

# Theta Lambda News

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## President's Message

Greetings “colorful” sisters,

Ahhhhh, that first blast of cool air means **FALL** is here! So refreshing!! We southerners always adore the sweet glorious days of fall after enduring our brutal summer. To my way of thinking, the fall is **THE** best because it means cooler weather, hiking, colorful leaves, hummingbird migration, Halloween costumes and Thanksgiving dinner with the family. How do you enjoy this season?

Speaking of fall, in terms of Delta Kappa Gamma, there will be some “cool” chapter meetings. You won't want to miss hearing Crystal Allen, author of The Laura Line, on **October 20 at the home of Sandra MacConnell**. Brenda Pearson, our Area 18 Coordinator, will be joining us at our October meeting. On **November 17**, we will need lots of homemade goodies so we can briskly shop away at our annual Live/Silent Auction.

This is a season for collecting the leaves in the yard and cleaning out the flower beds. Let's do some **collecting** and **cleaning** for Theta Lambda! When you get that burst of energy and want to get things done start collecting **change** for the Africa projects and **soda pop tabs** for Ronald McDonald House. Think about the Open Gate Project when you clean out your cabinets, drawers and closets and look for items to fill our gently used **purses**. Remember these young people really need gently used **coats, jackets, hoodies, and blankets**. Also, Mark would welcome any items donated for their backpack project. If you are considering being a volunteer for Open Gate, talk with Laura as there is training provided.

My wish is that you have some time to relax and enjoy the crisp, invigorating air of fall while it lasts. Hope to see you at our fall meetings wearing your DKG pin.

Nancy Dobbs  
Theta Lambda  
President



Collected Leaves, chalk pastels, with permission by Carol TenBrook

### Come join us for

#### Theta Lambda's October meeting!

**Where:** Home of **Sandra MacConnell**  
**When:** Monday, October 20, 2014  
 5:30 Refreshments  
 6:00 Business meeting

**Hostesses:** Jan Randolph  
 Carol Allin

**Inspiration:** Nancy Dobbs  
**Program** *Book Talk by Crystal Allen, Author of The Laura Line*

Theta Lambda welcomes Brenda Pearson, Area 18 Coordinator to our October meeting.

*The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.*

## Meeting Highlights

### Minutes for the September 15, 2014 Theta Lambda regular meeting

Submitted by **Michelle Glick**, secretary

On Monday September 15, 2014 members and guests of Theta Lambda gathered in the home of **Stacy Frenchwood** for our monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President **Nancy Dobbs** after a lovely meal provided by **Jayati Sengupta** and **Mary Herlitz**. Nancy thanked our hostesses and asked each member to offer a one sentence memory of her summer. **Sandra MacConnell** provided inspiration by reading a civic engagement poem from the DKG bulletin.

**Robin DeLaRosa** shared the calendar for upcoming meeting dates and asked members to sign up for hostess/home duties. Sandra asked that we check our names and contact information while **Laura Downes** shared the scrapbook that helped the chapter win the Annie Award.

Nancy shared the mission, vision statement, and purpose of Delta Kappa Gamma and asked **Catherine Hague** to talk about her view of DKG as a service organization. Nancy then asked the members to think of two words that express the meaning of DKG to each of us. She also asked to think of the people that share our values and to give prospect information to **Jan Randolph**. Nancy and Laura passed out new pins from the state conference to each member. Nancy asked that members wear their pins to meetings and discussed ordering pin holders. Members interested in purchasing pin holders (\$12) should email Nancy.

#### Old Business

**Robin DeLaRosa** made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. **Laura Downes** seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

#### New Business

**Sandra MacConnell** presented the treasurer's report. The August checking account balance is \$755.57 as stated in the newsletter. We also have \$1,049.71 in the savings account and \$1,559.54 in the CD. Dues of \$75 are currently due for the year.

**Miriam Watson** presented the budget, which has been approved by the Executive Board. A new fund was established to reimburse members for supplies used in creating gifts for new teachers. Nancy asked members to approve the budget which was done by a unanimous vote.

Sandra stated that the State Chairman for Rules has asked that some changes be made to our bylaws; most dealing with voting rules and committee job descriptions. We are currently waiting approval from the state on the changes. Adoption of the new bylaws was tabled pending that approval.

Nancy and Laura reported that they had a very nice time at the state conference where they met the future International President of DKG. The International Convention will be held in Texas in the near future and we were encouraged to think about attending.

The Houston area workshop held on September 13 was very good. Seven of our members attended and helped with hostess duties. Thank you to Laura for putting together gift bags for the speakers. The attending members reported that they attended many inspirational sessions and that Dr. Barbara Baethe shared that on April 11, 2015 there will be a Houston area conference on global awareness.

A list of committees has been established. Please review. The committees need to be set.

This year our fundraiser auction will be held on November 17. The items brought should be homemade. The auction will be a mixture of silent and live. The live auction will consist of "big ticket" items.

Nancy shared another fundraiser opportunity called *thatsmypan.com*. The website offered different baking items that can be personalized. The Chapter can participate in a fundraiser at no cost to us. Ordering is (*cont.*)

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done online. Catalogs will be available at the next meeting.

The Chapter will continue offering gifts to new teacher and collecting change for Africa. Mark Spillman is looking for volunteers help with putting together backpacks for Open Gate. We are also collecting gently used purses and items to fill the purses for *Pursonality*, which helps young women who are currently homeless. We would like to have purses and items collected at our January meeting. We are also collecting pull tabs from soda cans to help the Houston Ronald McDonald house.

Nancy reminded members that Delta Kappa Gamma offers many stipends and scholarships to teachers. The deadline for applications with the state is March 1 and the international deadline is February 1.

The Star Workshop Weekend at Camp Allen will be January 16-18, 2015. The cost is \$200 and includes room, meals, and supplies. Unfortunately, we believe this event is full now so we must try to register early next year.

**Sr. Jane Meyer** thanked the chapter for our support. She and 12 of her students traveled to an orphanage in Africa over the summer. The students lived the experience of the children while visiting. Over the years they have helped provide water wells, cows, and chickens. Their next project is BioTech.

**Catherine Hague** and **Carol TenBrook** presented an inspiring session on memories. Members were asked to draw a picture that represented their summer memories and then to reflect on the memory on the reverse side of the card. We were then invited to paint the picture to create a postcard and share the memory with someone who helped make the time special.

The next regular meeting featuring author Crystal Allen (The Laura Line) and Area 18 coordinator Brenda Person will be held on October 20, 2014 at the home of **Sandra MacConnell**.

With there being no further business to discuss, **Nancy Dobbs** adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Written by **Michelle Glick**



Michelle Glick sketches her memory



Sr. Jane Meyer talks about her Africa trip



Lillie Beth Wilson listens intently



Catherine Hague talks about different kinds of memories



Jan Randolph records her memory

**Newsletter questions or suggestions? Contact: Carol TenBrook at [cltenbrook@gmail.com](mailto:cltenbrook@gmail.com)**



# Important Information

## ***That's My Pan*** Theta Lambda Fundraiser

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

**Oct. 11**—initial order will be placed if we have 15 or more orders

**Oct. 20**—meeting date—we may receive or order by meeting day

**Oct. 31**—order date

**Nov. 17**—order delivery

**Nov. 24**—order date

**Dec. 15**—order delivery

Remember that our chapter receives \$6 on a \$28 order, which will go into our treasury. Order Christmas gifts or treat yourself and help Theta Lambda at the same time!

To place an order, go to

<http://www.thatsmypan.biz/FRTX10117>.

All photos and artwork included in this newsletter were submitted by Theta Lambda members with permission to be used in our newsletter.

If you have any great photographs you have taken that you think would look great in our newsletter (think seasonal and holiday pictures that capture the spirit!) These photos should not have any people in them, but rather depict scenes, holiday arrangements, food, etc. Photos of original artwork are also wonderful additions to any newsletter.

Newsletters that contain photos, artwork, and personal stories more personal and makes our newsletter a lot of fun to read and enjoy!!!



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**TO:** Chapter Presidents  
**FROM:** Nancy Newton, TSO State President  
**DATE:** August 21, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Release, Waiver, Indemnification, Hold Harmless Agreement

Attached to this email is the Hold Harmless Agreement which has been developed by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

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This Agreement releases the International Society from any liability caused by a chapter or state organization for infringement on anyone's intellectual property. The chapter agreement also releases the state organization from any liability caused by a chapter.

The form is required by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in order to protect the state organization and International from someone in the Society infringing on intellectual property. Copyright laws must be understood and followed by all members in Society communications.

State organization presidents are also having to sign a form for each state organization.

This form is being disseminated to **all chapter presidents** throughout the organization. Please sign as indicated, and return to DKG International Headquarters, PO Box 1589, Austin TX 78767-1589, ATTN: Sarah Sanchez.

Being certain all our newsletter editors, webmasters, and members understand the copyright requirements is imperative. **PLEASE**, be certain **you, your webmaster, and newsletter editor** read the excellent article Diane Moose has put on the Alpha State Website's front page. *What Every Discerning DKG Editor and Webmaster Needs to Know*. It would be wise if all our members would read the article.

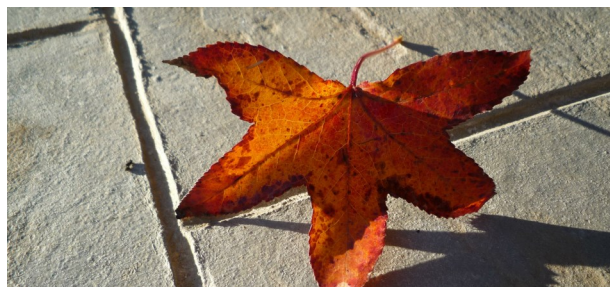
Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this very important legal responsibility.

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Members who attended the Area 18 Fall Workshop: *above*: Miriam Watson, Stacy Frenchwood, Nancy Dobbs (chapter president)

*Below*: Lillie Beth Wilson, Carol Ann Shipp



**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**October, 2014**

**Checking balance reported in September .....\$ 755.57**

**Receipts + \$1306.37**

Membership Dues	1200.00
Workshop Fees	96.00
Raffle	10.00
Bank Dividends (Aug - Sept)	.37

**Disbursements - \$ 137.90**

Workshop Fees	108.00
Supplies/Door Prize	29.90

**Current checking account balance .....\$1924.04**

**Current Savings Balance .....\$1050.23**

**Current CD Balance .....\$1560.89**

**Total assets of chapter .....\$4535.16**





# Fall Collecting

***You may not be able to actually collect fall leaves in Houston just yet, but there are plenty of other things you can collect to support our chapter! Here's a few ideas:***

- **Change for Africa**
- **Soda pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House**
- **Gently used purses**
- **Small items to fill purses**
- **Coats, jackets, hoodies and blankets for Open Gate project**
- **Toiletries for the backpack project**
- **New teachers to join our membership!**
- **Homemade items for our November Live/Silent Auction**
- **Photos and original art to add to our newsletter**