

Theta Gamma Thoughts

Theta Ga.m.ma, Chapter # 195, Area V, Corpus Christi
The Delta Kappa Ga.m.ma Society International, Texas State Organization

Volume # 47 Issue # 01 September 2014

Mission Statement: The Delta Kappa Ga.m.ma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Editor: Carol Walker walkerbc64@msn.com

President's Message

"Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are." - Bernice Johnson Reagon

Dear Sisters,

Welcome to a new year with Theta Gamma. As I take on my new position as your president, I look at the great challenge that has been placed in my path, a challenge that I have already taken hold of and started working on rising above it.

I have learned so much about DKG in the last two months. There is so much about our organization that I did not even realize. I want to challenge all of you to consider leadership in the future, just to step up and experience a new, different level of this wonderful organization that we are all a part of. I was privileged to meet many women with whom I will work that will help me to guide our chapter to be the best it already is and continue Theta Gamma's high expectations of how we present ourselves to our community, state and world.

This year I challenge our group to continue empowering women, make sure we promote excellence in education, and gain knowledge in global awareness. I look forward to growing professionally and personally with you through the year.

I hope to see everyone at our first meeting to set up agendas and decide what important impacts we can make together. Thank you,

Shannon

Next Meeting Information:

Thursday, September 18, 5:00 p.m.

Dos Comales Restaurant

227 N Water St [Dos Comales Map Link](#)

If you have not given your Recommendation for Membership form(s) to Shannon before the meeting date make sure you get it to her at the meeting. A link to the form is available for printing at the end of this newsletter.

After dinner, all committees will meet with their chairman to learn of/plan for their activities for the year.

Linda Uballe will be accepting your dues payment in the amount of \$76.00. If payment is made at the September meeting, you will receive a free ticket for the basket drawing.

If you are not paying at the meeting please, as soon as possible, send get your check to our treasurer

Linda Uballe, 3102 Santa Fe # 4C
Corpus Christi, TX 78404

For your information: the \$76 you pay for dues goes for/to:

International dues - \$40.00

State Dues - \$20.00

Chapter Dues - \$ 13.00

Scholarship Fee - \$3.00*

* \$1 is required by the Organization, but if you have a Chapter Scholarship Fund you get to keep \$.60 and send in only \$.40. So the \$.60 of the Scholarship Fee is applied to our Chapter's May Blythe Scholarship Fund The other \$2.00 is our contribution to scholarships and retains our status as a Double Honors Chapter.

We Were Honored

At the State convention in June held in Lubbock, our chapter was presented the **Annie Award** for our outstanding program "Society Superheroes" and also the **Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence** in recognition of outstanding performance in all facets of Delta Kappa Gamma work.

May Meeting Minutes

5/22/2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. at the home of Kay Schroeder by President Donna Rodenberg. A quorum was present. Donna opened with an inspirational quote from Mahatma Gandhi.

The April minutes were approved as printed in the latest newsletter.

Corresponding secretary Debbie VanZandt read an email from Brenda Machen about her travels to participate in end-of-the-year activities with her grandchildren.

In the absence of Treasurer Linda Uballe, Norma Janice gave the treasurer's report. Previous balance on hand was \$1379.12. Deposits of \$158.78 and disbursements of \$18.60 were made, leaving a current balance of \$1519.30.

Donna reported that due to some confusion on the due date of scholarship applications, applications were re-opened. Donna also reported that the committee will be working on creating a checklist for the applicant and a rubric to be used in evaluating the applications beginning with next year's applicants. Due to rising college costs, the committee will also be looking into safe investments for the CD money in view of increasing the amount given for scholarships.

Bettie Ruth Mitchell, Scholarship Committee Chairman, recognized the members of her committee, Norma Janice and Carol Walker.

Bettie announced that the two recipients of the Esther-Jane Roark Hahn Memorial Scholarship are Amanda VanZandt, daughter of Debbie VanZandt and Amanda Guillory, niece of Kimberly Craig. Amanda VanZandt is a sophomore vocal music education major at Texas A&M Kingsville, and Amanda Guillory is a junior math major at Texas A&M Corpus Christi who plans to teach math at the secondary level.

Incoming officers for the 2014-2016 biennium President Shannon Clubb, Second Vice President Kimberly Craig, Recording Secretary Debbie VanZandt, Corresponding Secretary Luanna Ortiz, and Parliamentarian Donna Rodenberg were installed. First Vice President Brandey Addison could not be present and will be installed at a later date. Treasurer Linda Uballe has agreed to serve another term.

Membership milestones were recognized. Sarah Walker was recognized for 5 years of membership. Shannon Clubb, Eileen Rogers, and Beverly Tackett have achieved 10 years of membership. Kimberly Brumley has been a member for 15 years. Brenda Machen was recognized for 20 years of membership. Carol Walker has achieved 25 years of membership. Neva Gentry and Norma Janice were awarded 45-year membership pins, and Bettie Ruth Mitchell was given a 50-year membership pin.

Eileen Rogers and Debbie VanZandt presented a "Jeopardy-ish" game show with information about DKG Founding Members. Fake prize money was awarded for correct answers. At the end of the game, Kay Schroeder held \$35, the most prize money and was awarded a framed inspirational saying and a bookmark.

Announcements:

Neva Gentry's cornea transplant was successful and she can see very well now.

Angela Steagall will be traveling with a group of students from Tuloso-Midway High School to Europe this summer.

Area V Workshop registration needs to be filled out ASAP. The workshop is here in Corpus Christi on August 9. The cost is \$20.

The DKG state convention is June 19-21 in Lubbock. Money is available to help with expenses. See Donna for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m. with the Delta Kappa Gamma Birthday Song and birthday cake.

Seen At Our Area Workshop



Photo by Carol

Left to Right: Recording Secretary Debbie VanZandt, Webmaster, Libby McGee, and President Shannon Clubb



Photo by Carol

Left to Right: First Vice President Brandey Addison, Second Vice President Kimberly Craig, and Corresponding Secretary, Luanna Ortiz

"All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth." - St. Joseph Calasanz

Future Meetings

October 16, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
T.M. Intermediate School Library

Program: The Benefits of Membership
[T. M. Intermediate School Map Link](#)

November 8, 2014 Initiation will be hosted by Delta XI with details yet to be arranged.

December 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
We will celebrate Christmas at the home of Libby McGee and take part in a Recommitment Ceremony to Delta Kappa Gamma.

[Libby McGee's Home Map Link](#)

January 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Calallen Baptist Church
Annual Chili Super
Program: "All That's Available"
presented by the Scholarship Committee
[Calallen Baptist Church Map Link](#)

February 19, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Nolan's Restaurant, on Airline Road
Program: The Healthy Heart
[Nolan's on Airline Map Link](#)

March
Joint Chapters Annual Spring Luncheon
Beta XI will host - details TBA

April 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
Miller High School Library
Program: "Bucket List"
[Miller High School Map Link](#)

May 21, 2015 5:00 p.m.
Sugarbakers Restaurant on Santa Fe
Our recruitment grant scholarship and May Blyth grant to a member will be awarded at our **Founder's Day/Birthday celebration.**

[Sugarbakers Restaurant Map Link](#)

Why YOU, Yes You, Should Speak Up During This Year's Faculty Meetings from WEARETEACHERS.COM

Member News

Neva Gentry held a mini family reunion in August for her family at the Silverado Restaurant to welcome back those that had been in the Philippines.



Teen Bookfest by the Bay update

Planning for the First Annual Teen Bookfest by the Bay is continuing. It is only 6 months away from our event date of February 28, 2015! Things are beginning to happen, and we are all very excited. We now have librarians from 12 school districts (Tuloso-Midway, Calallen, Corpus Christi, Flour Bluff, Orange Grove, West Oso, Gregory-Portland, Port Aransas, Ingleside, Sinton, Alice and Rockport-Fulton), 3 public library systems (Corpus Christi, and Nueces and San Pat counties), and Texas A&M University Corpus Christi who are interested and working on this project.

The application process is underway for vendors, authors and donors. Three authors are confirmed (Victoria Scott, PJ Hoover, and Jessica Lee Anderson), 4 have expressed an interest but haven't confirmed (Laura Ruby, Joy Preble, Joe Shine, and Mari Mancusi), and a couple more are on the list to be contacted. So far, everyone is from Texas, most from the Austin area.

Some of the publishers are willing to at least share in expenses, but the major concern right now is raising funds to pay for publicity and other expenses. Each of our members is contacting all of the people with whom they do business, but so far we haven't received much. We seem to be running into

two problems. First, the businesses see the event date and think that we don't need the funds right away. Second, many of them want our 501(c)(3) certification, which we don't have yet, because one of the things it requires is a list of current donors and how much they've given (and we had to be in operation for 8 months – which just happened this month). This chicken and egg conundrum has given me many headaches.

We met the original GoFundMe goal to fund the \$850 to send with our 501(c)(3) paperwork. Now, we are going to set up another GoFundMe account for individuals to donate, and we are working on a website, which we hope is up and running by the end of the month.

On a lighter note, a decision was made to include some fun, non-author but literary, activities in the mix along with the author sessions. This will give students more options to choose from, as well include some student interests when authors for their favorite genres aren't available. Some of the sessions will be a Manga/Anime mixer, a flash fiction-writing session (sponsored by the Corpus Christi Public Library Board), a Steampunk round table discussion group, and a photo booth.

There will be a t-shirt design contest open to any area teen. Entry forms will be going out soon to all member libraries and will be posted on the Teen Bookfest by the Bay website. The completed form and design can be turned in to any participating school or public librarian.

Don't Pass These Up

As a member of Theta Gamma you are eligible to apply for the May Blythe Theta Gamma Scholarship. You must have been a member of Theta Gamma for at least one year. The scholarship is for \$300.00 and may be used for tuition, fees, books or supplies at a non-society continuing professional education event, seminar, workshop, or graduate class.

Remember the scholarship does not have to be used for a formal classroom setting

course. Some of you may be passing up free money. The application is due to the Scholarship Committee before April 1.

Our Esther Jane Roark Hahn Scholarship is awarded to a resident of the Coastal Bend pursuing a career in the field of education. The grant is for \$300.00 and may be used for tuition, registration fees, books or supplies. The applicant may be enrolled in any level of education with the transcript reflecting an overall average of at least 2.0. Preference is given to relatives of Theta Gamma members.

Do you have a student or a family member that meets these qualifications? If so, please remember the application is due to the Scholarship Committee before April 1.

Applications may be found in this newsletter.

Alpha State Convention

Mark your calendar now to reserve the dates so you can attend the 86th Texas State Convention at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio June 24 - 27, 2015.

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 and

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

Quick Links to society sites:

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

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

Theta Gamma Chapter: **A new chapter website is in the works and we will send the link when it's ready**

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 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.

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

For a Recommendation for Membership form go to -

<http://www.alphastatetexas.org/docs/form11.doc>

Complete the form and email it to Shannon or bring it to the September meeting.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Theta Gamma Chapter

Corpus Christi, Texas

May Blythe Scholarship Application

This scholarship is open to any woman with at least one year of membership in Theta Gamma Chapter. It may be used for tuition, fees, books, or supplies at a non-Delta Kappa Gamma Society continuing professional education event.

All applications are due to the Scholarship Committee before April 1st.

----- APPLICANT INFORMATION -----

Name: _____ Initiation Year: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail _____

Provider (College, University, or other CPE provider)

Purpose of Study: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



Theta Gamma Chapter

Corpus Christi, Texas

Esther - Jane Roark Hahn Memorial Recruitment Grant Application

For Aspiring Educators

This recruitment grant is available to any resident of the Coastal Bend pursuing a career in any field of education. Applicants enrolled in any level of college may apply provided transcripts reflect an overall average of 2.0. Financial need is not a determining factor. Preference will be given to relatives of Theta Gamma Members. The grant may be used to offset costs of tuition, registration, fees, books, or supplies.

All applications are due to the Scholarship Chair before April 1.

-----APPLICANT INFORMATION-----

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

School Now _____
Attending _____ Classification _____

If you are a high school senior, where are you enrolling in college? _____

Parent's Name _____

Address if Different from Yours _____

Relative of Theta Gamma
Member _____ Relationship _____
(Name)

Theta Gamma Member's Date of Initiation _____

References: (Members of the school staff or other persons who know you well.)

Name Address Position

Please provide us with a list of clubs and organizations to which you belong both in and out of school, any honors and awards which you have received, and tell us of your plans for the future after college graduation. Use the back of this form for that information, and attach an official copy of your transcript and one letter of recommendation from a qualified member of your school staff or a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Person Recommending this Applicant: _____

Date _____