

# Theta Gamma Thoughts

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Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

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## President's Message

**Spring comes: the flowers learn their colored shapes.** - Maria Konopnicka

As I began composing my final newsletter as your Theta Gamma president, I reflected on the last two years. We set goals as a chapter to expand our vision to educate, inspire and encourage others.

Take a look at your accomplishments!

Chapter Project - Fill-A-Purse for the Women's Shelter  
Financial needs/TRS  
Healthy Life Style Habits  
Pinterest  
Superheros/Thinking maps  
Magnificent '7' Women Principals  
Bunco "Fun"draiser  
Mentoring Teachers in Africa  
Scholarships Awarded  
Chapter Luncheon Hostesses  
Annie Award - Fill-A-Purse Project (2013)  
PACE - President's Award for Chapter Excellence  
Annie Award - Superheros (2014)  
Five Star Newsletter (2013 & 2014)  
Increased Membership in our Chapter  
Support at State Level - Area V Workshop (host chapter)  
Exemplary Yearbook 2014

Congratulations to your slate of officers for 2014-2016:

President: Shannon Clubb  
1st Vice-President: Brandey Addison  
2nd Vice-President: Kimberly Craig  
Recording Secretary: Debbie VanZandt  
Corresponding Secretary: Luanna Ortiz and Linda Uballe who has agreed to serve again as treasurer.

Seasons change, as our new leaders step up to ensure our chapter continues in its tradition of excellence. Our new officers will need our support as they tend to our chapter garden.

See you in May! Get ready to "dig in!"  
Donna

## Next Meeting Information:

**Thursday, May 22**

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.

## Area Workshop

Theta Gamma will host our Area V Workshop which will take place at Gloria Hicks Elementary School, 3602 Mcardle Road on August 9, 2014.

Please send your registration and a check payable to Theta Gamma for \$20.00 to Norma Janice, 1410 Casa Verde Drive, 78411.

The registration form has a deadline of May 15, but we are still accepting registration forms after May 15.

## *April Meeting Minutes*

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by President Donna Rodenberg, the secretary Angela Steagall being present, at the TM Middle School Library.

Present were: Sharon Phillips, Kim Brumley, Carol Walker, Ann Falkner, Angela Steagall, Eileen Rogers, Beverly Tackett, Donna Rodenberg, Norma Janice, Libby McGee, Neva Gentry, Sarah Walker, Debbie Van Zandt, Kimberly Craig, Michelle Richet, Shannon Clubb, Judith Whitlock, Luanna Ortiz, Norma and Sylvia Gonzalez.

Eileen Rogers gave the inspiration, a poem called "My Daily Creed".

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as read with no corrections.

The treasurer, Linda Uballe, was absent so Norma Janice reported the current ending balance is \$1379.12 as of April.

The Scholarship Committee reported there were no applicants for this year. The deadline was April 1<sup>st</sup>. The website needs to reflect this actual date. The Nominations Committee brought forth a slate of officers for the new biennium. These would be:

President - Shannon Clubb  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Brandey Addison  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Kimberly Craig  
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Corresponding Secretary - Luanna Ortiz  
Treasurer - Linda Uballe

There was no discussion or other nominations. All were in favor, and these nominations were accepted. These officers will be installed at the May 22 meeting at Kay Schroeder's home.

Discussion was brought forth about the Area V Workshop will be held August 9 at Gloria Hicks Elementary School. Several sisters volunteered to present. Norma Janice made a motion for the chapter to pay for the registration fees for the new officers, and Carol Walker seconded. The motion passed. The state convention will be held in Lubbock.

Debbie Van Zandt spoke about the newly formed Teen Bookfest by the Bay, which will be held February 28, 2015. Funds are being raised to pay the \$850 needed for the 501c3 paperwork to gain tax exempt status. Go Fund Me.com has a link if you would like to donate. Judith Whitlock suggested speaking with Blake Farenthold to see if that could be reduced or eliminated.

The program was amazing. Shannon Clubb spoke about her mission trip to Zambia last summer. Over two weeks, she and her team helped 3 schools and 18 teachers with educational strategies. It sounded like she learned even more than she was able to teach in this life-changing project! "If you think education is expensive, then you should see the high cost of ignorance" really rang true.

\$64 was raised for the scholarship fund and \$18.66 was raised for the PACE.

Angela Steagall  
Recording Secretary

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



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Some of Shannon's souvenirs from Zambia



The scholarship fund raffle basket was won by Vilma Zuniga.

## *Member News*

Angela Steagall tells us: "My son, Will, just finished his first year at Texas Tech University. He wanted me to thank you all again for the scholarship money you provided this past year.

Kay, Schroeder announced that she will retire from teaching at the end of this year.

The first annual **Teen Bookfest by the Bay** will be held at Ray High School Sunday, February 28th, 2015.

School and public librarians (from Orange Grove to Port Aransas, as well as all over Corpus Christi, including several Theta Gamma members) are planning this event.

Debbie Van Zandt reports they are currently raising funds to file for a 501 (c) (3) status. It costs \$850 to file. They are only about \$200 short of that amount. Donations can be made at <http://www.gofundme.com/8amvos>.

Volunteers will be needed 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.



Margaret De Ville and her husband, Walter, spent an enjoyable day at Collegiate High School recently. The graduates from Collegiate have to do a presentation in front of a panel as part of their departure. They also presented us with their portfolios which were impressive.

That school is so impressive. They have the opportunity to graduate from high school and to receive an associate degree in Liberal Arts at the same time. It is a very challenging four years for them, but we found the young people to be very driven. Many of the students that go there are the first in their family to attend college.

Kim Brumley suggested to Walter that we do this. It was a wonderful experience and we hope to continue doing it in the future.

## *Alpha State Convention*

Lubbock June 19-21, 2014

For information about hotels and workshops and all the frills to register go to the convention link @

<http://2014convention.weebly.com/>

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.

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

### *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 summer edition of the **2014 Lone Star News** is available at

<http://www.alphastatetexas.org/lonestarnews/2014.summer.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.**

### *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

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