**Theta Gamma Thoughts**

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**President’s Message**

Hello Sisters,

 I can’t believe this is my last letter of my first year serving the wonderful group of ladies that you all are. It has been a challenge that was not at all as hard as I thought it would be. The hardest part was making sure when I submitted reports or worked on the Pace Award Application that I made sure to sing all of YOUR praises as a group of dedicated ladies. We not only accomplished a lot this year, we got to know each other better and learned a few new things. It was a fantastic year. I look forward to my second year filling a few gaps and hopefully gaining new members to help us with all of the wonderful work that we put forth into our society.

I have to brag about Carol… Our newsletter won the Five Star Award for an outstanding newsletter! Carol was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for excellence as an editor! I am so proud of her and all she does to make sure we shine! Thank you Carol from all of us.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Sugarbakers at our annual Founders and Chapter Birthday celebration. It is always a good time to close out the year presenting awards and getting to visit with each other.

Our purses are all together and delivered to the Women’s Shelter. Thank you all for the time and effort you put forth to make this a wonderful continued project. Although we never get to see the ladies that receive the purses, I can only imagine their excitement in being given one. The people we hand them over to are always so thrilled when we make our delivery for the ladies!

By the time I see you all next, I will have been to Los Angeles and back. I am going for my 40th high school reunion! I am always excited to see my dear friends in person.

Always in my thoughts,

Shannon

**Next Meeting Information:**

**May 21, 2015 515 p.m.**

**Sugarbakers Restaurant on Santa Fe**

Our recruitment grant scholarship and May Blyth grant to a member will be awarded at our Founder’s Day/Birthday celebration.

Remember to get your $20 check (payable to Theta Gamma) to our treasurer **before the 14th** as that is the day she needs to give the chef the number attending and the check to pay for the luncheon.

[**Sugarbakers Restaurant Map Link**](https://maps.google.com/maps?rlz=1T4ADRA_enUS401US402&q=2766+Sante+Fe+Corpus+Christi,+TX+78404&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=X&ei=-ewNVKiIH6Xu8AHE5IGwDw&ved=0CAgQ_AUoAQ)

**Minutes of the**

 **April Meeting**

4/23/2015

President Shannon Clubb called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. in the Miller High School Library. Shannon read a letter from Alpha State Corresponding Secretary Dr. Jo Murphy who said “... she has read the Chapter reports and … I especially liked what I read about Theta Gamma building member relationships with ice breakers at meetings. If your members get to know each other better, they will gladly join in activities and projects your chapter can build on to grow and thrive." Members present were Brandey Addison, Kimberly Brumley, Shannon Clubb, Kimberly Craig, Laura Day, Ann Falkner, Neva Gentry, Sylvia Gonzalez, Roxanna Guererro, Norma Janice, Brenda Machen, Libby McGee, Luanna Ortiz, Donna Rodenberg, Angela Steagall, Sylvia Swift-Perez, Beverly Tackett, Debbie VanZandt, and Vilma Zuniga.

Kimberly Craig presented a rainbow photo scavenger hunt as the meeting icebreaker.

February minutes were approved as printed. Corresponding secretary Luanna Ortiz reported that no correspondence was made since the last meeting, but a get well card was passed around for signatures for Theta Gamma member Janice Doughty who fractured her ankle. Luanna will also send a get well card to the president of the new Premont DKG chapter who is in the hospital.

Norma Janice gave the treasurer’s report. The beginning balance was $1072.33. We received income of $183.02, and paid expenses of $311.00, leaving an ending balance of $944.35. The treasurer’s report was approved and filed for audit. Kim Brumley expressed concern that the scholarship and convention costs would wipe out the account. The finance committee will meet to discuss the allotment of funds.

President Shannon Clubb encouraged all members to attend the State Conference in San Antonio on June 25-27.

Laura Day presented information on club shirts. Prints Charming (on Corona near Sherwin Williams) will digitize the DKG logo for $45. Any Theta Gamma member can take in the shirt (or other item) of her choice or may purchase a shirt (or other item) from Prints Charming on which to have the logo embroidered. The cost for embroidering the logo is $12.95. Kim Brumley moved to encourage each member to bring $2.00 to the May meeting to cover the cost of digitizing the logo. Libby McGee seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a voice vote.

Norma Janice announced this year’s scholarship winners. Two May Blythe scholarships of $150 were awarded this year. They were awarded to Luanna Ortiz and Donna Rodenberg. The Esther Jane Roark Hahn scholarship of $300 was awarded to Amanda VanZandt who is pursuing a music education degree at Texas A&M University in Kingsville. Amanda will be our guest at the May meeting to be presented with her check.

Norma also presented information about next month’s meeting. The meeting will be May 21 at 5:15 p.m. at Sugarbakers Bakery and Bistro, 2766 Santa Fe. Cost will be $20 per person which will include tax and gratuity. Menu possibilities were a sandwich and salad buffet or a plate choice. A vote of members present determined that the sandwich and salad buffet would be offered. Money was given to Libby McGee at the meeting to give to Linda Uballe or could be mailed to Linda after the meeting. Sugarbakers wants one check from the group.

Debbie VanZandt gave a recap of Teen Bookfest by the Bay which happened on February 28, 2015. Several Theta Gamma members were on site to volunteer. About 300-350 teens attended, and the event was considered successful by all involved.

The basket for this meeting included a blanket, a novel, a notepad, hand sanitizer and a Starbucks gift card. It was won by Sylvia Swift-Perez. The Pride and the Prize Pop Quiz question was, “What years were covered by the author list on the Alpha State website?” The correct answer was 1906-2013. Brenda Machen’s winning answer earned her a $10 gift card to Marble Slab Ice Cream. The PACE donation raised $16.58.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. after which Brandey Addison introduced the program “Our Bucket List” to get some ideas for what direction we want to head for 2015-2016. After the program, members finished filling the purses that were donated with more items. Shannon will deliver the filled purses to the Corpus Christi Women’s Shelter before Mother’s Day.

Respectfully submitted

Debbie VanZandt, Recording Secretary.

**Future Meetings**

Since we will not meet until September you ladies who are still working are welcome to join those of us who are retired for lunch the last Tuesday of every month at Sugarbakers. We meet by eleven fifteen so we can order before it gets crowded.

This month we will deviate from that and be at the Citrus Bistro in the Art Center so that we may view the Los Donas De La Corte Coronation gowns on display there. Join us if you are able to do that.

**Take Pride - Win a Prize**

Visit your TSO convention website and locate the Unifying Project.

The project is requesting school supplies to benefits the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Antonio.

 Please look at the list and bring an item(s) to our May meeting and it will be delivered to convention on behalf of Theta Gamma.

Your contribution is your ticket to Pride and the Prize Pop Quiz!

**Alpha State Convention**

[**Click this link to find out why you need to BYOB for the convention.**](http://www.alphastatetexas.org/lonestarnews/2014.winter.pdf)

It is time to begin making plans to attend the 86th Texas State Convention in San Antonio. A good way to begin is by making your hotel reservations right away. The official convention hotel is the [Grand Hyatt](https://aws.passkey.com/g/25186170) on the River Walk. [Convention Website](http://86thtsoconvention.weebly.com/)

**The Winter Boots**

(**Anyone who has ever dressed a child will love
this**)
Did you hear about the teacher who was helping one of her pupils put on his boots?

He asked for help and she could see why. Even with her pulling, and him pushing, the little boots still didn't want to go on his feet. By the time they got the second boot on, she had worked up a sweat.

She almost cried when the little boy said, ‘Teacher, they're on the wrong feet.' She looked, and sure enough, they were.

Unfortunately, it wasn't any easier pulling the boots off, than it was putting them on.She managed to keep her cool as, together, they worked to get the boots back on, this time on the correct feet.

He then announced, 'These aren't my boots.'

She bit her tongue, rather than get right in his face and scream, 'Why didn't you say so?' like she wanted to.

Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they got the boots off when he said, ‘They’re my brother's boots. But my Mom made me wear 'em today.'

Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. But she mustered up what grace and courage she had left to
wrestle the boots BACK onto his feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked, 'Now, where are your mittens?'

He said, ‘I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots.'
She'll be eligible for parole in three years.

**Any change in your contact information?**  If so, please notify Carol Walker @ 937-3604 or walkerbc64@msn.com