

Theta Lambda News

Winner of the 2013-2014 Five-Star Award

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President's Message

Dear Theta Lambda Sisters,

A huge thank you to **Stacy and her crew** for a fabulous 46th birthday celebration at Berryhill's! I had a terrific time and was thrilled we had three of our young teachers there plus an old friend to so many of you. What a joy! I loved playing B-I-N-G-O and thought it was a wonderful icebreaker for everyone...of course the margaritas didn't hurt either! The meal was wonderful and I'm glad to find another venue where I can eat fajitas! Miriam, I heard the cake you baked was as luscious as it looked!

Please join us on May 19th as we celebrate Founders' Day and the installation our new officers. I know you will help them as much as you have helped me. I gladly turn my gavel over to **Nancy!** We are in for a treat being led by **Nancy, Stacy, Robin, Michelle, and Sandra.**

I continue to reflect on the past two years and am shocked the time has gone by so quickly! I have so enjoyed being your president, but I also know I couldn't have done anything and still have my hair if everyone had not pitched in! I mean everyone! **Sandra**, my valuable advisor I can't thank enough and I loved all the whispering in my ear! **Catherine**, my right-hand woman, is always an innovative teacher as well as friend. My hats off to her! (This is a reference to our Founders' Day program she did last May!) **Carol**, my "Johnny-on-the-spot," always ready to send the latest information to you in a blink of an eye. **Lillie Beth** always so gracious and so accommodating! Her minutes from our meetings made a bunch more sense than I did most months. **Nancy**, our photographer, captured each meeting perfectly! I just wanted her to find a camera where I looked about 300 pounds lighter!

Come join us for

Theta Lambda's March meeting!

Where: Home of Jayati Sengupta

When: Monday, May 19, 2014
5:30 Refreshments
6:00 Business meeting

Hostesses: Carol Ann Shipp
Catherine Hague

Inspiration: Robin DeLaRosa

Program: Founders' Day Program
Installation of Officers

I thank you for the honor of receiving the Achievement Award. I was quite surprised since I really don't think the president should earn it for just doing her job! I am proud of our chapter...we received the Annie Award! Nothing is better than that! I did send in the application for earning the PACE award, too. I think our "**Small But Might Chapter**" deserves to earn that, too!

See you at Jayati's home!

Faithfully,
Laura Downes
Theta Lambda President

Meeting Highlights

Minutes for the April 21, 2014 Theta Lambda meeting

Submitted by **Lillie Beth Wilson**, secretary

Members and guests gathered at Berryhill's Restaurant for the celebration of Theta Lambda's 46th birthday. Eighteen members and four guests enjoyed the fajita buffet and a delicious red velvet cake made by **Miriam Watson**.

Guests for the meeting were **Cindy Wilson, Sarah Rogers, Kiana Vazquez, and Bianca Young**.

Mary Harris provided the energizer sharing fun facts about Audrey Hepburn's life and the on-going theme of the best thing to hold onto is each other!

Jan Randolph, chairperson of the Achievement Award Committee, announced that the Achievement Award honoree is **Laura Downes**. Joining Delta Kappa Gamma in 1986, Laura has served faithfully throughout the years in roles of committee chairperson to president of Theta Lambda. She is recognized for the well-being, love, joy, enthusiasm, and encouragement that she has provided members and educators.

Stacy Frenchwood had a Delta Kappa Gamma bingo game for members to enjoy. Winners received prizes and a good time was had by all.

The May meeting will be held in the home of **Jayati Sengupta**.

The meeting and birthday celebration was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by President **Laura Downes**.



If you remember, we voted to donate all money collected for our *Change for Africa* project to Sister Jane for her school's (St. Agnes) service trip to Africa this summer. (This is all money beyond the \$25 budgeted for the DKG/UNICEF Schools for Africa project). Thus far, we have collected and I have deposited in the bank \$164.00. I know that many of you still have been collecting your spare change to add to our contribution. **If you have more money to turn in, please contact Catherine Hague and give her an idea of the approximate amount and bring whatever you have to our May 19th meeting.** Since time will be an issue, it would be very helpful if you could convert the change to dollar bills - or a check. That way it will be very easy to come up with a total and we can present Sister Jane with a check at that time. She and her girls are scheduled to leave on June 10th and will need some time to gather the needed supplies that our donation will provide. *Sandra MacConnell*

Friends

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A friend is like a flower,
 a rose to be exact,
 Or maybe like
 a brand new gate
 that never comes unlatched.
 A friend is like an owl,
 both beautiful and wise.
 Or perhaps a friend is
 like a ghost,
 whose spirit never dies.
 A friend is like a heart
 that goes strong until the end.
 Where would we be
 in this world
 if we didn't have a friend.

Source: <http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/friends-2#ixzz30t5nJm00>
 Family Friend Poems



January 16-18, 2015

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Attend a retreat featuring all the fine arts: art, crafts, music, drama, yoga. No experience necessary! All instruction is hands-on and small group. All supplies are included. Relax, create, & make friends in lovely surroundings & s'mores too!

Cost: \$200 (\$100 deposit) or Saturday only \$100 w/ lunch (\$50 deposit)

QUESTIONS? carolynmashburn@kingwoodcable.net 281-460-8255

Includes: Hotel accommodations, six meals, instruction and materials!

Open to: Delta Kappa Gamma Society International members & friends

HELP WANTED:

Nancy Dobbs did such a wonderful job taking photographs and uploading them to the Theta Lambda website. She also took care of sending out the evites for our meetings each month. Now, Nancy is our new president and we need one or two people to take on these responsibilities.

These jobs are easy! Job training and support provided. Consider expanding your technology resume by taking on one (or both) of these jobs. If you are interested or have questions, please contact **Carol TenBrook** at cltenbrook@gmail.com

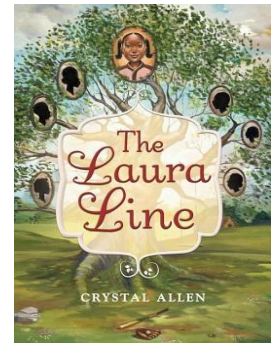
SUMMER READING!

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.”

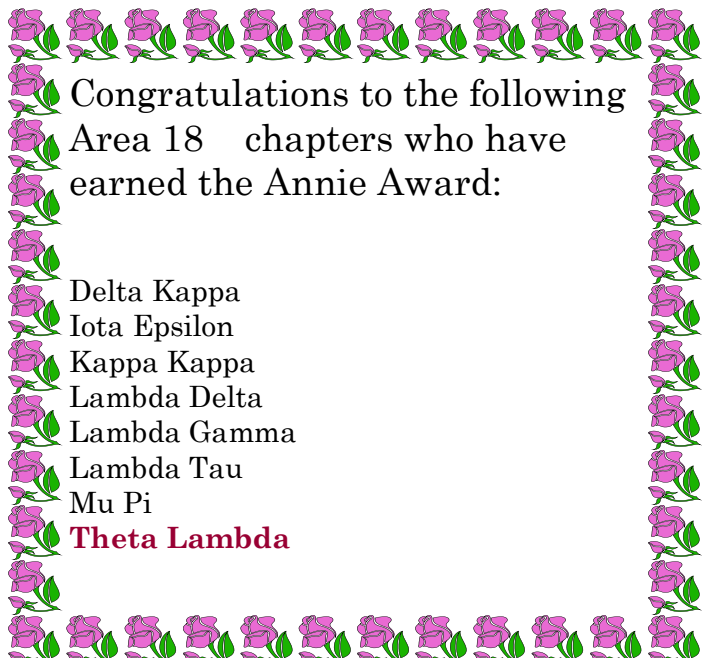
Author Crystal Allen will be our guest speaker at our October meeting.

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



Newsletter questions or suggestions? Contact: Carol TenBrook at cltenbrook@gmail.com

Awards and Recognitions



Congratulations to the following Area 18 chapters who have earned the Annie Award:

- Delta Kappa
- Iota Epsilon
- Kappa Kappa
- Lambda Delta
- Lambda Gamma
- Lambda Tau
- Mu Pi
- Theta Lambda**

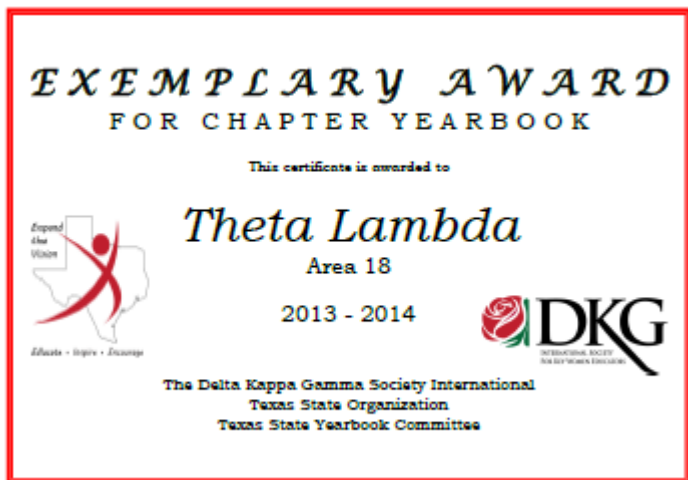
One of the great privileges of serving on the TSO Communications and Publicity Committee is the opportunity to recognize chapter newsletters and the editors that work so hard to put the newsletter together.

On behalf of Susan Barrow, Communications and Publicity committee member for Area 18, and myself, congratulations on producing a Five Star Newsletter for Theta Lambda Chapter for 2013-2014.

I love reading your newsletter.

Jeanette Rhyan

2013-2015 Communications and Publicity Chairman



Congratulations to our new slate of officers for the upcoming 2014-2016 biennium!

- President: Nancy Dobbs
- 1st Vice President: Stacy Frenchwood
- 2nd Vice President: Robin DeLaRosa
- Secretary: Michelle Glick
- Treasurer: Sandra MacConnell
- Parliamentarian: Laura Downes

