

# Theta Lambda News

Winner of the 2011-2012 Five-Star Award

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### March meeting!

**Where:** Highlands Elementary School

**When:** Monday,  
March 18, 2013  
5:30 p.m.

**Hostesses:**  
Mary Herlitz  
Alex Velazco

**Inspiration:**  
Alex Velazco

**Program:**

Guest Speaker: Ellen Rothberg,  
Highlands Elementary counselor,  
on *Bullying in Our Schools*.

## President's Message

Dear Theta Lambda Sisters,

Our March meeting is just around the corner at Highlands Elementary! Please invite coworkers and friends to this important meeting on bullying. Everyone deals with this issue...even as adults. Our guest speaker is **Ellen Rothberg**, the Highlands' counselor. Also, we will have our Area XVIII Coordinator, **Terrie Cardwell**, joining us at this meeting! I am excited for her to meet our chapter's members and to see for herself that we may be a small chapter, but we are a mighty chapter in so many ways.

**Stacy Frenchwood** is working diligently on our upcoming birthday celebration on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Painting with a Twist! Please bring a coworker or friend to this event, too. The more the merrier! If you haven't given your check to **Sandra MacConnell**, please take care of that at our March meeting. I am sure we have a Picasso or a Monet in our group!

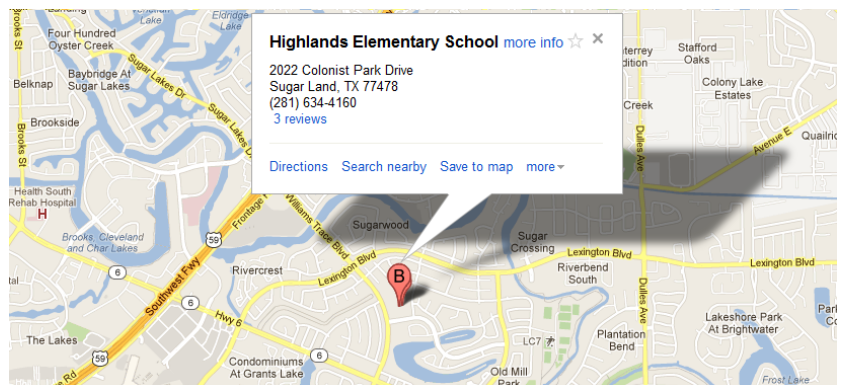
Another reason to celebrate is because our chapter has been honored with an **Exemplary Award** for our yearbook! Our chapter will be recognized at the upcoming conference in Austin. We have recently received thank you notes for our contributions to the following: **The Emergency Fund, Golden Gift, World Fellowship, and DKG Educational Foundation.**

Enjoy your spring break and remember to stop, take a breath, and count your blessings. Get some spring cleaning done, but make more time for fun and relaxation. You deserve this break!

Blessing,

Laura Downes

**NOTE:**  
**MEETING LOCATION CHANGE!**



## Meeting Highlights

### Theta Lambda Minutes of February 11, 2013 Meeting

President, **Laura Downes**, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members met in the home of **Carol TenBrook**. Co-hostesses were **Jayati Sengupta** and **Jodi Knuppel**. **Sandra McConnell** reported that the silent auction held during the December meeting made \$853. The treasurer's report was published in the newsletter.

**Stacy Frenchwood** provided the legislative update and discussed with members an opportunity to apply to be a member of an instructional materials review for the State of Texas. Scholarship applications were encouraged.

**Catherine Hague** told members about the necrology remembrance ceremony for her mother conducted by the Lake Jackson/Freeport Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. She said that it was very special.

**Laura Downes** reviewed the Alpha State Convention that is to be held in Austin, Texas. The dates of the convention are June 20-23<sup>rd</sup> at the Renaissance Hotel at the Arboretum. The chapter budget provides for the president to attend the convention. Members were encouraged to go to the convention.

The treasurer discussed the contribution to the Alpha State Education Fund that is due to the offices by April 1, 2013. The annual president's report has been sent to the state offices.

The president led a discussion about the targeting of early career educators and members were encouraged to bring names of early educators to the March meeting. The chapter wants to support selected early educators with gift certificates and continued mentoring.

**Nancy Dobbs** submitted a name for membership. Members were encouraged to submit additional names at upcoming meetings.

Theta Lambda received a thank you note from Open Gate for the materials provided them in December.

Chapter Rules were discussed. **Jodi Knuppel** moved that we accept the changes and **Mary Herlitz** seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The March meeting will be held at Highlands Elementary in Fort Bend ISD.

*Lillie Beth Wilson, Secretary*

*Laura Downes, President*

## Upcoming Events! Mark your Calendar!

### What is Bullying?

Come to our March 18 meeting to hear Highlands Elementary Counselor, **Ellen Rothberg**, speak on *Bullying in our Schools*.

What exactly is bullying? According to information on the website <http://www.stopbullying.gov/>, bullying is defined as:

Behavior that is aggressive and includes

- **An imbalance of power**—kids use their physical strength, popularity or access to embarrassing information in order to control or cause harm to others
- **Repetition**—repeated, unwanted behaviors are considered bullying

**Find out more** — Monday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Highlands Elementary School, 2022 Colonist Park, Sugar Land.

## Theta Lambda Birthday

DKG ~ Theta Lambda Birthday Celebration!

Join us to Create and Celebrate:

Where: *Painting with a Twist* ~ Sugarland

3569 Texas 6

Sugar Land, TX 77478

Tel: (281) 491-9200

When: April 15, 2013

Time: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35, which can be paid to Sandra on or before our March meeting.

We hope everyone can attend and bring a guest to this fun evening!

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

June 20-23, 2013

Austin, Texas

84<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention

Please check the Links tab on our website <http://thetalambda.weebly.com/> to see the full Convention News Publication. This publication gives information about the convention and details for registration and hotel booking. President Laura Downes and First Vice-President Catherine Hague will be attending for our chapter. Contact Laura or Catherine if you are interested in joining them.

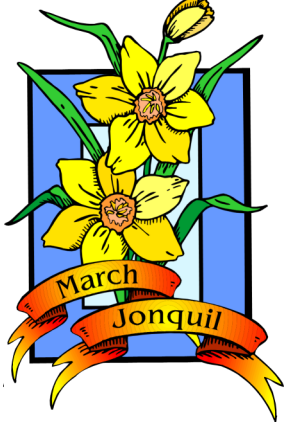


Plans are underway for an exciting 84<sup>th</sup> Texas State Convention slated for Austin June 20-22, 2013. Reserve this date to "Explore the Possibilities" and let your vision light the way to Central Texas where you can celebrate, collaborate and communicate with your Society friends and sisters. The convention is being held at the lovely Renaissance Hotel in the Arboretum area of Austin.

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
March, 2013**

<b>Checking balance reported in February</b>	<b>\$ 2225.45</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>+\$ 359.44</b>
April Birthday Celebration (10 prepaid)	\$ 350.00
Raffle	9.00
Feb. Dividend	.44
<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>-\$ 162.20</b>
Contributions to State Funds	\$ 88.00
Contributions to Int'l Funds	65.00
Postage stamps	9.20
<b>Current checking account balance</b>	<b>\$ 2422.69</b>
<b>Savings</b>	
Current Savings Account Balance	\$ 1046.61
Current 6-month term certificate balance	\$ 1550.37
<b>Total assets of chapter</b>	<b>\$ 5019.67</b>

*"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier." – Mother Teresa*




**March Birthdays**

27 Miriam Watson

**EXEMPLARY AWARD  
FOR CHAPTER YEARBOOK**

This certificate is awarded to  
the  
*Theta Lambda*  
Area 18  
2012-2013

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International  
Texas State Organization  
Texas State Yearbook Committee



Do you know an early career educator? As a chapter we look for opportunities to honor and encourage those who are new to the profession of teaching. Please submit names for consideration at our March meeting.