

Theta Gamma Thoughts

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President's Message

Good Morning Theta Gamma Sisters,

This letter is being written on a morning with the temperature outside at 62 degrees. What a wonderful crisp morning to write a letter about our new year. How inspiring our first meeting was! I was beaming when I looked around at all of the hard work you all were doing to assure that we will have the best year ever! The ideas, comradery, smiles, and conversations were abundant!

Looking out at all of you while I was leading my first meeting made my heart want to burst. Your supportive smiles made me so comfortable- I knew right away, I had made the right decision to say yes to be your leader.

I look forward to our next meeting. The Research and Scholarship Committees are going to present a program on the benefits of being a sister in Delta Kappa Gamma. I urge you to bring a guest. This will be the perfect meeting to show what we are all about and the wide array of opportunities that are available to us.

See you on the 16th,

Shannon

Next Meeting Information:

Thursday, October 16, 2014 5:15 p.m.

A Change from Original Location

At the home of Sharon Phillips

4362 Calallen Drive, 78410

Map @ [4362 Calallen Drive, 78410](#)

Phone 241-7262

Program: The Benefits of Membership

Linda Uballe must have your dues payment in the amount of \$76.00 on or before this meeting date. Please read the minutes to use an installment plan.

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.

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.

Minutes of the September Meeting

9/18 2014

Shannon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at Los Comales Restaurant. Members in attendance were Brandey Addison, Cynthia Besosa, Laura Brown, Kim Brumley, Shannon Clubb, Kimberly Craig, Margaret DeVille, Neva Gentry, Sylvia Gonzalez, Roxanna Guerrero, Norma Janice, Libby McGee, Bettie Mitchell, Luanna Ortiz, Sharon Phillips, Donna Rodenberg, Kay Schroeder, Beverly Tackett, Linda Uballo, Debbie VanZandt, Carol Walker, and Vilma Zuniga.

The May minutes were approved as printed in the most recent newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary Luanna Ortiz reported that she had sent a birthday card to Mutsu Crumley, a member of another chapter, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday.

Treasurer Linda Uballo reported that dues are now due, but she will accept payments in installments: 2 payments of \$38, 3 payments of \$25.33, or 4 payments of \$19. In the treasurer's report, Linda said we had a beginning balance of \$806.89 on 7-1-14, income of \$153.56, and expenses of \$27.05 for an ending balance of \$933.40. The report was approved and filed for audit.

President Shannon Clubb passed along an invitation to the chartering ceremony of the Mu Omega Chapter at First Methodist Church in Premont on October 19 at 3 p.m. She reminded the group that chartering a new chapter doesn't happen often and

attendance by members of other chapters is an important show of support when they do happen. Shannon also announced that the Alpha State Organization is hoping to host the International Convention in 2018 or 2020. State is not asking for a commitment at this time, but wants members to be thinking about serving as a volunteer (greeter, workers, AV staff, etc.) in case their application is approved to host the convention.

Brandey Addison was installed as First Vice President by Donna Rodenberg. Brandey missed installation with the other officers because she was having a baby.

No one was recommended for membership, so no new members were presented; however Shannon suggested that the October meeting would be a good meeting to invite non-members to attend in view of possible future membership. Shannon let everyone know that the venue for the October meeting would be changing, possibly to Tuloso-Midway Primary. An email will be sent when the determination of the new location has been made.

Members broke into committee groups to discuss plans of action for the year for about 15 minutes. After the members reconvened, committee reports were given and recommendations were made.

Norma Janice presented the proposed 2014-2015 budget. The balance forward from July 1, 2014 was \$806.89. Estimated income from dues, contributions, and fundraisers is planned to be \$3084. Estimated expenses for State and International dues are expected to be \$2193, and chapter expenses are planned to be \$1225, for a total expense of \$3418. The estimated balance on hand at the end of the fiscal year should be \$472.89. A motion for approval was made by Norma, and seconded by Margaret Deville. The motion carried and the budget was approved.

Bettie Ruth Mitchell recommended that the wording on both of the scholarship applications be changed in the following manner: "by April 1" be changed to "before

April 1” to make the bylaws and the application forms agree. The motion was seconded and passed.

Beverly Tackett from the Legislation committee suggested that members contact their legislators to ask for things we want passed AND to thank them for what has already passed. Kimberly Craig suggested contacting members who do not make it to the meetings to let them know that they were missed.

Donna Rodenberg told people about a new contest “Pride and the Prize Pop Quiz.” A question will be asked in each newsletter. The answer to the question can be found in the newsletter or on the chapter or TSO website. A box will be placed at every meeting for answers, but the question will only be given in the newsletter (not at the meeting). One correct answer will be drawn for a prize at each meeting.

Kim Brumley announced that the basket drawing for tonight was a \$40 gift card to Gossip Salon in La Palmera Shops. She also passed around a sign-up sheet for basket sponsorship for future meetings.

Brandey Addison had each member use a green page folded in fourths to help with planning programs and service projects. One quadrant was for suggestions for service projects, one was for professional development ideas, one was for publicity ideas, and one was for program ideas. Future programming will be pulled from those ideas.

Libby McGee announced that the new website www.thetagamma.weebly.com is up and running. She is still transferring pictures, but the website is active.

The basket drawing raised \$80, and the basket was won by Carol Walker. The PACE funds received \$28 which will be used to help fund the Leadership Seminar in February.

Shannon announced that the next meeting will be held October 16, probably at Tuloso-Midway Primary School at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Seen in September



Photo by Carol

Left to Right: President Shannon Clubb, First Vice President Brandey Addison (who was installed at the meeting), Parliamentarian Donna Rodenberg, and Ceremonies Chairman Kim Brumley

Future Meetings

November 8, 2014 Initiation

It will be hosted by Delta XI with details yet to be arranged.

December 4, 2014 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 5:00 p.m.

We will have our Annual Chili Super at Calallen Baptist Church. [Calallen Baptist Church Map Link](#)

February 19, 2015 5:00 p.m.

Nolan's Restaurant, on Airline Road
Program: The Healthy Heart
[Nolan's on Airline Map Link](#)

March 7, 2015 11:00 AM
Joint Chapters Annual Spring Luncheon
Beta XI will host at First Baptist Church

April 23, 2015 5:00 p.m.
Miller High School Library
Program: “Bucket List”
[Miller High School](#)

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](#)

Take Pride - Win a Prize

Go to:

- Alpha State Website alphastatetexas.org
- Find Resources
- Go to Recommended Websites and Apps for Educators



Which site or app would you like featured at a future meeting?

Write down your answer and bring it to our meeting October 16th and you will be entered into a drawing for a prize and receive an additional ticket for the basket drawing!

Member News

Angela Steagall was recently appointed as a member of the Texas K-12 Libraries Advisory Group for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.



Teen Bookfest by the Bay October Update

There are quite a few hyperlinks in this article. Please click and explore!

The biggest news is that our official 501(c)(3) status was granted by the IRS last month. We are now able to give donors a tax-deductible receipt for all donations! The "happy dance" that I did when the letter

came in probably would have been wonderful entertainment on the internet, but, luckily for me, I was home alone at the time.

We have 17 confirmed young adult authors, most of whom are from Texas, who will be attending. The confirmed authors are:

Jessica Lee Anderson (Austin), website <http://www.jessicaleeanderson.com/>

Rosemary Clement-Moore (Dallas area), website <http://www.readrosemary.com/>

Beth Fehlbaum (Dallas area), website <http://www.bethfehlbaumbooks.com>

Guadalupe Garcia-McCall (San Antonio), website <http://guadalupegarciamccall.com/>

Estella Gutierrez (Corpus Christi), website <http://thebreak.tateauthor.com/>

PJ Hoover (Austin), website <http://www.pjhoover.com/>

C. C. Hunter (Houston), website www.cchunterbooks.com

Lindsey Lane (Austin), website <http://lindseylane.net/>

Mary Lindsey (Houston), website <http://www.marylindsey.com/>

Diana Lopez (Victoria), website <http://www.dianalopezbooks.com/>

Mari Mancusi (Austin), website <http://www.marimancusi.com/>

Jennifer Mathieu (Houston), website <http://www.jennifermathieu.com/>

J. Nelle Patrick/Jackson Pearce (Atlanta, GA), website <http://jackson-pearce.com/jnp/>

Joy Preble (Houston), website <http://www.joypreble.com/>

Victoria Scott (Dallas), website <http://www.victoriascottya.com/>

Joe Shine (Austin), <http://sohopress.com/authors/joe-shine/>

Django Wexler (Seattle, WA), website <http://djangowexler.com/>

We are still working on fundraising and donations. Between pledges and donations, we have about half of the amount that we need. We have one meal for the authors covered by AAUW, and are looking for

funding for the hotel and other meal costs, as well as extra expenses which will pop up.

We are working on an updated [Go Fund Me site](#) which reflects our non-profit status for online donating. Donations can be given to me or mailed to our P.O. Box. An official donation form can be printed from <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P8aGAcWY6WbhXDWr996RWw-bMmmNc-BN0utFBRn8Sg/edit?usp=sharing>.

Any checks should be payable to Teen Bookfest by the Bay. A tax-deductible donation receipt will be mailed to you. We are also busily writing grant proposals, so if you know of any grants, please let me know as well.

Our planning sessions have been going well, and our [website](#) should be up and running soon. We are already an active presence on Facebook ([Teen Bookfest by the Bay](#)) and Twitter ([@TBFBay](#)). It is a very exciting (albeit stressful) time. We are only 4 ½ months away from our event date of February 28, 2015, and there are still decisions and plans to be made. We should have a schedule of events ready in the next week or so. We will have 5 author panels and a moderated student discussion about Manga (Japanese printed comics) that will each happen twice during the day. A photo booth and a fiction-writing workshop will be available during the afternoon. Teens will be able to participate in a Steampunk Social during the lunch hour. All of the authors will be autographing from 3-4:30 after the sessions are over. We are planning for an attendance of 300-500 8th- to 12th-graders.

If anyone is interested in helping as a volunteer on the day of the Festival, please let me know and I will give your contact information to the volunteer coordinators. It's going to be a very busy and extremely rewarding day. We will, of course, be feeding the volunteers, too.

Debbie VanZandt

Fall 2014 Lone Star News

The online only *Fall 2014 Lone Star News* is now ready for your reading enjoyment. You may read or download it on the Publications page and [here](#).

Don't Pass These Up

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.

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 and print it. 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 Dr.
78413

betmitchell@yahoo.com

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.

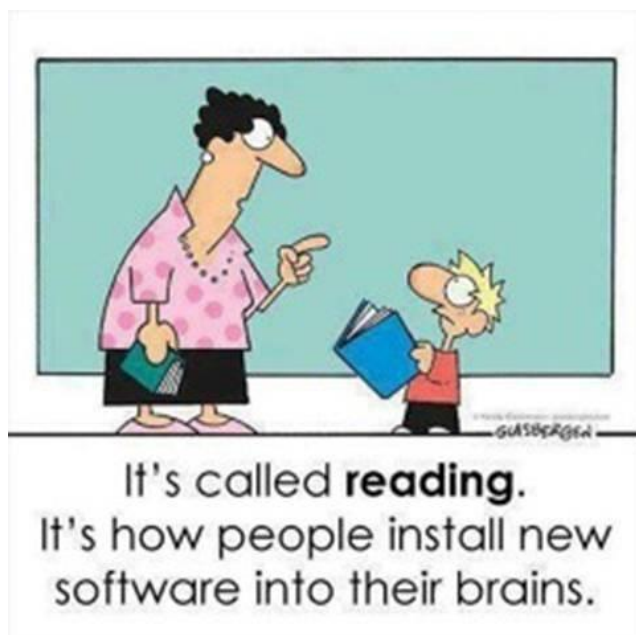
Seeing a thousand or more Delta Kappa Gamma members in action at a convention is a wonderful sight and gives a feeling of pride in being a member of a great organization.

Changed Your Address/Phone/Email?

If so please notify Carol Walker at 937-3604 or walkerbc64@msn.com

and

Treasurer, Linda Uballo 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:
www.thetagamma.weebly.com

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.

Also seen at the September meeting...

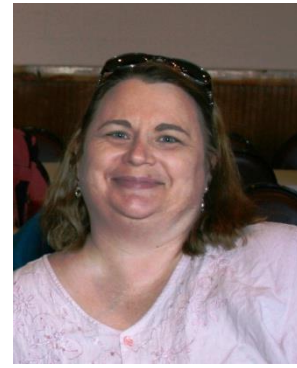




Sylvia and Vilma



Norma



Debbie



Donna

Beverly



Kay



Neva



Sharon



Margaret

Laura



Bettie



Roxanna



Kimberly

Luann



Cynthia and someone who wished to be nameless...