

Theta Lambda News

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President's Message

Dear Theta Lambda Sisters,

February! Seriously where has the time gone? It will have been two months since I last saw you after missing the event at **Miriam Watson's** home in December!

Thanks to those who made that night so special! I heard nothing but wonderful things about it and I'm sorry for not being there...but when you have the flu! What more needs to be said?

The Board met on Saturday, January 11 at the home of **Carol TenBrook** where we discussed the upcoming meetings, divided up the reports due to Delta Kappa Gamma, and caught up on each other's lives. Thanks to **Sandra MacConnell, LillieBeth Wilson, Jayati Sengupta, and Carol** for sharing their thoughts and wisdom.

Looking over the next several months of our programs slated for our meetings, please mark your calendars and plan on attending! Every single one of them looks awesome and we have many guests coming to share their knowledge with us.

There is a change in venue in May as it will be at **Jayati's** home and not at mine.

Come join us for

Theta Lambda's February meeting!

Where: Home of **Carol TenBrook**

When: **Monday, February 17, 2014**
5:30 Refreshments
6:00 Business meeting

Hostesses: **Jodi Knuppel**
Stacy Frenchwood

Inspiration: **Sally Kubiak**

Program: "Yoga and You"

Guests: **Zak Perret**, yoga instructor, **Bikram Hot Yoga Missouri City** and his wife **Christine**, a practicing yogi

All of our reports have been submitted and accepted and I say that with a sigh of relief! We all got them in earlier than the February 1st deadline. Way to go!

Our former chapter member, Judy Sanchez, needs powerful prayers sent her way. She is truly a delightfully dedicated person so please keep her and her loved ones in your thoughts.

Our next meeting on February 17, will be a joy...we will learn how to breathe, stretch, and learn the benefits of yoga! Wear comfortable clothes, but I do promise you won't have to get down on the floor. I know there are many times I need to relax more and breathing correctly will help me. See you there!

Faithfully,
Laura Downes
Theta Lambda President

Meeting Highlights

Theta Lambda Meeting, November 18, 2013

Members gathered together at the home of Nancy Dobbs on Monday, November 18, 2013. Laura Downs, president welcomed the members and guest speaker, Sheri Walters, Head of the Middle School, Grace School. She thanked hostesses Sandra MacConnell and Robin DeLaRosa for providing the delicious meal. After dinner, Terri Marrow presented the inspiration sharing the benefits of using yoga to meditate and relax.

The treasurer's report was given by Sandra MacConnell. Laura Downs shared that the minutes for the October meeting were posted in the October newsletter. Jodi Knuppel made a motion to accept the report and minutes and Terri Marrow seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Catherine Hague introduced the guest speaker, Sheri Walters, Head of the Middle School, Grace School. The title of the presentation was "More Than Academics". Sheri had a conversation with the members using the book, Fall Down 7 Times and Get up 8, focusing on what we do with failure. She provided and discussed handouts about the Grace School Vision and Mission and What Caused Your Success?

Laura had made snowman bags full of candy as treats for the early career educators. Members were encouraged to share them with new teachers.

Progress on our service projects was reviewed. The money for the "Change for Africa" project was collected. We will continue to collect change for this project and send them a check in the spring. We are to continue to bring socks and underclothes for Fort Bend elementary school clinics as well as jackets and blankets for the Open Gate program through the Bering Methodist Church.

Laura reviewed the eight things a Delta Kappa Gamma chapter must have. Our Theta Lambda chapter is doing a great job as we are presently doing these eight things well. She discussed upcoming area and state meetings.

The area meeting is September 3, 2014 in Kingwood at Lone Star College and the state convention is in June, 2014 in Lubbock. We usually have a large group that car-pools to the area meeting.

Laura asked who would be interested in volunteering on a Saturday in January to help work in the library at Woodson Leadership Academy. Several people said they would consider helping depending on the date. Laura will talk to Mark Spellman to determine the date and let the membership know.

**Wanted:
New Members
Bring them to our February Meeting!**



Theta Lambda Chapter
Of
Delta Kappa Gamma

Please think of colleagues who you respect and like as educators and who you know will be dedicated members willing to come to monthly meetings!

Go to: www.alphastatetexas.org
Click on Deadlines and Forms
Click on Recommendation for
Membership



December, 2013

Minutes for December 16, 2013 Theta Lambda Meeting

Members of Theta Lambda gathered in the festive home of Miriam Watson to celebrate the holiday season and enjoy the annual silent auction that supports our Delta Kappa Gamma chapter. Music for the evening was provided by Karen McFarland, guest and friend of several chapter members. As an elementary school staff member, she joys entertaining friends with the songs of the season with her electronic keyboard and beautiful voice.

Stacy Frenchwood, vice president, welcomed members. Hostesses Miriam Watson, Lillie Beth Wilson, and Mary Herlitz provided a delicious Mexican food buffet.

In addition to the singing of carols, members had fun bidding on handmade crafts, foods, and special interest items for the silent auction. A special time was had with a holiday ornament exchange. Each member was invited to bring an ornament that represented them in the past, present, or future. Members shared the history of their special ornament.

As the meeting ended, best wishes for a merry holiday season and Happy New Year 2014 were shared by all.

Submitted by Lillie Beth Wilson, secretary

**Our greatest
glory is not in
never falling,
but in getting
up every time
we do.**

Confucius

TREASURER’S REPORT

January, 2014

Checking balance reported in November.....\$2057.77

Receipts + \$450.82

Auction \$450.00

Dividends (Nov/Dec) .82

Disbursements - \$200.00

Christmas (food/entertainment) \$200.00

Current checking account balance \$2308.59

Current Savings Balance \$1048.68

Current CD Balance \$1556.30

Total assets of chapter \$4913.57

February Weird and Wacky Holidays

February 2 is Ground Hog Day:

The residents of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, say he has never been wrong. If Phil comes out and sees his shadow, that means six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see his shadow, it means an early spring. It's said that 90% of the time Phil sees his shadow.



February 5 is National Chocolate Fondue Day:

This day pays tribute to the rich and chocolaty combination that's half meal and half dessert. To celebrate, go full out and rent one of those chocolate fondue fountains for your very own fondue party.



February 11 is Make a New Friend Day:

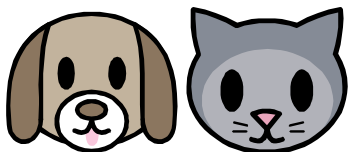
Today is a great day to talk to new people, go to new places and begin to broaden your circle of friends. Be nice and smile to the people you encounter today; you never know, you may make a new friend and it could be a relationship that lasts forever.

February 15 is Singles Awareness Day:

It is the day to stand up and say it is okay to be single. This day was created to allow singles to have a day to celebrate, exchange gifts and enjoy the company of all their single friends



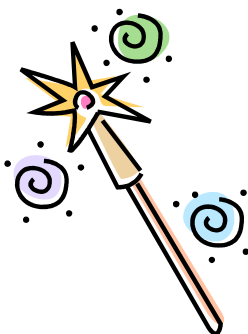
February 20 is Love Your Pet Day:



Your pet gives you unconditional love so return the favor today. No matter what your pet is, a dog, cat, bird, or reptile please spend time with them. Play their favorite games, give them special treats, [throw a pet party](#), or take them on a special outing. Anything you do with your pet today will make them happy; all they want is your love.

February 22 is National Margarita Day:

Hopefully, "Would you like salt on your glass?" is the toughest question that you'll have to answer on **National Margarita Day**. Do we need to say more?



February 26 is Tell a Fairy Tale Day:

Celebrate those beloved stories that we all loved as children, those fictional stories that told about characters such as fairies, talking animals, princesses, elves, witches, trolls, and giants. It is a great holiday to celebrate as these stories are a part of most peoples' childhood memories. Celebrate this holiday by reading some of your favorite fairy tales to some children in your family, at a library, or a local elementary school.