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Note Special Location!
Blue Willow Bookshop

**Come join us for Theta Lambda's Meeting
March 18, 2024
5:30—7:30 pm**

Location: Blue Willow Bookshop
14532 Memorial Drive
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3179679650?pwd=QW1kQm5abzN6VDRHYnl0Vm4vbFNWQT09>

Hostesses: Catherine Hague
Sandra MacConnell
Cheri Flick
Inspiration: Miriam Watson
Music: Sally Kubiak
Program: "Books, Books, and More Books,
Oh What is Happening to the
Books?" Valerie Koehler

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

Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful. - Jim Carrey

I've been busying myself with flowers this past week. Along with the beautiful temperatures and sunshine we've been enjoying, cleaning out the pots and planting colorful flowers has boosted my spirits. Honestly, I've had to do a major "gut-check" recently. In our November newsletter, I proclaimed to practice **gratitude** and encouraged you to do the same. Well, after knee-replacement surgery, I lost sight of **how gratitude changes everything**. I saw this on FACEBOOK and wanted to share it with you:

Instead of saying, "I have to," start your day with, "I get to!"

- I get to exercise.
- I get to see my friends.
- I get to tell someone I love them.
- I get to eat good food.
- I get to work and earn money.
- I get to experience new things.
- I get to make someone's day better.

It's all about perspective. -author unknown

This hit me – hard. That day I declared, I **get to go to physical therapy and strengthen my knee so I can do all the things I want to do, like walk with friends, work in the garden, shop.....**

Once again, I will "open up" to practicing gratitude and turn toward the light.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE *Continued from page 1*

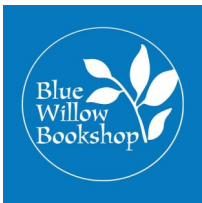
Let’s look at all the opportunities we have as Theta Lambda members and sisters to learn from each other and help others:



Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser – first week in March. This is a short, easy commitment to add funds that can be used to serve teachers and students. Participate as you are able – set up an online store or consider purchasing a bag or two from a Theta Lambda sister.



Easter Baskets – the Signup Genius (thank you, Sally) is available online. Please bring your items to the March 18 meeting or contact me for pick up. The baskets/ buckets will be given to the You Can Academy students at Attack Poverty on Wednesday, March 27.



March Chapter Meeting - Monday, March 18 at Blue Willow Bookshop, 14532 Memorial Drive in Houston. This will be a **great** meeting as Valerie Koehler addresses recent legislation regarding the sale and recording of “questionable” books and the impact on education and bookstores. Valerie will also review a selection of books and make some recommendations for all of us book lovers. You will not want to miss this fun evening!



April Chapter Meeting – Chapter Birthday Celebration 56 Years! Our meeting will once again be at the Los Tios restaurant at the intersection of Williams Trace and Highway 6. Cost is \$20/person



Southeast Regional Area Workshop – Saturday, June 22. Mark your calendars and please plan to attend. You may recall our discussion about a new schedule for having a state convention every other year and Regional Area Workshops in seven different locations on the same day. The workshop will be at Cleveland High School in Cleveland, Texas. Google says it’s 63 miles from my house. That won’t be too bad on a Saturday morning. I will be taking the suburban and can take 5

people comfortably. We will be talking about the workshop at our March meeting. I sincerely hope you will attend.

Be blessed and be a blessing,

Catherine

March Birthdays



March 17 ~ Sally Kubiak

March 27 ~ Miriam Watson

March 28 ~ Linsey Bové



TREASURER'S REPORT—MARCH

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>2024</u>
Checking Balance Reported in January		\$2,646.05
<u>Receipts</u>		\$40.38
Kroger	\$28.16	
Raffle	\$12.00	
Jan.-Feb. Dividends	\$0.22	
<u>Disbursements</u>		(\$252.34)
Floral Arrangement (M.Herlitz)	\$81.11	
Gift - Feb. program presenter	\$16.23	
Contributions to State Funds	\$85.00	
Contributions to Int.'l Funds	\$70.00	
Current Checking Account Balance		\$2,434.09
Current Savings Account Balance		\$562.06
Current CD Balance		\$1,686.78
Total Assets of Chapter		\$4,682.93

Theta Lambda
Chapter Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024

Our February meeting was held at Linsey Bové's house and hostesses were Sr. Jane Meyer and Robin De La Rosa. There were 12 members present and 2 on Zoom.

President Catherine Hague began the meeting at 6:10.

Everyone was asked to sign "Get Well" cards for our member, Mary Herlitz who was in the hospital after a stroke. Our positive thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family.

The inspiration came from Cheri Flick who let members pick out wooden hearts with "loving" phrases on them for Valentine's Day.

Old Business: The December minutes were approved by Sr. Jane Meyer and seconded by Sally Kubiak.

A group of members enjoyed afternoon tea at Lillie Beth Wilson's home on January 20th. A good time was had by all who attended.

New Business: The members discussed what fundraisers we would like to participate in. We will once again offer products from the popcorn company, Double Good.

Our service project, Easter Buckets with the, "You Can Academy" at Attack Poverty, was discussed. A Sign-Up Genius will be created to fill the buckets. Bring items to our March 18th meeting at Blue Willow Bookshop. These will be delivered to the children on Wednesday, March 27th.

Our Raffle for, "Dollars for Desserts" was won by Nancy Dobbs.

Our program for the evening was presented by Linsey Bové. She gave an excellent presentation of what she, in her classroom of eighth graders, is doing to combat apathy. Noticing the lack of empathy in many of the students, she researched and came up with a plan. Through the use of informational books and YouTube videos, Linsey is having her students learn and write about "empathy" and what it's like to walk in "somebody else's shoes." She shared some of the students' responses.

Catherine Hague adjourned the meeting at 7:35.



THETA LAMBDA HAPPENINGS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A THETA LAMBDA CELEBRATION

- What:** Theta Lambda Birthday Dinner
When: Monday, April 15, 2024
Where: Los Tios, 3308 Highway 6 in Sugar Land
Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Menu: Classic Tex Mex Fajita Fiesta Menu

Grilled chicken and beef, grilled onions, bell peppers, chili con queso, chips, guacamole, pico de gallo, shredded cheese, sour cream, jalapenos, charro beans, refried beans and corn and flour tortillas.

Beverages: tea and water

Cost per person- \$20.00.

Send or give payment to Sandra MacConnell





FROM THE PEN OF THE TREASURER

To support the mission of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Theta Lambda Chapter makes yearly contributions to funds at both the State and International levels.

Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation (ASTEFL) is the fundraising entity that assists Texas State Organization in fulfilling its purposes by accepting and distributing money for Scholarships, Leadership and Projects.

The Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for members who wish to pursue graduate studies, continuing adult education, and educational travel.

The Leadership Fund provides opportunities for professional and personal growth of members which is beneficial to both the individual member and the Society.

The Projects Fund awards stipends for innovative ideas that will make a difference for Texas educators and students.

Another State fund we contribute to is the Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund which provides scholarships for members residing in a Latin American Country who wish to further their educational advancement.

In addition, there are many International funds available for donations. Our executive board has approved contributions to the following:

The Educational Projects Fund provides funds to support projects that carry out the mission of DKGIEF (Delta Kappa Gamma International Educators Foundation).

The Emergency Fund provides aid to members who have sustained major losses from natural disasters.

The Golden Gift Fund is a stipend given to members attending the Leadership Management Seminar.

The International Speaker's Fund facilitates and funds the exchange of Society speakers among member countries.

The World Fellowship Fund provides aid and fellowships for women in other countries to pursue advanced study in the U.S. and Canada.

Schools for Africa is an international partnership program between UNICEF and the Nelson Mandela Foundation which helps the children of Africa receive a quality education.



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

March 18, 2024

Blue Willow Bookshop

April 15, 2024

Theta Lambda's Birthday Celebration—Los Tios

May 20, 2024

Home of Carol TenBrook

September 16, 2024

Home of Jayati Sengupta

October 21, 2024

Home of Stacy Frenchwood