



# Theta Gamma Thoughts

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

Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide  
2016-2018 International Theme "Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide"

2017-2019 T SO Theme "Bridging yesterday and tomorrow"

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## President's Message

Sisters,

Happy New Year, Sisters! It's January and you know what that means...Chili!! Our January gathering is later this month than what you have been used to. Your planning team wanted you to get back into your school routines and life routines before we met this month. Our retirees will be hosting us next Tuesday, so plan to be there.

We survived Hurricane Harvey, sailed through the holidays and toasted in the New Year. So, what are you bringing into the new year?

I saw this and am claiming it.

LESS	MORE
TALKING	LISTENING
PLANNING	DOING
SODA	TEA
JUNK FOOD	SALADS
COMPLAINING	ENCOURAGING
WORRYING	HOPING
DOUBTING	BELIEVING
LAZING AROUND	WORKING OUT
FROWNING	SMILING
INSECURITY	TRUST
WEAKNESS	CONFIDENCE
IGNORANCE	UNDERSTANDING
HATE	LOVE
UNGRATEFULNESS	GRATITUDE

What do you think? Is this something you can work on, too? Instead of striving for perfection, let's focus on progress instead.

See you next week.

Forward moving ever,

Laura

## Next Meeting Information

### January 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday)

**Chili Supper** 5:30 p.m.

hosted by our Retired Sisters at the home of Norma Janice  
1410 Casa Verde Drive.

Final planning for our meeting/project at the Women's Shelter. Bring books, chalk, and bubbles if you have not done so already.

### The Rest of the Year at a Glance

All weeknight meetings are at 5:30 p.m.

February 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

Serve a meal and do crafts etc. for and with the clients at the Women's Shelter

March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)

First United Methodist Church Dining Room, 900 S Shoreline Blvd 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Joint Chapters Luncheon (\$15) and Initiation Area 5 Coordinator Barbara Serota Guest Speaker

April 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

YWCA / still confirming this Privilege Walk demo - Women Literary Characters

May 1<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday)

at the home of Carol Walker, 3408 Tahiti Drive Program -- Founder's Day/Chapter Birthday Celebration Salad Supper (everyone brings a salad to share) Drinks etc. will be provided.

## Think Scholarships NOW!

Preference is given to relatives of Theta Gamma members but anyone who qualifies is eligible to be nominated for these chapter scholarships.

Our Esther Jane Roark Hahn Memorial Recruitment Grant is awarded to a resident of the Coastal Bend pursuing a career in the field of education. The grant is for at least \$300.00 and may be used for tuition, registration fees, books or supplies. The applicant may be enrolled in any level of education with the transcript reflecting an overall average of at least 2.0..

Do you have a student or a family member that meets these qualifications? If so, please remember the application is due to the Scholarship Committee **before April 1.**

As a member of Theta Gamma you are eligible to apply for the May Blythe Theta Gamma Scholarship. You must have been a member of Theta Gamma for at least one year. The scholarship is for \$300.00 and may be used for tuition, fees, books or supplies at a non-society continuing professional education event, seminar, workshop, or graduate class.

Remember the scholarship does not have to be used for a formal classroom setting course. Some of you may be passing up free money. The application is due to the Scholarship Committee before April 1.

**Applications are attached to the email in which you received this newsletter.** Please open and print out the application you need. Fill it out and bring it to the next meeting, email, or mail it to our scholarship chairman:

Mrs. Bettie Ruth Mitchell,  
4729 Sea Island Drive 78413  
[betmitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:betmitchell@yahoo.com)

The application is due to the Scholarship Committee **before April 1.**

## Did you know?

Up to 30 International Scholarships are available annually from Delta Kappa Gamma. \$6,000 for graduate studies - \$10,000 for a Doctorate

Go to the Society Website <http://www.dkg.org>  
Click on Committees and go to Scholarship for Scholarship qualifications, scholarship packet, and the scholarship application process.

## Alpha State Convention

Save the Dates!  
89th Texas State  
Convention  
at the  
Waco Convention Center  
June 14-16, 2018

## Quick Links to society sites:

International: <http://www.dkg.org>

State: <http://www.dkgtexas.org/>

Theta Gamma Chapter:

[www.thetagamma.weebly.com](http://www.thetagamma.weebly.com)

## International

The 2018 DKG International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas.

If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Convention Chair JoAnn Brooks at [joannbrooks@verizon.net](mailto:joannbrooks@verizon.net)

If you have changed your address, phone or email address, please notify

Carol Walker at 937-3604 or [walkerbc64@msn.com](mailto:walkerbc64@msn.com)

## Get \$ from the Texas Retired Teachers Association Foundation

### For Yourself

Download a Classroom Assistance Grant application for the 2018-2019 school year below:

[Click here: Teacher Grant Application 2018-2019](#)

In 2018, TRTF will award \$500 to 30 Texas public educators, double the amount provided in 2017! The deadline to submit completed applications is March 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

What is the TRTF Classroom Assistance Grant?

Today's classroom teachers use a variety of tools to educate children, but due to lack of sufficient funding, many find new technology items out of reach. TRTF's Classroom Assistance Grant program helps teachers improve the learning environment for students by giving \$500 towards projects, learning platforms, software, and much more.

Since 2008, TRTF has provided \$63,500 in grants to active educators all across Texas.

### For A Relative If you are a TRTA Member

Download the Beginning Teacher Scholarship application for the 2018-2019 school year below.

Click here: [Beginning Teacher Scholarship Application 2018-2019](#)

Applications are due in full no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 15, 2018.

What is the TRTF Beginning Teacher Scholarship?

This is for students who have completed their college education and are about to enter the classroom as professional educators for the first time.

The Beginning Teacher Scholarship will reimburse applicants for certification tests and test results, and provide funds to help the applicant purchase materials for his or her classroom during his or her first year of teaching.

TRTF will award fifteen \$750 scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year to candidates who are relatives of an active member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA), who have earned or are earning an undergraduate or master's degree in education at a Texas university or college, and have pursued or are pursuing their teaching certification exam. Students must have taken or be scheduled to take the Texas teacher certification exam in 2018, in anticipation of beginning their teaching career during the fall of 2018 or spring of 2019.



*Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. - William Butler Yeats*