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

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Spring is my favorite season and this spring seems especially beautiful – the grass and trees are such a rich green and the flowers seem extra bright! Perhaps the spring seems so refreshing this year because things have been closed down so long or since we had the big freeze in February. Whatever the reason, I am so glad spring is here and I am enjoying every minute.

Another reason I love spring is that two extra special Theta Lambda Chapter meetings occur – our Birthday Celebration and Founder's Day. I hope everyone is planning on coming to the Birthday Celebration on April 19th at Carol TenBrook's beautiful new home. She has a lovely outdoor area and plenty of room inside and outside for us to spread out while enjoying great company, eating delicious food, and singing Happy Birthday to the best DKG chapter.

In May we will gather at Jayati Sengupta's home for Founder's Day. Every year I learn something new about the amazing women who started DKG so many years ago. At a time when women were to be seen and not heard, these educators found a way to be heard and make a difference in this world. I am proud to be a part of their legacy and know that Catherine has a great program planned.

Spring is also the time we collect our 'Change for Africa' so please bring your change and dollars (or checks, of course) to our next two meetings. Our contributions help Our Lady of Grace School continue to make a huge difference in the lives of their students.

Take a moment to enjoy the lovely weather and remember all that we have to be thankful for.

Sally Kubiak
President, Theta Lambda

Come join us for Theta Lambda's April meeting!

Home: Carol TenBrook or Zoom

Hostess: Carol TenBrook, Alisha Procter

When: Monday, April 19th

Inspiration: Lillie Beth Wilson

Music: Sally Kubiak

Program ~ Theta Lambda's 53rd Birthday Celebration

READY, SET, GO – MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

It is that time again!

Membership dues for 2021-2022 will be accepted starting now.

The goal is to have all dues collected by the end of April.

Dues remain the same...

Active Members \$75.00

Reserve Members \$28.00

Make checks payable to Theta Lambda-DKG

And send to...

Sandra MacConnell
611 Chevy Chase Circle
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Be an early bird and mail your check today!



Tacos on a Plate
(AKA Tacos on Fritos)

Several people asked for Nancy Dobbs' recipe for the dinner she served at the March Chapter Meeting. Whether you were there or not, this is a delicious and very easy meal to make for a quick weekday meal or to take to a gathering.

- 1 can Rotel Tomatoes
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 can Ranch Style Beans
- 1 lb. ground beef (or turkey)

Brown and drain meat. Add the other 3 ingredients and simmer. Serve over original Fritos and top with lettuce, chopped onions, and grated cheese.



Theta Lambda Monthly Meeting Agenda

March 22, 2021

Program - “Get the Skinny!” Dr. Beth Egmon, Past President of the Coalition of Reading and English Supervisors in Texas

Been an honor to be able to give the voice of the people in the trenches to Mike Morath and others. We need to know them, and they need to know about us.

The Covid/Ercot Effect - The Legislature is spending a huge amount of time on these issues and education is flying under the radar.

Senate Education Committee met for the first time the week of March 15th.

Not promoting bills with fiscal impacts due to budget constraints.

We need to make our voices heard regarding the Federal Covid Relief. (American Rescue Plan) The money needs to go to the public schools (12.4 Billion to schools).

HB3 that was started this year the voucher language was taken out.

Senate Bill 27 trying to open the doors to Virtual instruction. Virtual Instruction can become a common everyday occurrence. Make your voice heard on your thoughts.

We are doing 21st Century Education however it should not only be Virtual Education.

We need to help expand broadband especially for our rural communities.

STAAR – Morath is not giving in despite all of the letters from the Lawmakers. If we made a law, then we would lose Federal funding.

The old HB3 needs a new bill to have money fully fund this older bill.

Priorities are –

Covid Funding and Technology Infrastructure

Alleviated the accountability requirements. Trying to change the testing requirements for this year however does not look like this is going to occur.

Give all students access to optimal public-school learning environments – Safe and Secure schools, PPE, set for potential risk factors that may occur.

Teachthevote.atpe.org

TSTA.org (look at the legislative tab)

TCTA.org (look at the politics/government tab)

Old Business

Inspiration – Jane Meyer read the book below.

Be Kind, Be Brave, Be You - Peanuts

Approve Minutes

Jane made a motion. Carol Ann second. All voted and in favor.

Approve Financial Report

Jane made a motion to approve the Financial report. Jayti seconded. All voted and in favor.

Send Dues by the \$75 by the end of April.

Theta Lambda Birthday – Alisha Procter

Going to Carol TenBrook's house. We are going to have it catered. Either BBQ, Mexican, or Italian.

Up the cost to \$20 to include a tip, delivery fee from George's Pastaria.

Dessert will be provided by Miriam.

What Theta Lambda Means to Me - volunteer for April – Stacy Frenchwood is volunteering.

Kroger Community Rewards

Convention -Please let Sally know if you want to attend. They have a suite and have room for someone else.

New Business

Congratulations - Stacy has received a scholarship from TSO.

DKG gave us an award for our fabulous Newsletter.

Red Letter campaign is underway from TRTA and the legislatures

Other Business

Music – Lillie Beth Wilson

Meeting adjourned at 7:14

What Theta Lambda Means to Me

By Stacy Frenchwood

December 7, 2009 I was inducted into the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Women Educators. At that time, I became a proud member of Theta Lambda, our small but mighty chapter. The warm, caring, and loving friendships is what drew me to join Theta Lambda. This chapter embraced me as a new member and ensured I was plugged in to great programs. At that time, I really did not understand the magnitude of the impact of DKG on the educational community. I soon attended my first workshop and conference. It was then that I realized what a wonderful society DKG is for women educators. DKG not only impacts the educational community, but they invest in the personal growth and development of women educators. As a member of our DKG chapter Theta Lambda, I have learned to lead, craft, selfcare, educator tips, and have developed a fellowship with amazing women. Theta Lambda has made me a better educator and a better person.

Birthday Celebrations

April 27 ~ Sister Jane Meyer



REVISED SPRING PROGRAM SCHEDULE~2021

(Note: CookLearnGrow has been moved to the fall when more members may be ready to participate in this hands-on program. Get the Skinny about the Texas legislative session has been moved to February so we can be better prepared to influence the process.)

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 “Get the Skinny!”

Dr. Beth Egmon, Past President of the Coalition of Reading and English Supervisors in Texas (CREST) will give an insider’s view of the state educational policies. Testifying before the Texas State Board of Education and the Texas House Committee on Education, Dr. Egmont has gotten a bird’s eye view of the process. With the legislative session in 2021 and COVID, education has become THE hot topic. Come and hear what you can do to influence the process of providing the best possible education for Texas students. Come get the skinny on all things legislative!

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.

2021 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.

DKG Texas and Theta Lambda Dates to Remember 2021

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

I AM A TEACHER

NURSE:

Who am I? I am a teacher, but I am also a nurse. Have you ever noticed that children never lose their teeth at home or on weekends? No, it's always right in the middle of the climax of my lesson, when I'm being observed by the associate superintendent, and suddenly I hear, "Teacher, Sammy pulled his tooth and his mouth is bleeding. Yuk!" Sure enough that small tooth is now ready for the Tooth Fairy. Other things I have learned in my role as nurse is how important it is to have a good stock of band aids on hand as they cure anything. And an important phrase to learn is "Put your head on your desk, and you'll feel better in a minute." Oh, one more thing, never, never, NEVER ask a child holding his hand over his mouth what he is doing. Another thing I have learned is that a little TLC goes a long way toward curing what ails you. But teachers have always known that.

STUDENT:

Who am I? I am a teacher, but I am also a student. For this high paying job, one degree is not enough. So, I leave my classroom in the afternoon and hurry to the university to become a student. Teachers are probably the least likely group to complain about more education (we are after all in the business of learning), and I certainly want to improve myself, but some days I am soooo tired when I leave school. Can I face a class tonight? Do I have to take this test? Yes, I am a teacher, but I'm also a student – forward moving ever.