

Theta Lambda News

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This newsletter, as well as other important Delta Kappa Gamma information can be found at our website: <http://thetalambda.weebly.com/>

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President's Message

February sure is an interesting month! Many people recognize Groundhog Day, gather for Super Bowl parties, and enjoy a day off school while honoring our presidents on President's Day. February is Valentine's Day, Black History Month, and American Heart Month. There are even many "delicious" days, where we can enjoy ice cream, pizza, plum pudding, gum drops, wine, cherry pie, tortilla chip, and pistachios – all in the name of February!

It's hard to believe that a month with only 28 days (I know, 29 days every four years....), can have so much to look forward to. The month is topped off with Mardi Gras festivities on the last day of February.

The one thing we can all do during this "month of love" is to take the time to take care of ourselves and those we love. Send a card to someone to tell them how much you appreciate them. Make a phone call to someone you haven't talked to in a while. Pamper yourself.

At our February meeting, Teri Marrow will be leading us in some exercises on mindfulness as part of our "Loving Yourself – Mindfulness Matters" program. Catherine Hague will present us with some other opportunities to show our love for others in need.

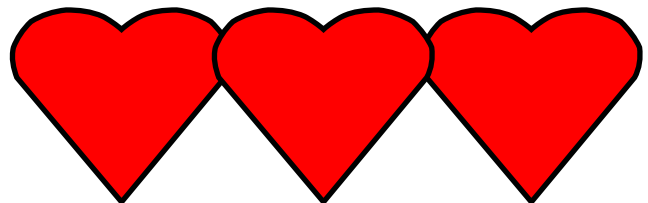
Looking forward to seeing everyone (you just might want to wear RED!) on Monday, February 13 at Teri's home.

Love to my DKG sisters,

Carol TenBrook

President

Theta Lambda



Come join us for Theta Lambda's December meeting!

Where: The Home of Teri Marrow

When: Monday, February 13, 2017
5:30 Refreshments
6:00 Business Meeting

Hostesses: Mary Herlitz and Jan Randolph

Inspiration: Cheri Flick

Music: Laura Downes

Program Loving Yourself—Mindfulness Matters

TREASURER'S REPORT

February, 2017

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| Checking balance reported in December | \$ 987.17 |
| (Corrected Balance) | 986.17 |

Receipts + \$.08

December/January Dividends \$.08

Disbursements -\$ 161.00

Contributions to State Funds \$ 91.00

Contributions to International Funds 55.00

Contribution to UNICEF (Schools for Africa) 15.00

Current checking account balance \$ 825.25

Current savings balance \$ 855.87

Current CD balance \$1,576.67

Total assets of chapter \$3,257.79

Reminder

As the "Little Chapter That Could" we are always striving to help others. Please remember to bring items to the February meeting for the Nativity School. Requested items include:

- hand soap
- kleenex
- baby wipes
- copy paper
- business envelopes
- trash bags
- paper towels



Thanks for all you do!

Service Project Update

Catherine Hague shared the following after the visit to Parks Youth Ranch. On December 20, Catherine, Nancy, and Sally visited the Parks Youth Ranch and delivered the games you so graciously donated.

Jessica Crute, Development Director, gave us a short tour of the facility. The facility provides shelter and counseling to abused, at-risk, and homeless youth ages 7-17. They typically serve 130 children annually, but they can house only 10 boys and 10 girls at a time. At the February meeting, Catherine will provide additional information on ways Theta Lambda may choose to support the Parks Youth Ranch.

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

On Monday, December 12, 2016 eighteen members of Theta Lambda gathered in the home of Miriam Watson for our monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. by President Carol TenBrook after a delicious meal provided by Lillie Beth Wilson and Sandra MacConnell followed by a round of the Dreidel game prepared by Michelle Croft. Minutes were read and approved. Catherine Hague gave the Inspiration and Michelle Croft explained the Menorah. Sandra MacConnell announced that we made \$558 on the silent auction. Carol TenBrook shared some information from Risa McCann about the option to change area based on distance. We voted to stay in our current area.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws and Rules: Sandra MacConnell explained that minor changes had to be made to the bylaws to meet current guidelines and these have been made and submitted for approval.

Program/Service Projects: Sister Jane updated us on San Francisco Nativity School which is a new PK – 3 school serving 20 low income families in the Gulfton area. She provided a list of items they need including snacks, paper towels/toilet paper, cleaning supplies, rugs, etc. We collected the items for Parks Youth Ranch and Catherine will make arrangements for a trip to take the items as well as learn more about the organization during the Christmas break. We agreed we would support both organizations at this point in time as we continued to gather information.

New Business

Carol provided information about new Orientation and Reorientation presentations available on the dkg.org website and upcoming deadlines for scholarships, grants and ASTEF project proposals. Members were encouraged to participate in the State Convention this year as it is in Houston.

We closed with dessert and a sing-along of holiday songs. The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 13th at the home of Teri Marrow with a program on Loving Yourself-Mindfulness Matters.

Written by Sally Kubiak



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87th State Convention, Frisco
2015-2016

Valentines Fun

Here's a neat dessert idea for the one you love on your favorite day of romance! Bonus points for cute decorations!

Chocolate Bowls

4 Hershey Bars

4 small balloons

1. Melt chocolate in a small bowl.
2. Pour small amount of melted chocolate onto wax paper to form a base.
3. Blow up a balloon and dip in chocolate, coating heavily. You may decorate with nuts, sprinkles, etc.
4. Set chocolate-covered balloon on the chocolate base and place in fridge to harden. Once hardened, fill with desired dessert—pudding, whipped cream, whatever your sweetie likes!

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**
- **Upcoming dates**
 - **2017 Convention** – Houston – **June 22-24** – Westin Galleria
 - **2018 International Convention** – **July 16-20** - JW Marriott in Austin near International headquarters