

Theta Gamma Thoughts

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

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Happy Spring to you all. It is always the nice weather that makes us all pick up our heads a little higher and smile a little bigger. For us who are still teaching, we are getting toward the end of the school year and wondering where the time went. That is the way this year has been for me. It has been a challenging year for me personally, but I continue to keep my head up and smile.

Our next meeting is April 21. This is an important meeting and I hope you all will join me by bringing in your purses to pass on to our speaker from the Women's Shelter. I am looking forward to hearing what she has to say and how we might help them out in the future. If you are not going to be at the meeting, please make arrangements to get your purse to me or Kim Brumley or any sister you know that will be at the meeting. This is also our big Bucket list meeting. Come with ideas that you want to fill our calendar next year. We did this last year and it really helped get us set up for this year.

Our last meeting of the year has been changed both in dates and venue. It will be held on May 21st at Kim and Donna's house. I am especially excited because my brother is going to BBQ a brisket for us. It will be a time of celebration and changing of the guard ... I will be passing my gavel over to our new president.

In closing, I just wanted to tell you that we had a wonderful time painting last week. We did not

have enough painters to make it a fundraiser, but it certainly was a fun raiser. The silent auction was a real hit and helped us make money. We had some great items brought by our sisters.

Again, please try to make it to our next meeting. It is always nice to see your smiling faces as I lead the meeting.

Love, Shannon

Next Meeting Information:

Thursday, April 21, 5:30 p.m.

It's in the Bag (or Bucket)

[Lozano Instructional Support Center](#)

1761 Hudson Street (78416)

Our filled purses will be presented to the representatives from the Women's Shelter who will be at our April Meeting. We will also be talking about Bucket Lists.

If you still need it here is the list of Items with which to fill your purse 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

Proposed Slate for 2016-2018

You will be asked to approve the following nominations at the April meeting:

President: Kimberly Craig

1st Vice-President: Laura Day

2nd Vice-President: Janice Doughty

Recording Secretary: Barbara MacDonald

Corresponding Secretary: Brenda Machen

Minutes of the February Meeting

February 18, 2016

President Shannon Clubb called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. at Del Mar College, St. Clair Building, in room 104.

Members present were Brandey Addison, Cynthia Besosa, Kimberly Brumley, Shannon Clubb, Kimberly Craig, Mairaed Gillooly, Samantha Greses, Norma Janice, Barbara McDonald, Brenda Machen, Libby McGee, Luanna Ortiz, Donna, Rodenberg, Angela Steagall, Sylvia Swift-Perez, Beverly Tackett, Judith Whitlock, and Vilma Zuniga

The program was presented by Closet Mentor★. Jan Garza and Shay Lee provided styles from the shop for the night's fashion show. Kimberley, Laura, Barbara, Donna, Shannon, and two Closet Mentor employees acted as fashion models. They modeled many beautiful and budget friendly styles.

Closet Mentor raffled off prizes won by:

Brandey Addison - \$10.00 Closet Mentor cash

Angela Stegall - \$10.00 Closet Mentor cash

Luanna Ortiz - \$25.00 Gift Card to Closet Mentor

Sylvia Swift – Coach purse

The business meeting began at 6:27 p.m. Kimberly Craig did a lipstick ice breaker. The previous meeting's minutes were approved as printed.

Kimberly Brumley presented the Treasurer's Report. We have accrued 13 cents in interest since August. Deposits have been made for the Luncheon Meeting, PACE and two donations for our scholarship fund. Disbursement was made to Donna for cookies and a plant. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Correspondence was as follows. A note was sent to Coralee Plowman whose husband has been ill for some time. Also, a card went to Area 4 Coordinator, Frances Zieganhals who suffered a heart attack.

The Crazy Picasso fundraiser will happen at 7:00 p.m. on April 2, 2016. You can register online but if you have trouble talk to someone so they can help you. Invite everyone you know. Carol will be emailing out the flyer to members. Start thinking about what you would like to sign up to bring to eat. Also, if you have connections, ask for items for silent auction.

Representatives from the Women's Shelter will be at our April Meeting. If you have any questions about our Women's Shelter, let Shannon know. The list for the purse project was handed out before the meeting.

Donna proposed a by-law change to existing Article VI, Section D. She then made the motion to make the proposed change. Kimberley Brumley seconded the motion. The reasoning and rationale for the change is that the existing by-law was not in alignment with Alpha State Bylaws. A vote was taken on the by-law change and the motion passed unanimously. Nominations were then taken for a new nominating committee. Donna, Laura, and Judith were nominated and elected unanimously.

Don't forget, Teen Bookfest by the Bay is on Saturday. Also, the Bookfest will be featured on Channel 6 tomorrow morning.

The next meeting will be on April 21st at Lozano Instructional Support Center. This is when our filled purses are due and we will be talking about Bucket Lists.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Ortiz, Correspondence Secretary on behalf of Debbie Van Zandt Recording Secretary

★ Clothes Mentor is a Women's Resale store that pays you cash on-the-spot, to purchase your better brand-name "gently-used" women's fashions and accessories. They then resell your items that are in style and in good condition – business and casual, smart and stylish apparel, shoes, purses and accessories.

Next Meeting May 21: Founders/Chapter Birthday at the home of Kim and Donna



Teen Bookfest by the Bay 2016

Read Debbie Van Zandt's wrap up newsletter which follows this newsletter.

From the "Before the Bell Newsletter"

provided by Texas Retired Teachers

[How to Teach Students to Evaluate the Quality of Online Information](#)

[20 Classroom Setups That Promote Thinking](#)

[30 Companies That Offer Teacher Discounts](#)

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

For More Convention Information:

- ✓ Check the TSO website regularly at <http://www.dkgtexas.org/>
- ✓ Check Facebook's DKG-TSO page often at <https://www.facebook.com/tso.deltakappagamma/>
- ✓ Contact Janet Burgess, Frisco Convention registrar, at jborgesstx@sbcglobal.net

News from International

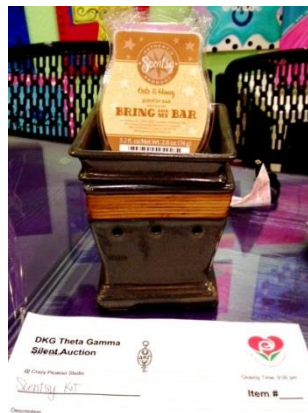
The 2018 DKG International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas.

If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Convention Chair JoAnn Brooks at joannbrooks@verizon.net.

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Faces and Silent Auction Prizes at Crazy Picasso







Now, don't you wish you had been able to be there too.

Teen Bookfest by the Bay 2016



Teen Bookfest by the Bay 2016 was a great success. Just over 500 people attended, some younger than teens and some older. Six author panel sessions, a writers' workshop, an illustrators' workshop and a manga mixer were options for attendees in addition to vendor and author signing areas. The author panels were arranged by topic ranging from paranormal to realistic fiction, and each panel was made up of 3 or more authors. Twenty authors and one illustrator took part. One author, Guadalupe Garcia McCall was sick and couldn't make it here for the Bookfest.

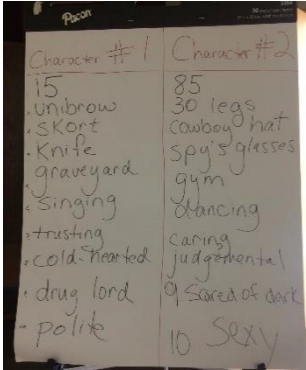


The authors were treated to a BBQ dinner (from Miller's BBQ) on Friday night before the event at the Keach Family Library in Robstown. Debbie introduced all of the planning team and the moderators, and the authors and illustrator. The authors each received a Texas goodie bag full of items donated by the planning team and the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Bright and early on Saturday morning, planning team members and volunteers arrived at Tuloso-Midway High School to put up signs and begin the day. The first bus arrived at 8:30 a.m., about an hour before anything began. The event officially opened at 9 a.m. for registration and at 9:30 a.m. book sales, and sessions kicked off.



There were 6 session topics, a writers' workshop and an illustrators' workshop, as well as a student-led manga discussion room for students to choose from for their 5 session options. The writers' and illustrators' workshops were full for all of their sessions. The writers' and illustrators' workshops were full for all of their sessions.



In the writers' workshop, students learned from Lori Goldstein and Jen Brooks what it takes to make a great novel character. Teens looked at characters in existing novels and then came up with some character traits on their own. They used those traits to create an interesting character that they might use in a story of their own.



In the illustrators' workshops, illustrator Evan Turk talked to the students about how to do illustrations. He demonstrated how he created the collages for **Grandfather Gandhi**. Students then chose a story and created an illustration of their own, in whatever form they chose. They were provided with drawing pencils and collage materials. A blog article about the workshop was



posted on March 20 at <http://www.readingstyle.net/blog/illustrator-workshop>.



If students didn't choose the workshop track, they could choose from the 6 panels that took place during the day. The panels were: **Trapped** with authors Miracle Austin, C. Lee McKenzie, and Meredith Moore; **Wonders of Imagination** with authors Jen Brooks, Lori Goldstein, and Victoria Scott; **The Power of One** with authors Beth Fehlbaum and Trisha Leaver; **Protectors of the World** with April Henry, Josh McCune, Joe Shine, and Yvonne Ventresca; **The New (Para)Normal** with David Bowles, C. C. Hunter, Marcia Mickelson (a Corpus Christi teacher), and Manuel Ruiz; and **Get Real** with Ashley Alison Formento, Christine Kohler, Rene S. Perez, and Kristin Rae.



After the sessions, students were encouraged to attend the keynote address **A Conversation with Victoria**



Scott. In an easy, relaxed style, Victoria presented information about dealing with rejection, a topic that authors, and teens, know well. She told the teens, "I chose to use cute cat pictures with this to make it easier to handle." Victoria's appearance was funded by the **ASTEF** grant.



Immediately following the keynote speech, door prizes were awarded. Students received a ticket when they entered for the keynote. Over 100 door prizes were given. Most were books, but there were also a giant Thor stand-up, jewelry, and gift cards. Students were very excited to have their numbers called.

Following the awarding of door prizes, students were invited to return to the commons area where the authors were waiting to sign books, programs, t-shirts, bookmarks, paper, arms, or anything else the teens gave them to sign. Both they and the authors were excited about meeting each other. "This is what it's all about," one of the authors was overheard to say.



The proof is in the reactions, and both authors and attending teens took to social media (Twitter, Facebook,



and author websites) to document their time at Teen Bookfest by the Bay 2016. There was even a mention on the blog for ReadingStyle.net (<http://www.readingstyle.net/blog/thoughts-on-diversity-and-ya-lit#comments>) on diversity at our Bookfest. Authors learned new things at our bookfest, too, according to C. Lee McKenzie's posting on the Uncommon YA website (<http://uncommonya.com/?p=1197>).

All in all, it was another great experience, and (especially now that we've had some time to recover) we look forward to doing it again next year!

Margo Kelly @MargoWKelly · Mar 26
 Uncommon authors invaded Corpus Christi, TX over the weekend, and boy did they have fun! wp.me/p6ul7S-iC @UncommonYA #tbfbay #yalit

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 By Beth Fehlbaum, author of BIG FAT DISASTER and THE PATIENCE TRILOGY (Courage, Hope, & Truth)
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