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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

February is full of fabulous celebrations. February is recognized as Black History Month. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of black Americans, past and present. February is heart month. Learn about keeping your heart healthy and "Go Red for Women," a movement to end heart disease and stroke in women. February 2nd is Groundhogs day. February 14th is Valentine's Day. February 17th is Presidents Day. February 29 is Leap Day.

February 24th is our meeting day!! This meeting will be full of important information delivered by a dynamic speaker from The Children's Defense Fund. Please make plans to attend and bring a friend or two. This will be an amazing and engaging meeting that you don't want to miss.

Also at this meeting we will unveil our new slate of officer for the next biennium. Please be thinking about how you can assist in leading our chapter. Catherine, Robin, and Sheri will be calling soon, and remember DKG Women love to serve. If you feel drawn to serve on the board for the next biennium, feel free to reach out to one of these ladies, I am sure they would love to hear from you.

I am so looking forward to seeing you all in February,
Stacy



Come join us for Theta Lambda's February meeting!

Location:	Lillie Beth Wilson's home
Time:	5:30 P.M.
When:	Monday, February 24, 2020
Hostess:	Laura Downes and Michele Croft
Inspiration:	Miriam Watson
Music:	Jan Randolph

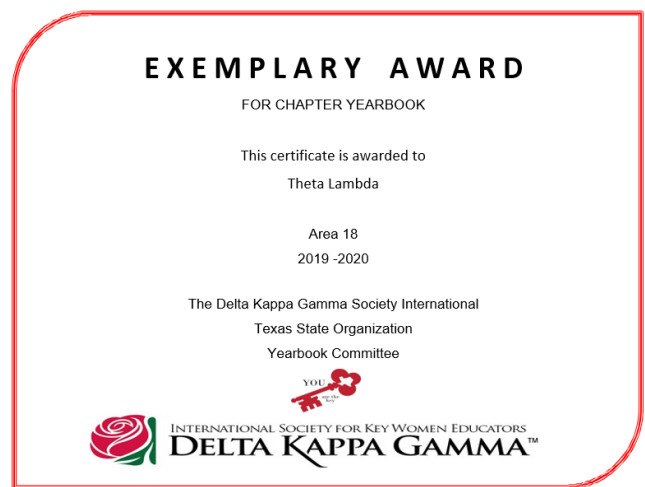
*Please plan to attend February's meeting
addressing the*

*"Children's Defense Fund"
with*

*Guest Speakers, Clarissa Webb and Peter
Bresette (Ex. Dir.) ~ Mrs. Webb and Mr. Bresette
will share the work of the Children's Defense
Fund and how they support children and youth
through a variety of programs focused on educa-
tion, health care needs and advocacy.*

TREASURER'S REPORT January-February 2020

Checking balance reported in December		\$1,636.20
<u>Receipts</u>		\$ 52.16
Scentsy Fund Raiser	\$40.00	
Raffle	12.00	
Dec.-Jan. Bank Dividends	<u>.16</u>	
	\$52.16	
<u>Disbursements</u>		-\$ 35.37
Parks Youth Ranch Supplies	\$35.37	
Current checking account balance		\$1,652.99
Current savings balance		\$ 759.22
Current CD balance		\$1,618.76
Total assets of chapter		\$ 4,030.97



Theta Lambda ~ December Minutes , 2019

On Monday, December 16, 2019 16 members of Theta Lambda gathered at Miriam Watson's home for our monthly meeting. Mary Herlitz and Lillie Beth Wilson provided a delicious meal. Before the meal, members stuffed Holiday Boxes for the residents of Parks Youth Ranch with a wide variety of items.

The meeting was called to order by President, Stacy Frenchwood. Minutes were approved. Our Inspiration was provided by Sally Kubiak who read excerpts from **The Moment of Lift – *How Empowering Women Changes the World*** by Melinda Gates. The selections reinforced how empowering women significantly improves families and communities. Real life examples from the work of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation were shared.

Stacy shared that Sandy Whitney died December 9, 2019 in El Paso.

Jane provided an update on Change for Africa. The school is now #2 in the district and continues to serve the poorest of the poor. Students from the area are wanting to come because of the quality of the education.

Sally updated the status of the Parks Youth Ranch project. The Holiday Boxes will be delivered to PYR on Saturday, the 21st. Stacy, Sally, and Nancy will go and others will join if their schedule allows.

Stacy reminded members of several deadlines:

January 3rd – DKGEF project applications due

February 1st – DKGEF Professional Development applications due

March 1st – Scholarship Applications due

The State Convention is June 17th-19th and is in McAllen. Rooms are now available. Stacy will contact our area representative to see if they are, or would consider, chartering a bus. While it is a long trip, members were encouraged to attend.

Alisha Procter presented our program focusing on Adult Literacy. She talked about the extent of illiteracy in America, which affects more than 36 million adults. The impact of illiteracy results in a cost of \$225 billion in lost wages, 43% of illiterate adults living in poverty, and children of illiterate parents having a 72% higher rate of having academic and behavioral problems in school. Additionally, 75% of state prison inmates didn't complete high school or can be considered as having low literacy. Alisha describe the various services provided by the Literacy Council of Fort Bend County including GED classes, pre-GED Prep classes, ESL classes, Basic Literacy classes and Basic Math classes. Members were encouraged to consider volunteering. Schedules are very flexible with daytime and evening classes available, and a one-time new tutor training session is required for new tutors. Optional ongoing training and support is provided to tutors.

Catherine led the music with a number of holiday songs.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 24th at the home of Lillie Beth Wilson with Laura Downes and Michele Croft as hostesses. Patrick Bresette and Clarissa Webb from Children's Defense Fund will present the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Kubiak