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**Note Special Date
and Time for Social**

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

Greetings to you all! One of my former supervisors had a plaque in her office that read ***The Days are Long, but the Years are Short.*** This plaque had been gifted to her by a parent; the parent being appreciative of the guidance and wisdom received as her son navigated middle school and moved on to high school. At this stage in life, I feel this adage so deeply. **Is it really 2024?**

I'm a goal oriented person – always have been. Yes, I make resolutions in the new year, but I read something the other day in an article by Nadia Bolz-Weber that got me thinking. She proclaimed: **There is no resolution that, if kept, will make you more worthy of love. There is no resolution that, if kept, will make life less uncertain....**

I needed to read that. I cannot “parent” my adult children, nor can I control the actions of my siblings, relatives, or friends. I **can** greet each day as a new beginning, offer love to others, and show kindness. I **can** perform acts of service as I am able. **I can know that I am enough and I am worthy.** Just think about that for a minute.

December's chapter meeting was such a joyous time! Thank you Miriam for hosting us in your beautiful home. We all enjoyed the wonderful meal, the fellowship, and the singing. We also had the induction ceremony for Susan Chacko. Susan, we are so glad you have joined DKG and are a member of our chapter. Kudos to Miriam (hostess), Lillie Beth (co-hostess), Susan (inspiration), Sister Jane (music), and Jayati (induction ceremony).

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Come join us for Theta Lambda's January Social

Home: Lillie Beth Wilson
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3179679650?pwd=QW1kQm5abzN6VDRHYnl0Vm4vbFNWQT09>

Hostesses: Lillie Beth Wilson
When: **Saturday, January 20th at 1:30 p.m.**



Afternoon Tea



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Continued from page 1*

While we do not have a meeting in January, we do have a social gathering. Laura Downes sent the evite for the *Afternoon Tea* at Lillie Beth's home on **Saturday, January 20th at 1:30**. Please see the evite in your email.

January has another offering for you. Crystal Allen will have a book launch for her new book, *Between Two Brothers*, on **Saturday, January 27th at 5:00 P.M.** (Blue Willow Bookshop), and **Sunday, January 28th at 3:00 P.M.** (Kindred Stories). You may remember Crystal as one of our guest speakers a couple of years back. Check your email for more information - Stacy Frenchwood sent the chapter an email on Sunday, January 7.

The children are back at Attack Poverty in the after-school program. Laura and I will not be able to attend for several weeks due to scheduled surgeries. Robin will go as she is able and Alan will go when he can. Wednesdays have been our volunteer day as we are the only volunteers that come that day – the afterschool program is Tuesday – Thursday. PLEASE consider volunteering as the kids need so much help in math and reading. They get to the building around 3:15 and the actual tutoring usually starts around 4. If you want to volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Beth Baca, at 281-433-6474.

Our next chapter project for Attack Poverty will be the Easter Baskets to be given on **March 27**. We will have a sign-up genius prior to the March meeting (perhaps in late February) to secure your basket donations to bring to the meeting. Since our meeting is at the Blue Willow Bookshop, I'm thinking we will not prepare the baskets there. Suggestions? Our chapter meeting is March 18.

Our next chapter meeting will be **Monday, February 12th**. **Please note: this is the SECOND Monday in February.** March, April, and May meetings will be on the third Monday of the month(s). You will be receiving an evite as the date gets closer, but the meeting information is: Home of Linsey Bove' in Sugar Land; Hostesses are Jane Meyer and Bethanne Moskov and the Inspiration will be given by Cheri Flick. Linsey will present the program – "The Empathy Project". Linsey is also down for the music.....since she has so much responsibility, would someone step up and do the music for February?

I look forward to seeing you all in February. Stay safe, be warm, and know you are worthy.

Blessings,

Catherine

January Birthdays

January 4 ~ Robin DeLaRosa

January 5 ~ Catherine Hague

January 19 ~ Michele Croft

January 30 ~ Nancy Dobbs

TREASURER'S REPORT—JANUARY

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>2024</u>
Checking Balance Reported in	December	\$2,508.25
<u>Receipts</u>		\$277.11
Auction	\$180.00	
New member dues/fees	\$85.00	
Raffle	\$12.00	
Dec. Bank Dividend	\$0.11	
<u>Disbursements</u>		(\$139.31)
Award Concepts (DKG Jewelry) (Mem.Pin, Pres. Bar Pin, Guard)	\$67.30	
Membership Certificate	\$11.01	
State/Int'l. Dues/Fees	\$61.00	
Current Checking Account Balance		\$2,646.05
Current Savings Account Balance		\$562.06
Current CD Balance		\$1,685.54
Total Assets of Chapter		\$4,893.65

Theta Lambda Chapter Meeting Minutes December 11, 2023

Our December meeting was held at Miriam Watson’s house and hostesses were Miriam Watson and Lillie Beth Wilson. There were 15 members present.

This was our Christmas social gathering.

President Catherine Hague began the meeting at 6:30.

Susan Chacko gave the inspiration, a poem by Becky Hemsley, “Just Breathe”.

Old Business: The October minutes were approved as amended by Lilli Beth Wilson and seconded by Sally Kubiak. The treasurer’s report was approved by Sister Jane Meyer and seconded by Carol Ann Shipp. Both were unanimously accepted.

Attack Poverty: Catherine Hague, Laura Downes and Robin De La Rosa reported that the Christmas party for the children went very well. As the children came in, they received hot chocolate and popcorn and listened to the story, *The Polar Express*. Games were played and in the end they were excited to get the stockings filled with goodies and activity books. Coming up in January, we could use a volunteer or two to continue our mission with Attack Poverty. Two of our volunteers will be undergoing surgery and that leaves one. Catherine’s husband, Alan, will be in charge of her convalescing. Please think if you can give any of your time. It would be greatly appreciated. The day is Wednesday, from 3-5 p.m.

New Business: We formally inducted Susan Chacko as the newest DKG member.

Lillie Beth Wilson mentioned an afternoon tea at her house on January 20th. It would include a tour of the Edith L Moore Bird Sanctuary. More information will be sent out.

Our Raffle, Dollar for Desserts, was won by Sister Jane Meyer. Sister Jane also led the group in singing Christmas carols.

It was mentioned that Linsey Bove gave an excellent presentation at the Abydos conference, which was also attended by Laura Downes, Catherine Hague and Michelle Glick.

Catherine Hague adjourned the meeting at 7:20.



THETA LAMBDA HAPPENINGS



Induction Ceremony for new member Susan Chacko



Thanks to our Hostess, Miriam Watson



Members enjoyed a wonderful meal and joined together afterwards to sing Christmas carols.



Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Congratulations,
Theta Lambda!

Thanks to
Sandra
MacConnell for
always keeping
us all "aligned."

The Chapter Rules Of
Theta Lambda
Are Certified As
IN ALIGNMENT WITH
The International Constitution and Standing Rules
And
The Texas State Bylaws and State Rules
And Are
APPROVED FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM
Texas State Organization Bylaws and Rules Committee



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	Team Lambda
Linsey Bove'	Carol TenBrook
Jayati Sengupta	Catherine Hague
Robin DeLaRosa	Cheri Flick
Sally Kubiak	Lillie Beth Wilson
Jan Randolph	Carol Ann Shipp
Susan Chacko	Jane Meyer
Laura Downes	Nancy Dobbs
Stacy Frenchwood	Michelle Glick
Rachel Delafuente	Bethanne Moskov
Mary Herlitz	Sandra MacConnell
Michelle Croft	Miriam Watson



Look at all the fun we had at our December Meeting.

You don't want to miss out!

Check out the meeting dates for the rest of the biennium

2023 -2024 Theta Lambda Meeting Dates

January 20, 2024

Home of Lillie Beth Wilson

Afternoon Tea at 1:30 p.m.

February 12, 2024

Home of Linsey Bové

March 18, 2024

Blue Willow Bookshop

April 15, 2024

***Theta Lambda's Birthday
Celebration—Location TBD***

May 20, 2024

Home of Carol TenBrook

September 16, 2024

Home of Jayati Sengupta

October 21, 2024

Home of Stacy Frenchwood