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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Good morning, Theta Lambda,



Here we are in the month of December. December is such a busy time for all of us. I can see all of my sisters running around with "holiday fever"! Many of us are approaching the last few weeks of teaching classes before the Winter Break. The students are becoming more and more anxious as the days draw closer to their coveted time off. All of us are super busy with holiday prepping, decorating, parties, and maybe planning to travel this holiday season. It's the most wonderful time of the year, for sure. I love the holidays and all of the hustle and bustle even though it is rather tiring. I muster the strength to continue on and enjoy every bit of the holiday rush. I hope you, too, will find enjoyment this holiday season and perhaps, we can all find time to slow down, rest, gaze at the lovely poinsettias, and the magical holiday lights. I hope you, too, will reflect on the beautiful gift of life, friendship and the sisterhood that we are so blessed to have during this Christmas season.

We are meeting this month at the home of Lillie Beth Wilson on December 12th. We will be blessed with some of Linsey Bove's 8th grade students sharing their Moth Hour stories. How exciting! Congratulations and thank you to everyone for their efforts with the Double Good Popcorn and the "Got Sneakers?" fundraisers. This month we are continuing to collect sneakers. If you like, you can bring in one, two, or four pairs! We are also collecting books for the Attack Poverty

Library and accepting Change for Africa. Lastly, if you would like to donate a new toy for Lily's Toy Box, please feel free to bring one to the meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in a little over a week's time.

Alisha Procter, President, Theta Lambda



Come join us for Theta Lambda's December meeting!

Home: Lillie Beth Wilson 5:30-7:30
ZOOM: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6675747347>

Hostesses: Lillie Beth Wilson ~ Carol Ann Shipp
When: Monday, December 12
Inspiration: Jane Meyer
Music: Lillie Beth and Tom Wilson

Program

Moth Hour stories presented by students from
Grace School



For Each Meeting

Linsey Bové's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6675747347>

Meeting ID: 667 574 7347.



December Birthdays

Carol Ann Shipp ~ December 14

Carol TenBrook ~ December 15

Sandra MacConnell ~ December 21



Happy Birthday



Service Projects

Attack Poverty

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

At the October meeting, we agreed to gift the Attack Poverty North Richmond library with suitable K-5th books. These will be given after our December meeting. Please bring books to donate for this literacy cause. Book donations will be received at the December meeting.

Lily's Toy Box

Lily DuBose an 8th grader at Grace School, will be sharing her Moth Story at our December meeting. She started a nonprofit called Lily's Toy Box when she was in 3rd grade in response to Hurricane Harvey. She collects and provides toys to needy families all year round, but Christmas is surely their biggest time of year. It's gotten so big, they now own a warehouse and have the support of many local businesses and even the Houston Astros. On top of telling her story, she will tell us about her organization and all they are doing for the city of Houston. If you would like to donate a toy, please bring it to the December meeting.



FUNDRAISERS

Got Sneakers?

The "gotsneakers?" fundraiser bags have arrived! Please start asking family, friends, neighbors, and cleaning out closets. Gather as many pairs of athletic shoes as you can because we will collect sneakers at our meetings. Please remember we are only collecting athletic footwear. Here is the link if you would like more information: <https://gotsneakers.com/compensation-and-footwear-guidelines/>. Let's do our part and help sneakers to be recycled, reused, and out of landfills.



Theta Lambda
Chapter Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022

Our November meeting was held at Nancy Dobbs' house and Nancy Dobbs and Rachel Delafuente were hostesses who provided a delicious meal.

There were 12 members present and Rachel brought a guest, Esther Casarev.

President Alicia Procter began the meeting at 6:11.

Jan Randolph gave the inspiration.

Our key speakers were Brett Lee and Ursula Wright. They spoke about "Attack Poverty" and presented a power point of what they do. Their mission and values are to strengthen under-resourced communities through spiritual growth, education, revitalization, and basic needs. They have different locations around Houston and the "Friends of North Richmond" is the one our fellow members visited last month. Attack Poverty encompasses many programs including, but not limited to, after school tutoring for elementary students, 1st to 5th grade, giving tips on teaching to volunteers, and looking over curriculum. They recently signed with Fort Bend County and will be collecting winter blankets and/or summer fans. As proposed at our October meeting, we will be collecting books for their libraries.

They mentioned they are in need of books for the upper grades. (3rd, 4th and 5th) FYI: Fort Bend County Libraries have carts full of books for sale. Children's books were 50 cents.

Old Business: The October minutes were approved as printed. Linsey Bove moved that the minutes be approved. Sally Kubiak seconded.

Finances were approved as printed. Nancy Dobbs moved that the finances be approved. Lillie Beth Wilson seconded.

New Business:

-We are going to do Double Good popcorn from November 15th to November 19th. Thanks to Stacy for setting this up.

-Many people brought their old sneakers to recycle. We filled 3 huge bags, about 35 pairs of shoes. We will still be collecting sneakers at our next meeting.



Membership Committee

-Nancy gave information on our membership drive. There is a prospective letter, a prospective card and a DKG Theta Lambda Brochure with our meeting dates and programs listed through May 2023. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining or may just want to come and check us out and you would like a copy of the above mentioned items, get in touch with Nancy.

We will also have a friendly competition among us for increasing our membership. We will be divided into two teams. (Theta and Lambda) Nancy called out the names for the Theta and Lambda Teams. She will email the list to us. For each guest brought to a meeting that team will get 1 point. If the guest becomes a member, that team will get 5 points. At the end, the team with the least amount of points will sponsor a taco dinner for the team with the most points.

Alisha adjourned the meeting at 7:40.

Alisha Procter

Robin DeLaRosa



TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2022

Checking Balance Reported in	November	\$1,111.11
Receipts		\$45.78
October Dividend	\$0.05	
Raffle	\$16.00	
Kroger Rewards	\$29.73	
Disbursements		(\$72.17)
Chapter Brochures	\$47.82	
Supplies (note cards)	\$24.35	
Current Checking Account Balance		\$1,084.72
Current Savings Account Balance		\$561.36
Current CD Balance		\$1,645.30
Total Assets of Chapter		\$3,291.38

FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Sandra MacConnell



While scanning through our Theta Lambda archives box, I began to reminisce about the years of how our chapter has celebrated the upcoming Christmas holiday at our December meeting. I became a member of DKG in 1972, so I have attended all but the first four years of celebrations. I remember well that that December meeting was always held in the home of Laura LaPrelle, one of our charter members. Laura was the host for the Christmas social for nine consecutive years, from 1968-to 1976. Laura had been a music teacher and choral director for many years, so, of course, our Christmas meeting was always filled with songs of the season.

For the next 30+ years (1977- 2011), our meetings were held in the homes of various members as we celebrated with covered dish suppers (known today as potluck dinners), cookie exchanges, craft workshops, progressive dinners, gift/ornament/white elephant gift exchanges, holiday book readings or reviews, silent auctions, and initiations of new members. Occasionally, we would decide to do something different and have our Christmas get-together at a restaurant. Long-time members may remember luncheons at the Rustic Oak Tea Room, the Junior League, Sweetwater Country Club, and the Brookwood Store on Westheimer.

Beginning in 2011 and continuing until present day, Lillie Beth Wilson and Miriam Watson have taken up the Laura LaPrelle mantle of graciously inviting us into their beautiful homes, alternating between homes each year to celebrate the season.

Whatever the plan or activity is to celebrate, two things that remain the same every year are the close fellowships among our sisters in Theta Lamba and the inclusion of holiday music as we celebrate the Christmas season.



Book Recommendations

**New recommendations will be added to the beginning of the list each month.*

Lessons in Chemistry

The Paris Library

The Summer Before the War

A Gentleman in Moscow

Rules of Civility

The Maid

A Man Called Ove

The Bodyguard

Jayber Crow

The Book of Lost Names

Free Lunch

The Train to Crystal City

Sensible Shoes

The Dressmakers of Auschwitz

The Children's Train

Think Again

How to Tell A Story:

The Essential Guide to Memorable Storytelling from the Moth

Bonnie Garmus

Janet Skeslien Charles

Helen Simonson

Amor Towles

Amor Towles

Nita Prose

Fredrik Backman

Katherine Center

Wendell Barry

Kristen Harmel

Rex Ogle

Jan Jarboe Russell

Sharon Garlough Brow

Lucy Adlington

Viola Ardone

Adam Grant

Meg Bowles, et al



2022 -2023 Theta Lambda Meeting Dates

December 12, 2022 ***Home of Lillie Beth Wilson***

January Social - Date TBD

February 13, 2023 ***Home of Sister Jane Meyer***

March 20, 2023 ***Home of Robin DeLaRosa***

April 17, 2023 ***Restaurant TBD***

May 15, 2023 ***Home of Carol TenBrook***

July Social – Date TBD

September 18, 2023 ***Home of Jayati Sengupta***

October 16, 2023 ***Home of Nancy Dobbs***