



Theta Gamma Thoughts

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President's Message

Sisters,

When we reflect on the past 6 weeks and how hurricane Harvey has affected us, we may feel grateful. I know that I do. We may have tree limbs scattered, portions of fences that need to be repaired and yards that need to be cleared of debris. We look up the road to Aransas Pass, Ingleside, Taft, Port Aransas & Rockport and are almost immobilized by the horror of the damage and our feelings of helplessness.

At the same time, I believe that we need to move forward. Exercise control over the few things of which we do have control. This will allow us to stay in the present and move ahead toward a fresh, fulfilling year. Your leadership team met and listened to what you had to say. Thank you to those of you that responded to the survey that was sent out this summer. We heard your program requests and factored that in to our planning. There are still some minor details that need to be ironed out, but I wanted you have the outline for our year. I hope to see you Saturday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on 2727 Airline.

If not, I look forward to seeing you Thursday, the 17th.

Forward moving ever.

Laura

Next Meeting Information

Tuesday, October 17, Time 5:30 p.m.

Program – Dues, Committee Chairs, Hosts, Inspiration, Hospitality.

At the [Tuloso-Midway Primary School Teachers Lounge](#).

Year at a Glance

All weeknight meetings are at 5:30 p.m.

November 9th (Thursday) TM High School Library, 2653 McKinzie Road

Program --Technology

December 5th (Tuesday) First United Methodist Church Dining Room, 900 S Shoreline Blvd.

Program -- Ornament Exchange and Fellowship so bring a holiday snack to share and ****bring books, bubbles, chalk for Women's Shelter****

January 23rd (Tuesday) Chili Supper hosted by our Retired Sisters

at the home of Norma Janice, 1410 Casa Verde Drive

February 8th (Thursday) Serve a meal and do crafts etc. for and with the clients at the Women's Shelter

Tea Bag Fundraiser for Scholarships

March 3rd (Saturday) First United Methodist Church Dining Room, 900 S Shoreline Blvd

11:00 – 1:00 Joint Chapters Luncheon (\$15) and Initiation Area 5 Coordinator Barbara Serota Guest Speaker

April 10th (Tuesday) YWCA / still confirming this Privilege Walk demo - Women Literary Characters

May 1st (Tuesday) at the home of Carol Walker, 3408 Tahiti Drive Program -- Founder's Day/Chapter Birthday Celebration Salad Supper (everyone brings a salad to share) Drinks etc. will be provided.

Minutes of the May Meeting

Will be submitted at the October meeting.



News to Share

From the Corpus Christi Caller-Times

For kindergartners, a march to remember Graduates join them at Tuloso-Midway in Walk of Inspiration

By Beatriz Alvarado

Tuloso-Midway Primary School teacher and member of Theta Gamma Shannon Clubb remembers how Fernando Flores — now a graduating senior — cried every day when he was in kindergarten.

The 26-year veteran teacher also recalls the many adaptive education students she saw take their first steps, including Brandon Leverett.

Both of those Tuloso-Midway High School graduating seniors, as well as six others, were handed congratulatory posters Thursday during the district's second annual Walk of Inspiration event.

The posters, along with a "best of luck" message, had copies of their 2004-05 class photos.

Clubb and her longtime paraprofessional Lorelee Cirilo created them to remind the seniors the educators have been there for all of them and will continue to be.

"It was just to let them know we're still here," Clubb said. "We're the dinosaurs."

Clad in graduation gowns, more than 560 Tuloso-Midway ISD seniors and kindergartners walked the hallways of the primary school side-by-side. The ceremony's premise is to incite youth to emulate what they see — a graduating senior.

Whether it be for restoring faith in the future or inspiring youngsters to go above academic expectations, the event is becoming a trend in the Coastal Bend. Last year, schools in Premont, Corpus Christi ISD, Gregory-Portland, Odem-Edroy and Calallen hosted similar events.

Superintendent Sue Nelson said Tuloso-Midway kicked off the tradition two years ago, and the Walk of Inspiration will continue because of its impact on the youth — those participating in the walk and those who watch from the hallways.

"It gives them direction and vision," Nelson said. "They see what it looks like to graduate."

From Sylvia Swift

Samuel Swift (Grant M. S. – 8th) was inducted into the Engineering of Aerospace STEM

Academy at Moody H. S. Their robotics students beat Collegiate H. S. students last year

and Moody are among the 2nd and 4th Top Academies in the State in Health Science,

Engineering, and Marine Science. They have recently added the Academies of

Culinary Arts and Business International. The academy students have competed at the

National and International level overseas. Wow! Very Impressive.

This grandma is very proud.

From Our Former President

I am starting a job with CASA as an advocate supervisor. CASA here in Abilene is small yet growing. I will be one of four supervisors.

I'm excited and fortunate to get a job I love and still get to teach.

Love and miss you,

Donna

Hurricane Harvey Plan of Action To assist Texas

State Organization members who have been affected by the catastrophic events of the final week of August and into September of 2017 related to Hurricane Harvey, TSO is beginning a campaign where all members in the state and other state organizations of DKG can assist members and chapters affected by Hurricane Harvey. Members most impacted live in the TSO Areas 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 18.

The plan has two main components:

1, Member to Member

Area Coordinators in affected areas will identify lists of members who have a financial impact in any way from the hurricane.

Area Coordinators in unaffected areas will identify members and groups of members who wish to become an encourager or encourager group.

Each affected member is paired with an encourager or an encourager group who agrees to pay DKG dues of \$80 for 2017-2018 year for the member it is "adopting."

The encourager or encourager group continues to send positive messages throughout the year to the adopted member via cards, emails, texts, phone calls and other methods of outreach.

Michelle Grandinetti and the TSO Programs and Service Projects Committee will coordinate this component of the plan. Her email is mrgrose2014@gmail.com

2. Campus Helping Hands

Area Coordinators in affected areas will identify school campuses impacted by the hurricane.

Area Coordinators in unaffected areas will compile lists of TSO chapters, DKG chapters or state organizations, and non-DKG groups (civic organizations, church and neighborhood groups and others) who wish to adopt a campus or contribute in some way to assist a campus to recover from losses due to Harvey. These groups will be the Campus Helping Hands.

Campuses will be matched with Helping Hands who will facilitate the process of getting supplies/donations to the campus. Cooke Johnson will coordinate all components of Campus Helping Hands. Johnson's email is acjohnson62@att.net

All members and chapters are encouraged to participate in this state-wide effort to coordinate help for members and schools. (Lone Star News Fall 2017)

Alpha State Convention

Save the Dates!

89th Texas State Convention

at the
Waco Texas Convention Center
June 14-16, 2018

Quick Links to society sites:

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

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

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www.thetagamma.weebly.com

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