

Theta Gamma Thoughts

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2015-2017 TSO Theme –
*The Heart of the Society
is Its Members*

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

I must tell you, having a new house to plan what to plant when the weather warms up is driving me crazy. I keep seeing plants and trees I want to buy, but I am waiting impatiently for better weather. Just like our year, I can't wait to paint again at our 2nd annual Crazy Picasso Night on April 2nd. Invite everyone you know to come. Remember, we must have over 50 people attend to be able to make it a fund raiser. We are also going to have a silent auction that night, so start asking anyone you know who might have something we can add to the table.

I am also looking forward to our joint chapters luncheon and reuniting with friends from other groups. I am hoping to see many of your familiar faces also. It is always a fun event

Our last meeting was great. Laura did an excellent job teaching us about the Heathy Plate. I sure appreciate that she stepped in and prepared a program for us.

If you are considering going to Convention this summer, I am sure the one who can talk you into it. I had such a wonderful time last year. I learned so much about Delta Kappa Gamma and what it really means past our local chapter.

Our next meeting is a fashion show called Love Yourself Love Your Look. I know it will be a meeting everyone will want to attend.

So much for all of the wonderful events we have in the wings! I hope you can make it to everything as it is always so nice when we reunite every month. I sit back often, getting my meeting things together and listen to the variety of conversations we all bring to the table. It's a wonderful group and I am proud to have a part of it.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon,
Shannon

Next Meeting Information:

Thursday, February 18, 5:30 p.m.

Love Yourself, Love Your Look
Collegiate HS Rm. 206

[Del Mar College-East Campus](#)
[in the St. Claire Building](#)

Members and guests will model budget-friendly professional attire from Clothes Mentor resale shop to demonstrate affordable and appropriate clothes for the educational workplace.

Minutes of the

January Meeting

1/21/2016

President Shannon Clubb called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm at the home of Kay Schroeder. Members present were Kimberly Brumley, Shannon Clubb, Laura Day, Janice Doughty, Mairaed Gillooly, Samantha Greses, Norma Janice, Barbara MacDonald, Brenda Machen, Donna Rodenberg, Kay Schroeder, Sylvia Swift, and Debbie VanZandt.

Laura Day presented the program, The Healthy Plate. A visual was created on a paper plate by

each member. In addition, Laura demonstrated the amounts of sugar in drinks and condiments by showing an empty bottle with the relevant number of teaspoons of sugar for each one. Her final statement, "The bottom line is progress, not perfection" left all attendees with something to think about.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed.

Kimberly Brumley presented the Treasurer's report. As of 12/10/2015, the balance on hand was \$891.11. With income of \$16.44 and disbursements of \$48.71, the current balance on hand is \$858.84. Kimberly informed the group that the August to December interest credited to the account was 12 cents. The report was approved and filed for audit.

There was no correspondence.

Shannon announced that the date for the Crazy Picasso fundraiser is Saturday, April 2, 2016. She suggested that members get started inviting people as we have to have 50 attendees in order to receive the profit from the night. The cost is \$30/person.

The list of supplies for the purse project was handed out. Members should begin collecting supplies to fill the purses. (See list following the minutes if you were not at the meeting.)

Norma Janice and Sylvia Swift modeled shirts with the embroidered logo from Prints Charming (Everhart and Corona). Members can take in items of their own and have the embroidery done in color or black for \$12.95.

Convention will be in Frisco (near Dallas) on June 23-25, 2016. Carol will be sending out information as it comes in.

New members were added to existing committees as follows: Programs and Service Projects (Donna Rodenberg, chair) Kelli Powell and Debrena Lightfoot; Membership (Kimberly Craig, chair) Valarie Buhidar and Samantha Greses; Ceremonies and Music (Kimberly Brumley, chair) Mairaed Gillooly and Barbara MacDonald.

As a quorum was not present, the proposed bylaws change was tabled until the next meeting.

Shannon announced that Theta Gamma scholarship applications are due to Bettie Ruth Mitchell before April 1.

Announcements:

- Teen Bookfest by the Bay will be held at Tuloso-Midway High School 9:00 to 4:30 on Saturday, February 20. Volunteers are needed. Debbie VanZandt will send the volunteer link to Carol Walker for distribution to the membership. 21 authors and 1 illustrator will present in workshops and panels to area teens from ESC Regions 1, 2, and 3. About 500 attendees are expected.
- The Brumley girls are selling Girl Scout cookies. Orders can be placed with Kimberly Brumley.
- \$20 was donated to the scholarship fund in memory of Theta Gamma member Neva Gentry. It was suggested that members consider making any donations in her memory there, too.

Pride and the Prize: The challenge for this month was to find the deadline for March Educator Mini Grants. The deadline is March 1. The winning member was Debbie VanZandt. She received an English ivy plant.

The Pace donation was \$16.02.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

The next meeting will be February 18 at Collegiate High School where the program will be "Love Yourself, Love Your Look."

Respectfully submitted

Debbie VanZandt, Recording Secretary

Items With Which to Fill Purses

For the Women's Shelter

planners/calendar (purse size), body spray, pens, toothpaste and toothbrush, nail polish, manicure items, shampoo/conditioner, compact mirror, deodorant, hand sanitizer, tissues, and Q-tips

Future Meetings

March 5: Joint Chapters Luncheon at P.O.E.T.S. (4825 Saratoga Blvd)

April 21: Purse Project/Bucket List

May 14: Founders/Chapter Birthday at the home of Brandey Addison (3833 Julia Ln.)



Teen Bookfest by the Bay 2016

The Second Annual Teen Bookfest by the Bay will be held at Tuloso-Midway High School from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2016. Teens from ESC Regions 1 (Valley), 2 (Corpus Christi area), and 3 (Victoria area) have been invited. We are expecting around 500 attendees.

Twenty-one authors for young adults and 1 illustrator have contracted to attend. The illustrator is Evan Turk, illustrator of **Grandfather Gandhi**, which was written by Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. The authors are Miracle Austin, David Bowles, Jen Brooks, Beth Fehlbaum, Alison Ashley Formento, Guadalupe Garcia-McCall, Lori Goldstein, April Henry, C. C. Hunter, Christine Kohler, Trisha Leaver, Joshua McCune, C. Lee McKenzie, Marcia Mickelson, Meredith Moore, Rene S. Perez, Kristin Rae, Manuel Ruiz, Victoria Scott, Joe Shine and Yvonne Ventresca. Lori and Jen will be giving a writers' workshop, and Evan will give an illustrators' workshop, and Victoria is our keynote speaker (funded by ASTEF).

We will be needing volunteers for many jobs throughout the day. Spots are in one and two hour blocks and some are sit-down jobs, and some will even allow you to hear the sessions. You can sign up to volunteer by following these directions:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on Volunteer Spot: <http://vols.pt/zfzW5b>

2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on Volunteer Spot)

3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots – Volunteer Spot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: Volunteer Spot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

There will be concessions available throughout the day. It will be a fun and rewarding day, and I hope that you will join us for all or part of it!

The keynote, A Conversation with Victoria Scott, (funded by ASTEF) will take place in the Performing Arts Center at TM High School at 2:50 p.m. if you're able to attend.

Debbie VanZandt

Mentoring Project News

Thank you Brenda Machen and Libby McGee for the inspiration, refreshments and information we shared with the First Year Teacher Academy on Saturday, November 14. Our project is well underway.

Sisters, be ready to mentor if you can.
Donna

From the

"Before the Bell Newsletter"

provided by Texas Retired Teachers
[What Your Classroom Shows About You](#)

[How to Prepare for Changes in the SAT](#)

[Attention Tech-Savvy K-12 Educators: National Recognition as a Digital Innovator Could Be Yours](#)

[How Much Money from Powerball Goes to Education in Texas?](#)

[Cheddar Cheese Cauliflower Tots](#)

Do you need this?

Judith Whitlock is teaching a class for seniors on Excel from 12 to 3 on Saturdays at Del Mar. If you are interested contact her at 813-4704 or judithwh@grandecom.net

Think Scholarships NOW!

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 \$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. Preference is given to relatives of Theta Gamma members.

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 in your yearbook and also 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

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Quick Links to society sites:

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

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

Theta Gamma Chapter:

www.thetagamma.weebly.com

Alpha State Convention

87th Texas State Convention

Frisco Convention Center

Frisco, Texas

June 23 - 25, 2016

The official TSO Convention Website is now open and ready for business. Visit the Convention Website for convention information and registration links. Check the website often as the information will be updated as it becomes available. [Convention Website](#)

News from 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.

Welcome to the new website!

Along with a new look, the website hosts some new features such as member only areas that require log in. For help with logging in, please call Society Headquarters at 1-888-762-4685 or 512-478-5748.

Your username is your **six digit member id** that can be found on your membership card, from your chapter treasurer, or on the back of your *DKG NEWS*. If you find the number on the back of the *NEWS*, please be aware that you **must remove the last number**. Your chapter president has received the default password in the *Presidents' Page*, or you can call headquarters.

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