

# Theta Lambda News

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### Come join us for Theta Lambda's April meeting!

**Where:** Corelli's Restaurant  
3229 TX-6  
Sugar Land, 77478

**When:** Monday, April 18, 2016  
5:30 Refreshments  
6:00 Business Meeting

**Hostesses:** Nancy Dobbs  
Sally Kubiak

**Inspiration:** Laura Downes

**Music:** Robin DeLaRosa

**Program** *Theta Lambda's 48th  
Birthday Celebration*  
  
*Chapter Achievement  
Award Presentation*

## President's Message

Spring is busting out all over! Everywhere you look you see new life. I love the delicate colors of those very first baby leaves that appear on trees. The shades of red, chartreuse, and yellow flowers bursting forth are just exquisite and a welcome respite from the grayness of winter. Butterflies of many colors emerging and hummingbirds returning from their long winter migration bring new life to my garden.



Photo by Carol TenBrook

When people come to my home they immediately know I love birds, butterflies, and flowers. When visitors come to a Theta Lambda meeting they instantly realize the members of this "small but mighty" chapter, are loving sisters dedicated to serving and educating others. Our projects show our desire to help others like a seedling pushing out of the soil to look up. Those who have received the benefit of our efforts are in a better place than where fate had left them. Everywhere you look you see new life from the streets of downtown Houston to the halls of Ronald McDonald House and as far as the orphanage in Kenya. There is new life in our garden!

Blessings to you!

Nancy Dobbs



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

## Minutes for the February 9, 2016 Theta Lambda regular meeting Submitted by **Michelle Glick**, secretary

On Monday, February 9, members and guests of Theta Lambda gathered in the home of Staci 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 Staci Frenchwood. Nancy thanked our other hostesses and welcomed our guests. Lillie Beth spoke about why she became a member of Theta Lambda and we were given an update on our Recruitment Teams. Nancy told the group that our chapter was written up in the Area 18 newsletter for our innovative competition to recruit members. Catherine provided inspiration by asking us to metaphorically think about putting something negative into a balloon, let it go, and to reflect on what our lives would then look like. She also read from *Prayer Meditations for Teachers*.

### **New Business**

Carolyn Mashburn, TSO Membership Committee, presented a program about the 3 R's of Membership – Recruit, Retain, and Reinstate. She offered several ideas for each category that are easy to start and maintain.

The Chapter was asked to vote on a \$50 donation to Sheldon Elementary in Red Oak ISD, a school in need after tornado damage. Mary Herlitz moved to make the donation, Sally Kubiak seconded. The motion passed.

### **Old Business**

Nancy and Sally delivered coats and blankets to Open Gate. The coats were very much appreciated and Nancy passed out a list of other items they continuously look for.

All reports were completed and submitted at the Committee meeting at Nancy's house in January. The nomination committee also began their slate of nominations, members worked on project applications, and the Achievement Award Committee met to select their recipient.

Several members participated in Crystal Allen's new book launch at Blue Willow. They reported having a fabulous time.

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.

The Chapter will continue collecting change for Africa and Sister Jane's Kenya Project. Purses and personal items collected for Personality 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. So far we have collected \$86.36 from this fundraiser.

Nancy also reminded us of the drawing for members who wear their pins to meetings.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 7, 2016 at Highlands Elementary.

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

Written by Michelle Glick

## Minutes for the March 7, 2016 Theta Lambda regular meeting Submitted by **Michelle Glick**, secretary

On Monday, March 7, members and guests of Theta Lambda gathered at Highlands Elementary for our monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Nancy Dobbs after a delicious meal provided by Sr. Jane Meyer and Terri Marrow. Nancy thanked our hostesses and welcomed our guests. Carol TenBrook commented about why she became a member of Theta Lambda and Nancy told the group that the Petals were leading in the membership contest by 2. We will be initiating 2 new members, Michele Croft and Kay Toedter at our May meeting. A tentative date of April 16, 2016 was set for the orientation. After the meal the members assembled the donated bags and hygiene products for our Pursonality project. The purses will be delivered over Spring Break.

### New Business

Sister Jane and guest Sr. Mary presented an inspiring video and various stories about their time in Africa at the orphanage. They thanked the chapter for donations and told of their hopes for this year's trip.

Catherine Hague presented the slate of officers 2016-2018. Sr. Jane moved that we accept the ballot by acclimation. The motion carried. The officers for 2016 – 2018 are:

President – Carol TenBrook  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Catherine Hague  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Terri Morrow  
Secretary – Sally Kubiak  
Newsletter – Michelle Glick

The Nominating Committee for 2016 – 2018 was also selected. Sr. Jane made a motion to approve the appointments and Jodi seconded. The members of the 2016 – 2018 Nominating Committee are:

Lillie Beth Wilson  
Nancy Dobbs  
Staci Frenchwood

Nancy informed the chapter that we will need to fill out a member online profile and that she will send directions by email later in the week. In order to complete the profile, members need their member numbers which are located on their membership card or other DKG printed materials.

### Old Business

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

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### **Corelli's** Italian Cafe

The next meeting will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at Corelli's in Sugar Land. This is our birthday celebration. The cost is \$18. 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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