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

President's Message

Dear Theta Lambda Sisters,

While short, February is a very full month. Some of the more well-known things that happen in February are Lunar New Year, Ground-hog Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, Susan B. Anthony's Birthday, George Washington's Birthday, and Mardi Gras, as well as Black History Month and American Heart Month!! Like Theta Lambda – small but mighty. And just think about all the good food that goes along with each of these!

We think of February as the month of love. Take time this month to love on someone – send a card, make a phone call, deliver some chocolate or a fruit basket, write an email, or invite them to lunch. While you're doing that, take some time to love on yourself. We often are so busy thinking of others and fulfilling a host of responsibilities that we don't take time for ourselves – pamper yourself with a long bubble bath, your favorite meal, a call to a friend, a drive in the country, sleeping in, a good book, chocolate, or whatever brings a smile to your face.

We will gather at Sandra MacConnell's home on February 28th for our chapter meeting. The Nominations Committee will present a slate of officers for the 2022-2023 biennium.

Come join us for Theta Lambda's February meeting!

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Home: Sandra MacConnell

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Hostesses: Sandra MacConnell, Cheri Flick

When: Monday, February 28 Inspiration: Catherine Hague

Music: Michele Croft

Program ~ "Deeper Conversations ~ Understand - ing Each Other in Today's World"

President, Theta Lambda

We will have the first of a two-meeting program "Deeper Conversations About Understanding Each Other in Today's World". We are looking forward to thoughtful dialogue. (All for now – just enough to whet your appetite, I hope.)

Looking forward to seeing you on the 28th.

Sally Kubiak





Treasurer's Report February 2022

Checking Balance Reported in December \$2,627.20

Receipts \$10.10

Raffle \$10.00 Dec. Bank Dividend \$0.10

<u>Disbursements</u> (\$506.00)

PYR Project (MP3 Players) \$476.00 PYR Project (Boxes) \$30.00

Current Checking Account Balance\$2,131.30Current Savings Account Balance\$560.94Current CD Balance\$1,640.90

Total Assets of Chapter \$4,333.14

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February Birthdays

Laura Downes—February 3

Stacy Frenchwoood—February 15

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What Theta Lambda Means to Me

Carol Ann Shipp

Margie Scott was the *grande dame* of Theta Lambda. I met her in 1967, my first year of teaching, at Reagan High School. At that time. a teacher had to have been teaching 5 years to be invited to join a chapter; in addition, she had to be nominated by 3 members of Delta Kappa Gamma, though not necessarily the same chapter. By 1972 I met the teaching requirement. Dr. Ruth Nichols, also a member of Theta Lambda, taught graduate level administrative classes at the University of Houston. Two of her pupils were Tom Wilson and Tommy Shipp. (She was also a member of my church.) So Ruth nominated me for membership, getting Margie to sign as well as someone who was a statewide officer. Naturally, I was thrilled to be invited!

During the last 50 years, there have been times when I was able to devote more time to the chapter as well as other times when my focus was elsewhere. I have enjoyed being on just about every committee and serving in every office with the exception of treasurer and newsletter editor. I was Area Coordinator for a two year period, but I have never desired to serve at the state level.

The membership of the chapter has changed over the years, but all our members have been wonderful, caring people who want to help children and help each other. I truly believe that our ability to navigate these pandemic years has made us all stronger!

What Theta Lambda Means to Me

Dr. Jayati Sengupta

I was introduced to this esteemed organization by Mrs. Lillie Beth Wilson, when she was my principal and mentor at Outley Elementary, many winters ago. I remember that the meeting was at her house. I had no idea what to expect, but was brimming with excitement. It turned out to be an experience that left me spellbound. I was delighted to meet so many friendly, intelligent, and hardworking ladies who were enthusiastic, and involved deeply in education. I was accepted by everyone with open arms. I got the inner feeling that I was now part of a very close-knit family. Even after all these years, I still feel the same way.

Through all the waves in my life, I have been strengthened by the support of my DKG sisters. I have learnt something from each and every one of them, and these experiences have helped me grow.

I enjoy our meetings every month, because I always come home inspired and enthused. The dedication and compassion of all the members is contagious, it touches me and makes me a better person. Going into the homes of our incredible hosts have shown me what American hospitality is all about. Born and raised in India, I really imbibe these invisible strokes of the American culture with pleasure. I am thankful that everyone respects and appreciates my Indian upbringing and of course all that I cook! No matter the occasion, cooking for this group is always a pleasure! The speakers who come to our meetings, share their expertise on a wide variety of subjects. These interactions present great opportunities for me to expand my own horizons. I also appreciate our own tech experts who have patiently taught me so much.

I sometimes feel that I am unable to do as much as I would like to, but I am grateful that my friends understand my limitations. I am greatly honored to be a part this elite group of educators, under the Theta Lambda umbrella.



DID YOU KNOW?

DKG membership is an honor and is offered by invitation only from a local chapter.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international society with members in 17 countries.

The Society is structured in three levels—local, state organization and international.

The local unit is called a chapter.

The term "state organization" designates states, territories, provinces and comparable political divisions in countries where Delta Kappa Gamma is organized.

The terms "international" and/or "Society" refer to the overall organization with the total membership.



Now You Know!

Editor's Note: No Meeting Minutes are included in this newsletter as our Chapter does not meet in January. The December minutes can be found in the January newsletter.

Dates to Remember

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February, 2022
February 1<sup>st</sup> – Chapter President's Report Due
February \mathbf{1}^{\text{st}} – 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
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 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> - TSO Convention, Lubbock
June 20<sup>th</sup> – Membership dues submission
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July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – DKG International Convention, New Orleans
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ZOOM INFORMATION FOR EACH MEETING

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

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THANK YOU, Stacy, for arranging our Zoom meetings.