

# Theta Lambda News

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## President's Message

Fall is here! In Houston that means cooler weather (sometimes), less humidity (sometimes), brown leaves gathering on lawns, and a few colorful trees here and there (sometimes). It also means Halloween and seasonal decorations brightening yards and happy children Trick or Treating (sometimes Trunk or Treating these days!). For Theta Lambda fall means enjoyable chapter meetings filled with comradery and laughter (always), a great November auction (always), and a special Holiday meeting in December (always). While we can't count on the weather and trees in Houston to bring us joy in the fall, we can be sure that time with our Theta Lambda sisters does.

I hope each of you is able to join us at our upcoming meetings. In October, Joyce Trigger, who founded Shady Oaks School, will be our presenter. Take a moment to check out the school's website and you will get excited about hearing this amazing woman. We will also be stuffing duffel bags for Parks Youth Ranch that evening. November is the time for our annual Silent Auction. Send Carol TenBrook descriptions and pictures of your items for the Auction Catalog and get ready to bid on some fantastic items. Our own Linsey Bove' will be presenting "Mental Health Matters" and I know we will gain new insights as she shares her program. We wrap up 2021 with our Holiday Meeting in

December which is always festive and fun. We will be making Holiday Boxes for PYR residents and learning more about women's health issues.

Our contest between Team Theta and Team Lambda is in full swing. Invite a friend or colleague to share in the joy we have found by being part of our small but mighty chapter of DKG.

May the days of October bring you opportunities to enjoy family and friends and find time to get outside on the days the weather is crisp and fresh. ~ Sally

### Come join us for Theta Lambda's October meeting!

**Home:** Catherine Hague or Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82373606403?pwd=b0VnMC95WHM1akM1d0QzUWRScG9oQT09>

**Hostess:** Jane Meyer and Alisha Proctor  
**When:** Monday, October 18  
**Inspiration:** Nancy Dobbs

**Music:** Pam Baker

**Program ~ "What Do Our Children Really Need?"  
 Presented by Joyce Trigger, founder, Shady Oak  
 Christian School**

*IMPORTANT MEETING ~ PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND*

**Please join the Kappa Kappa and Theta Lambda Chapters of  
Delta Kappa Gamma  
International Society**

**For an informational session on the upcoming  
Alief ISD Bond Referendum**

**Charles Woods, Deputy Superintendent  
Thursday, October 21st 5:30 p.m.**

**Center for Advanced Careers  
(East Entrance by Bistro)  
12160 Richmond Avenue  
Houston, Texas 77082**



**Parks Youth Ranch**



There is still time to sign up for items for Parks Youth Ranch! We will stuff duffels at our October meeting and you can use the SignUpGenius page to choose what you want to purchase.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EABAD2FA5FE3-pyrfall>

Remember, Walmart and Dollar Tree have great prices on many of the items and will help stretch your dollars.

Happy Shopping!



## What Theta Lambda Means to Me by Linsey Bove'

*Delta Kappa Gamma is my special key to serving my community, genuine spiritual and professional fellowship, and the sharing of wisdom amongst passionate female educators. It is a warm pot of tea that I can pour into my many unfilled cups as an educator.*

*First, it fills my cup of service. My heart runs on caring for others, yet I am often limited by time, means, and access. I love how we work together to find meaningful causes that grant us all the ability to use our own hands and feet (and minds) to give. There is something about serving in community with others that just feels different. I could go to Parks Youth Ranch and offer my time or donations on my own, but when I am able to do so in unity with others of the same heart and mind, it just lights up the experience and freshens the power behind the cause.*

*My time with you ladies also fills my fellowship cup. The isolation and limitations of COVID, new motherhood, and the overall life of a teacher have made for years of struggle to find the time to commune with other women. I am always hungry for small groups, Bible studies, book clubs, ANYTHING. Yet again, though, those things are difficult to fit in to "mi vida loca". I feel like our meetings fulfill every one of those needs. We study together, we learn together, we share together, we offer prayers, advice, care, and inspiration to one another. That is the epitome of fellowship - another warm cup to fill my soul.*

*It cannot go without mentioning the saucer that holds our tea in place: our mission. I love that we stand on our duty to honor women educators, promote growth and excellence in education, and support desirable legislation to pave a new way for those that are to come. I am honored to be a sister, and I look forward to many more meaningful years.*

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### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- October 9 ~ Nonie Ripley**
- October 11 ~ Jayati Sengupta**
- October 14 ~ DaNell Wilkins**
- October 15 ~ Cheryl Flick**
- October 18 ~ Catherine Garcia-Prats**
- October 20 ~ Mary Harris**



## Theta Lambda Monthly Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2021

The September meeting started at 6:00 at the home of Lillie Beth Wilson. The hostesses were Lillie Beth Wilson and Laura Downes. Our guests, Katy Ryan and Beth Anne Moskov, were introduced. Members and guests shared about their jobs.

The Inspiration, *SIX strategies for Staying Motivated during the COVID-19 Pandemic*, was shared by Stacy Frenchwood. The members were provided a handout and encouraged to keep these strategies in mind.

### **Old Business**

The May minutes were posted in the August newsletter. Sister Jane Meyer moved to approve the minutes and Alisha Procter seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by the members.

The May financial report was posted in the September newsletter and copies were available. Laura Downs moved to approve the financial report and Carol Ann Shipp seconded the motion. The financial report was approved unanimously by the members.

### **New Business**

The Sharing and Caring Program was explained by Catherine Hague. Members wrote out three things they did in the summer; several times during the meeting Catherine read them and we guessed who it matched.

The budget for 2021-2022 was reviewed by Sandra MacConnell. Cheri Flick moved to approve the budget and Robin DeLaRosa seconded the motion. The budget was approved unanimously by the members.

Bylaws change was discussed by Sandra MacConnell. A handout of *Article XI – Special Chapter Policies Section C. Convention Expenses* was provided with the proposed changes highlighted. The changes are as follows: 3. One banquet paid for at the convention for president and incoming president. 4. Committee may designate funds to be paid to other people if funds are available. 5. Hotel accommodations are for one room for two nights with a third night considered if location warrants. 6. Travel expenses are attendee's responsibility unless funds are approved by the Finance Committee. Carol Ann Shipp moved to approve the bylaws change and Catherine Hague seconded the motion. The bylaws change was approved unanimously by the members.

Fundraising opportunities were shared. Sally Kubiak explained to the members that a percentage of their purchases at Kroger would be given to Theta Lambda by signing up with the Kroger reward program. Our Silent Auction on November 15 will be both virtual and live. Carol TenBrook will create a virtual catalog; St. Agnes is the possible site. That's My Pan web address for Theta Lambda was provided on the agenda. It was noted that 10 or more items were needed before an order was

submitted. Stacy Frenchwood explained the *Theta Lambda Double Good Virtual Popcorn Fundraiser flier* and noted the chapter receives half of what is sold in the next 4 days.

Membership focus will involve continuing our current rose program and also a new contest. Jan Randolph shared the *'Inviting Guests Contest'* where teams receive points for inviting guests verbally and by letter, their attendance and them joining the chapter. The winning team members will receive a surprise from their "rose buddy" as their reward. A handout with the members of Team Theta and Team Lambda and point values was provided by Jan. Sally Kubiak talked about assigning mentors for new members to provide support. She also explained the newsletter feature, *Autobiographical Sketch*, where you complete a form then there is a sketch each month in the newsletter for us to either learn more about our members or to guess the member.

Service projects we have been doing will continue as well as a new option for new teachers. Sally Kubiak said we would continue making Parks Youth Ranch duffel bags in fall and spring. The staff at that facility wants more bags with fewer items. In the September newsletter there was the Sign Up Genius for the needed items which you will bring to Catherine Hague's home on October 18 where we will stuff the duffel bags. Sally gave us labels for Change for Africa and Sister Jane Meyer shared about Our Lady of Grace School in Kenya. Catherine Hague suggested Sister Jane bring Fair Trade Coffee to the auction as all profit is given to finance the school. Beth Anne Moskov said she would share information with Sister Jane on how to get a small grant through the US Embassy for the school. Sally Kubiak talked about the possibility of providing gifts for new teachers and adding an interactive component like a round table to meet the ASTEF grant criteria in the future. This new project idea was discussed and agreed to by the members. Opportunities to participate will be shared as the project evolves.

Programs for 2021-2022 were summarized by Catherine Hague and members gave feedback. She asked for members to email her suggestions.

### **Other Business**

Badge order forms were distributed to those interested.

What Theta Lambda Means to Me volunteer for October is Lindsey Bove.

Photographer volunteer is Lindsey Bove.

The signup sheet for 2021 and 2022 was passed around and will be posted through email.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Submitted by Nancy Dobbs


**TREASURER’S REPORT  
October 2021**

<b>Checking balance reported in September</b>	<b>\$ 534.13</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b>\$ 14.02</b>
Raffle	\$14.00
September Bank Dividend	\$ .02
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>	<b>- \$ .00</b>
<b>Current checking account balance</b>	<b>\$ 548.15</b>
<b>Current savings account balance</b>	<b>\$ 560.80</b>
<b>Current CD Balance</b>	<b>\$1,639.66</b>
<b>Total assets of chapter</b>	<b>\$2,748.61</b>

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**ALIGNMENT CERTIFICATE**

The Chapter Rules Of  
Theta Lambda  
Are Certified As  
In Alignment With  
The International Constitution and Standing Rules  
and  
The Texas State Bylaws and State Rules  
and are  
Approved for the 2021-2023 Biennium



Texas State Organization Bylaws and Rules Committee



**Theta Lambda Fellowship**  
~ a time for planning and sharing with much laughter and many beautiful smiles.

Theta Lambda members enjoy a delicious meal at the first chapter meeting.



Members introduce themselves to two guests.



Our membership focus includes a new contest between the *Thetas* and the *Lambdas*, and everyone was assigned a *rose buddy*.



## Apple Cream Cheese Bars

(Served at the September meeting by Laura Downes)

### Ingredients

#### Crust

- 1 cup quick-cooking oats
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) butter, melted

#### Cream Cheese Mixture

- 2 packages (16 ounces) cream cheese, room temp.
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs, room temperature

#### Apple Mixture

- 4 large Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced.
- 2 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 Tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- Caramel topping, for garnish.

### Instructions

#### Crust

1. In a large bowl, combine oats, flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and cinnamon.
2. Pour melted butter over the mixture and mix together until crumbly.
3. Measure out two cups of the mixture, and set aside to reserve for topping.
4. Pour the remaining mixture into a greased 9x13 inch baking dish. Press firmly in pan.
5. Bake 18-20 minutes at 350, or until a golden brown.

#### Cream Cheese Mixture

1. In large bowl, add cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla. Mix with hand mixer until smooth.
2. With the mixer on low, add the eggs, one at a time, until fully incorporated into the mixture.
3. Set aside.

#### Apple Mixture

1. In a large bowl, combine apples, flour, brown sugar, and cinnamon.

#### Assembly

1. Arrange apples on top of the cooked crust.
2. Spread cream cheese mixture over the apples.
3. Crumble the reserved oat mixture over the top.
4. Bake 40—45 minutes.
5. Let come to room temperature before serving.
6. Drizzle with caramel topping when you are ready to serve (optional).



## Dates to Remember

September, 2021

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting

October, 2021

October 18<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Meeting

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Chapter Website recertification (Form 72 online)

November, 2021

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Early Bird Yearbook Submissions

November 1<sup>st</sup> – TSO Fall Mini-Grant applications

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) applications due

November 15<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Meeting

December, 2021

December 1<sup>st</sup> – Chapter Yearbook Due

December 13<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Meeting

January, 2022

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – International Foundation Project applications due

January 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> - Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) Retreat

January TBD – Chapter Social

January TBD – Executive Board Meeting

February, 2022

February 1<sup>st</sup> – Chapter President's Report Due

February 1<sup>st</sup> – Nominations for TSO Achievement and Golden Rose Awards due

February 1<sup>st</sup> – International Scholarship Application due

February 15<sup>th</sup> – TSO CPE Convention proposals due

February 28<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Meeting

## Dates to Remember (cont.)

### March, 2022

March 1<sup>st</sup> – TSO Scholarship and Spring Mini-Grant applications due

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Aspiring Education applications due

March 15<sup>th</sup> – List of Chapter Officers to TSO

March 21<sup>st</sup> - Chapter Meeting

### April, 2022

April 1<sup>st</sup> – ASTEF Project applications due

April 1<sup>st</sup> – Annie Program Extravaganza Submission due

April 1<sup>st</sup> – TSO Media and Member in Print Award nominations due

April 25<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Birthday Celebration

### May, 2022

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Membership Snapshot taken

May 1<sup>st</sup> – TSO Five Star Newsletter award due

May 11 – DKG Founders' Day

May 16<sup>th</sup> - Chapter Meeting

### June, 2022

June 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> – TSO Convention, Lubbock

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Membership dues submission

### July, 2022

July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – DKG International Convention, New Orleans

## ZOOM INFORMATION FOR EACH MEETING

September 20, 2021  
October 18, 2021  
November 15, 2021  
December 13, 2021  
February 28, 2022  
March 21, 2022  
April 25, 2022  
May 16, 2022  
September 19, 2022  
October 17, 2022

Topic: Delta Kappa Gamma - Theta Lambda Meeting  
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82373606403?pwd=b0VnMC95WHM1akM1d0QzUWRScG9oQT09>

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***THANK YOU, Stacy, for arranging our Zoom meetings.***