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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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The latest edition of the Lone Star News is now online!

President's Message

Falling leaves, dropping temperatures, and early darkness symbolize autumn has arrived. This season brings many opportunities to make precious memories with family and friends. As you plan to execute old and new traditions, that center on the holiday season, I pray it brings a smile to your face and warmth to your heart.

Doing something new stimulates the brain and energizes the body. Why not try to add a new tradition to your repertoire this holiday season.

- Go apple picking
- Get lost in a corn maze
- Play touch football with family and friends
- Visit a vineyard
- Go to a fall festival
- Try yoga

Whatever you decide to do, make sure you laugh until your belly aches, share your joy with others, and enjoy every minute!

See you all soon,

Stacy



Come join us for Theta Lambda's November meeting! Fabulous Food Fair and Silent Auction

Location: St. Agnes Academy
9000 Bellaire Blvd.
Houston, TX 77036

Time: 5:30 P.M.

When: Monday, November 18, 2019

Hostess: Sister Jane Meyer and Jan Randolph
Inspiration: Cheri Flick
Music: Sally Kubiak

Get ready for a very special meeting this month. First, the theme of our Silent Auction this year is 'Fabulous Food Fair'. Break out those favorite recipes and bring a dish or two (or three or four) to auction off. Or, bring a description and a promise to prepare it for a date of the winner's choosing. Fresh, frozen, entree, dessert and more - it's your choice. Make something special so we can have lots of choices as the holidays approach. **In addition to our Fabulous Food Fair, we will have a great speaker talking to us about Emotional Poverty, something we all need to be aware of. Can't wait to see everyone!**

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 2019

Checking balance reported in October		\$1,276.20
<u>Receipts</u>		\$ 17.89
Credit issued for check order	\$ 17.83	
October Bank Dividend	<u>.06</u>	
	\$ 17.89	
<u>Disbursements</u>		-\$ 6.95
Postage (for yearbook hard copies)	\$ 6.95	
Current checking account balance		\$1,287.14
Current savings balance		\$ 758.84
Current CD balance		\$1,610.77
Total assets of chapter		\$ 3,656.75

At the September meeting, English teacher Linsey Bove` shared with the chapter information about an exciting unit of study completed at Grace School in Houston, Texas. Every middle school student read the book Refugee by Alan Gratz. Students re-searched historical events referenced in the book, viewed film clips, and engaged in exercises to experience empathy. Please visit student responses on pages 4 and 5 of the newsletter.



Theta Lambda ~ October Minutes

- **Regarding Theta Lambda offering professional development to teachers:** we decided we needed to target specific audiences rather than try to reach out to a broad general audience. So, we will reach out to contacts and offer an array of professional development opportunities.
 - o Pam – Harmony
 - o Sally – YES Prep; possible contact in LCISD
 - o Linsey – Fort Bend Christian Academy
 - o Catherine – Calvary Episcopal
(Sally will talk with Michele about possible contacts in specific Fort Bend schools)

- Presentation topics to discuss with contact (*not sure I have them all or clearly reflected discussion – so comment freely*)
 - o Notice and Notes (Enhancing Close Reading using Notice and Notes)
 - o Literary Detectives -Explicitly Teaching Analysis
 - o Classroom Effectiveness (Teach Like a Champion – Improving Presentation and Teaching Strategies to Improve Learning and Classroom Management) (and/or Get Better Faster concepts)
 - o Comprehension Strategies (Improving Comprehension by Teaching Essential Strategies)
 - o Decoding/Syllabication/Understanding how words work (Developing Decoding Skills for Primary Grades; Developing Decoding/Syllabication Strategies for Intermediate Grades (3-5) and/or Middle School Grades (6-8))
 - o Text Evidence (Diving Deeper to Fully Understand Text *or* Diving Deeper to Develop Effective Test Taking Strategies)

- Hours/Cost
 - o Four hours/CPE – 8:30-12:30 (hopefully at school site for no cost)
 - o \$35 per participant (\$5 goes to DKG Texas; \$30 goes to cover costs and rest to Chapter budget)

(After meeting, Sally sent email about possibly lowering cost to \$25 since that may be more palatable for a school's budget. Pam responded with point that this lower cost may reflect the sessions may not be of quality/value which seemed to be a valid point. So, perhaps we could keep the price at \$35 but offer a discount if a certain number of people attended as a group.)

Refugee Saved

By Caroline Paschall

(Read with punctuation)

All captured
Refugees.
Leaving their homes
Crying
Every minute.
Sacrificing their lives for a loved one.
Stacks of people
Standing in customs.
Important items,
People are taking away.
Fights across the nation
Leaves us in
Fear.

Our hands,
Their lives are in.
They will take them away
Only the weak say.

(Read again going up, ignore the punctuation.)

Borders Not Hatred

by Anna Rojas-Sosto

They go here.

They go there.

Not welcome anywhere.

Home is where they want to go, but there is no home to go to.

Home is only in their hearts. The laughter, the sunshine, it is scattered, rarely there.

They are not good enough for home.

They are not good enough for here.

There is nowhere to go.

All they have are gray skies and the feeling of sorrow radiating through their veins.

Their nations are in their darkest hours, hidden behind storm clouds.

While ours sparkles in the sun.

We have the power to help them, yet we chose to close our doors and help ourselves.

They are forgotten.

They are hunted, hurt.

They need help.

We can help.

Our world comes with borders, yes.

But does it need hatred, no.

Theta Lambda members enjoyed a tour of the historic Moore home in Richmond, Texas.

