

Theta Gamma Thoughts

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Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide
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2015-2017 TSO Theme –
*The Heart of the Society
is Its Members*

President's Message

Sisters,

This time last year we were assembling our purses for the Women's Shelter Purse Project. This year, we modified this service project to better meet the needs of the women, children and staff of the Shelter. On March 23rd, 9 of our sisters went to spend the evening with residents there. Our eyes were opened and our hearts were touched.

With your monetary contributions we were able to provide pizza, brownies and drinks to about 30 women and children. Additionally, we interacted with the residents through book reading, crafts, games & fellowship. Hopefully, we provided them with a sense of family (even though it was non-traditional) and healthy fellowship during a time of insecurity and pain. As we were leaving, the staff and kids told us they could use some bubbles and chalk to use outside. That sounds like an invitation to me. Doesn't it to you?

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, April 20th when we will meet at Kim and Donna's home at 3309 Casa Bonita.

It's not too late to make your plans attend the DKG Texas Convention in Houston, 22-24 of June. Go to dkgtexas.org and click on the link. As I think about DKG's theme, "The Heart of the Society is Its Members," I fondly think of you and look forward to seeing you at Kim and Dona's for Bunko. Bring a potential sister!

Forward moving ever, Laura

Next Meeting Information

Thursday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.

Program - Bunko!

Purpose - Chapter Fundraiser and Fellowship

Cost - \$10 to play

Bonus - Members receive a lottery ticket for every potential member they bring.

At the home of Donna and Kimberly
3309 Casa Bonita (78411)

Minutes of the February Meeting

The regular meeting of the Theta Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was held on February 16, 2017 at the Lozano Center. The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Craig at 5:33 pm..

Those in attendance were: Shannon Clubb, Kimberly Craig, Laura Day, Janice Doughty, Sylvia Gonzales, Samantha Greses, Barbara MacDonald, Donna Rodenberg, and Carol Walker. We did not have quorum.

January minutes were approved as written.

Payment for the joint lunch on March 11 at Trinity Towers is due by March 1.

Donna Rodenberg gave the treasurer's report for Kimberly Brumley who was in Austin presenting at the Leadership Seminar. Our balance on February 16 with scholarship monies and Pace Fund embedded is \$913.95.

President's report: The address to get a magnetic name badge for \$15 with black or red ribbon is : Susan Mayo, 2337 Barnett Road, Wichita Falls, Texas 76310. Contact her at, lotaomicrondkg@gmail.com. Make checks payable to Iota Omicron.

We will have Game Night at the Women's Shelter on March 23 at 5:30 pm. Donna Rodenburg will check to see what kind of a deal we can get will CiCi's Pizza for dinner. Each member should bring a board game to play and donate to the shelter. We will have craft, reading, games, and homework stations for the kids to rotate through. Shannon Clubb will run the craft station.

Loteria may or may not be held at our monthly meeting on April 20, 2017. We will check on the legality issue to see if we can hold the fundraiser.

Samantha Grees will check into having another fundraiser at Crazy Picasso sometime in April. Date and picture to be painted will be announced later.

We raised \$20.06 for the Pace Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara MacDonald, Recording secretary

News to Share

Our song says "forward moving ever," and Donna Rodenberg and Kimberly Brumley are taking the message to heart. Kimberly has accepted the position of Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction with Abilene ISD (read more [here](#)), and they'll be moving to the big sky country of West Texas at the end of May. Donna will continue her work as a CASA volunteer and Title I tutor once they're settled in Abilene.

The move puts Donna much closer to her son Christopher, who lives in Dallas, and cuts the distance to Kimberly's mom (Denver) in half. She'll be a few miles farther from her daughter Sarah and son-in-law Jared, but the drive from Abilene to Austin will be much more relaxing than the current one through the traffic of San Antonio. They've found a house in Abilene, and their home on Casa Bonita Drive is under contract. More info on the new house to come, but they like it best because the heart of the

house has the same flow as their beloved casa bonita here in Corpus Christi...right down to the amazing patio.

Kimberly and Donna are both past Theta Gamma presidents, and they've been faithful, active members with a passion for growing our chapter. They are excited to host Theta Gamma one last time for our April 20 meeting. Of course, they'll also host any of us who wish to make a future stop in Abilene. Emily and Augusta are excited to make the move because they're getting their own rooms in the new house.

Area 13 Coordinator Paula Haynes has already reached out to both ladies with an invitation to join Lambda Xi chapter, and we're sure to see them at future conventions. They'll both be in Houston this June and have volunteered to work on the 2018 DKG International Convention in Austin.

Emily and Augusta Brumley made a cookie donation on behalf of Troop 9674 to the Women's Shelter of South Texas. The troop selected the Women's Shelter as beneficiary of this year's cookie share donation.



Red Roses

of Congratulations

Our own Kimberly Brumley has accepted President-elect Dr. Jo Murphy's invitation to serve as chairman of the 2019 TSO Leadership Seminar. Kimberly attended the 2009 Seminar as a participant, and has since served on the Seminar committees in 2011, 2015, and 2017. TSO Leadership Seminar focuses on developing women leaders and building a network of colleagues within DKG.

Leadership Seminar applicants are few and far between from Area V, so Kimberly hopes to see more interest from the Corpus Christi and Valley chapters in coming years. All members are encouraged to apply. Past participants indicate the skills they learned at Leadership Seminar have been valuable in their roles as leaders not only within DKG, but in their professional, community, and family lives as well.

Future Meetings

Thursday, May 18, Time 5:15 p.m.
Founders' Day and Chapter Birthday
Place TBA

Seen at the Joint Chapters Luncheon



Norma, Margaret, and Kim



Laura at the President's Table



Barbara, Shannon, Donna, and Samantha



Table centerpieces became door prizes.

Seen at the Women's Shelter Project Party



Debbie, Laura, and Sylvia P.



Norma, Shannon, Debbie, Sylvia P., Vilma, Donna, Sylvia G., Shannon, and Laura who contributed these photos



Vilma, Sylvia P., Barbara, Donna, Shannon, Norma

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

Make plans now to attend the 2017 DKG Texas Convention in Houston June 22 - 24. Begin making your plans by visiting the new [Convention Website](#) where members can book their reservations at the beautiful Westin Galleria Hotel. Visit the website often for convention updates including regular "Heartlines" which is a newsletter designed to provide information about Houston and about the convention. (TSO News Jan. 7, 2017)

2017 Unifying Project at the June Convention

Child Advocate Needs for DKG – TSO
For health reasons, the items must be *new*.

Gift cards to:

Target, Amazon, Walmart, Amazon, Office Depot, Costco/Sam's, Visa/MasterCard

Younger Children:

children's' books, stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons, action figures, art sets, educational toys and games

Preteen and Teen Girl:

manicure set, nail file, nail polish, hand cream or lotion, lip gloss, bath wash, books, journals, colorful pens, decorative t-shirts, cute socks, a small purse, wallet

Preteen and Teen Boy:

manicure set, decorative t-shirts or socks, AXE shaving cream or deodorant, comb/brush, books, journals, keychain, wallet

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