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

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

November is one of my favorite months. The weather is often cool and crisp and Thanksgiving hangs in the air. It is a time I always get pretty sentimental as I think about all that for which I am grateful. I learned a long time ago that no matter what my state of mind or mood, remembering the many ways I have been blessed and all the people who have touched my life always brightens my outlook. Life has changed for me over the past several years – retirement, widowhood, and the COVID-19 pandemic to name a few. Yet so much remains the same – family, friends, volunteering, and opportunities for friendship and service with my DKG sisters with whom I share common values and experiences as educators. I am grateful that Nancy invited me to come to a DKG meeting and encouraged me to keep visiting when my time allowed. I am grateful you welcomed me with open arms and sweet smiles. I am grateful I realized how much I received when I made coming to monthly meetings a priority instead of just ‘when my time allowed’. Most of all I am grateful that I have gotten to know twenty amazing women with whom I get to learn and serve. See, I told you I get sentimental in November!

Get ready for a great meeting on November 15th at St. Agnes Academy! Our annual Silent Auction is going to be wonderful. Carol has already tempted us with the draft Auction Catalog which is filled with really neat things. If you are like me, you already have your list of the items you want to bid on! Linsey will be presenting *Mental Health Matters* and sharing the project her middle school students embarked on and the wisdom and strategies they discovered about mental health through the process. Can't wait to see everyone on the 15th.
 Sally Kubiak ~ President

Come join us for Theta Lambda's November meeting!

Home: St. Agnes Academy or Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82373606403?pwd=b0VnMC95WHM1akM1d0QzUWRScG9oQT09>

Hostess: Jan Randolph and Linsey Bove`
When: Monday, November 15
Inspiration: Jane Meyer
Music: Nancy Dobbs

**Program ~ "Mental Health Matters" Presented by
 Linsey Bove` AND Chapter Silent Auction**

What Theta Lambda Means to Me
by Laura Downes

Theta Lambda means more to me now than when I was initiated in 1986! I was honored when Miriam invited me to join her for a meeting on a Monday evening not truly knowing or understanding what I was getting myself into at that time. I walked into a home where every member was dressed professionally wearing hose, dresses, and teacher shoes. It was very crowded and the meeting was extremely formal. I truthfully thought to myself, "What am I doing here?" Who would have thought I would still be attending meetings on Monday evenings over thirty years later?

So our chapter of Theta Lambda has changed over the years and so have I. I've learned about this amazing international society of women all over the globe sharing our common interest and passion for teaching. I've enjoyed learning from and meeting educators from private schools and a variety of school districts. It has been my honor to hold several offices within Theta Lambda, but serving as the president twice helped me to become the person I am today.

What keeps me involved with our Theta Lambda chapter is simple...it's each and every one of our members. There is an amazing amount of talent, dedication to serving others, and the span and variety of professionals sharing their experiences that keeps me attending. The feeling of mutual respect permeates our atmosphere as we learn and laugh with each other. I love the camaraderie and catching up with everyone as we share our lives -both professionally and personally. You lift me up and I realize how lucky I am to be a member of Theta Lambda. *Compared to other chapters, we are small...but oh so mighty!*



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 8 ~ Michelle Glick

November 14 ~ Mary Herlitz

November 21 ~ Pamela Baker

November 26 ~ Ramona Nance



Theta Lambda Monthly Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2021

On Monday, October 18, 2021, 15 members and 3 guests of Theta Lambda gathered at Catherine Hague's home for our monthly meeting. Our guests were Rhonda Lewis, brought by Robin DeLaRosa, Cathy Podell, brought by Jayati Sengupta, and Rachel De Fuente, brought by Stacy Frenchwood. Each guest introduced themselves. Jane Meyer and Alisha Procter provided a delicious meal. The meeting was called to order by President, Sally Kubiak, at 6:20.

Program – Our program was provided by Joyce Trigger, founder of Shady Oaks School. Joyce shared her passion for children and education including the experiences that led her to opening Shady Oaks Primary School and Shady Oaks Christian School. Joyce presented their Core Values and gave examples of how each is implemented day to day. Her presentation was very enlightening. Those Core Values will be included in the next newsletter.

Old Business

The minutes were included in the September newsletter for review and a motion to approve was made by Carol Ann Shipp and seconded by Robin DeLaRosa. The minutes were passed unanimously. The September financial report was in the September newsletter for review and a motion to approve was made by Alisha Procter and seconded by Laura Downes. The financial report was passed unanimously.

Stacy Frenchwood presented the outcome of the Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser (over \$1300), and we briefly discussed whether we should repeat it in the spring or wait till next fall. We also discussed the possibility of using some of the Double Good money and the money we will raise at the Silent Auction to support our work at Parks Youth Ranch, help fund gifts and meals for a New Teachers Project, and provide financial assistance to members going to the annual DKG Convention. Robin asked if members could get half of the funds they brought in through their Double Good Pop-Up Store to help defray convention costs. It was agreed the board would discuss the use of funds further and come back to the membership with a recommendation.

Carol TenBrook updated us about the upcoming Silent Auction. The auction will be at St. Agnes Academy so many of the items can be viewed. There will also be an online Silent Auction Catalog available prior to the auction and online bidding will begin the Wednesday before the November meeting. Descriptions and pictures of all items need to be emailed to Carol by November 7th. She also made last year's catalog available so members could let her know if they will repeat any of the items this year. As bidding will be online, members were encouraged to make the Silent Auction Catalog and Bid Sheets available to friends and family so they can participate.

Jan Randolph reviewed the 2021 Membership Drive Contest and presented the guests and the members who brought them with their gifts. She also updated the points for Team Theta and Team Lambda.



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Sally Kubiak presented the permission for photographs form that allows members to designate if and how their photographs can be used in various settings, such as our chapter website and newsletter as well as DKG State and International publications. The form will be in the next newsletter and will also be available at upcoming meetings. All members need to sign one, even if they indicate that their photograph may not be used.

New Business

The DKG Area 18 Workshop will be held in September, 2022 and Teresa Toliver, our Area Coordinator, is seeking volunteers to help plan the workshop. Each chapter will be given a specific responsibility for the actual day. Stacy Frenchwood and Pam Baker volunteered, and Sally will inform Teresa.

Other Business

Laura Downes volunteered to write *What Theta Lambda Means to Me* for the November newsletter.

Sally Kubiak announced that both the Achievement Committee and the Nominations Committee will be active this spring as it will be an odd number year. Lillie Beth is the Chairperson of each committee.

Inspiration

The Inspiration was given by Alisha Procter who read a poem "Just a Teacher". It was a great reminder that teachers make a difference every day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40. Members who were able to, stayed to help stuff duffel bags for Parks Youth Ranch.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Kubiak

TREASURER'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2021

Checking Balanace Reported in October \$548.15

Receipts \$1,380.06

Double Good \$1,310

Popcorn .00

Donations to \$70.00

Oct. Bank Div- \$0.06

Disbursements (\$87.09)

Supplies for PYR \$78.29

Post- (yearbook
age mail-outs) \$8.80

Current Checking Account Balance \$1,841.12

Current Savings Account Balance \$560.80

Current CD Balance \$1,639.66

Total Assets of Chapter \$4,041.58

EARLY

BIRD

AWARD

F O R C H A P T E R Y E A R B O O K

This certificate is presented to
Theta Lambda ~ Area 18
2021-2022



Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Shady Oaks Core Values

1. We cultivate empathy and compassion by showing how your actions affect others.
2. We celebrate the greatness of the individual by recognizing their worthiness and capability.
3. We cultivate gratitude.
4. We believe in the power of meaningful work.
5. We believe that my self-awareness allows me to embrace the gifts of others.
6. We believe that there are consequences to behaviors and those help me make thoughtful choices.
7. We cultivate curiosity and wonder.
8. We believe in the power of persistence, grit and problem solving.
9. We believe that there is freedom within consistent and enforceable boundaries.
10. We believe that becoming independent and self-reliant empowers me to contribute to others.
11. We believe in the value of the natural world.
12. We believe that healthy physical, social, nutritional and spiritual practices are the foundation for an individual's success.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded May 11, 1929, at the Faculty Women's Club at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Now you know!

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October's Inspiration



Just a Teacher...

I heard you say the other day,
"Oh, you're **just** a teacher anyway.
You laugh and play your day away.
You're free at 3, have your summers off."
You snickered softly and even scoffed.

I'm sad to say, that you just don't see,
What being a teacher means to me.
Sure, I laugh and play my day away...
Because learning is fun and that's **just** my way.
If I were free at 3 and had my summers off,
I'd too snicker softly and even scoff...
Unfortunately my paycheck does, but I do not.

But you see Good Sir, Ma'am, Madam or Miss
Being **just** a teacher is much more than this.

I **just** teach your child to read and write,
To **just** explore and question,
To **just** think and be bright.
I **just** dry their tears when they're having a bad day.
I'm **just** there for them in each and every way.

Your most precious asset **just** deserves a lot.
And being **just** a teacher, I am not.
I dare you to **just** take a closer look.
For being **just** a teacher doesn't come in a book.
It comes from the heart and it's a passion you see.
So, being **JUST** a teacher is fine by me!

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Theta Lambda Acknowledgement ~ Permission To Use Photograph

Please review the possible uses of your photograph in DKG, Theta Lambda, and or community publications and social media. Check those where use of your photograph is being granted.

The Theta Lambda chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma has my permission to use my photograph in the following places (check those where use is granted).

- Chapter website
- Chapter newsletter
- TSO and/or International DKG websites
- Local newspapers
- DKG publications
- Social media sites, including Facebook

X

Signature

Date

Print Name _____

Dates to Remember

September, 2021

September 20th – Chapter Meeting

October, 2021

October 18th - Chapter Meeting

October 31st – Chapter Website recertification (Form 72 online)

November, 2021

November 1st – Early Bird Yearbook Submissions

November 1st – TSO Fall Mini-Grant applications

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

November 15th - Chapter Meeting

December, 2021

December 1st – Chapter Yearbook Due

December 13th - Chapter Meeting

January, 2022

January 3rd – International Foundation Project applications due

January 14th -16th - Spectacular Texas Arts Retreat (STAR) Retreat

January TBD – Chapter Social

January TBD – Executive Board Meeting

February, 2022

February 1st – Chapter President's Report Due

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

February 1st – International Scholarship Application due

February 15th – TSO CPE Convention proposals due

February 28th - Chapter Meeting

Dates to Remember (cont.)

March, 2022

March 1st – TSO Scholarship and Spring Mini-Grant applications due

March 1st – Aspiring Education applications due

March 15th – List of Chapter Officers to TSO

March 21st - Chapter Meeting

April, 2022

April 1st – ASTEF Project applications due

April 1st – Annie Program Extravaganza Submission due

April 1st – TSO Media and Member in Print Award nominations due

April 25th - Chapter Birthday Celebration

May, 2022

May 1st – Membership Snapshot taken

May 1st – TSO Five Star Newsletter award due

May 11 – DKG Founders' Day

May 16th - Chapter Meeting

June, 2022

June 14th - 16th – TSO Convention, Lubbock

June 20th – Membership dues submission

July, 2022

July 12th-16th – 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>

Meeting ID: 823 7360 6403

Passcode: 680195

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Passcode: 680195

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbNUsCG281>

THANK YOU, Stacy, for arranging our Zoom meetings.