

# Theta Lambda News

★Winner of the 2015-2016 Five-Star Award

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<http://thetalambda.weebly.com/>

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## President's Message

Autumn is a great season of the year. There is the hint of cooler temperatures outside, and leaves are “thinking” about changing color. Last week I walked over a bunch of leaves that had fallen on the parking lot. Actually, I **crunched** over the leaves, for I truly love that sound.

It took me back to my childhood in Ohio, where leaves really changed colors and fell by bucketsful from the trees. My mother would rake the leaves in a pile and let us jump in them, only to have to rake them up all over again. How fun was that!

When I was eight, our family moved to Houston. My grandmother was sure that we would never see a colorful fall leaf again. She painstakingly collected huge beautiful red and yellow leaves and ironed them between two sheets of waxed paper to mail to us. The thought makes me smile. I always think of her in autumn.

Autumn also brings lots of fall festivals all over the country. This autumn we will be welcoming back author Crystal Allen. In her book, *The Magnificent Mya Tibbs*, Mya is trying desperately to win VIP tickets to the Fall Festival by being part of the best Spirit Week partners in her grade. I hope you have enjoyed reading this delightful book as much as I have. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on Monday, October 17 at 5:30 at Catherine Hague's home.

### Come join us for Theta Lambda's September meeting!

<b>Where:</b>	The Home of Catherine Hague
<b>When:</b>	Monday, October 17, 2016
	5:30 Refreshments
	6:00 Business Meeting
<b>Hostesses:</b>	Laura Downes, Michelle Glick
<b>Inspiration:</b>	Sally Kubiak
<b>Music:</b>	Miriam Watson
<b>Program</b>	<i>Crystal Allen, Local Author Returns!</i>

Carol TenBrook  
President  
Theta Lambda



**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**October, 2016**

<b>Checking balance reported in September .....</b>	<b>\$ 350.94</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b>+ \$1,513.22</b>
Dues Collected	\$ 1,153.00
Area 18 Workshop fee	60.00
July—September Dividends	.22
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>	<b>-\$ 65.00</b>
Area 18 Workshop Fee	\$ 60.00
Service Charge (Savings Withdrawal/Transfer)	5.00
<b>Current checking account balance .....</b>	<b>\$1,799.16</b>
<b>Current savings balance .....</b>	<b>\$ 855.34</b>
<b>Current CD balance .....</b>	<b>\$1,573.13</b>
<b>Total assets of chapter .....</b>	<b>\$4,229.17</b>

**Minutes**

Minutes for the September, 2016 Theta Lambda regular meeting submitted by Sally Kubiak, Secretary

On Monday, September 19, 2016 seventeen members of Theta Lambda gathered in the home of Lillie Beth Wilson for our monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Carol TenBrook after a lovely meal provided by Lillie Beth Wilson and Mary Harris. Carol welcomed our newly initiated members. Catherine Hague provided our inspiration by reading a book in memory of Jodi Knuppel. After discussion, we agreed to donate copies to Bo’s Place and Outley Elementary. Lillie Beth showed a video to honor Jodi and shared some thoughts about Jodi’s impact on others. Members participated in an oral recommitment to DKG.

After minutes were approved and the treasurer’s report was reviewed, Carol reviewed the DKG mission and presented goals for the 2016-2018 biennium. She would like to see increased committee activity and we agreed that committees would be able to meet during dessert time after each meeting. We will continue with Change for Africa, That’s My Pan, and pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Additionally, Carol discussed focusing on the Ft. Bend area for service projects. Ideas were discussed and a few members will be gathering additional information to present at the next meeting.

**New Business**

Committee Reports – Committee assignments are available on the website.

Program: Catherine shared the upcoming program plans and asked for input regarding some ideas.

Finance: To raise additional money, we will begin ‘Bucks for Books’ with members bringing 1-2 books each meeting to sell. Sally will be the keeper of the unsold books.

Communication: Michelle and Sally shared ideas for additional material for the newsletter including book reviews, words of wisdom, and recipes and members were encouraged to send these to Michelle.

Membership: On November 5<sup>th</sup>, winners of the Membership competition will be honored with a salad luncheon prepared by the other team. Jan explained the plan for recruiting new members and the new teams met to choose names (Shining Stars and Steel Magnolias).

Michelle Glick, Sandra McConnell, and Nancy Dobbs had perfect attendance for 2015-2016. Theta Lambda won the PACE Award at the Area 18 workshop. Members are encouraged to apply for ASTEF grants.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 17, 2016 at the home of Catherine Hague with Crystal Allen presenting.

## TSO/ASTEFL Awards 2016-2017

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# ASTEFL partners with TSO to impact education

TSO/ASTEFL members will be busy during the 2016-2017 year as they implement the twenty-three projects that received full or partial funding through stipends from the Projects Fund. Since 2011 when the total awarded for projects was just \$1,000 to the current year when almost \$30,000 was given, the chapter and individual projects have made an impact on Texas teachers and children in many ways. The projects for this year will add to that impact.

### Early Educators

Ten chapters have adopted projects that impact early-career educators by giving gift cards to educators for classroom materials, delivering goody baskets during the year, offering help with questions about classroom management and instruction, and providing supplementary reading materials and technology devices for classroom use. Those chapters and their stipend amounts are:

Epsilon Kappa	\$2000	Gamma Zeta	\$500
Mu Upsilon	\$200	Omega	\$900
Lambda Eta	\$350	Beta Omicron	\$2000
Lambda Xi	\$1000	Epsilon Gamma	\$500
Iota Nu	\$500	Delta Omicron	\$2600

### Learning Supplies

Providing materials for learning activities in the classroom and other settings will be the focus of six projects. The stipends awarded will be used to purchase books, games, kits containing learning materials and other supplies needed to enhance learning in the classrooms of schools and day care centers. Chapters receiving these stipends are:

Lambda Tau	\$2000	Beta	\$2500
Zeta Gamma	\$2000	Nu	\$1300
Beta Epsilon	\$1000	Beta Theta	\$2500

### Self-Esteem

Knowing how important self-image and self-esteem are for students, three chapters have projects that will address those areas through various avenues. The three projects will provide Buddy Benches for making friends on the playground, will help in giving special-needs students an opportunity to learn life skills in a natural setting and will provide activities to help young girls see themselves with positive attitudes. Those chapters are:

Theta Zeta	\$1730	Tau	\$1000
Epsilon Nu	\$2294		

### Helping Hand

Other chapters are addressing needs in different ways that will impact children in Texas by providing take-home backpacks with meals and snacks for those who need help for days not in school, by helping homeless students with insurance for school-issued laptops, by providing a software package for a Cool Cubs room and by spotlighting the staff each month through a monthly article and delivery of encouragement baskets to that building. Those chapters are:

Theta Epsilon	\$500	Zeta Omega	\$1000
Delta Gamma	\$700	Theta Chi	\$900

The TSO/ASTEFL Partnership makes a difference in Texas!





*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*

## *Five Star Award*

*For An Outstanding Newsletter*

**THETA LAMBDA**



Marilyn Gregory  
President

Kimberly Birkelbach  
Chairman

Texas State Organization  
87<sup>th</sup> State Convention, Frisco  
2015-2016

### Falling Apples

The fall always reminds me of apples. It's not only just because I'm an educator and there is the whole cliché about teachers and apples. Think about it—you start seeing more and more apples in the stores, festivals offer all kinds of apple concoctions, bobbing for apples is a Halloween favorite. With all of the apples falling around us, I figured I could give a few tips for using them.

**1. Baked apples**—core a whole apple. Fill the core with butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, and anything else you like. Place on a cookie sheet and bake until soft.

**2. Wine-Poached Apples:** Boil 1 bottle red wine, 3/4 cup sugar, 1 cinnamon stick, 1 star anise pod and 3 strips orange zest in a medium saucepan. Add 4 peeled crisp, tart apples and simmer until tender, 30 minutes. Remove the apples; strain the liquid and boil until syrupy. Serve the apples and syrup over yogurt.

**3. Apple Cake:** Whisk 1 1/4 cups flour, 3/4 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon each salt, baking soda, cinnamon and nutmeg. Shred 1 apple and squeeze dry, then whisk with 2 eggs, 1/2 cup each vegetable oil and milk, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Fold into the flour mixture. Bake in a buttered 9-inch-round pan at 350 degrees F, 20 minutes; cool. Beat 8 ounces cream cheese, 1/2 stick butter, 1 cup confectioners' sugar, 1 teaspoon each lemon juice and vanilla, and a pinch of salt; spread on the cake.

### WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

<b>Membership Classification</b>	<b>Total Dues/Fees</b>	<b>International</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Scholarship Fee</b>	<b>Chapter Assessment</b>
<b>Active</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>
<b>Reserve</b>	<b>\$28.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>Initiation Fee</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>		<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Reinstate</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>		<b>-0-</b>

**The majority of our yearly membership dues is sent to State and International. To see how that money is used, visit the State and International websites.**

**Our chapter assessment fee is used to pay our operating expenses for committees, supplies, and postage.**

**Chapter projects, fund contributions, and convention expenses are supported by our various fund raisers and donations.**

**Reserve members are not asked to pay a chapter assessment.**

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

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- o Upcoming dates
  - 2017 Convention – Houston – **June 22-25** – Grand Hyatt Downtown
  - 2018 International Convention – **July 16-20** - JW Marriott in Austin near Interna-