

# Theta Lambda News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Theta Lambda Sisters,

The March Chapter meeting will be held on **Monday, March 20, 2023** at the lovely home of Robin DeLaRosa. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

We will not have a scheduled program on March 20th; instead we will focus on chapter business and finalize plans for the upcoming special **Easter Project on Wednesday, April 5th** at **Attack Poverty's** Friend's of North Richmond location. Sisters, please bring in the Easter items that you have selected from the SignUp Genius. We will create 25 festive Easter baskets for the children in the YouCan Academy, which is an after-school program at Attack Poverty that is designed to help students with homework, reading, and mentoring.

We will also discuss how to best help the Attack Poverty teachers, staff, and volunteers through professional development sessions taught by our very own illustrious and accomplished chapter members.

Let's also brainstorm how we can bring in new members. Ms. Teresa Tolliver has asked that every chapter bring in at least 1 new member this year.

The first annual **TSO Technology Conference** will be held **March 31st through April 1st** in Cleburne, Texas. If you are a techie at heart and want to learn more about topics, like Using Google Docs, Using Zoom, Using Social Media, plan to attend.

The **94th TSO Conference** will be held **June 14 - 17, 2023** in **McAllen, TX**. Did you know that McAllen is the 22nd most populous city in Texas? It's also among the 10 safest

safest cities in the United States.

Do you have a project that you would like to get funded? Perhaps, as a chapter we can apply for funding an additional special project with Attack Poverty. Applications are open for the ASTEF stipend and will close on April 1st.

Would you like to nominate one of our sisters for the Area 18 Travel Brochure **Wonder Woman acknowledgement**? Nominations are now being accepted, complete the attached link. Link: <https://forms.gle/FN224iedrGJgh86Q8>.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful day!

*Alisha Procter*, Theta Lambda President

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

**Home:** Robin DeLaRosa 5:30-7:30

**Hostesses:** Catherine Hague, Laura Downes

**When:** Monday, March 20

**Inspiration:** Nancy Dobbs

**Music:** Jane Meyer

**Program ~ Plan Attack Poverty Events and Prepare Easter Baskets for Service Project**



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Membership dues for 2022-2023 will be accepted starting now.

Active Members \$75.00

Reserve Members \$28.00

Make checks payable to Theta Lambda-DKG

And bring to the March or April meeting or send to...

Sandra MacConnell  
611 Chevy Chase Circle  
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Be an early bird and pay your dues ASAP!



### March Birthdays

*Sally Kubiak ~ March 17*

*Miriam Watson ~ March 27*

*Linsey Bove ~ March 28*

*Happy Birthday!*

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# Service Project ~ Attack Poverty

## Easter Baskets

*Please bring your items to the March meeting. We will create the baskets for our April 5th craft activity and Easter egg hunt.*



## FUNDRAISERS

### Got Sneakers? We Are STILL Collecting!

We are continuing with the “gotsneakers?” fundraiser. Be sure to check with family and friends for athletic shoes they may wish to donate. 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, re-used, and out of landfills.





Theta Lambda  
Chapter Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2023

Our February meeting was held at Sr. Jane Meyer's house and Sr. Jane, Jan Randolph and Miriam Watson were hostesses who provided a delicious meal.

There were 12 members present plus a guest, Teresa Toliver, our Area 18 coordinator. Two members were on zoom.

President Alisha Procter began the meeting at 6:20.

Our key speaker on zoom was Dr. Julia Andrews from the Harris County Department of Education. The topic for discussion was **Safe and Secure Schools**. We had some difficulty hearing and sharing with Dr. Andrews but she agreed to come at another time to talk with us.

**Old Business:** Finances were approved as printed in the newsletter.

**New Business-** Sandra informed us that we made \$23.00 on our first collection of old sneakers. Sr. Jane has since acquired more sneakers and sent another bag. We decided to continue collecting at each meeting since it doesn't cost anything and it helps in keeping the environment green. Stacy will need to order more bags, though. Thank you, Stacy.

-We voted not to have an auction this year. We have sufficient funds in our account and the vote was to forego it this year. A decision to have an auction will be assessed on a year to year basis.

-There was discussion on acquiring a chapter "zoom" account. Alisha will look into it and we'll discuss it at the meeting in March.

-Our project, **Attack Poverty**, was discussed. We have had contact with the Friends of North Richmond group and it is called the "**U Can Academy**". Alisha passed out information on some upcoming programs she is proposing for members to participate in. The first one is an Easter Craft Project or Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. All of these programs involve 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders after school. If you wish to volunteer, you will need to get in touch with Attack Poverty because you will need to get a background check, first.

Other dates to keep in mind are:

**September 6-Back to School Science Fun.**

**December 6-Holiday "Dress-Up" Reading**



The organization accepts any help we can provide, even Teacher Professional Development during the summer or fall. This would be an opportunity to share our knowledge with other volunteers. Catherine and her husband, Allan, have recently volunteered. Any and all others are welcome to join them.

-Lillie Beth is looking at Los Tios Mexican Restaurant in Sugar Land for our April birthday dinner. She will firm this up by our next meeting.

-Sally invited all to a Literacy Council fundraiser on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. More information is coming.

-Alisha brought up the Convention in McAllen this summer. Anyone interested in going, notify her.

Alisha adjourned the meeting at 7:40.

Approved

*Alisha Procter* 2/21/2023

*Robin DeLaRosa*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Checking Balance Reported in</b>	<b>February</b>	\$2,385.85
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		\$28.44
Jan.-Feb. Dividends	\$0.19	
Feb. Raffle	\$18.00	
Got Sneakers Fund Raiser	\$10.25	
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>		(\$164.00)
Donations - State Funds	\$94.00	
Donations - International Funds	\$70.00	
<b>Current Checking Account Balance</b>		\$2,250.29
<b>Current Savings Account Balance</b>		\$561.50
<b>Current CD Balance</b>		\$1,647.64
<b>Total Assets of Chapter</b>		<b>\$4,459.43</b>



FROM the ARCHIVES      By Sandra MacConnell

### Back in the Day – 50 Years Ago (1973)

Chapter dues were \$13.00, but members were assessed an extra \$3.00 to cover the cost of purchasing new editions of the Delta Kappa Gamma Handbook and Constitution for the chapter.

Members furnished self-addressed stamped envelopes so the chapter newsletter could be mailed to them. Newsletters were typed on a typewriter and purple ink copies were made on school mimeograph machines.

A 25-cent penalty was imposed on members not wearing their DKG pins. Collected funds were contributed to the World Fellowship Fund.

Theta Lambda celebrated its fifth birthday at the Cohen House at Rice University where the chapter initiated its charter members five years earlier.

The Alpha State (Texas) Convention was held in June of 1973 in San Antonio.



# EARLY BIRD AWARD

FOR CHAPTER YEARBOOK

This certificate is presented to  
**Theta Lambda**

Area 18

**2022-2023**





## **Book Recommendations**

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

<i>The Midnight Library</i>	<b>Matt Haig</b>
<i>When Women Were Dragons</i>	<b>Kelly Barnhill</b>
<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	<b>Bonnie Garmus</b>
<i>The Paris Library</i>	<b>Janet Skeslien Charles</b>
<i>The Summer Before the War</i>	<b>Helen Simonson</b>
<i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i>	<b>Amor Towles</b>
<i>Rules of Civility</i>	<b>Amor Towles</b>
<i>The Maid</i>	<b>Nita Prose</b>
<i>A Man Called Ove</i>	<b>Fredrik Backman</b>
<i>The Bodyguard</i>	<b>Katherine Center</b>
<i>Jayber Crow</i>	<b>Wendell Barry</b>
<i>The Book of Lost Names</i>	<b>Kristen Harmel</b>
<i>Free Lunch</i>	<b>Rex Ogle</b>
<i>The Train to Crystal City</i>	<b>Jan Jarboe Russell</b>
<i>Sensible Shoes</i>	<b>Sharon Garlough Brow</b>
<i>The Dressmakers of Auschwitz</i>	<b>Lucy Adlington</b>
<i>The Children's Train</i>	<b>Viola Ardone</b>
<i>Think Again</i>	<b>Adam Grant</b>
<i>How to Tell A Story:</i>	<b>Meg Bowles, et al</b>
<i>The Essential Guide to Memorable Storytelling from the Moth</i>	





## **2022 -2023 Theta Lambda Meeting Dates**

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

**April 17, 2023**                      ***Los Tios Restaurant***

**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***