

# Theta Lambda News

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

*April is the sweetest month of the year, the mellow season of rebirth and renewal.*

~ Mary Sojourner

*Rebirth and renewal* – those are the words that come to mind as I witness the grass getting greener and the flowers starting to bloom. Spring is our time to shed the winter, explore the outdoors, and renew all the commitments we made in January. This month we celebrate National Parks Week (April 20-28), Earth Day (April 22), and Arbor Day (April 26). During my knee-replacement recovery, a friend would drive me to a neighborhood bench on a sunny day. We would sit with a cup of coffee and just enjoy being outside ~ just being in the moment. The sights and sounds of nature renewed my spirit and emotional well-being as much as the weekly physical therapy sessions. I hope you can spend some time outside and *just be in the moment*.

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You can sign up to receive her newsletter, *Valerie's Messy Desk*, at [girlboss@bluewillowbookshop.com](mailto:girlboss@bluewillowbookshop.com).

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### **Come join us for Theta Lambda's Meeting April 15, 2024 5:30—7:30 pm**

**Location:** Los Tios Restaurant  
3308 Highway 6, Sugar Land  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3179679650?pwd=QW1kQm5abzN6VDRHYnl0Vm4vbFNWQT09>



**Hostesses:** Lillie Beth Wilson  
Bethanne Moskov

**Inspiration:** Nancy Dobbs  
**Music:** Happy Birthday  
song by all

**Program:** "Happy 56th Birthday, Theta Lambda"

Attack Poverty – the light rain on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> did not derail our plans for the Easter egg hunt with the You Can Academy kids. We had the kids go out and hunt for eggs by grade levels and a good time was had by all. A huge thank you to Robin DeLaRosa for stuffing 192 eggs for the hunt! Laura Downes and Robin, along with Attack Poverty staff, did a great job hiding eggs while I stayed inside with the kids and the crafts. The students really enjoyed the two crafts we did. They decorated foam eggs and colored a "stained glass window" with *He Is Risen* inscribed on it. Ladies, with your generous donations, Theta Lambda gave these students a fun experience they may not have had otherwise. I'm proud that we were able to do this for these sweet kids. Thank you!

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *Continued from page 1*

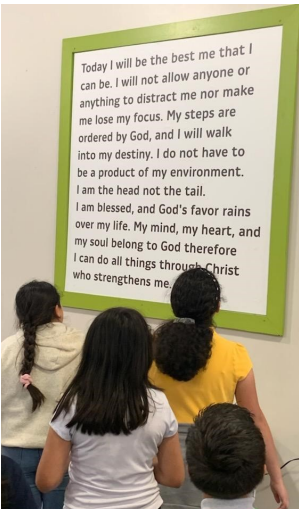
Our April Chapter Meeting, Theta Lambda's 56<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration, will be Monday, April 15, at Los Tios restaurant – see page 5. Nancy Dobbs will provide our inspiration and for our music we will be singing *Happy Birthday* with passion and enthusiasm! Please try to attend as it will be a fun evening of laughter, good food, and fellowship.

At the April meeting you can register for the Southeast Regional Area Workshop to be held June 22 in Cleveland, Texas. Please give this event serious consideration as the chapter will be covering all registration fees at \$50 per member. More importantly, your participation and involvement in such events promotes a greater understanding of Delta Kappa Gamma and all that we do and CAN do. Sandra MUST have your registration form by May 10, so the April meeting is the best time to submit the completed form. I will have forms available at the meeting, or you can print the registration form from this newsletter and bring it on April 15. At this time, Sandra MacConnell, Sister Jane Meyer, and I will be attending. I have more room in the suburban, so please join us!

Be blessed and be renewed,

Catherine

*April is a reminder that life is a beautiful, ever-renewing cycle. ~ Shakespeare*



**2023 -2024 Theta Lambda Meeting Dates**

**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***

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!**

Membership dues for 2024-2025 will be accepted starting now.

Active Members \$75.00  
Reserve Members \$28.00

Make checks payable to Theta Lambda-DKG

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

Sandra MacConnell  
611 Chevy Chase Circle  
Sugar Land, TX 77478



<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>2024</u>
Checking Balance Reported in	March	\$2,434.09
<u>Receipts</u>		\$1,089.87
Got Sneakers (Oct/Nov collection)	\$11.75	
March Raffle	\$15.00	
Donations to chapter	\$60.00	
Birthday Dinner (8 reservations)	\$160.00	
Double Good Popcorn	\$843.00	
March Bank Dividend	\$0.12	
<u>Disbursements</u>		(\$13.60)
USPS (postage stamps)	\$13.60	
Current Checking Account Balance		\$3,510.36
Current Savings Account Balance		\$562.20
Current CD Balance		\$1,699.38
<b>Total Assets of Chapter</b>		<b>\$5,771.94</b>



**April Birthdays**

**April 27 ~ Sister Jane Meyer**

**April 27 ~ Beth Ann Moskov**



## Theta Lambda Chapter Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024

Our March meeting was held at Blue Willow Bookshop and hostesses were Catherine Hague, Sandra MacConnell and Cheri Flick. There were 14 members present and two guests, Stephanie Davidson and Katy Ryan.

President Catherine Hague began the meeting at 5:40.

Everyone was asked to sign a "Get Well" card for our member, Mary Herlitz, who remains in rehab after a stroke. The family has reached out and was in need of companions for Mary on two days in April. At this writing, we have volunteers for both days. Thank you ladies.

**Old Business:** The February minutes were approved by Carol Ann Shipp and seconded by Cheri Flick.

Our Double Good Fundraiser netted us \$843.00. Wow!!

**New Business:** The members voted and approved the new slate of officers for 2024-2026. They are: **President:** Catherine Hague, **First Vice-President:** Sally Kubiak, **Co-Second Vice-Presidents:** Laura Downes and Lillie Beth Wilson, **Recording/Corresponding Secretary:** Robin De La Rosa, **Treasurer:** Sandra MacConnell, **Parliamentarian:** Stacy Frenchwood.

The members voted on the three new members of the nominating committee for 2026-2028. They are: Nancy Dobbs, Miriam Watson, and Jayati Sengupta.

We collected items for the "You Can Academy" Easter buckets, to be passed out on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Attack Poverty building.

The Regional Area Workshop is on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Cleveland, Texas. If anyone is interested, please let Catherine know. We have funds to cover the entrance cost.

Nancy Dobbs found someone to make Magnetic Badges for \$20.00, maybe less, depending on the number of members purchasing them. If you are interested, please let Catherine know.

Our April Birthday Celebration will be at Los Tios on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$20.00. Bring cash or check to the dinner and give to Sandra.

Catherine mentioned a new service project for the next biennium. She brought up members pairing up to help teachers at local schools. During these trying times, she thinks we could support them. Catherine also is open for suggestions.

Our Raffle for, "Dollars for Desserts" was won by our visitor, Katie Ryan.

Our program for the evening, "Books, Books, and More Books; Oh, What is Happening to Books?" was presented by Valerie Koehler of Blue Willow Bookshop. Valerie began by giving an update on the Texas law that would have required book vendors to rate a book's sexual content before being sold to schools. The law would have been difficult for small bookstores to implement, cost them a lot of money in extra staff time, and there could be consequences if the state found the rating unsatisfactory. An appeals court ruled the law unconstitutional. The law is still working its way through the courts. Book banning by school districts and the elimination of librarians was also discussed. It was the overall consensus among those present that these were extremely incorrect decisions and the children are the ones who will suffer. Then Valerie gave us a list of 10 books she recommends and gave a synopsis of each. It was very informative. Members were given time to shop.

Catherine Hague adjourned the meeting at 6:40.



## LET'S SAY "OLE" TO OUR THETA LAMBDA BIRTHDAY

- 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 Buffet

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.

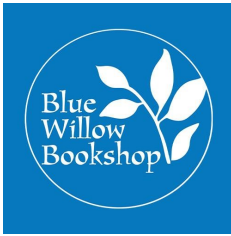
Beverages: tea and water



**Cost per person- \$20.00**

**Send or give payment (cash or check) to Sandra MacConnell**





# THETA LAMBDA HAPPENINGS

## March Meeting at Blue Willow Bookshop

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### Valerie Koehler’s Book Review

*Connolly of County Down* by Tracey Lange

*Family Family* by Laurie Frankel

*Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan

*Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

*Nightwatching* by Tracy Sierra

*Second Ending* by Michelle Hoffman

*Someone Else’s Shoes* by JoJo Moyes

*Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb

*Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman

*The Women* by Kristin Hannah





## MEMBER REGISTRATION



**DKG/TSO - Southeast Regional Area Workshop**  
 Cleveland High School, Cleveland, Texas  
 June 22, 2024

Registration fees and deadlines are as follows:

Registration Type	Deadline	Amount	Includes noon meal
Regular	Postmarked by May 15	\$50	Yes
Late	Postmarked May 16 - June 1	\$65	Yes
On-site	On-site June 22	\$65	No

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply.

- 2024-2026 Chapter President       First Time DKG Workshop/Convention Attendee  
 Member for 50 or 50+ Years (Specify number): \_\_\_\_\_       Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs:  Vegetarian    Gluten-free    Diabetic    Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee	Cost	Amount
Chapter President or Chapter Representative <i>(TSO will pay \$50 registration fee for chapter president or chapter representative. If there are co-presidents, TSO will pay \$50 for only one.)</i>	\$0	
All Other Members and/or Guests Registration (postmarked by May 15)	\$50	
Late Registration (postmarked May 16-June 1)	\$65	
On-site Registration	\$65	
Check #: _____	<b>Total:</b>	

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note: Registration fees are non-refundable after June 1 but may be transferred for another chapter member (or potential member) to attend in your place.**

Check payable to **BETA ETA**.

Mail check and registration form to **Ellen Laughlin, P.O. Box 58432, Webster, TX 77598-9998**