

# Theta Gamma Thoughts

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2015-2017 TSO Theme –  
*The Heart of the Society  
is Its Members*

## President's Message

Hello Sisters,

Welcome back to another year with Theta Gamma. I am so excited about what we have planned this year. I must start off by saying thank you to you all for your notes, cards, food and prayers during this time. These past months have been very difficult and I appreciate your kind hearts. I must also thank my sisters who took over planning and getting our year off to a good start. It was too hard for me to handle planning with everything I had going on. I have now sold my house, bought a new house, moved and am working on getting settled. Catalina and I are strong ladies and we will keep our heads up and keep on going.

I shared at the meeting what a wonderful time I had at Convention in June. I met some of the most amazing women and had such a wonderful time learning and celebrating Delta Kappa Gamma.

Our next meeting is a progressive dinner. I used to do those with my youth group as a teenager. I remember piling in cars and driving from one house to the next. What wonderful memories! I know this will be fun and full of learning experiences for all.

It's time to bring in that special lady that you think will be an asset to Theta Gamma. We already have a few new members and I know

we could think of more. I have ordered the new pamphlets that you can pass on to prospective members. I will share them at the October meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing and hugging each and every one of you. You are truly a gift to my life and I am excited to lead you one more time.

Always yours,  
Shannon Clubb

## Next Meeting Information:

**October 15**

**Progressive Dinner and Orientation -**

**Meet at 5:15 p.m.** at Angela Steagall's home

(561 Parade Dr. 78412) with possible use of

Cullen MS parking lot for grouping into

vehicles. Kimberly Craig is contacting potential

drivers and assigning riders. By riding together,

we minimize parking concerns and ensure that

everyone will end up at the dessert stop with

their cars ready for the drive home.

**Stop 1 Appetizers** from 5:30-6:00 p.m. at

Kimberly and Donna's home (3309 Casa

Bonita Dr. 78411)

Goals: Advance Excellence in Education,

Empower Women, Increase Global Awareness

(Ceremonies Committee leading)

Appetizers: Kimberly B. and Donna

**Stop 2 Meal** from 6:10-7:00 p.m. at the home of

Norma Janice (1410 Casa Verde 78411)

(EEC, Programs and Service Projects

Committee leading)

A \$2 contribution per member is welcome to defray cost of main dish and sides from Senor Jaime's. Salads: Brandey and Shannon.

**Stop 3 Desserts** from 7:15-7:45 p.m. at Angela Steagall's home (561 Parade Dr. 78412)

The Honor of Membership (Membership Committee leading)

Desserts: Luanna, Debbie and Kimberly C.

## *Pease Note...*

Kimberly Brumley will be accepting your dues of \$76.00 (payable to Theta Gamma) at the meeting or by mail beforehand at 3309 Casa Bonita, 78411

## *Minutes of the September Meeting*

9/17/2015

President Shannon Clubb called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. with thanks and a report on the State Convention. In order to attend her daughter's choir concert, Shannon then turned the meeting over to Vice President Brandey Addison.

In attendance were Brandey Addison, Kimberly Brumley, Shannon Clubb, Kimberly Craig, Janice Doughty, Ann Falkner, Neva Gentry, Sylvia Gonzalez, Roxanna Guerrero, Norma Janice, Brenda Machen, Libby McGee, Bettie Mitchell, Sharon Phillips, Donna Rodenberg, Angela Steagall, Beverly Tackett, and Debbie VanZandt

The May minutes were approved as printed in the last newsletter. There was no correspondence, but Libby McGee reported on the condition of former treasurer Linda Uballe after breaking her knee. Libby suggested that Theta Gamma members help Linda out with rides to therapy and will get a list of dates to anyone who is interested.

Kimberly Brumley presented the treasurer's report. Beginning balance is \$1271.82. Deposits of \$2800.03 and disbursements of \$1138.82 give a closing balance of \$2933.03. Included in the deposits is a check from ASTEF for Teen Bookfest by the Bay which will be turned over soon. A discrepancy of \$87.96, in our favor, between the bank reported

balance (\$1271.82) and the treasurer's reported balance (\$1184.36) will be researched and corrected. The treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

Norma Janice presented the budget proposal for 2015-2016. The balance forward from July 1, 2015 was \$433.03. Estimated income from dues and fundraisers amounted to \$2780. Estimated expense for state and International dues is \$1881.00, and chapter expenses are estimated at \$1225, giving an ending balance of \$107.03. Members were reminded that this budget does not include any amounts for scholarships. Libby McGee moved to accept the budget and it was approved unanimously.

No bylaw changes were discussed.

Membership recommendations were as follows:

Donna Rodenberg presented 3 candidates, Barbara MacDonald from the Diocese of Corpus Christi, and Mairaed Gillooly and Samantha Greses from Ss. Cyril and Methodius Catholic School. Donna also recommended one reinstatement, Valarie Buhidar.

Kimberly Brumley presented two candidates, Debrena Lightfoot and Kelli Powell, both from CCISD.

A vote was taken. All new candidates were approved for membership, and the reinstatement was approved.

Committees were allowed time to work and plan using the program planner.

A cup was passed for PACE donation benefitting the International Speakers Fund. The amount donated was \$17.39.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Debbie VanZandt, Recording Secretary

## *Future Meetings*

**Please note this change:**

Beta Xi will celebrate their chapter's 80th birthday on 11/7 so the November date was changed to 11/14.

Saturday, November 14, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
Joint Chapters Initiation  
(Our responsibility this year)  
Calallen Baptist Church Christian Life Center  
13505 IH 37 and Buckhorn

December 10: Chili Supper

January 21: Healthy Plate

February 18: Love Yourself, Love Your Look

March 5: Joint Chapters Luncheon at  
P.O.E.T.S. (4825 Saratoga Blvd)

April 21: Purse Project/ Bucket List

May 14: Founders/Chapter Birthday at the  
home of Brandey Addison (3833 Julia Ln.)

## *Member News*

**Sylvia Swift** was taken out of retirement to teach “4” courses to seniors at Collegiate High School at Del Mar College. The course insures student successes in the world of higher education, their chosen career path, and the ability to compete in an emerging, global and changing workforce. Students also experience rigorous and intense forms of writing and communication as professionals. Students will also present a Student Portfolio to panelists consisting of community, business professionals and CCISD administrators that will interview and score student performance and their completed product.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual *Teen Bookfest by the Bay* will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at Tuloso-Midway High School. Twenty authors of young adult books will talk about their books and the writing process, and there will be writing and illustrating workshops. Keep the date open as **Debbie Van Zant** will be looking for volunteers to help with that again.

## *Red Roses of Congratulations to*

**Kimberly Craig** who is now an Assistant Principal at Driscoll Middle School in CCISD. Because she is a First Timer, she said any suggestions or advice would be appreciated!

**Libby McGee** and **Debbie Van Zandt** who, along with their dogs Louie and Robbie, got certified as therapy dog teams in July. Libby has made a nursing home visit with Louie, and both attended an event with Brooke’s Blossoms and Gold Collar Companions raising awareness for childhood and canine cancers.



Here’s the link to the Caller Times coverage of their certification class, and Libby and Debbie are in the picture.

<http://www.caller.com/news/local/therapy-dogs-go-for-a-ride-get-certified-1a8c3595-692b-1c8c-e053-0100007faee4-316989981.html>

## *News from International*

The following paragraph is a quote from DKG NEWS May/June 2015: Experiences Every two years, members have the opportunity to become leaders in all tiers of the Society. Serving as chapter president, committee chair, or any other position provides learning within a positive and nurturing environment. Rather than feeling fear for being asked to serve, be honored by the request (remember, someone saw potential and ability!) and excited about the challenge. Find the magic in DKG and make the journey as a leading woman educator. You will be approached by the Nominating Committee a few months from now. Please say “Yes.”



## *From the*

### *"Before the Bell Newsletter"*

provided by Texas Retired Teachers

[The Toughest Job in Education?](#)

[Maybe Not](#)

[21 Tips for Back To School From Real Teachers](#)

[18 Make-Ahead Meals And Snacks To Eat Healthy Without Even Trying](#)

[What Does It Take to Win the Texas Teacher of the Year Award?](#)

[How TV Can Make Kids Better Readers](#)

## *Don't Lose Out!*

The Texas State Organization Mini-Grant deadline is fast approaching. The goal of this grant is to provide funds for non-traditional types of professional development activities for TSO members. The grants can be up to \$750.00 for applicants who have been a member of DKG for five years before June 1 of the application year. Events or activities for which the applicant has applied must occur November 1 through October 31 of the following year.

Additional information concerning the application procedure can be found on the TSO website, [\*\*www.dkgtexas.org\*\*](http://www.dkgtexas.org). Members must follow instructions and the **application must be postmarked no later than November 1.**

## *Don't Pass These Up*

Our Esther Jane Roark Hahn Scholarship is open 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 can be found on our Theta Gamma Chapter Website.** 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 Drive 78413  
[betmitchell@yahoo.com](mailto:betmitchell@yahoo.com)

## *Quick Links to society sites:*

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

State: [http://www.dkgtexas.org/](http://www.dkgtexas.org)

Theta Gamma Chapter:  
[www.thetagamma.weebly.com](http://www.thetagamma.weebly.com)

## *Alpha State Convention*

It is time to begin making plans to attend the next Texas State Convention.

**87th Texas State Convention**  
Frisco Convention Center  
Frisco, Texas  
June 23 - 25, 2016