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

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President's Message

Sisters,

Many people in our part of the world are facing serious challenges right now in the aftermath of hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and shootings. These were life changing events that turned people's lives upside down and touched all of us in some way. Many of our students have started school without a home to live in or things they need to be ready for the day. In addition, many local teachers have lost all their teaching materials when their homes and/or schools flooded due to Hurricane Harvey.

These are big challenges, and for those of us who have gotten through without major damage or loss of life, we are so thankful. Times like these test us and help to push us to be the best we can be. Theta Lambda is small but mighty – but we are up to the challenge!

We will be collecting gift cards (\$15-\$25) for a teacher (or teachers) in our area who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey. Please be as generous as you can in helping another teacher by bringing gift cards to our next meeting. Suggested retailers are Target, Walmart, Teacher Heaven, Office Depot, Amazon, or Barnes & Noble, or any merchant who carries materials and supplies a teacher would need to recoup her losses. This is one way we can all pay it forward to help another teacher in need.

Come join us for Theta Lambda's October meeting!

Where:	The home of Laura Downes
When:	Monday, October 16, 2017 5:30 Refreshments 6:00 Business Meeting
Hostesses:	Catherine Hague, Carol TenBrook
Inspiration:	Sally Kubiak
Music:	Catherine Hague
Program	Literary Detectives, Linsey Bové

We are so fortunate as a chapter to have a strong sisterhood. We look out for each other and step up to help when needed. We come together each month to enjoy a meal, learn something new, and visit with each other. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 16 at Laura Downes' home. I hope to see you all there!

Carol TenBrook,
President

Theta Lambda

Watercolor by Carol TenBrook



TREASURER’S REPORT

October 2017

Checking balance reported in September \$ 337.19

Receipts + \$ 1,391.09

Dues (18 active—1 reserve)	\$1,378.00
Raffle	13.00
September Dividend	0.03

Disbursements -\$ 0.00

Current checking account balance \$1,728.22

Current savings balance \$ 856.51

Current CD balance \$1,581.72

Total assets of chapter \$4,166.45

Important Notice—Meeting Dates

Please update your calendars to reflect the following meeting dates for 2017-2018:

09/18/2017	01/20/2018	06/14—06/16/2018
10/16/2017	02/12/2018	State Convention
11/13/2017	03/19/2018	07/16—07/20/2018
12/11/2017	04/14/2018	International Convention
	05/14/2018	09/17/2018

Reminder

We will be collecting gift cards for Hurricane Harvey relief at our October meeting. Please help Houston area teachers by donating.

Thanks for all you do!

Minutes

Minutes for the September, 2017 Theta Lambda regular meeting submitted by Sally Kubiak, Secretary
On Monday, September 18, 2017 fifteen members of Theta Lambda gathered at the home of Nancy Dobbs for our monthly meeting. A delicious meal was served by Teri Marrow and Sally Kubiak. The meeting was called to order by President Carol TenBrook at 6:15.

We began with the program component of our meeting. Kim Winans from Grace School gave an excellent presentation on Teach Like a Champion-We All Can. After giving the background about the book and the author's examination of what successful teachers do to create high achieving students, she shared some of the techniques in the book. After the presentation, we had a Recommitment Ceremony and while Carol read the related statements, members said, "I am committed to this goal." The minutes were in an email sent to all members and were approved as written. The Treasurer's Report and the Proposed Budget for 2017-2018 were also sent to members via email. Sandra shared that we are low on funds but have money in CDs and the savings account if an unexpected need arises. It is time to renew DKG membership and members were asked to pay dues after the meeting.

The Program/Service Project committee reminded members that we are still collecting for the Nativity School, Parks Youth Ranch, and Change for Africa. Catherine discussed the idea of representatives from the Nativity School and Parks Youth Ranch coming in the future to make presentations about their programs. She also shared the program schedule for the upcoming year and asked for feedback. After discussion, the schedule is as follows:

October 2017: Linsey Bove' – Literary Detectives	November, 2017: Silent Auction/Area Coordinator
December, 2017: December – Holiday Party	February, 2018: Nativity School Update
March, 2018: Africa Update and Collection	April, 2018: 50th Birthday Celebration
May, 2018: Founders's Day	September, 2018: Controversial Topics in the Classroom
	October, 2018: Founder of Brookwood (subject to change per her schedule)

New Business

Hurricane Harvey Relief – After discussing several options, we agreed to buy gift cards for teachers from Kolter Elementary, a school that had significant damage so classes will meet in other buildings. Gift cards will be brought to the October meeting and contact will be made with the Kolter principal so she can determine which teachers are in greatest need.

Silent Auction – The Board is recommending that this year's auction focus on food items. Members can bring cakes, casseroles, treats, etc. or can auction the item to be prepared at a later date. After some discussion, it was decided this would be the focus. Members were encouraged to bring a variety of items including those that would serve special diets like gluten free, sugar free, dairy free, nut free as well as items for regular diets.

The next meeting will be on October 16, 2017 at Laura Downes' home. Hostesses will be Catherine Hague and Carol TenBrook. The Inspiration will be provided by Sally Kubiak and Linsey Bove' from Grace School will provide the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 and members enjoyed carrot cake and fellowship.

Written by Sally Kubiak

It's all about that food, that food...no worries...

Theta Lambda is changing it up! This year we are calling all bakers, cooks, and gourmet shoppers (you know who you are!) to dust off their aprons and cookbooks and share their favorite recipes at our annual Silent Auction Fundraiser at the November meeting. Yes! This year we are focusing on food. Here are some suggested items for donation:

- Desserts
- Fancy Nuts
- Spiced Tea
- Candies in a jar
- Edible stocking stuffers
- Cookies
- Coffee items
- Queso/dips and chips
- Homemade bread
- Casseroles
- Brisket
- Jellies
- Soups
- Gift certificates for restaurants

You may bring the item already made, or a sample with a promise for a future meeting. Get creative, have fun! We all love food and those are usually the first things to go. Let's make this our best fundraiser ever!



Summers well spent



Carol T. completed a quilt for

Sally K shared the following reviews:

Lianne Moriarty wrote The Husband's Secret and Big Little Lies, and both are excellent. I also read Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult and loved it. (Nancy did not like it, but never likes Jodi Picoult books.) It is very timely - about white supremacist parents, an African American nurse, and a white, middle class public defender. I also cooked more than usual and really enjoyed two cookbooks by Ree Drummond, who is known as "The Pioneer Woman." The ones I have are The Pioneer Woman Cooks and The Pioneer Woman Cooks Dinnertime. The recipes are flavorful and easy to follow (lots of pictures, step by step and good tips). I even made Chicken Fried Steak for the first time in my life and the men in my house who love Chicken Fried Steak actually said it was good. Finally, Stacy brought a dynamic speaker to Miller – Dr. Jesse W. Jackson III. He has a website and I understand he is on YouTube. He was amazing – very straightforward, realistic and honest about kids.



Laura D. and Michelle G. flew away to Ireland for a couple of weeks.