ranch, The Museum of Natural Science, and The Museum of Fine Arts. She will send out information on these places and ask for other ideas.

Founder’s Day Program

Information about the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma was read by members Catherine Hague, Laura Downes, Sally Kubiak, and Lille Beth Wilson. After hearing about the struggles and accomplishments of each founder, our members shared their present day struggles and accomplishments. **Sister Jane Meyer** talked about an administrator’s problems dealing with COVID sharing that they had to reimagine how everything was done in the year while keeping the staff motivated as they dealt with the many new challenges. **Stacy Frenchwood** used a handout showing the progress of bills in the House and Senate to talk about the proposed reforms of the penalty structure for return-to-work retirees changing to be more beneficial to the retiree. **Michele Croft** as an elementary school administrator talked about the difficulty in making supplies, environment, technology, and safety equitable for all students while addressing social and emotional needs and building a relationship with students on ZOOM. **Pam Baker**, Literacy Strategist, used a visual to explain Schoology, a program written for teachers and students to view lessons using a virtual slide show which matched the curriculum. **Jan Randolph** discussed how she involved the elderly at her church in activities during the lock down by sending text of and videoed Bible studies, having outside classrooms, exercise class on ZOOM, and outside home visits. The members discussed the difficulties with a virtual classroom including signals, equipment, support, meals and teachers. To support teachers welfare the suggestions were to call Legislators and use calls, cards and gifts as incentives.

Other Business

Laura Downes volunteered to write What Theta Lambda Means to Me for the September newsletter.

Sally asked us to think about women who are teaches in the work place or church to invite to a meeting.

Music

Jayati Sengupta shared a video showing women musicians in India.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Submitted by Nancy Dobbs

Treasurer's Report

Summaries of Bank Accounts Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Checking Account Summary

Checking Account Balance (7/1/20)	\$ 904.29 (includes remainder of ASTEF stipend)
Total Receipts	+ \$4310.64
Total Disbursements	- \$4680.88
Checking Account Balance (6/30/21)	\$ 534.05

Savings Account Summary

Savings Account Balance (7/1/20)	\$ 759.98
Transferred money to checking (8/31/20)	- \$ 200.00
Dividends Earned (7/1/20 to 6/30/21)	+\$.68
Savings Account Balance (6/30/21)	\$ 560.66

Summary 6-Month Term Certificate

Certificate Beginning Balance (7/1/20)	\$1631.15
Dividends Earned (7/1/20 to 6/30/21)	+\$ 7.27
Certificate Balance (6/30/21)	\$1638.42

Summary of Receipts (checking)

Active dues (2020-2021)	\$1575.00
Reserve dues (2020-2021)	112.00
Interest Dividends	.64
Fund Raisers/Raffles	825.00
Donations (Sister Jane project)	630.00
Donation to PYR	588.00
Transfer from Savings	200.00
Birthday Dinner	380.00

Total Receipts **\$4310.64**

Summary of Disbursements (checking)

State/International Dues/Fees	\$1388.00
Postage	32.68
Donations State/Int'l. Funds	167.00
Partners in Mission (Sister Jane project)	630.00
Supplies for PYR (ASTEF project)	1141.12
GHACC Dues	25.00
Former President's Gift	35.00
Birthday Dinner	400.00
Convention Expense	862.08

Total Disbursements **\$4680.88**

Excess disbursement is offset by remainder of ASTEF stipend.

THETA LAMBDA BUDGET

2021 - 2022 (Proposed)

Balance on hand at beginning of fiscal year: **\$534.05**

Receipts

Dues/Fees (Collected in Spring 2021) **\$1,612.00**

	20 Active Members at \$75.00 =	\$1,500.00
*	4 Reserve Members at \$28.00=	\$112.00
*	1 Reserve Member (Chap. Pays) =	\$0.00
	1 Honorary Member at \$00.00 =	\$0.00
		\$1,612.00

Raffles/Fund Raisers **\$600.00**

Bank Dividends **\$1.00**

Estimated Receipts **\$2,213.00**

Total Available Funds **\$2,747.05**

Disbursements

Alpha State and International Dues **\$1,362.00**

	20 Active Members at \$60.00 =	\$1,200.00
*	6 Reserve Members at \$27.00 =	\$162.00
	1 Honorary Member at \$00.00 =	\$0.00
		\$1,362.00

Required Scholarship Fees * (26 x \$1.00 per active & reserve member) **\$26.00**

Contributions to State Funds

Scholarship Fund - Honors Status (26 x \$1.00 per active, reserve, honorary member) **\$26.00**

Leadership Fund - Journeyer Status (26 x \$1.00 per active, reserve, honorary member) **\$26.00**

Projects Fund - Groundbreaker Status (26 x \$1.00 per active, reserve, honorary member) **\$26.00**

Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund **\$10.00**

Contributions to International Funds

Emergency Fund **\$15.00**

Educational Foundation, Golden Gift, International Speakers, World Fellowship (\$10 each) **\$40.00**

Schools for Africa **\$15.00**

Yearbook/Newsletter Mail-outs (for reserve members w/o email & state personnel requiring hard copies) **\$10.00**

GHACC Dues (\$25 per year) **\$25.00**

Chapter Project **\$100.00**

Miscellaneous (Supplies, postage, committee expense) **\$40.00**

President's Gift **\$40.00**

New President's Bar Pin **\$25.00**

Rose Guard Pin - Achievement Award **\$20.00**

State Convention Expense (Outgoing President + Incoming President) **\$800.00**

Estimated Expenses **\$2,606.00**

WHAT THETA LAMBDA MEANS TO ME
By Catherine Hague



*When I think of my sisters in DKG,
I wonder if they know what they mean to me.
Do they know I'm inspired by their commitment to serve?
These ladies are smart—you can't throw them a curve.
Educators, thinkers, mover and shakers,
Meeting kids' needs—supporting new teachers
Our own chapter members we love to feature.
I love these ladies, these learners for life,
They bless me tremendously and enrich MY life!*

Birthday Celebrations

August and September

***Our chapter has no
birthdays these two months....
so a very merry "unbirthday" to each of you!***





**PARTNERS IN MISSION
DEVELOPMENT FUND
BOARD**

June 14, 2021

Sandra MacConnell
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Mary Oguom Casiraghi
Head of School
Our Lady of Grace School
Kisumu, Kenya

Dear Sandra,

Carmen Garrett Armistead
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Emily and Robert Clay
Houston, Texas

Mary Beth Klee
Hanover, New Hampshire

Sister Jane Meyer, OP
Houston, Texas

Dorothy Shiroya
Kisumu, Kenya

Charles Wira
Plainfield, New Hampshire

Thank you for your generous support of the Partners in Mission effort to provide the financial resources necessary for our thriving mission school, Our Lady of Grace, in Kisumu, Kenya. You are truly a blessing to our beautiful children. This school is such an important ministry. With one heart we say "Asante" – thank you – for your financial support.

Your contribution of **\$630 (six hundred thirty dollars)** through a check dated **June 4, 2021**, bears evidence of your desire to support our Kisumu mission with the resources needed to provide an exceptional education and a healthy life imbued with the care and compassion of the Dominican heritage. **No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation.**

Thank you again for your faith-filled generosity, and please know that you have honored all of us through sharing in Our Lady of Grace School's ongoing mission, "to provide threatened and abandoned children with a secure home and an education worthy of their dignity as children of God."

With sincere appreciation,

Emily Clay

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