

# Theta Lambda News

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## President's Message

Theta Lambda Sisters,

In January 2016 this most fitting quote and story were found while perusing our archives.

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead*

### A Tale of Theta Lambda

Once upon a time in a land not so far away, there was a small, young chapter of women teachers who got together once a month to enjoy fellowship with one another. The chapter's name was Theta Lambda. Theta Lambda's mother, the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, wanted all her children to grow personally and professionally and, therefore, set forth rules and programs of work for them to follow. Now Theta Lambda and all her sister chapters were loyal and good children and always minded their mother. They worked hard to achieve these goals that had been set before them.

Sometimes Theta Lambda would invite speakers to its chapter meetings to help keep them informed members of the world society. Other times the chapter's own members would present stimulating programs for the cause of education and women educators. But one crisp fall evening, the members of Theta Lambda chapter dared to do something different and decided to investigate a particular center of service to the community, the public library.

If you would like for this story to have a "happily ever after" ending, please join your Theta Lambda sisters at the downtown Public Library, 500 McKinney, on Monday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. for a meeting, more fellowship, and a tour of the facility.

Written by Sandra MacConnell in 1979 during her biennium as President of our chapter.

**Come join us for  
Theta Lambda's February meeting!**

**Where:** Home of Stacy Frenchwood

**When:** Monday, February 8, 2016  
5:30 Refreshments  
6:00 Business Meeting

**Hostesses:** Jayuti Sengupta  
Stacy Frenchwood

**Inspiration:** Catherine Hague

**Music:** Robin DeLaRosa

**Program** ReMember  
"Membership's 3 R's"

**Please welcome:** Carolyn Mashburn

TSO Membership Committee Representative—Area 18



Drawing by Glen MacConnell

Today 2016 Theta Lambda is still "small but mighty," as exclaimed by Laura Downes so many times. We have "changed the world" through our projects and donations. There's no way we will ever know the impact, but we can be assured we have made a difference. I am proud to be a part of this "small group of thoughtful citizens".

Respectively,

Nancy Dobbs

Theta Lambda President

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

# Important Dates and Reminders

- **Mark you calendar for this Saturday! Crystal Allen book launch on Jan 30 at Blue Willow Bookstore at 1:00 – Meet at SmashBurger in Town Center at 11:30.**
- **2016 State Convention**
  - Frisco Convention Center
  - **June 23-25**
  - Embassy Suites and Hilton Garden Inn - \$139
  - Baseball game on Friday night \$39 all inclusive game ticket, food and drink
- **Upcoming dates**
  - ASTEF Giving Day – **Feb. 14, 2016** – support scholarships, leadership, & projects
  - AREA 18 Workshop – **September 10, 2016**
  - 2017 Convention – Houston – **June 22-25** – Grand Hyatt Downtown
  - 2018 International Convention – Austin near International headquarters
- **Purseonality Project for Open Gate**
  - Continue to ask friends, relatives, neighbors, and peers for gently used purses for another assembly
  - Continue to collect items to fill the purses
  - **Bring purses and personal care items to March 7 meeting at Highlands Elementary for purse assembly**

## TREASURER’S REPORT

January, 2016

Checking balance reported in December ..... \$1216.83

**Receipts** + \$339.25

Donations (Sister Jane Kenya project) 330.00

Raffle 9.00

December dividend .25

**Disbursements** - \$ .00

Current checking account balance .....\$1556.08

Current Savings Balance .....\$1053.50

Current CD Balance .....\$1569.40

Total assets of chapter .....\$4178.98

**Coming this Saturday—January 30, 2016**

		<b>Event date:</b> Saturday, January 30, 2016 - 1:00pm <b>Event address:</b>
<b>Crystal Allen Book Signing</b>  <b>Saturday, January 30, 2016</b>  <b>Meet at 11:30 at Smashburger in Town Center</b>  <b>1:00 Blue Willow Bookshop</b>		 <b>Spirit Week Showdown (Hardcover)</b> By Crystal Allen, Eda Kaban (Illustrator) <b>\$16.99</b> ISBN: 9780062342331
		<b>Blue Willow Bookshop</b> <b>14532 Memorial Drive</b> <b>Houston, TX 77079</b>

## Minutes for the November 16, 2015 Theta Lambda regular meeting

Submitted by **Michelle Glick**, secretary

On Monday, November 16, 2015 members and guests of Theta Lambda gathered in the home of **Carol TenBrook** 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 **Laura Downes** and **Nancy Dobbs**. Nancy thanked our other hostesses and reminded us to celebrate our sisterhood. **Sally Kubiak** provided inspiration.

Members were given time to browse through the items brought for our Silent Auction and make bids as they wished. After the auction, we returned to our business meeting while the results were tallied.

### New Business

Nancy announced that there will be a committee meeting at her home at 10:00 on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 to complete all committee reports. All committee chairs should attend and any other members as well. We will also begin our Archive Committee project and mentor any members that wish to apply for scholarships at this time.

### Old Business

The Chapter will continue offering gifts to new teachers and collecting change for Africa and **Sister Jane's** Kenya Project. Purses and personal items collected for Purseonality should be brought to our March meeting. We are also collecting pull tabs from soda cans to help the Houston Ronald McDonald house. We also can still order from That's My Pan. Orders from That's My Pan should be made by Dec. 4 to ensure delivery by Christmas. Lastly, please bring any coats or blankets to donate to Open Gate to the December meeting.

After business was conducted, **Staci Frenchwood** announced the winning bidders in our annual Silent Auction.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 14, 2015 at the home of **Miriam Watson**.

With there being no further business to discuss, Nancy Dobbs adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Written by **Michelle Glick**

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**Lillie Beth** spoke about why she became a member of Theta Lambda and we were given an update on our Recruitment Teams. Nancy read some excerpts from *A Simple Christmas* by Mike Huckabee and asked us all to reflect on our own Christmases and lives. **Miriam Watson** shared the words to several Christmas carols and we all sang, enjoying the fellowship of the time of year.

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Nancy also reminded us about the State Convention Jun 23 – 25 in Frisco and asked us to think about attending. She also reminded us of dates for next year – Area 18 workshop (Sept 10, 2016, ASTEF Giving Day (February 14, 2016), National Convention in 2017, and the 2018 International Convention.

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Photo by Carol TenBrook