

Theta Gamma Thoughts

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Vision Statement: 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,

As we are surrounded by presidential debates, accusations, and so on, I'm reminded that what matters in the end is my vote. I can make a difference if I use my right and privilege to vote for who I think is best. The election results may not turn out the way I want, but at least I was part of the process rather than part of the problem.

You have the right and privilege of sharing Delta Kappa Gamma with others. Who has been on your mind? Have you stopped the world for a few moments to think of someone you want to share DKG with? If you haven't done so yet, consider being a part of the process of sharing DKG with an educational leader.

Remember last time I talked about what's in it for you in addition to what you can give to others. The next meeting is our progressive dinner orientation. You may not have a new member to invite, but we still need you. Your experiences and gifts are what make Theta Gamma special. We are "mindful of our sisters needing, Aid and guidance from those leading, Helpful may we be!"



WE WANT YOU!

So look at your calendar and mark our upcoming meetings. Don't "pencil us in" use ink! Make a

commitment to being a part of the Theta Gamma process. Your sisters are counting on you!

Love Ya Like a Sister,

Kimberly Craig

Next Meeting Information

Thursday, October 20th at 5:15 p.m.

at the home of Kim and Donna
3309 Casa Bonita, 78411

Kim said it will be a fiesta of fellowship and we will go on a good sort of goose chase.

Please [RSVP here](#) if you have not already done that so they can prepare accordingly.

Kim Brumley will be accepting your dues payment in the amount of \$76.00 if you have not already paid.

Minutes of the September Meeting

The regular meeting of the Theta Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was held on September 15, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by President Kimberly Craig. We did not have a quorum.

Those in attendance were: Kimberly Craig, Donna Rodenberg, Carol Walker, Norma Janice, Brenda Machen, Sylvia Swift, Samantha Greses, Laura Day, Kimberly Brumley, Barbara MacDonald, Brandy Addison, Roxanna Guererro, Janice Doughty, and Cynthia Besosa.

The minutes from the meeting in May were filed as corrected.

Brenda read a lovely article from the newspaper about Joanne Carpenter who was one of our charter members.

Treasurer Kim Brumley gave her report. We have a balance of \$84.57 in our account.

President Kimberly tabled a vote on a \$10 refreshment fee until the next meeting. This will enable us to provide a substantial snack at the beginning of our meetings.

The officers unable to attend our May meeting were installed. Laura Day was installed as the 1st vice president, Janice Doughty was installed as the 2nd vice president, and Brenda Macha was installed as corresponding secretary.

President Kimberly broke us up into our different committees to plan:

- Budget headed by Norma Janice
- Programs and service projects headed by Donna Rodenberg
- Legislation headed by Shannon Clubb
- Ceremonies headed by Kimberly Brumley
- Global Awareness headed by Samantha Grees
- Communications headed by Carol Walker
- Membership headed by Janice Doughty

Each committee talked about plans for the year. Many good ideas were shared such as Texas epal program, collectively walking miles to the DKG scholarship winners, and providing a holiday meal with the Women's Shelter.

We will have a "goose chase" as we travel through our progressive dinner in October.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 20. It will be our Progressive Dinner. We will meet at 5:15 p.m. at 3309 Casa Bonita.

At 7:11p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara MacDonald, Recording Secretary

Future Meetings

November 14, 10:00 a.m.

Joint Chapters Initiation (Beta Xi hosts)
First Baptist Church
3115 Ocean Drive Corpus Christi, TX 78404

December 15th, 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Decorating and Food Serving
South Texas Women's Shelter

January 19th, 5:30 p.m.

Annual Chili Supper at Lozano ISC

February 16th, 5:30 p.m.

Love Date for Lotería Mexicana
Lozano Instructional Support Center
1761 Hudson Street (78416)

March 11, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Joint Chapters Luncheon
Trinity Towers
101 N. Upper Broadway
Hosted by Delta Psi

Thursday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.

Legislative Update for All Sisters
Lozano Instructional Support Center
1761 Hudson Street (78416)

Saturday, May 14, Time TBA

Founders' Day and Chapter Birthday
Donna and Kimberly's Home
3309 Casa Bonita (78411)

Red Roses for Sharing News

Thank you to all of my DKG sisters who sent cards or emails wishing me a good recovery. I am doing much better and hope to be at the October meeting.

Much love, Sylvia

My son Jeffery retired from the military and has accepted a job in Macon, Georgia. It was hard to see them go as they have only been close (San Antonio) for a year and a half, but he just could not turn down this job offer. They were here this weekend and we had a small celebration for his retirement with family and

friends. I will certainly miss having them just 3 hours away, but life goes on.

Judith

Augusta and Emily Brumley look forward to providing a little entertainment at next week's meeting. Emily has started playing guitar, and Augusta continues to progress in piano.

Donna's daughter Sarah and husband Jared have purchased their first home! Donna leaves the 22nd to help with the move.

Quick Links to society sites:

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

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

Theta Gamma Chapter:

www.thetagama.weebly.com

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.dkgtexas.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

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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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Have you ever heard of the Duchenne smile? It's that big broad grin that lights up your whole face and crinkles the lines around your eyes.

Neurologists say that smiling like this (even if it is a forced smile that feels fake) can make a difference in your mood. They have found that this physical act is powerful enough to dispel gloominess and lift your spirits. What's more, its effects can rub off on everyone around you.

When Jesus gave his followers the beatitudes, most of his words promised future blessings: the weeping will laugh; the hungry will be satisfied. But he changed course with his final beatitude. We are already blessed, he said, when we face hardship, and that blessing should make us leap for joy.

How do we lay hold of this joy when we don't feel particularly happy? By adopting the Duchenne smile!

The truth is our bodies matter. The things we do, big and little, have the potential to change our state of mind. When we meet someone new, we smile and extend a firm handshake as a way of making ourselves open and available. When we see a coworker in the hallway, even one who has criticized us, we smile and wave as a means of extending friendship. It's not a hollow effort; it makes a difference.

This may sound like only a human psychological formula, but it has a spiritual dimension as well. When you smile, you are resisting some of the devil's favorite tools: discouragement, anger, and resentment.

So smile! Smile when your plans fall through or when things don't go your way. Smile when someone says something unkind. Smile when you are tired and don't feel like facing the day. Smile when your spouse gets home weary after a long day at work.

Don't worry if it feels fake. Don't worry if it makes you look like a hypocrite. Just believe that Jesus will deliver on his promises. Smile, and you'll start to recall all the reasons you have to rejoice. Then, watch your mood change and your heart soften.- Courtesy of Tommy Northcutt