

# Theta Lambda News

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *from the desk of Catherine Hague*

Wasn't it August just yesterday? Ready or not, December is here with all its glories - and responsibilities. There are gifts to be purchased, decorating to be done, presents to be wrapped (and mailed), baking and endless grocery lists to be made. These are the responsibilities that fill our days with **busyness**.

I invite you to be **intentional** with your time. Take a moment to remember a special gift you received one Christmas, or the decoration you loved as a child and couldn't wait to dig out of the box and display. Can you smell the Christmas dishes (and cookies) you prepared with your mother or grandmother? These remembrances can fill us with **love** and **gratitude**, and they can help us to make it through the busy holidays.

As we gather December 11<sup>th</sup> at Miriam Watson's home, you are invited to share a favorite or special memory. We will celebrate the season, formally welcome our new member, Susan Chacko, and celebrate each other.

December 11<sup>th</sup> - it's on my calendar, as is December 6<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, we will spread a little cheer at Attack Poverty. We are providing hot chocolate and cookies, reading stories, playing Christmas bingo, and handing out the Christmas stockings our chapter is donating. Please let me know if you can join us (see page 2).

Blessings to you and yours ~ wishing you all ~ and our world ~ **PEACE**.

Catherine

### **Come join us for Theta Lambda's December meeting!**

**Home:** Miriam Watson 5:30-7:30  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3179679650?pwd=QW1kQm5abzN6VDRHYnl0Vm4vbFNWQT09>  
**Inspiration:** Susan Chacko  
**Music:** Jane Meyer  
**Hostesses:** Miriam Watson—Lillie Beth Wilson  
**When:** Monday, December 11th

Program ~ Celebrate the Season—Celebrate Each Other

Induction of New Member

*Sharing a Christmas Memory*



## Volunteer Opportunity at Attack Poverty

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

2:00-5:00 p.m.

1305 Clay Street Richmond, TX 77469

281-762-2068

We will serve hot chocolate and cookies, read Christmas stories, play Christmas Bingo, and hand out the Christmas stockings donated by our Chapter.



*Please note: I plan on purchasing the hot chocolate and cookies, as well as the cups and napkins. If you would like to bake some cookies, please let me know.*

### Additional Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are desperately needed for these programs:

ESL (AM and possibly PM classes) ~ The ESL Basic class needs a Spanish speaker.

GED (AM and possibly PM classes)

TECHNOLOGY ~ This class will be teaching basic computer literacy.

YOU Can Academy – Attack Poverty’s afterschool program, 3-5, M-F. This is an ongoing need. Members of our chapter have been attending on Wednesdays.

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**Our Silent Auction Fundraiser was a HUGE success! At last count, the total was 825.00! These donations help us to help others. A BIG thank you to all of you who donated items for the auction and to all of you who purchased items!**

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<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Checking Balance Reported in</b>	<b>November</b>	\$2,183.65
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		\$825.17
Auction	\$825.00	
Oct.-Nov. Dividends	\$0.17	
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>		<b>(\$500.57)</b>
<b><u>Attack Poverty Chapter Project</u></b>		
(Supplies for fall treat bags and Christmas stockings)	\$279.81	
(Building supplies for stairs)	\$200.00	
Envelopes	\$3.49	
Gift for speaker	\$8.99	
Postage for yearbook hard copies	\$8.28	
<b>Current Checking Account Balance</b>		\$2,508.25
<b>Current Savings Account Balance</b>		\$561.92
<b>Current CD Balance</b>		\$1,676.12
<b>Total Assets of Chapter</b>		<b>\$4,746.29</b>



**Theta Lambda**  
**Chapter Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2023**

Our November meeting was held at Nancy Dobb's house and hostesses were Nancy Dobbs, Laura Downes and Lillie Beth Wilson. There were 11 members present.

Throughout the meeting members were given time to bid on auction items for our silent auction fundraiser.

President Catherine Hague began the meeting at 6:15.

Bethanne Moskov gave the inspiration.

The program was, "The Power of Storytelling". Catherine Hague and Laura Downes gave us some background on **Story Proof: The Science Behind the Startling Power of Story**, by Kendall Haven.

**Old Business:** The October minutes and treasurer's report were approved as printed with Sally Kubiak moving they be accepted and seconded by Laura Downes.

**Attack Poverty:** Previously approved our executive board bought items to fill the winter stockings for the students at Attack Poverty using our organizational funds.

**New Business:** The winter party for Attack Poverty students is on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in being a part of the festivities is welcome to come at 3:00. It ends between 5:00 and 5:30. Come for as long as you can.

A motion was made by Sally Kubiak to reimburse Allan Hague \$200.00 for the materials he used to make the steps going down to the Attack Poverty property so the students wouldn't have to walk to the facility using the side streets. It was seconded by Jane Meyers. The stairs were a well-needed addition and greatly appreciated.

Catherine Hague adjourned the meeting at 7:15

Members settled their bids and went home with items in hand.

*Approved, Lillie Beth Wilson, Robin DeLaRosa, and Catherine Hague*



### **Theta Lambda Membership Plan 2023-2024**

- \* When a guest attends a meeting for the first time, she will receive a welcome note, brochure and Theta Lambda Guest Card to complete. The member who brought that guest will receive a thank you note at the meeting.
- \* The first time guest will receive a hand written note in the mail.
- \* Prospect letter template will be available to be completed by member for their specific guest and prospect cards will be available for members to hand out to prospective members at school, church, etc.
- \* Brochures will be available for members to hand out to prospective members.
- \* Review that women eligible for membership in DKG include teachers, administrators, counselors, librarians, and paraprofessionals as well as music teachers like piano and violin who teach as a job either privately or with groups, health educators like yoga and exercise instructors who teach as a job either privately or with groups, adult educators, and trainers in business world.
- \* Members will be divided into 2 teams for a membership competition.
- \* Each team will receive 1 point every time their visitor attends a meeting or function and 5 points for each member initiated.
- \* The reward to the team getting the most points will be that the other team members will bring the fixings for a Charcuterie Board for all to enjoy.

### **Membership Drive Teams 2023-2024**

#### **Team Theta**

Linsey Bove'  
 Jayati Sengupta  
 Robin DeLaRosa  
 Sally Kubiak  
 Jan Randolph  
 Susan Chacko  
 Laura Downes  
 Stacy Frenchwood  
 Rachel Delafuente  
 Mary Herlitz  
 Michelle Croft

#### **Team Lambda**

Carol TenBrook  
 Catherine Hague  
 Cheri Flick  
 Lillie Beth Wilson  
 Carol Ann Shipp  
 Jane Meyer  
 Nancy Dobbs  
 Michelle Glick  
 Bethanne Moskov  
 Sandra MacConnell  
 Miriam Watson



## **2023 -2024 Theta Lambda Meeting Dates**

<b>September 18, 2023</b>	<b><i>Home of Jayati Sengupta</i></b>
<b>October 16, 2023</b>	<b><i>Home of Sally Kubiak</i></b>
<b>November 13, 2023</b>	<b><i>Home of Nancy Dobbs</i></b>
<b>December 11, 2023</b>	<b><i>Home of Miriam Watson</i></b>
<b>January 2024</b>	<b><i>Social ~ Date To Be Determined</i></b>
<b>February 12, 2024</b>	<b><i>Home of Linsey Bove`</i></b>
<b>March 18, 2024</b>	<b><i>Blue Willow Bookshop</i></b>
<b>April 15, 2024</b>	<b><i>Theta Lambda's Birthday Celebration—Location TBD</i></b>
<b>May 20, 2024</b>	<b><i>Home of Carol TenBrook</i></b>
<b>September 16, 2024</b>	<b><i>Home of Jayati Sengupta</i></b>
<b>October 21, 2024</b>	<b><i>Home of Stacy Frenchwood</i></b>