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Dear Theta Gamma Sisters,

It is that time of the year when family and friends get together for the holidays. As you make time for your families don't forget to also find time to relax by doing things you enjoy such as reading books, quilting, knitting or just sitting outside and enjoying the sunrise or sunset.

After hearing several friends talk about the Tippy Canvas, I decided I had to try it out. I had so much fun the first time painting Jack 'o Lanterns that I went back and painted a guitar that looks like my husband's. It is now hanging in his music room above his guitar. Try out the Tippy Canvas and see how it brings out the creativity in you!

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the joint initiation a beautiful ceremony. If you were not able to make it, you missed a wonderful performance from King High School's Guitar students and the reading that Libby shared with everyone. I would like to welcome our new members initiated into Theta Gamma chapter on November 5th, Ann Falkner and Michelle Richer, as their contributions will help keep our chapter growing. Hopefully you can join us at our December meeting when we initiate the four people who could not make it to November's initiation, Heather Rohmfeld, Luanna Ortiz, Gywetta Hoelscher and Kina Pena.

Holiday Greetings to all of my Theta Gamma Sisters! May our fellowship and unity continue throughout this year and into 2012.

Sincerely,

Kay Schroeder

December 1 Meeting Information:

Our next meeting will be **Thursday**, December 1st at 5:15 PM at the home of Shayla Floyd, 15210 Guadalupe River Dr. 78410, 767-9609
624 to Wood River Drive turn right to Guadalupe River Dr. turn left, house is on the right

Here's a link if you need more of a map. [Shayla Floyd's House](#)

Snacks and Basket for this Meeting -Brandey Addison, Kim Picozi, Angela Steagall, Shayla Floyd, and Debbie VanZandt

Babysitting will be provided for \$5 per child. If you need childcare let Donna know by Monday, November 28th at donnarodenberg@yahoo.com or 361- 215 - 5127.

Members will commit to responsibilities as we benefit from the experience of the last two years in exploring the possibilities of reorganizing Theta Gamma's yearly project of service, our Signed Book Auction benefitting Driscoll Children's Hospital.

PACE monies will be sent to the Educational Foundation Fund

Minutes of the October 20, 2011 Meeting

Shayla Floyd called the meeting to order, since Kay Schroeder was absent.

Attendance

Absent - professional: Kay Schroeder, Valarie Buhidar, Sheila Jenkins; Family: Jennifer Kravek, and Sylvia Swift; out of town: Neva Gentry, Carol Walker, Bettie Mitchell, Shannon Clubb, and Cynthia Besosa; illness: Nancy Shaheen and Elnora Corbin (her right shoulder was fractured due to a fall on the way to our meeting) and Margaret Deville was with her.

Present: Brandey Addison, Kimberly Brumley, Leslie Jo Elmore, Shayla Floyd, Sylvia Gonzalez, Norma Janice, Brenda Machen, Libby McGee, Sarah Moore, Kimberly Picozzi, Donna Rodenberg, Eileen Rogers, Angela Seagall, Beverly Tackett, Linda Uballe, Theo Wagner, Debbie Van Zant, and Vilma Zuniga.

There was a mistake in the September minutes. Elnora Corbin and Betty Mitchell were present at the meeting. They were omitted from the list of members present. With the corrections, the minutes were approved.

Treasure's Report- September balance on hand was \$2428.25. Deposits totaled \$1433.98, for a total balance of \$3862.23. Disbursements totaled \$165.03 to DKG leaving a balance on hand of \$3697.20. Linda Uballe submitted the treasurer's report.

Correspondence-Noemi Santana sent a letter to resign from Theta Gamma.

New Business

Shayla Floyd passed out ballots to vote for possible new members.

Angela Seagall presented information on her recommended initiates. They were Ann Falkner (her mother) taught math at King High School for 30 years, Gwynetta Hoelscher, a T-M High School English teacher, and Luanna Ortiz, a T-M Middle School technology application teacher.

Sylvia Swift nominated Kina Longina Pena, a retired teacher who taught in CCISD for 36 years. Shayla Floyd read information for Sylvia, since she was absent.

Libby McGee and Linda Uballe nominated Michele Richer from T-M Intermediate School. She is a 4th grade inclusion teacher.

Kay Schroeder recommended Heather Rhomfeld, who currently works for CCISD. Again Shayla read information, since Kay was absent.

All members present marked their ballots and turned them in. Linda Uballe, Donna Rodenberg and Kim Brumley counted the votes and announced that all the purposed initiates would be sent an invitation to join the Theta Gamma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Brandey Addison will mail an invitation to Michele Richer. Members would deliver the other invitations.

Initiation will be November 5, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. Kimberly Brumley reminded members that the people that nominated new members are responsible for buying their DKG pins. Treasurer Linda Uballe will order the pins to be presented to our new members at the initiation ceremony. Checks need to be given to her.

Linda Uballe announced that receipts for dues paid and membership cards were on the counter to be picked up.

Theo then brought us up to date on TRS. She has heard Todd Hunter twice. Many top legislators are running for offices. SBOE is meeting about the new STARR test. Our pension fund is under attack from all sides. Theo read an article from the Houston Chronicle. Shad Rowe of Dallas, shared this thought, "I don't think people should play politics with other peoples' retirement money." The U.S. Forum Connection is a free newsletter to DKG members. If you would like to receive this newsletter, send your request to Angela.Bedenbaugh@usm.edu. Brian Guthrie, executive director of the Texas Retirement System of Texas said, "the national debate right now, is whether benefit plans can get the returns they need to meet their actuarial assumed rate."

Libby McGee shared that the books for Driscoll Children's Hospital are here. We took a picture of everyone holding the receipt from Half Price Books. The bookstore was very generous with their books and prices.

Leslie Jo Elmore shared the results from the survey concerning the Book Auction continuing to be our service project. It was agreed to continue the Book Auction at a new location. This year we will plan and seek a new location. We hope to have the next auction in November 2012. We will not invite another chapter to help us at this time.

We broke into three groups. Most members helped peel off the stickers from the books for the children at Driscoll Hospital. Kimberly Brumley met with a group to discuss the initiation ceremony and refreshments. Linda Uballe and Norma Janice met together to discuss finances.

The Pace Bag collected \$5.10. The movie raffle collected \$63.00. Theo drew the winning ticket, which belonged to Debbie Van Zant.

The meeting adjourned about 7:15 without singing our song due to some members wanting to leave before it got any darker.

Respectfully submitted by,
Eileen Rogers
Recording Secretary

Joint Chapters Initiation November 5, 2011

Members present were Linda Uballe, Theo Wagner, Kim Brumley, Libby McGee, Judith Whitlock, Norma Janice, Betty Ruth Mitchell, Carol Walker, Shayla Floyd, Brenda Machen, Eileen Rogers, Donna Rodenberg, Angela Steagall, Nancy Shaheen, Kay Schroeder, and Sylvia Gonzalez.

Members absent were Margaret DeVille, and Janice Doughty for professional reasons. Also absent, were Debbie Van Zant, Beverly Tackett, and Neva Gentry for family. Shannon Clubb was out of town.

Theta Gamma initiated Ann Faulkner and Michele Richer into our chapter.

Retirees for 2011 were congratulated. This included our own Cynthia Besosa, who has been recovering from back surgery in Dallas.

Musical selections were provided by the Richard King High School Guitar Ensemble, directed by Gloria J. Zamora. They were a very talented group of young people.

The ceremony ended with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song and then refreshments were served.

Eileen Rogers
Recording Secretary

Please e-mail recording secretary Eileen Rogers at erogers@tmisd.esc2.net
if you are going to miss a meeting.

Red Roses of Congratulations to:



Our newest sisters,

Ann Faulkner

and

Michele Richer



Shayla Floyd who ran the Rock n Roll ½ marathon in San Antonio this past weekend and finished with a time of 2:13:51!

Red Roses for Sharing to:

Vilma Zuniga -

I just returned from a road trip I took to Washington DC and colonial Williamsburg. We were able to see the beautiful fall foliage along the way. It was fabulous!! Then on Friday (11-11-11) my husband and son had a dinner party for me to celebrate my 65th birthday at Luciano's. I am blessed!

Kim Brumley –

The Brumley girls – Emily Josephyne and Augusta Devon - were baptized November 6, 2011, at First United Methodist Church. Judge Chesney has given the green light to consummate the adoption ahead of schedule, so we should legally be a family by early December!

Red Roses of Healing to Elnora Corbin who is still healing from the injury to her shoulder when she fell on the way to the meeting.

Future Meetings

December 1, 5:15 PM, At Shayla Floyd's Home
January 10, 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

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/>

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

and

Treasurer, Linda Uballe at 537-5762 / 882-6628 or 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.

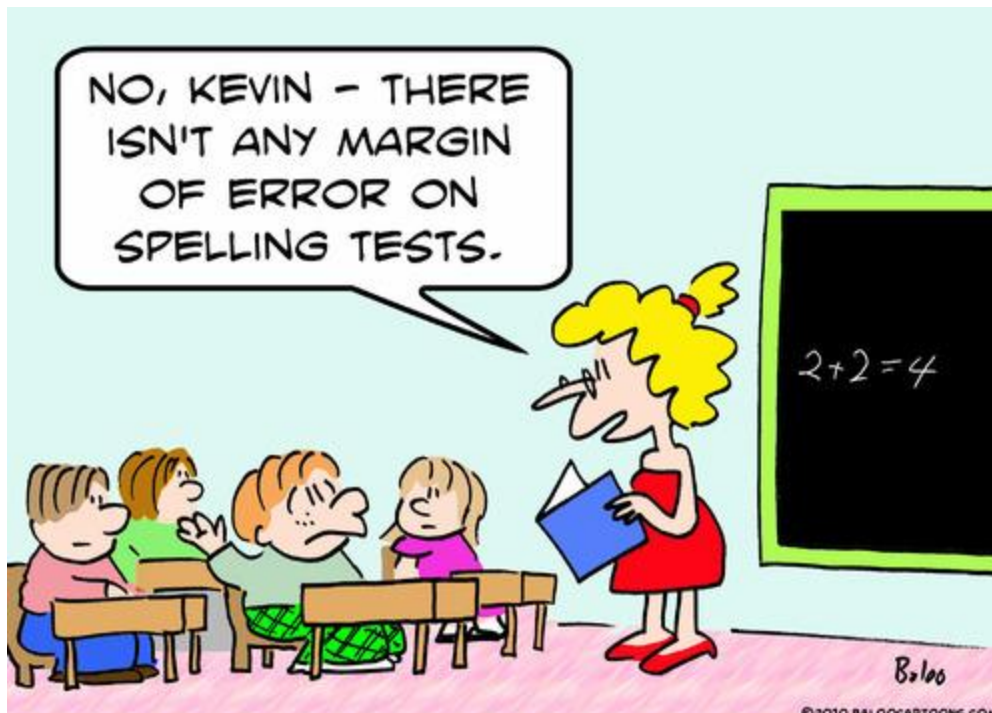
Since most of us are student teacher mentors it is worth reading this interesting article in the 2011 winter edition of the *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. If you have misplaced your copy here is a link to it online.

[Interesting Article](#)

"EVERYBODY'S GRADES ARE DOWN, DAD - I THINK THE SCHOOL'S HAVING SOME KIND OF AUSTERITY PROGRAM."



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