

Theta Gamma Thoughts

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

Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide
2016-2018 International Theme "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

Dear Sisters,

Happy New Year! I think about the seasons-seasons of the year as we approach fall and seasons of life that we each go through. Some of us are in the early stages of our careers in education, while others are enjoying the early stages of retirement from education. Whatever season you are in, I am glad you are here! Together we make up a special group of educators as the members of Theta Gamma.

This year we come together to bring our strengths and passions to share with others. As we meet we also want to learn from others to add to our professional toolbox. I am so excited to continue to learn from each one of you.

We have a great year planned with some traditional activities in Theta Gamma and some new activities to try out. Our progressive dinner orientation will happen again, along with our traditional chili supper night. Some new activities include a Lotería night, and serving a meal at the Women's Shelter. And of course we look forward to Initiation, the Joint Luncheon, and our Founder's Day and Chapter birthday celebration. Your participation in each of these activities is not only needed but wanted to make them awesome! Theta Gamma programs will be designed to use each of our skills and talents.

So as we begin our DKG year, I ask each of you to commit to our time together and commit

to sharing this experience with others in the education community.

Happy New Year- Theta Gamma style!
Love Ya Like A Sister,
Kimberly Craig

Next Meeting Information:

Thursday, September 15th at 5:30 p.m.
(Fellowship 5:15 – 5:30 p.m.)

at [Lozano Instructional Support Center](#)
1761 Hudson Street (78416)
(Kim Brumley's office)

"Roadmap of the Year"

Committee chairs will lead committee members to discuss and assign tasks and responsibilities for each meeting this year.

Kim Brumley will be accepting your dues payment in the amount of \$76.00. Each member who pays dues in full will be placed in a drawing for a \$25 Outback Steakhouse gift card.

Minutes of the May Meeting

May 21, 2016

President Shannon Clubb called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. at the home of Donna Rodenberg and Kimberly Brumley.

Members present were Kimberly Brumley, Shannon Clubb, Kimberly Craig, Sylvia Gonzalez, Norma Janice, Barbara McDonald, Bettie Mitchell, Luanna Ortiz, Donna Rodenberg, Sylvia Swift, Beverly Tackett, Debbie VanZandt, Carol Walker, and Vilma Zuniga.

Shannon's final welcome included an update on Sara, our area coordinator who has had a double mastectomy and will be undergoing chemo and radiation treatments.

The Program was presented by Diana Booth from CASA of the Coastal Bend. She outlined the volunteer program for CASA: must be over 21, pass a background check, and complete 18 hours of classroom training, a personal interview, and courtroom observation.

She showed the video "I am for the Child" which can also be seen on YouTube or on the CASA website: www.CasaforChildren.org

Following the program, members broke for dinner, and resumed the meeting when most had finished eating.

The April minutes were approved as printed.

Correspondence was as follows. A sympathy card was sent to Eileen Pink whose mother passed away in April.

Kimberly Brumley presented the Treasurer's Report. The beginning balance was \$1528.04. Deposits in the amount of \$189.24 and disbursements of \$1030.09 bring the ending balance on hand to \$687.19. Of those funds, \$219.67 are earmarked for scholarships and Pace funds. Negotiable balance on hand is \$467.52.

In Shannon's final President's address, the theme was "That's why I teach – to make a difference in children's lives."

Norma Janice presented scholarships in absentia to Amanda VanZandt and Karen Martinez. Amanda is the daughter of Debbie VanZandt. She will be a senior at Texas A&M Kingsville, majoring in Vocal Music Education. Karen will graduate tomorrow from Collegiate High School. She will be attending DelMar working toward an A.A. in Foreign Language and plans to complete a degree in Bilingual Education at TAMUCC.

Norma Janice presented a Founders' Day program that not only spoke of the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma but also remembered the Charter Members of Theta Gamma, especially

honoring two deceased members who were very active in community affairs besides devoting time and effort to the founding of our chapter. They were Roberta Anderson and JoAnne Carpenter who were joined in founding our Theta Gamma Chapter by the following who are also deceased: May Blythe, Loena (Kelly) Bowen, Neva Christian, Erin Elnora Corbin, Esther Jane Hawn, Louisa P. Hugg, Ada Hughes, Fannie Lee Johnson, Anita Mantor, Elah Medford, Alice B. Petty, Anne Richardson, Mona Roesler, Joan (Holt) Short, and Mary Aileen Westwick. Charter members who Resigned or Transferred were Doris Atkins, Genevieve Bailey, Georgia Mae Bailey, Mary A. Cradock, Helen (Reaves) Hendricks, Mae Ruth Hoover, Pat Koepsel, Beatrice Moye, Willadean Stubbs, Emma M. Tucker, Virginia Walker

And let us not forget that Bettie Mitchell, who is still an active member, is also a Charter Member.

Margaret Deville was recognized for 35 years of membership.

Carol Walker was recognized for having received a 5 Star Newsletter award from Alpha State.

Kimberly Brumley suggested that we create a chapter achievement award. There was interest and discussion, but no decision was reached.

New officers for the 2016-2018 biennium were installed: President – Kimberly Craig, 1st Vice-President – Laura Day, Recording Secretary – Barbara McDonald, Corresponding Secretary – Brenda Machen, and Parliamentarian – Shannon Clubb. Janice Doughty was not present and will be installed as 2nd Vice President at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie VanZandt

Future Meetings

October (date TBD)

Progressive dinner at 3 homes

November - Initiation TBD by Beta Xi

December 15th, we will meet
at the South Texas Women's Shelter

January 19th, Annual Chili Supper at Lozano
ISC

February 16th, meet at Lozano ISC

March (date TBD)

Joint Chapters Luncheon Hosted by Delta Psi

April 20th, meet at Lozano ISC

May 14: Founders/Chapter Birthday Party
at the home of Donna and Kimberly

Red Roses of Congratulations

to our own Margaret DeVillie who was one of eight community leaders honored by the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas - Corpus Christi Chapter at their 18th Annual Las Estrellas Gala, Denim & Diamonds, Held on September 9th. Her award was for Service to the Community.



Attending from Theta Gamma were Beverly Tackett and Shannon Clubb plus Eileen Rogers a former member. There were 400 people at this event held at the Ortiz Center.

and

to Judith Whitlock who welcomed a new great granddaughter, Evangelina Rayne Whitlock born August 19th.

Quick Links to society sites:

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

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

Theta Gamma Chapter:

www.thetagamma.weebly.com

At Area V Workshop



Shannon Clubb, Donna Rodenberg, Kimberly Craig, and Kim Brumley attended the Area V Workshop in Harlingen, Texas on August 13th. They attended workshops for new officers, treasurers, programs and service projects.

Kimberly also presented the session on Leadership and Donna presented a session on Ceremonies and Necrology.

Donna said, "We had a wonderful time together!"

Think Scholarships NOW!

International Scholarships

As many as 30 scholarships are awarded each year to members pursuing advance degrees.

Scholarships for those seeking other graduate studies are \$6,000 and a doctorate is \$10,000. The Society awarded \$96,000 in scholarships for 2015-2016 and \$86,000 for 2016-2017. As of 2015-2016 the Society has awarded \$4,888,500 to 1,100 members since the international scholarship program began in 1940.

To qualify for a scholarship at the international level, the applicant must

- Be an active member of the Society for a minimum of three years if pursuing doctoral studies, and be an active member at the time of application if pursuing other graduate studies.

- Have completed a bachelor's degree or equivalent.

- Be accepted and enrolled in a graduate program of a nationally accredited institution of higher education, preferably pursuing a doctoral degree.

- Provide evidence of excellence in scholarship and service to the community.

- Be a first-time recipient of an international scholarship

State Scholarships

The Texas Organization of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has several generous scholarships available to its members. There are scholarships available for graduate studies, continuing adult education, and educational travel. Information on all the Scholarships offered as well as instructions and application forms may be printed from the links on this page <http://www.dkgtxas.org/state-scholarships.html>

Local Scholarships

Our Esther Jane Roark Hahn Memorial Recruitment Grant 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**.

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.

Applications are in your yearbook and also attached to the email in which you received this newsletter. Please open and print out the application you need. Fill it out and bring it to the next meeting, email, or mail it to our scholarship chairman:

Mrs. Bettie Ruth Mitchell,
4729 Sea Island Drive 78413
betmitchell@yahoo.com

The application is due to the Scholarship Committee before April 1.

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.

Alpha State Convention

88th Texas State Convention
Hyatt Regency Houston, Houston, Texas
June 22 - 24, 2017

Using the DKG Website

The international website hosts some new features such as member only areas that require log in. For help with logging in, please call Society Headquarters at 1-888-762-4685 or 512-478-5748.

Your username is your **six digit member id** that can be found on your membership card, from your chapter treasurer, or on the back of your *DKG NEWS*. If you find the number on the back of the *NEWS*, please be aware that you **must remove the last number**. Your chapter president has received the default password in the *Presidents' Page*, or you can call headquarters.

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