

# Theta Gamma Thoughts

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## President's Message

Happy Spring!

I have submitted our program "Superheroes" for an Annie Award - Outstanding Program! Thanks again to our presenters - Brandey, Christy, Laura, and Libby. The program involved the entire audience of active and retired teachers, as well as librarians, coaches, and administrators. We all left the meeting with new information about thinking maps and a new understanding of the purposes of DKG.

I am hoping we can present that program and others at the Area V Workshop, August 9th! Shannon will present her experience with children in Africa at our April meeting! I am sure it will be amazing. Shannon has already agreed to present at Area V Workshop.

Think about a topic you can present to contribute to the success of our Area V workshop. We want to attract potential members as well as current members with topics that will interest educators in both professional and personal ways.

We will be discussing this at our April meeting. I'm sure we will have "super" ideas to fly with!

Start thinking!

Donna

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## Next Meeting Information:

April 24, 2014

5:15 p.m. In the Library at TM Middle School

**Shannon Club will speak of her experience mentoring teachers in an African village.**



## February Meeting Minutes

Members arrived and enjoyed listening to a playlist of songs about the strength of women.

Donna Rodenberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Kimberly Picozzi introduced three of the seven high school principals in Corpus Christi ISD: Cissy Reynolds-Perez, principal at WB Ray High School and the current Texas Secondary Principal of the Year; Monica Bayarena, principal of Solomon Coles High School and Education Center; and Dr. Tracie Rodriguez, principal of Collegiate High School and Harold T. Branch Academy for Career Technical Education. The other four

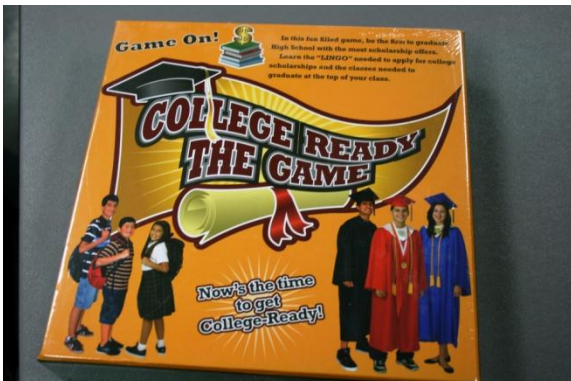
principals, also women, were unable to attend due to professional and personal obligations, and all sent their regrets.



Cissy Reynolds-Perez    Monica Bayarena  
Dr. Tracie Rodriguez

Kimberly Brumley moderated the panel discussion by inviting each principal to answer questions selected in advance with committee members Kimberly Craig and Luanna Ortiz. The women provided insight into the ways they balance work and family life, inspire their employees, select new staff, and advise aspiring leaders. They also shared their goals, dreams, and secret indulgences.

Cissy Reynolds-Perez told attendees about the inspiration and process behind *College Ready: The Game*, a board game she developed and patented with her sister and now sells internationally. The game is designed to demystify "college knowledge," which is one of the facets of college readiness most daunting for students from economically challenged backgrounds. Mrs. Perez donated a copy of the game for a drawing, and Carol Walker won the prize.



Attendees took memento bookmarks bearing quotes about leadership and prepared by Luanna Ortiz.

Attendees retired to the hallway for cake and punch.

The meeting resumed with the treasurer's report given by Donna Rodenberg for Linda Uballe. The balance was \$1427.83 with disbursements of \$1050.00 leaving a balance on hand of \$527.84.

We did not have a raffle basket or PACE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie VanZandt

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## Member News

Margaret DeVille and Beverly Tackett will be attending the Texas Retired Teachers Association Convention April 13-15 in Dallas Texas. Both are delegates to this convention and hoping that Leroy DeHaven will be elected as a state officer at the convention.

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School and public librarians (from Orange Grove to Port Aransas, as well as all over Corpus Christi, including several Theta Gamma members) are busy planning for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual

**Teen Bookfest by the Bay** slated for late February 2015. It will be a chance for area teens to interact with published authors.

They are currently raising funds to file for a 501 (c) (3) status. It costs \$850 to file. Then they will start securing a venue and authors to attend, and the work will start in earnest. As soon as the date is secured, we will have a better idea of what we will need when.

They will need volunteers to monitor and facilitate on the day of the event, as well as people to assist in fundraising endeavors. There will be opportunities for volunteers, so mark your calendars and watch for more information to come.

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**Judith Whitlock's husband, Tommy**, has had both knees replaced and is doing fine. Their son has returned from his tour in Korea.

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**Angela Steagall** took 33 eighth-graders to Washington DC early this month for a four day tour.

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This is the simple recipe for the **wonderful punch Kim served at the February meeting**:

Sonic (tiny cubes of ice) ice  
2L diet 7Up  
sugar free instant lemon tea (1/2 small jar per 2L soda)

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**Margaret and Walter DeVille** are very busy with Buccaneer Days Events. This makes 8 years that they have served on the Queen's/King's Scholarship Committee. They have a total of 26 events to attend with this group.

## *Future Meetings*

**May 22, 2014**

5:15 p.m. at the home of Kay Schroeder  
15357 Bowsprit Ct. on the Island  
Our recruitment grant scholarship and May Blyth grant to a member pursuing further studies will be awarded at our **Founder's Day/Birthday celebration**. The new slate of officers will be approved and installed.

## *Seen at the March Joint Chapters Luncheon*



Donna and Shannon



Sylvia G. and Vilma with one of the table decoration plants that were given away



Our speaker, Annie Ramirez, Director of Development with Metro Ministries with the plant she received as a gift.

See more photos on our website.

## *Alpha State Convention*

Lubbock June 19-21, 2014

For information about hotels and workshops and all the frills so you can register early, go to [DKG STATE Convention 2014](http://www.alphastatetexas.org/DKG%20STATE%20Convention%202014)

Or go to <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/> and use the link.

The international website has information about the international convention in July in Indianapolis. Check it out too!

Attending the state convention gives you the Big Picture about Delta Kappa Gamma—DKG is not just our chapter and our monthly meetings. We are part of an international organization that awards scholarships and grants to women all over the world. To belong to Delta Kappa Gamma means to be a part of an elite group of women educators who have worldwide impact.

Seeing a thousand or more Delta Kappa Gamma members in action at a convention is a wonderful sight and gives a feeling of pride in being a member of a great organization..

## *Changed Your Address/Phone/Email?*

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

and

Treasurer, Linda Uballe at 537-5762 / 882-6628 or [ljuballe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljuballe@sbcglobal.net)

## *Quick Links to society sites:*

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

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

The digital spring edition of the **2014 Lone Star News** is available at <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/lonestarnews/2014.spring.pdf>

Theta Gamma Chapter:  
<http://www.orgsites.com/tx/thetaga.m.ma/>

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



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## *Make a firm commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma:*

True to “the calling,” as we “firmly rally” because “our sisters need us,” and because our pledge is that “Education e'er we'll further!”

A commitment to Delta Kappa Gamma is a personal commitment to learning, to enjoyment, to friendship, to our lifetime service to education. - Mary Nabers – Nu Chapter



Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.

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