

# Theta Lambda News

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

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## President's Message

Gifts  
 Nativity  
 Santa Claus  
 Coats and gloves  
 Beginning of winter  
 Tinsel and ornaments  
 Twelfth month of the year  
 Parties, festivities, and holidays  
 Excited children with Christmas lists  
 Christmas trees and Christmas carols  
 Visiting with families and friends who are dear  
 Time off for teachers and students  
 Dinner with DKG sisters  
**DECEMBER 12**  
**JOY**  
**LOVE**  
**PEACE**

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

**Where:** The Home of Miriam Watson  
  
**When:** Monday, December 12, 2016  
 5:30 Refreshments  
 6:00 Business Meeting  
  
**Hostesses:** Lillie Beth Wilson and Sandra MacConnell  
**Inspiration:** Catherine Hague  
**Music:** Holiday Songs  
**Program** Holiday Special, Celebrate the Season-  
 Celebrate Each Other

*Wishing all of you a blessed  
Christmas, full of love, peace  
and joy!*

*See you at our next meeting  
at Miriam's home*

Carol TenBrook  
President  
Theta Lambda

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**November, 2016**

**Checking balance reported in September ..... \$ 372.06**

**Receipts + \$ 668.08**

|                            |    |        |
|----------------------------|----|--------|
| Auction                    | \$ | 558.00 |
| Raffle                     |    | 7.00   |
| Dues (1 Active, 1 Reserve) |    | 103.00 |
| October Dividends          |    | .08    |

**Disbursements -\$ 53.97**

|                                   |    |       |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------|
| 3 books—donated in memory of Jodi | \$ | 53.97 |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------|

**Current checking account balance ..... \$ 987.17**

**Current savings balance ..... \$ 855.34**

**Current CD balance ..... \$1,574.67**

**Total assets of chapter ..... \$3,417.18**

***Minutes***

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

On Monday, October 17, 2016 seventeen members of Theta Lambda and one guest of Stacy Frenchwoods gathered in the home of Catherine Hague for our monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Carol TenBrook after a delicious meal provided by Laura Downes and Michelle Glick. The meeting began with an inspiration by Sally Kubiak. This was followed by a presentation by our guest author Crystal Allen.

Following Crystal’s presentation, minutes were approved and the treasurer’s report was reviewed. One member has moved. Due to the length of the presentation and the limited time available, brief committee reports were given.

Committee Reports – Committee assignments are available on the website.

Program: The annual auction will be held at Nancy Dobb’s home on November 14<sup>th</sup> and members were encouraged to bring items. We will discuss service projects options at the next meeting.

Membership: On November 5<sup>th</sup>, winners of the Membership competition will be honored with a salad luncheon prepared by the other.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 14, 2016 at the home of Nancy Dobbs.

With there being no further business to discuss, Carol TenBrook adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

## ***Minutes continued***

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

On Monday, November 14, 2016 fifteen members of Theta Lambda gathered in the home of Nancy Dobbs for our monthly meeting and Silent Auction. The meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m. by President Carol TenBrook after a delicious meal provided by Nancy Dobbs and Jayati Sengupta as well as a tour of the auction items. Minutes were read and approved with the correction of adding Carol Allin's name as the member who had moved. Sandra announced that the yearbook was finished. Catherine Hague led a discussion of possible organizations for our chapter to support. Sister Jane shared Nativity School which is a new school that serves low income families and may need our support. Sister Jane will investigate it further. Sally shared that she had looked into several Ft. Bend organizations serving children and found two that accept in kind donations – Ft. Bend CASA and Parks Youth Ranch in Richmond. After discussion, we agreed that we would bring books, games, art supplies, etc. for students 7-17 to the next meeting to take to Park Youth Ranch. In the meantime, Sally will find out more information to share and we will continue the discussion about which organization we will support.

### **New Business**

Carol reported that the Bylaws and Rules will need to be updated as we have a new leader on the state level. Most of the changes are simply changes in wording instead of procedures. She also shared the highlights from the Greater Houston Area Coordinating Council report:

- dues may be increased to \$35 per biennium
- Friday evening meeting may be eliminated to save money
- leadership groups may be revised in order to make them smaller and more cohesive
- as the convention is in Houston we will be called upon as hostesses and greeters at the Birthday Luncheon and banquet

Carol also shared a state-level recommendation that the Texas Strategic Plan of Action Committee be created as a standing committee with staggered terms so that goals can be regularly set, reviewed, and modified as needed.

Stacy shared that there may be changes coming for Special Education after the state has been cited for setting a limit on how many Special Education students per district. Sandra led us in a song to the tune of If You Are Happy and You Know It.

At the close of the business segment of the meeting, members began to bid on the silent auction items and enjoyed dessert.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 2016 at the home of Miriam Watson for our Holiday Special.

Written by Sally Kubiak

## ***Important Notice***

***There is no regularly scheduled meeting for the month of January; however, there is an Executive Board Meeting at the home of Carol Tenbrook on January 16 at 10:00 AM***



*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

**Holiday Word Search**

C T H D L B H R F S K E E R T  
 P H G O E O Q L G N P V O I D  
 R O I F R K I W C O B S T M B  
 E L S K P V R A R W S T E G T  
 S I Z L Y Y N K U M E O L N P  
 E D S D E D B Z D A T C T W H  
 N A W E Y I C N O N N K S P V  
 T Y J R I H G L L B X I I G T  
 S P N M I P L H P L Z N M Q Y  
 O I B M P I U L H P Q G Q C E  
 G Y N O X G A Y E G R T U E I  
 F E P I W N W F O M N J Y C A  
 Y P F E V E T S L T R P A J I  
 U N R A C R E I N D E E R Z W  
 P A T N A S W B E I O N H R O

**SNOWMAN**

**RUDOLPH**

**MISTLETOE**

**SANTA**

**CHIMNEY**

**TREE**

**PRESENTS  
STOCKING**

**REINDEER  
HOLIDAY**

**CANDY  
SLEIGH**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION!**

- **Books for a Buck** - bring any books that you think other members might like to buy.
- **Change for Africa** - be saving that change! A collection container will be available for donations.
- **Pull Tabs** - yes, we are still collecting these.
- **That's my Pan** - great time to order for those holiday gifts
- **Upcoming dates**
  - **2017 Convention** – Houston – **June 22-25** – Grand Hyatt Downtown
  - **2018 International Convention** – **July 16-20** - JW Marriott in Austin near International headquarters



## EXEMPLARY AWARD

FOR CHAPTER YEARBOOK

This certificate is awarded to

# Theta Lambda

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Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Texas State Organization  
Yearbook Committee

## EARLY BIRD AWARD

FOR CHAPTER YEARBOOK

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## Seven Layer Magic Christmas

### Bars

Makes 3 dozen

Traditional recipes have only seven ingredients - thus, the seven layer moniker - but the butter isn't really a layer, so we added an extra cup of baking morsels.

### *Ingredients:*

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup butterscotch flavored chips
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 1-1/3 cups flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

### *Directions:*

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. and line a 13x9-inch glass baking dish with a sheet of foil, making sure to cover the bottom and sides. Set butter in the baking dish and place in the oven for 2 minutes or until butter is melted.
2. Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs over butter and pour condensed milk evenly on top of crumbs. Top with remaining ingredients in order listed and press down firmly with the bottom of a glass.
3. Bake for 25 minutes or until top is lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack. When completely cool, cut into 36 bars. Store covered at room temperature.