

Theta Lambda News

★Winner of the 2015-2016 Five-Star Award

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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

Reflecting on the birthdays of our lives...

- 1st birthday** – Oh, what a mess as the cake is attacked with only two chubby fists, resulting in a frosting covered smile that only a mother could love.
- 5th birthday** – Looking forward to my party and my cake and my PRESENTS, all for me! After all, I am five and getting ready to start kindergarten. It's all about me.
- 13th birthday** – Finally a teenager! Maybe going someplace special with a good friend or two, because sharing good times with friends is a gift.
- 16th birthday** – Look out world, a new driver is about to hit the roads!
- 18th birthday** – Starting to feel a little like a grownup with a new voter's card.
- 21st birthday** – Emancipation! Anything goes! Of course, those responsibilities are starting to pile up: getting a job and maybe getting married.
- Decade birthdays** – The passing of time is focused as we look back on where we have been and look forward to where we are going.
- 49th birthday** – Theta Lambda Chapter Birthday! **We** will enjoy some cake (though with forks and napkins); **We** look forward to our annual party (we don't care about presents); **We** will be going somewhere special with our very good friends and sisters, because sharing good times with friends is a gift; **We** are energized by our birthday celebration, which is a driving force for doing great things; **We** take our responsibilities as women educators seriously as we write our congressmen to share our views on educational issues; **We** are educated women, free to make choices that bring good to others; **We** often reflect on our times in the classroom and cherish those special moments.

A birthday is a day when someone special is celebrated. Our 49th birthday of Theta Lambda is a day to celebrate our fellowship, our friendship and how special a group of women we truly are. "We are small, but mighty!" And on this birthday, it is all about US!

Love to my DKG sisters,
Carol TenBrook
President
Theta Lambda

Come join us for Theta Lambda's April meeting!

Where: Casa de Bravos Mexican Restaurant
4514 Hwy 6
Sugar Land, TX 77478

When: Monday, April 17, 2017
5:30 Refreshments
6:00 Business Meeting

Hostesses:

Inspiration: Lillie Beth Wilson

Music: Happy Birthday Song

Program Theta Lambda 49th Birthday Celebration!

TREASURER'S REPORT

March, 2017

Checking balance reported in December \$ 844.78

Receipts + \$ 0.03

March Dividends \$.03

Disbursements -\$ 0.00

Current checking account balance \$ 844.84

Current savings balance \$ 856.08

Current CD balance \$1,578.18

Total assets of chapter \$3,279.08



Important Notice for this month's service project

We are focusing on Sister Jane's project this month so please remember to bring any change to our meeting to help the students at the orphanage in Africa. Sister Jane and her students are doing such fabulous work and they always appreciate any help we can give.

Thanks for all you do!

Minutes

Minutes for the March, 2017 Theta Lambda regular meeting submitted by Sally Kubiak, Secretary

On Monday, March 20, 2017 eleven members and one guest of Theta Lambda gathered at Highlands Elementary for our monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Carol TenBrook after a delicious meal provided by Catherine Hague and Stacy Frenchwood.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05. In order to meet the needs of our presenter, the program portion was first on the agenda. Amy McAfee from Grace School gave an excellent presentation on Project Based Learning which was very informative. She shared the concept and rationale and then provided examples from her classroom as well as other projects from Grace School.

After the program, the business part of the meeting began. Minutes were in the newsletter and were approved as written. Robin DeLaRosa provided the Inspiration and it was so well received that she will make sure we all get a copy. Laura has returned from a trip to Florida and sent her thanks for the cards and calls.

Carol explained that Areas 3 and 18 are being asked to help with the table centerpieces for the birthday luncheon which will be duffel bags for the Children's Advocate Organization. We need to donate money or bring supplies for duffel bags. Sandra recommended via her conversation with Carol that we send a donation check as that would be easier than collecting supplies, and she recommended \$25-\$50 per our current budget. There was a lengthy discussion about the money available in our budget and the money available in our reserves. Marion recommended that we donate \$100 with money coming from the budget and the remainder from the reserve money in the savings account. Catherine seconded and it was approved by the members.

Stacy provided very helpful information about upcoming legislation, the importance of sharing your thoughts with legislators, and an easy way to contact all of your state and federal representatives and senators. Based on her recent conversations with these leaders, she shared that most legislators say that hearing from as few as 30 constituents about their opinions can influence how they respond to legislation, so our calls can definitely make a difference. The number is 1-844-USA-0234 and you will be connected to all state and federal congressional representatives one at a time after giving your zip code. Once you reach each party, you simply indicate you are a constituent and give your name, city and zip code. Then share your support or opposition of a bill and/or issue and thank them for their hard work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

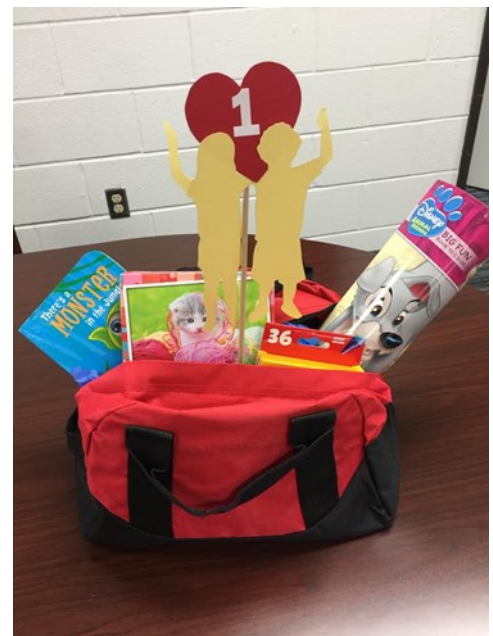
The next regular meeting will be held on April 17th at Lopez Restaurant and will be Theta Lambda's 49th Birthday Celebration.

Written by Sally Kubiak

From Risa McCann (Area 18 rep):

I thought you might enjoy seeing a picture of the Unifying Project for the TSO State Convention. Your donations of money and/or items will be greatly appreciated.

Sandra has sent in \$100 that we voted on at our last meeting. If you would like to also donate personally to this project, Carol TenBrook will collect any monies at our Birthday Dinner on April 17.





The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Five Star Award

For An Outstanding Newsletter

THETA LAMBDA



Marilyn Gregory
President

Kimberly Birkelbach
Chairman

Texas State Organization
87th State Convention, Frisco
2015-2016

State Convention Registration is Here!

The state convention is just a couple of months away and it's in Houston this year. The convention is scheduled June 22—24, 2017. All members must register in order to attend. For your convenience a registration form is included with this month's newsletter. Make sure you register before May 16 to avoid late fees and be aware that absolutely no meals can be ordered after June. You may use one form to register yourself and a guest. See the form at the end of the newsletter for contact and mailing information.

A note from Carol about Convention

A copy of the registration form for the convention is attached. Everyone will register themselves and pay for the tickets. You will need to pay the \$50 registration fee, and \$44 for the birthday lunch, plus any other things you would like, e.g. box lunches. We will be in the Galleria, so there should be plenty of choices for food.

PLEASE READ -INFORMATION for STATE CONVENTION

88th Texas State Convention – Hostesses

The hostess apparel this year is a black and white scarf that were made at the silk scarf workshop of the STAR Retreat. If you are planning on going to the Convention here in Houston this summer, I would love for you to consider being a hostess at the Birthday Lunch. It's an easy gig that you do from your table. Please let Carol TenBrook know ASAP if you will be a hostess so that we can order your scarf for you. The Deadline is April 21! I will also bring the sign up sheet to the meeting.

IMPORTANT CHAPTER INFORMATION!

- **Change for Africa** - please bring your spare change for Sr. Jane's project in Africa
- **Pull Tabs** - yes, we are still collecting these.
- **That's my Pan** - Mother's day? Birthday? These items make great gifts!
- **Upcoming dates**
 - 2017 Convention – Houston – **June 22-25** – Westin Galleria
 - 2018 International Convention – **July 16-20** - JW Marriott in Austin near International head quarters

Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

**The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Texas State Organization Convention
Houston, Texas, June 22-24, 2017**

All members must register. Please use one form per member. Only one form is necessary for a member with a guest. To avoid late fee, registration must be postmarked on or before May 16th. No meals may be ordered after June 8. Address registration questions to Sandi Causey at 512-892-0433 or crscausey@sbcglobal.net Mail completed form to Sandi Causey, 6105 Oakclaire Drive, Austin, TX 78735. Please type or print plainly.

NAME _____
 Title Last First Middle Initial Badge Name

MAILING ADDRESS _____
 Street Address or PO Box

City State Zip Chapter Area
Email address (for a receipt) _____ **Daytime Phone** _____

Special Needs—Check all that apply.
 Diabetic Vegetarian Gluten-free Limited Mobility Hearing/Visually Impaired

Please check if you are the current president or will represent her at the Executive Board meeting:

I will represent my chapter at the Executive Board meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2016.

Please check all that apply.

2016-2018 Chapter President 1st State Convention Attendee Member 50 or 50+ Years

Indicate number of tickets you want for each function. Cost includes tax, service charge and facility fee.

Registration Fee: (Choose one that applies.)	Cost	Number	Amount
2016-2018 Chapter President or <i>representative attending LDCP</i>	\$ 0	_____	_____
All other members —postmarked on or before May 16	\$ 50	_____	_____
Late Registration—postmarked after May 16	\$ 75	_____	_____
Guest—Badge Name _____	\$ 5	_____	_____
Diva Doins' —proceeds to benefit ASTEF (Thurs, June 22)	\$ 25	_____	_____
Box Lunch (Thurs, June 22) <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie	\$ 15	_____	_____
Leadership Seminar Breakfast: Year attended LS _____ (Fri, June 23)	\$ 25	_____	_____
Birthday Luncheon (Fri, June 23)	\$ 44	_____	_____
State Personnel Dinner (Fri, June 23) "by invitation only"	\$ 48	_____	_____
Box Lunch (Sat, June 24) <input type="checkbox"/> Roast Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Salad <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie	\$ 15	_____	_____
Presidents and Founders Banquet (Sat, June 24)	\$ 49	_____	_____
Continuing Professional Education Credit (CPE)	\$ 20	_____	_____
Choir Music—Choir Participants Only	\$ 15	_____	_____

Voice Part Requested: Soprano I Soprano II Alto

I would be interested in playing prelude postlude

Contribution to ASTEF.....

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

_____ CHECK (Payable to Texas State Organization Convention Fund) OR _____ MasterCard _____ VISA

Cardholder's Name _____ Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Cardholder's Billing Address: _____ 3-digit Sec. Code _____

Cancellation requests must be made in writing to Convention Registration Solutions, 6105 Oakclaire Drive, Austin, TX 78735, and postmarked by May 23rd.

By your attendance at this event, you grant permission to be filmed, videotaped, audio taped or photographed by any means, and you grant full use of your likeness, voice and words without compensation.