



# ***Theta Gamma Thoughts***

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## **President's Message**

Dear Sisters,

How wonderful it is to address you all again! I have been working on our meeting schedule this week and I think it is all settled with the exceptions of a few dates I have not been able to confirm yet. I want to thank you all for your help getting us going. We used everyone's ideas that we could and saved a few for next year. I also had to switch a few things around and add a different event in October.

I hope this year brings health and happiness to you all. I hope to see your smiling faces at every event! We have invited our sisters in the other chapters to join us and you also will receive schedules of their meetings. We are invited to join in when we would like.

It was with sadness that we lost our sister Janice. Red roses were sent to her service from Theta Gamma. Janice was always so eager to do anything she could to help out. She loved having us at the Methodist Church where she and Laura are members. I think she felt like she was having us to her house! She will be missed by all.

Our new state president's theme is The Key... You are The Key to our successful year. A key opens doors to new pathways and adventures. I invite you to use your key to join us for our year of adventures!

We will have the Texas State Convention in McAllen this summer. I know many of you don't get to go, but this year, I sure wish you

would think about going. Our area is in charge and we will need help with everything!

Our Area 5 meeting will also be this summer, here in Corpus. I am hoping to see familiar faces at this event also. We will have an assigned duty for this. I am not sure what, but will fill you in when I know.

Ok Ladies, I hope to see you all at the meeting at TuloSo Midway High School with Debbie Van Zandt. She is going to take us on a few adventures you won't want to miss. I know Margaret was excited about this and I can't wait to see what the kids at school are learning about.

Have a healthy, happy week,

Shannon

## **Next Meeting Information**

Thursday, September 19, 5:30 PM

TuloSo Midway High  
School Library  
2653 McKinzie Rd,  
Corpus Christi, TX 78410

"See the World! All from  
your seat!"



A Virtual Reality Experience

## **The Rest of the Year at a Glance**

The meeting schedule for the year is at the end of this newsletter.

Please put the dates on your calendar and make every effort to keep them clear so you can attend all of them.

## Minutes of the Meeting

Everyone was invited at Shannon's invitation to attend a workshop meeting at Fuddrucker's on Monday August 13<sup>th</sup> at four-thirty in the afternoon. Attendees were: Shannon, Margaret, Norma, Sylvia S., Sharon, Judith, and myself.

We brainstormed best days to meet (Monday and Saturday), places to go and things to do until we had more than enough for Shannon to create the Meeting Schedule for the year.

We may be small in numbers but we can still "win for aye".

Carol Walker, Acting Secretary

## Think Scholarships NOW!

Preference is given to relatives of Theta Gamma members but anyone who qualifies is eligible to be nominated for these chapter 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 at least \$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..

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 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](mailto:betmitchell@yahoo.com)

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## Did you know?

Up to 30 International Scholarships are available annually from Delta Kappa Gamma. \$6,000 for graduate studies - \$10,000 for a Doctorate Go to the Society Website <http://www.dkg.org> Click on Committees and go to Scholarship for Scholarship qualifications, scholarship packet, and the scholarship application process.

If you have changed your address, phone or email address, please notify Carol Walker at 937-3604 or [walkerbc64@msn.com](mailto:walkerbc64@msn.com)

## Upcoming Events

91th Texas State Convention  
McAllen, Texas  
June 17 - 19, 2020

International Convention  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
July 7 - 11, 2020

## Quick Links to society sites:

International: <http://www.dkg.org>  
State: <http://www.dkgtexas.org/>  
Theta Gamma Chapter:  
[www.thetagamma.weebly.com](http://www.thetagamma.weebly.com)

## Theta Gamma Chapter Meeting Schedule 2019-2020

Date/Time	Location	Program	Purpose	Notes
September 19 5:30 PM Thursday	Tuloso Midway High School Library	See the World! All from your seat!	1, 6	Service Project for the Ark.. please bring each month
October 26 10:30 AM Saturday	Botanical Gardens	Herbal Holiday Cooking	1, 6	
November 5 5:30 PM Tuesday	Carroll High School Room 270	Texas Archeology and the History of the First People	1,3,6	
November 16 9:30 AM Saturday	Hamlin Middle School Library	Corpus Christi Retired Teachers Meeting	1,4,6,7	
December Date TBD 11:00 AM	Corpus Christi Art Museum	Lunch with meeting at Hester's then tour Christmas Tree Forest	1,6	
January 25 9:00 AM-4:30PM Saturday	American Bank Center	Volunteer The Teen Book Fest	1,2	
February 17 5:15 PM Monday	Norma's Home	Annual Retired Teachers Chili Supper	1,6	
March 21 11:00 AM Saturday	POETS	Joint Chapters Luncheon/Induction	1	
April To be decided	The Ark	Meeting, Tour Facilities, Donate collection	1,6,7	
May 26 11:00AM Tuesday	Art Center	Founder's Day Birthday Lunch, Coronation Dresses	1,2,5,6	

**Please, let me know if you would like to continue seeing the following in this newsletter as they issue new ones.**

## **U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #188, AUGUST 2019**

This publication is intended for your information about issues important to education, women and children. How you choose to use the information included here is up to you.

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### **National Popular Vote Law**

The National Popular Vote Law is legislation passed by state legislatures rather than Congress. The states ratifying it pledge to cast votes in national elections based on the popular vote in their state rather than the all or nothing mandated by the Electoral College System. This system would not take effect until enough states committed. So far fifteen states and the District of Columbia have passed the law with a total of 196 electoral votes of the needed 270. The National Popular Vote Law has been passed by California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington. Additionally, the Arizona House has passed it as well as the Oklahoma Senate. Arizona has eleven electoral votes and Oklahoma has seven electoral votes. Legislation addressing this issue has been taken up in Georgia (16 electoral votes) and Missouri (ten electoral votes). Assuming these four states pass the bill that would bring the total electoral vote count to 240. The National Popular Vote bill would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The bill would ensure that every vote, in every state, will matter in every presidential election. [Note: This is legislation originating in the state rather than Congress.]

### **Another Potential Constitutional Amendment**

An effort is being made in Congress to overturn the Citizens United decision of the Supreme Court which allows corporations and wealthy people to make large donations to national elections. (It is even possible for foreign countries or foreign individuals to contribute money to US elections.) In order to amend the Constitution, 38 states must approve the measure. New Hampshire is the twentieth state to approve the amendment. Other states which have passed the amendment are California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia. The District of Columbia has also passed the amendment. There is a measure in Congress which addresses this problem along with several other things related to voting. The For the People Act of 2019 (H.R.1) "expands voter registration and voting access, makes Election Day a federal holiday, and limits removing voters from voter rolls." It has passed the House and been sent to the Senate where it has not been voted on.

### **Gun Control**

The recent shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio have saddened us all. Two ex-military congressmen have advocated for an assault weapons ban based on their combat experience. There needs to be legislation passed which bans guns of the AR47 type. This would not prevent the events from happening, but it would reduce the number of people killed. It is likely that seven of the nine people killed in Dayton and 15-20 of the people killed in El Paso would not have died if the shooter had been using a conventional weapon. During the 1994-2004 period when an assault weapons ban was in place, there were 53 deaths from mass shootings. From 2005-2017 after the assault weapons ban lapsed there was an increase of 309 deaths. Some gun control

bills have been introduced. Most notably is The Assault Weapons Ban of 2019 (H.R.1296, S.66). Neither of which has been brought to a vote in either house.

## NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

Now is the time to make plans to attend the National Legislative Seminar. The seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn Crystal City on March 15-18, 2020. The registration form and additional information can be found on the United States Forum website ([www.usforumdkg.org](http://www.usforumdkg.org)). We look forward to seeing you in March!

## Forum Facebook Page Link

For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U.S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum> and a Group page online at

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/2269724846587657/?source\\_id=349823881770007](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2269724846587657/?source_id=349823881770007)

Let us know the issues that concern you and let your voice be heard!

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## Contacting Your Legislator

If you wish to contact your senator to express your opinion, you can call the Congressional Switchboard at 1-202-224-3121. [This is not a toll-free number]. Another way of contacting your senator is via email or a telephone number which is not toll free both of which are available at

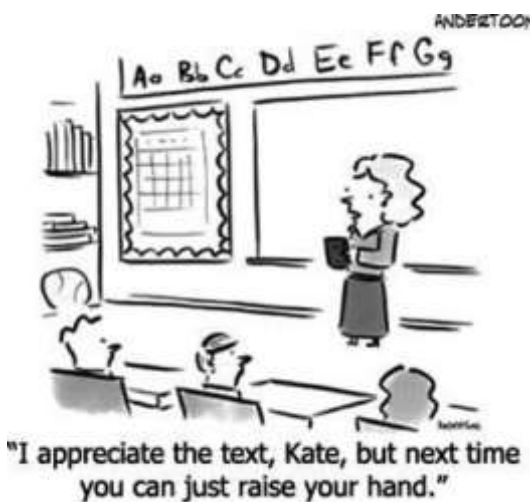
[https://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

Email access and addresses

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives <http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

White House 1-202-456-1111

## Five Constituent Contacts Will Cause A Legislator to Pay Serious Attention To A Given Issue.



If you don't "get" →  
this one, email

Carol

