



# Theta Gamma Thoughts

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

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Greetings Theta Gamma Sisters!

It was great seeing everyone after what seemed like a short summer. If you haven't paid your dues make sure you get your check to Linda by October 20th so she can get her report in to State on time.

Our theme for this year is Explore the Possibilities, Let Our Vision Light the Way. Help Theta Gamma shine this year by helping with our chapter project and other activities that we have going on throughout the year. Our chapter is in charge of Initiation in November so we need all our active members to get involved and help make it very special.

Last Saturday, several members met at Half Price Book Store to buy the books for Driscoll Children's Hospital. A lot of books were purchased with the money we made from our book auction. We will need everyone's help at the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to help peel the stickers off the cover of the books before donating them. I am very sorry that I will not be able to be at our October meeting as I have a school function that I have to attend that night.

*Kay Schroeder*

## *October 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting Information:*

Our next meeting will be **Thursday**, October 20, 5:15 PM at the TM Intermediate School Library. 9760 LaBranch, Corpus Christi, TX 78410



Use the link below if you need a more informative map.  
[TM Intermediate School](#)

Baby sitting will be provided for \$5 per child. If you need childcare let Donna know by Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at [donnarodenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:donnarodenberg@yahoo.com) or 361- 215 - 5127.

## *Minutes of the September 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

The meeting was held at Angela Stegall's house. Kay Schroeder called the meeting to order. She introduced Heather Rohmfelde as a possible new member.

### **Reports**

Members present: Brandey Addison, Kimberly Brumley, Shannon Clubb, Janice Doughty, Leslie Jo Elmore, Shayla Floyd, Neva Gentry, Sylvia Gonzalez, Norma Janice, Libby McGee, Sarah Moore, Kimberly Picozzi, Donna Rodenberg, Eileen Rogers, Kay Schroeder, Angela Stegall, Beverly Tackett, Linda Uballe, Theo Wagner, Carol Walker, Debbie Van Zant, and Vilma Zuniga.

Members absent for professional- Judith Whitlock; illness-Brenda Machen, Cynthia Besosa and Margaret DeVille; family- Jennifer Krnavek and Nancy Shaheen; other- Valerie Buhidar.

Corrections were made to the May minutes as follows- Sylvia Swift has been a member for 18 years, not 5 as was reported in the minutes. The May minutes were accepted with the noted correction.

Linda Uballe gave the treasurer's report. As of July 2011, the balance on hand was \$2867.20, less the book auction \$1360.00. Deposits totaled \$1028.05, for a total of \$3895.24. Disbursements totaled \$1467.00. Balance on hand is \$2428.25. Other information on the CD's was MB CD is \$9849.78 and the EJV fund has \$5756.97.

Brandey Addison reported no new correspondence.

### **New Business**

Dues are due by October 20 so our treasurer, Linda, will be able to get her report in to Alpha State on time.

The Budget Report was given by Beverly Tackett. The July, 2011 balance was \$2867.20 less \$1360.00 for the book auction. Leaving a balance of \$1507.20. Estimated income was made totaling \$3567.00. Estimated state and international expenses sub-totaled \$2621.20. Estimated Chapter expenses were a sub-total of \$1175.00. Total expenses were \$3796.20. Estimated balance for July 1, 2012 is \$1278.00. The finance committee made a recommendation to transfer \$600.00 to the Ester J. Hahn fund. It was noted that the chapter buys pins for members with 25 years. Elnora Corbin will be given a 50year pin and the chapter will be paying her dues. Also add money to the scholarship fund and give two scholarships, if our balance is still good. The budget was accepted.

There was a discussion of places to have this year's initiation on November 5. We are in charge. Several places will be contacted about date and cost.

Shayla Floyd passed out a list of committees and their chairpersons. Program of Work Committees: Personal Growth and Service - Leslie Elmore, Professional Affairs and Legislation - Theo Wagner and Kim Brumley, Research - Donna Rodenberg, Music-Libby McGee. Educational Services Committees - Communications - Carol Walker, Scholarship - Bettie Ruth Mitchell, World Fellowship - Laura Day Brown, Society Business Committees - Membership/Necrology - Angela Steagall, Ceremonial/Courtesy-Kimberly Brumley and Velma Zuniga, Finance-Beverly Tackett, and Nominations - Margaret DeVille.

Shayla also passed out a list for snacks and baskets. The next meeting is October 20 and we need one more person to help out. November 5 is initiation (our responsibility so everyone needs to help). December 1, we need 2 members to help. January 12 is the annual Chili Supper by the retirees. Contact Shayla Floyd if you can help at 767-9609 or [shaylachef@yahoo.com](mailto:shaylachef@yahoo.com) I will continue to write in the minutes the meeting dates and people needed for snacks or baskets.

Book Auction discussion- we need to buy the books. Linda Uballe got the gift cards and the Librarians will go to Half Price Books and buy the books. Other people may come and help if they want to.

Leslie Elmore brought up questions about the book auction- She will send out a Survey to get member input.

Norma Janice told the group that Judith Whitlock read a book titled Carrot Cake Murder by Joanne Fluke. At the end of the book, the author had a note to DKG ladies thanking them for a box of dried fruit including Bing cherries that she used in the brownie recipe for Black Forest Brownies.

The scholarship raffle earned \$96.00. The "Shine our Light to the Community" lantern and gift card was won by Shannon Clubb.

The new Pace Bag received \$7.95.

We adjourned with the traditional song singing at 6:50 pm.

Your sister,  
Eileen Rogers

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if you are going to miss a meeting.

### *Red Roses of Congratulations to:*

**Margaret De Ville** who was recently chosen as the First Vice President of the YWCA Board of Directors. She also continues to serve as president of the Tuloso - Midway Education Foundation and of the District II Texas Retired Teachers Association. Margaret is also first vice president of the Del Mar Former Students Association.

### *Red Roses for Sharing to:*

Nancy Shaheen —

Norman and I had a wonderful 3 week trip a few weeks back. We flew to Salt Lake City and spent a few days. We got to hear the Mormon Tabernacle Choir sing on Sunday at Temple Square. Then, we rented a car and drove north to Jackson Hole, WY; the Grand Teton's; Yellowstone National Park; (all which were awesome!!); then on up to Glacier National Park in Montana; over to Gig Harbor, WA; Seattle; Vancouver, WA and Portland, OR where we visited family and friends. The weather was wonderful and cool and we saw some of the most beautiful parts of our USA! But, even with the extreme heat and drought, we were, as always, glad to be back home in CC.

### *Red Roses of Healing to* Kay Schroeder who has been ill for a couple of weeks.

### *Future Meetings*

November 5, Joint Chapters Initiation, TBA

December 1. 5:15 PM, At Shayla Floyd's Home

January 12, 5:15 PM, Chili Supper at Kim and Donna's Home

February 16, 5:15 PM, at the Crazy Super Buffet, 10241 South Padre Island Drive

March 3, 11:00 AM, Joint Chapters Luncheon, TBA

April 12, 5:15 PM, TBA

May 5, 11:00 AM, At Kay Schroeder's Home

If you have not read the article beginning on page 46 of the new fall issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin you should. It is very interesting.

### ***Book Recommendations:***

From Nancy Shaheen

I have read some great books this summer! Probably the best book that I have read was called Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. We enjoyed listening to it on unabridged audiobook. When we travel, we love to listen to audiobooks--only unabridged! Nelson DeMille's Wildfire was a favorite on this trip! The Confession by John Grisham--a good read; Amandine by Marlene de Blasi--great read; and The French Gardener by Santa Montefiore. I love to read books set in Europe and de Blasi and Montefiore both have a list of really enjoyable ones! One of my favorite ones by Montefiore was called The Butterfly Box. de Blasi has written her memoirs in 3 books which I found delightful---the first was called Thousand days in Venice. All of this is light and pleasurable reading! Over the last few years, I have also found Elin Hilderbrand's fiction books about Nantucket a lot of fun to read. (Barefoot; The Beach Club; Nantucket Night; Summer People; The Blue Bistro; The Love Season; and A Summer Affair) All good beach reading books!

From Theo Wagner

I know this book has been out for a while, but it is worth a read - The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein. A quote on the cover "The old soul of a dog has much to teach us about being human. I loved this book.", Sara Gruen. The book has been adapted for young readers also. The book is about the thrill of competitive racing, and a dog who speaks. Just read it and you will love Enzo, the dog. I will loan anyone the book if they wish to read it.

From Kay Schroeder

There were several good books that I have read, The Help by Kathryn Stockett and Roses by Leila Meacham of San Antonio. (When I read the book I didn't realize she was from San Antonio). It is based in East Texas and follows several generations of a plantation family. Another book that I had a hard time putting down was The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom. It deals with slavery in 1790. Not funny like The Help but still very good.

***Quick Links*** to our society sites:

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

State: <http://www.alphastatetexas.org/> Be sure to take a look at the information in the committee reports especially the ones in which you have a chapter position.

Theta Gamma Chapter: <http://www.orgsites.com/tx/thetagamma/>

*In case you missed this one...*



## *Have You Changed Your Address/Phone/Email?*

If you have changed *anything* about your address, phone or email, please notify Carol Walker at 937-3604 or [walkerbc64@msn.com](mailto:walkerbc64@msn.com) and our Treasurer, Linda Uballe at 537-5762 / 882-6628 or [ljuballe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljuballe@sbcglobal.net)

**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 theirs to work on the first Monday of every month. Show our organization off to others – we may pick up a new member that way.

**"To be a teacher you must be a prophet--because you are trying to prepare people for a world thirty to fifty years into the future." Gordon Brown, former Dean, MIT**

*The End*

No matter what I do, I can't get rid of this page!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!