

Theta Lambda News

Winner of the 2012-2013 Five-Star Award with the Seal of Merit

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NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

President's Message

Dear Theta Lambda Sisters,

Happy 46th Birthday to us, Theta Lambda! We don't look a day over 45! I look forward to our fiesta at Berryhill on April 21st coordinated by our wonderful **Stacy Frenchwood** and her committee! Please bring a check or cash to give to **Sandra MacConnell** for the food and friendship. This is a social event and we will not have a meeting at all.

What a perfect time to bring a guest...someone interested in joining Theta Lambda, one of our reserve members, a friend looking for a good time, a parent, or a sister. Everyone is welcome to join in the celebration.

Nancy Dobbs and I will attend a GHACC Areas 3 & 18 brunch on Saturday, May 10th for the incoming and outgoing presidents. I am anxious for Nancy to see a bigger picture of DKG and equally excited to hand over this office to her. However, our biggest news is we are attending the Lubbock convention! We are in the process of making arrangements now along with Sandra's help. I know we will have great time together and enjoy learning more about DKG. We will come back full of information to share with you in September!

Thinking ahead, **Crystal Allen**, a fabulous Sugar Land author with both of her books on the Lone Star list, will join us in October for a book discussion. Please read **The Laura Line** and I promise you will find both this book and our author a total delight. It is a quick read and one you can easily finish in a day or a weekend. Crystal's boys have gone through Fort Bend ISD and she loves teachers! She is hilarious and I am so glad to call her my friend.

I look forward to blowing out candles on the cake!

Faithfully,
Laura Downes
President of Theta Lambda



Come join us for Theta Lambda's April meeting!

Where: Berryhill Sugar Land
13703 Southwest Fry
Sugar Land, Texas

When: Monday, April 21, 2014
5:30 Dinner & Fellowship

Hostesses: Stacy Frenchwood
Mary Harris

Inspiration: Mary Harris

Program: Celebrate Theta Lambda's 46th

Please bring cash or a check for \$15 to pay for our celebration dinner. Make checks out to Theta Lambda.

Meeting Highlights

Minutes of March 2014 Theta Lambda Meeting

Prepared by Lillie Beth Wilson

Theta Lambda members met at Highlands Elementary on March 24, 2014. President Laura Downes called the meeting to order and thanked Robin DeLaRosa for arranging to have the meeting on her campus. Michelle Glick and Laura Downes provided delicious refreshments. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m.

Mary Herlitz gave the energizer. She read selected passages from the book, Fresh Cut Flowers for a Friend. The treasurer's report was approved as written in the newsletter.

The minutes were approved following correcting the spelling of Abydos. Sister Jane Meyer made the motion and Carol Ann Shipp seconded the motion.

Karen Foster, Elementary English and Language Arts Coordinator for the Fort Bend Independent School District presented the program. Her topic was titled "Trends in Education." She discussed the concept of rigor as related to assessment and instruction.

Beginning educator treats were available to members to share with first year educators.

Members were encouraged to continue to support "Change for Africa" and providing items for the St. Agnes support for children in Africa.

The 46th Theta Lambda birthday celebration is scheduled at Berryhill restaurant on Monday, April 21, 2014. The celebration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious buffet and Miriam is bringing a delicious dessert. The Achievement Award will be presented at this celebration. Jan Randolph chairs the Achievement Award committee.

The Annie Award will be submitted by April 1, 2014. Laura Downes told members that she is submitting an article to the Lone Star News. The title is "Small, but Mighty."

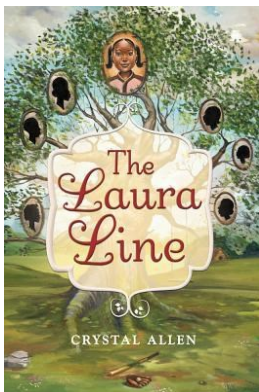
The new business was the electing of the new slate of officers. They are Nancy Dobbs, President, Stacy Frenchwood, First Vice President, Robin DeLaRosa, Second Vice President, and Michelle Glick, Secretary. Sandra MacConnell will continue in the appointed position as Treasurer.

Sister Jane Meyer announced the members elected as the new nominating committee members. They are Sally Kubiak, Jan Randolph, and Catherine Hague.

The 2014 Delta Kappa Gamma Convention will be held in Lubbock, Texas this summer. Theta Lambda can send two members with all expenses paid.

Congratulation to Stacy Frenchwood. She has been selected to participate in the Harvard University Principals' Institute this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



SUMMER READING!

Please be sure to read *The Laura Line* by Crystal Allen.

"Thirteen-year-old Laura Dyson wants two things in life: to be accepted by her classmates and to be noticed by ultra-cute baseball star Troy Bailey. But everyone at school makes fun of her for being overweight, and Troy won't give her a second glance."

Author Crystal Allen will be our guest speaker at our October meeting.

The book is available from Amazon in hardcover for \$13.23, or Kindle version for \$9.78.