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

President's Message

Dear Theta Lambda Sisters,

What a year our chapter has had! We began the year with a great meeting in February at Lillie Beth Wilson's where we learned about the important work of Children's Defense Fund Texas. And that night was the last time we gathered together face to face as a chapter. In the spring we met virtually each month and learned how to do our business and maintain our connections with each other via Zoom and WebEx. This fall we began hybrid meetings with some of us gathering in homes and others participating virtually. We had our first Virtual Silent Auction, which was a great success. Who would have imagined how things would change when we last gathered in February!

As I think about the end of 2020 and beginning of 2021, the word that comes to mind is **hope**. Hope for a brighter 2021. Hope for health for family and friends. Hope for an effective and accessible vaccine. Hope that we hold on to the things we learned from 2020. Hope that we can gather face to face as a chapter again. What do you hope for?

I also think about the hope that we bring to others. Hope to children in Kisumu, Kenya at Our Lady of Grace School for a great education and a brighter future. Hope to teens in crisis at Parks Youth Ranch for a place to feel safe, to learn and grow, and to be loved. Hope to our fellow sisters in times of loss, illness and unexpected events. Thanks for being a part of giving hope.

Spring, 2021 brings great opportunities to invite women you know to our meetings. In January, we will have a Chapter Social (more on that to come). This is a great time to invite someone. Catherine and our Programs and Service Projects Committee have planned great programs for the spring that fellow educators would find informative and beneficial. At a time when women educators are longing for connections, Theta Lambda is a great group to share with them. **Wishing all of you a very wonderful, peaceful holiday season, filled with love and friendship.**

Sally Kubiak ~ Theta Lambda President

**Come join us for
Theta Lambda's December meeting!**

Home: Miriam Watson or Zoom

Hostesses: Miriam Watson, Lillie Beth Wilson

When: Monday, December 14

Inspiration: Catherine Hague

Music: Pam Baker

*Program ~ Jennifer Salazar, Program Director for the BBB Education Foundation
"Online Shopping Scams"*

**TREASURER’S REPORT
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Checking balance reported in November		\$ 391.88
<u>Receipts</u>		\$1333.02
Auction Fund Raiser	\$825.00	
Parks Youth Ranch Donations	508.00	
November Bank Dividend	.02	
<u>Disbursements</u>		- \$ 374.27
18 MP3 Players	\$324.27	
Extra Duffle Bags (PYR)	50.00	
Current checking account balance		\$1350.63
Current savings account balance		\$ 560.24
Current CD Balance		\$1633.82
Total assets of chapter	\$3544.69	

What Theta Lambda Means to Me

By Cheri Flick

Thinking about what Theta Lambda means to me, the words **inspire, impress, incredible, and important** come to mind. I am inspired by the programs during our meetings. They have been helpful while I was teaching. Now that I am retired, they keep me current on today’s educational practices. Not all program topics have been about school. We have had a wide variety of subjects from women’s health and a book author’s visit. I have been in awe of the incredible talent and devotion shared for children. It is uplifting to witness the eagerness by the young members. It is heartwarming to witness how the retired members continue to make children’s education a priority. I am impressed by the skill and creativity used to support children in our area as well as in other parts of the world. The expertise and imagination shown to fund and assist the services we provide is amazing.

How important Theta Lambda has been to me is unmeasurable. Through the good and bad times, I have always known I have a loyal family of fellow educators that will fortify and support me. I am blessed and honored to be a member of Theta Lambda because it enables me to continue to grow personally and professionally with loyal, committed, and compassionate women.



2020 Membership Drive

By Jan Randolph



Let's Grow!

Let's grow in numbers, and together let's grow in our professional and personal lives.

Goals

- * Each current member invites one guest to a meeting. Member receives rare rose seeds. **(Plant a seed.)**
- * Have invited guest actually attend a meeting. Bottled rose favor for member and guest. **(Watch us bloom.)**
- * Have guest initiated into membership. The inviting members' names will go into a drawing for a gift basket. Drawing to be held at May meeting.

Watch for good teachers everywhere in schools and out ~ it could be someone who does professional training in the business world, or in the medical professions. It might be your grandchild's teacher or someone you teach with, or a neighbor that is a teacher. Watch and talk about the benefits of DKG membership and invite. Don't make the mistake of failing to invite because you think they have too much going on. Let's grow.



Theta Lambda Monthly Meeting Agenda

Minutes—November 16, 2020

Members Present: Jayati Sengupta, Carol Ann Shipp, Jan Randolph, Carol TenBrook, Catherine Hague, Nancy Dobbs, Cheri Flick, Sally Kubiak, Lillie Beth Wilson, Michelle Croft, Alisha Procter, Linsey Bove, Sandra MacConnell, Stacy Frenchwood, Robin De La Rosa,

Old Business

Inspiration – Alicia Procter

Approve Minutes- Lillie Beth made a motion, Carol TenBrook seconded. Everyone voted and it passed unanimously.

Approve Financial Report-Catherine made a motion, Carol Ann seconded. Everyone voted and it passed unanimously.

Monthly Meeting Slots – Lillie Beth and Miriam will hostess in December at Miriam's home.

Silent Auction – Carol TenBrook opened the virtual auction we were bidding on. Great job Carol on your hard work setting it up! At various intervals during the meeting we were allowed time to update our bids. There were a couple of bidding wars going on! In a day or two following the meeting we will be notified of what we won and can send our checks made payable to Theta Lambda to Sandra. Sally will also notify us as to who purchased the items we donated so we know who to get in touch with to deliver our goods and services.

New Business

Parks Youth Ranch Holiday Boxes-After a discussion with the Parks director on what was needed for the kiddos housed there, it was decided that some of us would bake cookies and put them in sandwich size baggies, (there are holiday baggies that are already decorated), and others could purchase M3 players. They have them on Amazon for around \$18.00. You can also donate whatever amount you can by writing a check to Theta Lambda indicating what it goes for. Then Sally and friends can know how much they have to work with. This will need to be done before the next meeting.

Also, you can include it with the check for your auction items. Just specify that. Laura Downs has graciously offered to decorate the 28 holiday boxes for us. Thank you, Laura! Those who go in person to the December meeting will be stuffing the boxes.

That's My Pan Fundraiser – Please look, the product is great. You can decide what design you would like and you will not misplace your item. We need 10 items to order. It takes about 2-3 weeks to get them. They make very personal gifts just in time for Christmas.

Program

Shannan Stavinoha from Parks Youth Ranch, our holiday fundraiser, gave us detailed information and answered our questions about the facility.

Other Business

Music – Stacy Frenchwood



Birthday Celebrations

December 14 ~ Carol Ann Shipp

December 15 ~ Carol TenBrook

December 21 ~ Sandra MacConnell



I AM A TEACHER

By Wynona Montgomery
Gamma Nu Chapter

FUTURIST:

Who am I? I am a teacher. One of the reasons I became a teacher was to prepare my students for the future. Some students think that teachers are a bunch of old fogies bound by the past so tightly that we never think of the future. But that's not true, we are constantly thinking of how our students will fare after they leave us. As we survey the classroom, we wonder, "Will Johnny be an astronaut, he's always reading about space, can Jane's musical ability carry her to the symphonic stage, and that little rascal Danny, he's such a smooth talker when he's in trouble, is he a dead ringer for a lawyer or what?" Will I one day see the President of the United States take the oath of office and think to myself, "I remember that student in the second grade. I always knew she would succeed." I am a teacher, I touch the future.

COUNSELOR:

Who am I? I am a teacher. Now don't be fooled by this firefighter's hat, part of my job is counseling --- you know putting out fires, little ones and big ones. Daily I am asked to comfort a child who has lost a pet, fought with a sibling, been totally demoralized by a bad grade on a test, hurt by a boy or girlfriend, or devastated by a parental separation. My firefighter's training comes in handy here. I have learned that one of the best ways to put out a fire is to smother it, and the same goes for personal crises. I just smother them---smother them with love. I am a teacher, and I put out fires.

SPRING PROGRAMS ~ 2021

February 22, 2021

Program "F2F, Virtual, or Hybrid: Teaching in the times of Covid-19"

Presenter Carol TenBrook will explore some of the difficulties teachers face with technology while teaching during a pandemic. She will share helpful hints to navigate this ever-changing landscape without losing your sanity.

March 22, 2021

Program "CookLearnGrow"

CookLearnGrow is a professional mobile educational program focused on creating food literacy through fun, hands-on education and programming.

Presenter Stephanie Wheatley will share information about the program and guide members through a no-bake recipe.

April 19, 2021

Program "Theta Lambda's 53rd Birthday Celebration"

Members will celebrate our chapter's fifty-three years of women educators who share the purposes and vision of Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

Members will prepare notes to be sent to past and reserve chapter members.

May 17, 2021

Program "Founders Day: How Would Our Founders Respond to the Educational Needs of Children During the Pandemic?"

The Programs Committee will lead a discussion of the philosophies of our founders and how those beliefs can frame an educational COVID response.

DKG Texas and Theta Lambda Dates to Remember 2020-2021

September, 2020

21st – Chapter Meeting

October, 2020,

15th – DKG Leadership Seminar applications due

19th – Chapter Meeting

November, 2020

1st – Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) applications due

1st – Fall Mini-Grant applications due

1st – ASTEF Project Stipend End-of-Year reports due

1st – *Lone Star News submissions due*

1st – Early Bird Yearbook submission due

16th – Chapter Meeting

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14th – Chapter Meeting

January, 2021

1st – DKG International Foundation Project application due

15th-17th – STAR Retreat

February, 2021

1st – Nominations for TSO Achievement and Golden Rose Awards due

1st – *Lone Star News submissions due*

15th – TSO CPE Convention proposals due

22nd – Chapter Meeting

March, 2021

1st – TSO State scholarships and Spring Mini-grant applications due

22nd – Chapter Meeting

April, 2021

1st – ASTEF Project Stipend applications due

1st – *Lone Star News submission due*

19th – Chapter 53rd Birthday Celebration

May, 2021

17th – Chapter Meeting

June, 2021

16th-18 TSO Convention – Denton

July, 2021—21-24th DKG International Convention – San Antonio