

Dear Theta Gamma Sisters,

It is hard to believe that my two years of being president is almost over. We have only two more meetings before summer arrives. Hopefully everyone will be able to make both meetings.

Our April meeting will be at Nolan's in Calallen. We will have another guest speaker at our April meeting so come for the fellowship of one another, good food and a great speaker. Our theme for April's meeting is "Women in Government Shine". We have invited Connie Scott to share with us her experience.

We will also be voting on our new officers for the next biennial. This is an important meeting that we need everyone to attend. So if you know of someone who has not made it to the last couple of meetings, give her a call and let her know about our April 12th meeting.

The May meeting will be at my house out on the island.

Sincerely,

Kay Schroeder

April 12th Meeting Information:

5:15 PM, at **Nolan's Original Poorboys** 14101 Northwest Blvd # 117, Corpus Christi, TX 78410 (361) 387-2697 .

Here is a link to the map. Nolan's

*To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society.

Theta Gamma shines the light on women in government. Speaker: State Representative Connie Scott

PACE monies will be sent to the International Speakers Fund.

Minutes of the February Meeting

Delta Kappa Gamma Theta Gamma Chapter February 16, 2012 Crazy Super Buffet

Members present-Kim Brumley, Shannon Clubb, Elnora Corbin, Margaret Deville, Shayla Floyd, Neva Gentry, Sylvia Gonzalez, Jennifer Krnavek, Libby McGee, Bettie Ruth Mitchell, Eileen Rogers, Kay Schroeder, Angela Steagall, Beverly Tackett, Theo Wagner, Carol Walker, Vilma Zuniga, Gwynetta Hoelscher, and Norma Janice.

Members absent-professional: Nancy Shaheen, Heather Rohmfeld, Judith Whitworth, Janice Doughty; family: Brenda Machen, Sylvia Swift, Michelle Richer, Debbie VanZant, Linda Uballe, Valarie Buhidar (her mom died); sick: Donna Rodenberg.

Kay Schroeder introduced our guests Melody Perez and her Mother.

The January minutes were accepted as posted.

Beverly Tackett gave the Treasurer's Report and took checks for the Joint Luncheon in March. The balance on hand for January was \$1751.18. Deposits were the PACE BAG- \$11.00, the scholarship basket-\$90.00, January interest was a whopping .02. Available funds-\$1852.20. Disbursements-Educator's Award-\$25.00, Emergency Award-\$25.00, International Speaker Award-\$25.00, World Fellowship Fund-\$25.00, and the Texas State Organization Triple Honors-\$126.00 for a total disbursement of \$226.00. The balance on hand is \$1626.20.

There was no correspondence.

Vilma Zuniga has the PACE bag and was selling tickets for the scholarship basket.

Theo Wagner gave a report on TRS board meeting. The Retired Teachers are making a list of questions for our new representative to be sure he/she will support our defined benefit.

Announcements-State Convention will be at Los Colinas.

April 1 is the deadline for turning in applications for scholarships to one of the members of the committee (Bettie Mitchell, Norma Janice, Carol Walker).

We need help with the April scholarship basket. Shannon Clubb, Jennifer Krnavek and Kay Schroeder volunteered to help.

Beverly Tackett reported on the health of former member, Janet Lange. Janet has since died and we need to keep her family in our prayers. She leaves behind three daughters and her husband.

Program-Music Therapy for Individuals with Diagnoses on the Autism Spectrum presented by Melody Perez, a registered music therapist. Music therapy addresses cognitive, developmental, and social goals through music. Ms. Perez demonstrated use of the guitar, piano, auto harp and paddle drums. The skills taught were fine motor and social and peer awareness. She asked for volunteers to help demonstrate with the instruments. The brave souls were Beverly Tackett, Libby McGee, Shannon Clubb and Angela Steagall. Ms. Perez also had a handout explaining music

therapy and how it helps children. Shayla Floyd thanked Ms. Perez for her entertaining and informative presentation.

The PACE bag collected \$10.16, and the scholarship basket earned \$68.00. Carol Walker was the lucky winner.

March was the Joint Luncheon, so the next meeting is **April 12**, at Nolan's Restaurant on Northwest Blvd. Our last meeting for the year, will be at Kay Schroeder's house on May 5.

Submitted by recording secretary, Eileen Rogers

On the first day of school, the children brought gifts for their teacher. The supermarket manager's daughter brought the teacher a basket of assorted fruit.

The florist's son brought the teacher a bouquet of flowers.

The candy-store owner's daughter gave the teacher a pretty box of candy.

Then the liquor-store owner's son brought up a big, heavy box. The teacher lifted it up and noticed that it was leaking a little bit. She touched a drop of the liquid with her finger and tasted it.

"Is it wine?" she guessed.

"No," the boy replied. She tasted another drop and asked, "Champagne?"

"No," said the little boy"It's a puppy!"

Red Roses to:



Margaret DeVille (second from left) Tuloso-Midway Education Foundation President and other officers presenting a check for \$37,882 for the 2012 TMISD Grant Awards to be distributed later this year.

Sylvia Swift for sharing this experience of her grandsons with us.



Samuel and Cristian Swift learn a few tips on playing the flute by renowned flutist Virgie Ravenhawk at the 15th Annual United San Antonio Powwow held February 18th and 19th. *CCISD* sponsored the field trip from a grant for the students participating in the *Native American Studies* program.

Samuel and Cristian Swift pose with two of the honored elders at the 15th Annual United San Antonio

Powwow. The boys made their own accessories for their *Navajo* regalia during their *Native American Studies* program sponsored through a grant by *CCISD*. Samuel is wearing turquoise bracelets and a necklace, both heirlooms, belonged to his mother.





Samuel and Cristian Swift dance in the "circle of the inter-tribal dance" by invitation from the Master of Ceremonies. Dancers and audience must respect Native American etiquette during the Powwow or "Pau wau" ceremonies, where one of the purposes is to pass wisdom from the elders to the children.

Note: Stone Castillo dancing between Samuel and Cristian. Stone attended Dawson E.S. and is now at Grant M.S.

Former Theta Gamma President, Sandra Morales for sharing this recipe:

FLUFFY PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE PIE Makes 8-10 servings

2 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened

2/3 C sugar 1 t ground cinnamon ½ t ground ginger ¼ t ground nutmeg Or ---The recipe actually calls for 2 t pumpkin pie spice, which I don't use.

2 eggs 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin

1 Keebler Ready Crust Extra Servings Size Pie Crust

In large mixing bowl beat cream cheese on medium speed of electric mixer until fluffy. Add sugar and spices. Beat until combined. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing until just combined after each addition. Stir in pumpkin. Place crust on cookie sheet. The aluminum pan is not very sturdy. Pour filling into crust. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes OR until center is almost set. Cool on wire rack for 1 hour. Refrigerate at least 3 hours before serving. Garnish as desired. I used whipped cream.

Future Meetings

April 12, 5:15 PM, Nolan's Original Poorboys Restaurant, 14101 Northwest Blvd., 78410

May 5, 11:00 AM, At Kay Schroeder's Home

Quick Links to our society sites:

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

State: <u>http://www.alphastatetexas.org/</u> Be sure to take a look at the information in the committee reports especially the ones in which you have a chapter position.

Theta Gamma Chapter: http://www.orgsites.com/tx/thetagamma/

Have You Changed Your Address/Phone/Email?

If you have changed anything about your address, phone or email -

please notify Carol Walker at 937-3604 or <u>walkerbc64@msn.com</u> and

Treasurer, Linda Uballe at 537-5762 / 882-6628 or ljuballe@sbcglobal.net

Take the time to find and wear your pin to the next meeting—you've earned it.



Members still employed are also encouraged to wear theirs to work on the first Monday of every month. Show our organization off to others – we may pick up a new member that way.

Interested in a Name Badge?

They are available at the State Convention where lota Omicron sells them. You can also order directly from Annetta Reusch of that chapter.

The badges are \$13 unless 10 or more or ordered together. That way they save postage. The check and a note telling her you are a member of Theta Gamma and how you want your name spelled on the badge can be sent to her at 42 Surrey, Iowa Park, TX. 76367. Her email is <u>irislovr@clearwire.net</u>.

Make checks payable to lota Omicron. If you send her an email, she will get it ordered and when your check arrives, she will mail it. It usually takes about a week to week and a half.