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

President's Message

Dear Theta Lambda Sisters,

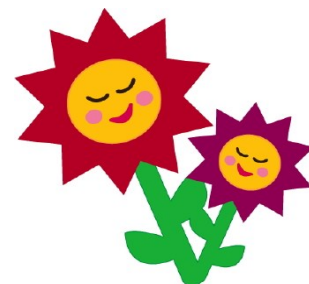
As we all know April showers bring May flowers. What you may not know is that I do not have a green thumb. In fact, I have killed plants that florists say cannot be killed. Despite that, I have decided to update my landscaping and am committed to keeping things alive. I have started learning all about plants and gardens by reading, watching videos, talking with others, and trying to incorporate all the information I am taking in. In other words, I am being educated. In the process of taking on this challenge, I thought back to all of the teachers in my life from Mrs. Holmes in Kindergarten to the fellow educators who led professional development sessions through my years as a teacher and even those who have led programs for our chapter over the years. These wonderful educators not only shared new information, they taught me how to learn and grow as a person and a professional (and hopefully as a gardener) and for that I am very grateful.

Each of us in Theta Lambda has done the same for hundreds of students of all ages – shared new information and taught them how to be lifelong learners. We planted seeds, we watered them, and we fed them and while we don't always know what they grew to become, I know we each made a difference in their lives. I am so glad to be a part of a DKG, a group that honors women educators, and of our special chapter that continues to make a difference in the classroom and community.

Our May meeting will be a celebration of our DKG founder's, and I know Catherine and members of the Program and Service Committee are planning a great program for us for Founder's Day. This is a great program to which to invite guests. We will also welcome Julie Eisenhauer, our Area Coordinator and be talking about how we can support the residents of Parks Youth Ranch as they begin their summer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Jayati's!

Sally Kubiak
President, Theta Lambda



Come join us for Theta Lambda's April meeting!

Home: Jayati Sengupta or Zoom
Hostess: Sandra MacConnell, Cheri Flick

When: Monday, May 17

Inspiration: Laura Downes

Music: Jayati Sengupta

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

Parks Youth Ranch Summer Needs

Earlier this spring we decided our chapter would continue to focus our community support on Parks Youth Ranch and Our Lady of Grace School. I reached out to Parks Youth Ranch to share this and learn about their current needs to see how we might support them in 2021. They have had a challenging year dealing with COVID-19 and changes in schooling but recently shared some ideas of how we might help this summer and in the fall.

In the past we have stuffed duffel bags in May but since we sent 12 in October and as I kept thinking I would hear from them about spring and summer needs, I didn't make plans for this. In the recent email they shared three ideas we might be able to help with as they prepare for summer. These are listed below and we can choose one or two, or we can help with all three.

Outings - Daily programming changes in the summer, and so there are lots of outings and on-site activities. One idea was gift cards (or money) for movie theaters and/or Main Event passes which will help support outings. (Cenimark is the closest theater.)

Snacks - Another idea was snacks as 24 teenagers eat a lot and they are always in need of different types of snacks. The PYR Amazon wish list has different variety packs which contain anywhere from 40- 65 snacks ranging from \$20-\$37. And of course, homemade snacks are always appreciated by kids.

Motivational items - Items that will motivate residents to continue their academic and behavioral success were listed as needs but specific suggestions were not included. Many of the items on the Amazon wish list are kind of pricey but there are things like activity books, brain teasers, and craft items which are more affordable and can be found at Dollar Tree and other local stores.

Please think about how you would like to help. If you want to purchase Cinemark or Main Event gift cards, order/make snacks or purchase activity books, brain teasers or crafts for teenagers, please bring them to the May meeting. Or, if you prefer to make a monetary donation bring that and we will then decide how to best use the money that is contributed.

The current plan for the 2021-2022 school year is to stuff duffels and do Holiday Boxes again but if we learn of new needs this might be modified to make sure we are supporting them in the best way.

Thanks for your commitment to the teens at Parks Youth Ranch. You make such a difference as they are in crisis and have an opportunity to start fresh with your help.

**TREASURER'S REPORT
May 2021**

Checking balance reported in March-April		\$1183.80
<u>Receipts</u>		\$1668.10
Deposit – Dues and Birthday Dinner	\$1668.00	
March-April Bank Dividend	.10	
<u>Disbursements</u>		- \$ 400.00
Birthday Dinner (George’s Pastaria)	\$ 400.00	
Current checking account balance		\$2451.90
Current savings account balance		\$ 560.52
Current CD Balance		\$1637.20
Total assets of chapter		\$4649.62

WHAT THETA LAMBDA MEANS TO ME
By Carol TenBrook



Why am I a member of Delta Kappa Gamma? The first reason is simple - I was asked. In 2004, I taught 2nd grade at Highlands Elementary and Sandra MacConnell asked me if I was interested in coming to a DKG meeting with her. I’ll have to admit that I had never heard of Delta Kappa Gamma before then, but I felt honored to have been asked.

As Sandra told me about the group and the Theta Lambda chapter, I was intrigued. I went to my first meeting and enjoyed it. Everyone was so welcoming and friendly. Because we had a common background of teaching it seemed like we already knew each other in some ways. And the fact that there were other women in the group named Carol - surely this was a sign that this was where I belonged.

Still, joining a new group of people you don’t know can be anxiety provoking! Sandra would call me before each meeting to see if I wanted to ride with her. This was such a comfort because I didn’t have to worry about getting lost, of not knowing anyone, or having no one to talk to. I should not have worried! What I found was a group of women who were educated, caring, compassionate, supportive, and a lot of fun. Through the years I have enjoyed taking on different leadership roles in the chapter and growing as a teacher.

I see Theta Lambda as a constant in my life. Here I have a group of friends/sisters who share a common path with me into my post-teaching years and older adulthood. We are there to support and enjoy each other, while continuing to share the joys and sad times of life with each other. I am honored to be part of such a group.

Carol



Theta Lambda Monthly Meeting Agenda

April 19, 2021

Approval of minutes

Sister Jane made a motion to approve the March minutes. Carol Ann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Convention

DKG Convention in Denton – June 17th -19th There is room available if anyone would like to attend. Alisha just started a new job and is unable to attend now.

Writing What Theta Lambda means to me in May
Carol TenBrook volunteered.

Thank you to Kevin, Carol's husband! He created the lovely roses that hold the tealights. They were made from his 3-D printer.

Stephanie Davidson attended as a guest of Carol Ann. We welcome her to our meeting and so glad that she could be here.

Kudos and Congratulations

Congratulations to Stacy Frenchwood. She received the Guild award for the third year in a row.

Thank you to Alisha for organizing and taking care of dinner. Dinner was ordered from George's Pastaria.

Linsay and Catherine will be re-certifying May 1st and 2nd for Abydos!

Keep them in your thoughts! We know that they will be amazing!

Meeting adjourned at 6:51

A Note from Carol TenBrook

I wanted to share with the group that my daughter Catherine had her baby the day after our meeting on April 20 at 11:58 pm. She was born at 33 weeks and weighed 4# 9 oz, and was 19.5" long.

Catherine's pre-eclampsia symptoms went right away and she is doing fine. Mary Louise Krueger spent 12 days in NICU, but is home now and doing great, nursing well.

Unfortunately, due to an outbreak of Covid at my school we have been teaching remotely and I have yet to hold that baby!!! By Mother's Day I will have been exposure free for 10 days and feel comfortable being able to hold her. Even though I was vaccinated, I didn't want to take any chances with such a tiny baby. Here's a picture with my mom, Mary Louise Tiemann.



***Birthday Celebrations*
*May ~ July***

May 6 ~Jan Randolph

July 8 ~ Alisha Procter

July 10 ~ Lillie Beth Wilson

July 12 ~ Carol Hensley



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