

Theta Lambda News

★Winner of the 2014-2015 Five-Star Award

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This newsletter, as well as other important Delta Kappa Gamma information can be found at our website:

<http://thetalambda.weebly.com/>

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President's Message

I was sitting at the bridge table on a Monday afternoon when the phone rang. It was Sister Jane calling to ask if I would serve as President of Theta Lambda. My first reaction was that I just take the pictures at meetings and send out the Evites so why is she calling me. Then I began to think about how my life had changed since my high school granddaughter had come to live with us. After talking to my wise husband, I realized that this chapter and our commitment to service and education were truly important to me and everything would work out fine. I have truly enjoyed the past two years and I am even more committed to this chapter.

Looking to the future, I see great things on the horizon. The next two years will be awesome with the upcoming leadership for 2016-2018.

President: Carol TenBrook
 1st Vice President (Programs): Catherine Hague
 2nd Vice President (Social): Teri Marrow
 Secretary: Sally Kubiak
 Parliamentarian: Nancy Dobbs
 Treasurer: Sandra MacConnell
 Newsletter: Michelle Glick

Growing the membership of our chapter is so very important to our success. I encourage you to decide how you want to serve and how to give of your special talents. Our new members, Michele Croft and Kay Toedter, are very special women who will be an asset to the chapter. I encourage you to invite your colleagues to our meeting with the goal of increasing our membership over the next biennium.

A big thank you to all! Your participation in making the past two years a success is much appreciated.

Nancy Dobbs

President

Theta Lambda

Because of the cancellation of our April meeting due to heavy rains and flooding, our May 16 meeting will be filled to the brim! We will be having our 48th Birthday Celebration, Initiation of new members, the Achievement Award, and Installation of 2016-2018 Officers. You should plan on staying till 8:00 so we don't have to rush through any of our very important ceremonies.

Come join us for Theta Lambda's May meeting!

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

When: Monday, May 16, 2016
5:30 Refreshments
6:00 Business Meeting

Hostesses: Lillie Beth Wilson
Jan Randolph

Inspiration: Stacy Frenchwood

Music: Sister Jane Meyer

Program *Theta Lambda's 48th Birthday Celebration*
Chapter Achievement Award Presentation
New Officers 2016-18
New Member Initiation

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

May, 2016

Checking balance reported in February \$1636.73

Receipts + \$248.91

Birthday Dinner	238.00
Raffle	10.00
February, March, April dividends	.91

Disbursements \$469.26

Red Oak ISD donation	50.00
Donations to State & Int’l. Funds	143.00
Schools for Africa (UNICEF fund)	15.00
Award Concepts	79.85
(Key pins, President pin, Rose guard pin)	
Birthday dinner door prizes	49.45
Early Educator gifts	7.96
Convention registration/birthday lunch	124.00

Current checking account balance \$1416.38

Current savings balance \$1054.15

Current CD balance \$1571.15

Total assets of chapter \$4041.68



Corelli’s Italian Cafe

Birthday Celebration Rescheduled to the May Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on May 16th at Corelli’s in Sugar Land. This is our birthday celebration. The cost is \$18.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

Five Star Award

For An Outstanding Newsletter

THETA LAMBDA



Marilyn Gregory
President

Kimberly Birkelbach
Chairman

Texas State Organization
87th State Convention, Frisco
2015-2016

Carol Ann Shipp sent this information about a very special book signing opportunity—with **Laura Bush and Jenna Bush Hager**—on Tuesday, May 17, at 4:00 p.m. Please read below and check out the website for important information regarding admission requirements and security.

<http://www.bluewillowbookshop.com/event/laura->

Event date:

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 - 4:00pm

Event address:

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
11612 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77024



Our Great Big Backyard (Hardcover)

By Laura Bush, Jenna Bush Hager, Jacqueline Rogers (Illustrator)

\$18.99

ISBN: 9780062468352

Availability: Coming Soon - Available for Pre-Order Now

Published: HarperCollins - May 10th, 2016

****Information taken from Blue Willow Bookshop website:****

<http://www.bluewillowbookshop.com/event/laura-bush-and-jenna-bush-hager>

What: We are pleased to host **Laura Bush and Jenna Bush Hager** for a discussion of their new picture book, OUR GREAT BIG BACKYARD. Blue Willow's Valerie Koehler will facilitate the conversation which is expected to last about one hour.

When: Tuesday, May 17, 4:00 pm

Where: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church: 11612 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77024. This event will be held in the sanctuary, but plan to enter through the Fellowship Hall on the north end of the building.

- Guests may arrive no earlier than 2:00 for check in and must be seated in the sanctuary by 3:45. No exceptions will be made, so please allow extra time for construction and traffic in the area.
- Purses and bags will not be allowed in the sanctuary. We suggest you leave them at home.
- No personal camera or cellphone photos are allowed at the event.

Admission: This is a ticketed event. Purchase a pre-signed copy of OUR GREAT BIG BACKYARD from Blue Willow Bookshop to receive your admission ticket, which will admit one person. Each book will have a signed bookplate placed within it. When you arrive, you will pick up a wristband which will allow you through security. After the event, you will return to the Fellowship Hall to pick up your books.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

What has happened since our last meeting in March

- **Open Gate**
 - Nancy and Sally delivered the purses during Spring Break
 - Bering United Methodist Church was having an Easter Egg hunt for single moms and they would be given a purse
- **New Member Orientation** - Held on Saturday and was very informative
 - Kay Toedter and Michele Croft are ready to be initiated
 - Jan, Sally, Stacy, Michelle F., Robin, Laura and Nancy were there to support
 - Thanks to Jan for organizing the great program

What will happen on May 16

- **48th Birthday Celebration** – Corelli's Italian Cafe
 - **New Member Initiation** - At the beginning
 - **Achievement Award Presentation** – During dinner
 - **Installation of Officers for 2016-2018** – After dinner
- **REMember** – *Drawing for a winner*
 - Membership Recruitment Teams final points added
 - Total points to determine the winning team and arrangements made
- **Wear Pin to Meetings Raffle** – *Drawing for winner*
 - May is the last month for you to wear your pin and put a ticket in the jar
 - If you wore your pin to the Orientation, put another ticket in the jar
 - Drawing for the winner of the special meal prepared by members of the Executive Board
- **Presentation of donation for Sister Jane's Kenya Project** – *Bring your donation to May 16 meeting - Stacy will count all money collected – Sandra will write check for Sister Jane*
 - \$1 Raffle – Put \$1 in the drawing
 - Go for the Green! – Bring bills and change
 - Make a Pledge! – Bring your donation
- **Collecting soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House** – *Bring all your tabs to May 16 meeting – Sally will collect the tabs and take them to Ronald McDonald House*

Upcoming dates

- **2016 State Convention** – *Who is interested in attending?* – Check it out online at DKG.org - Let Nancy or Sandra know
 - Carol and Nancy attending
 - Frisco Convention Center, June 23-25
- **Upcoming dates** – Nancy
 - AREA 18 Workshop – **September 10, 2016** – Northeast Christian Academy, Humble, TX
 - **2017 Convention** – Houston – **June 22-25** – Grand Hyatt Downtown
 - **2018 International Convention** – **July 16-20** - JW Marriott in Austin near International headquarters