

Theta Gamma Thoughts

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President's Message

Greetings and favored hellos to all of you. I hope this letter finds you getting ready to celebrate the upcoming holidays with cherished family and friends.

In getting ready for the season, please don't forget to use the three websites if ordering on line to help benefit Delta Kappa Gamma. One Cause, Amazon Smile and Good Search are all helping by donating a percentage of money to DKG. If you need more information on any of these, please take a look at the DKG website where there is a link that will help you out.

I loved our new game at the last meeting. The Pride & Prize Pop Quiz was not only fun, but so informative. I just never knew that there was a spot like that available with so many resources! Spend some time when you get a chance and see what you can learn. I am looking forward to our new mystery in this newsletter!

We did not have anyone initiated last weekend, but that does not mean that you should not consider bringing in a new friend. We would welcome anyone joining us. We lost a few members this year and I sure would love to bring our membership number back up.

I loved all of the ideas that Brandey presented to us for our upcoming year. I know she worked hard to find different ways for us to not only fellowship, but for us to let people know who we are and how committed we are to Delta Kappa Gamma.

I look forward to seeing all of you in December at Libby's house. We will not only celebrate being together, but we will also have a

recommitment ceremony for ourselves to Delta Kappa Gamma.

And I will close with something so often said, but a close conviction in my heart... in all the hustle bustle of the season, remember, the reason for the season, as you go thru the coming next few weeks.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving,

Shannon Clubb

Next Meeting Information:

December 4th at 5:15 p.m.
at the home of Libby McGee
5213 Merganser, 78413
443-6512 / 993-2147

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](#)

Membership in DKG has many benefits!

At our October meeting, the Research and Scholarship Committees presented "The AMAZING Benefits of Being a Member of DKG!"

Donna has compiled a list of those benefits and will have it available for you at our December meeting.

For Fun...

From the "Before the Bell E-Newsletter"

[Top Twelve Teacher Jokes for Thanksgiving](#)

Minutes of the October Meeting

10/16/2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. at the home of Sharon Phillips. In attendance were Kim Brumley, Brandy Addison, Roxanna Guerrero, Kimberly Craig, Beverly Tackett, Donna Rodenberg, Sarah Walker, Luanna Ortiz, Sharon Phillips, Bettie Mitchell, Sylvia Gonzalez, Carol Walker, and Debbie VanZandt. A quorum was not present at the meeting.

Kimberly Craig presented a Give & Take activity for the inspiration. Members wrote down 4 things that they knew about October in the Give column. In order to fill in the Take column, they had to talk to people and find 4 different people to had something listed that they didn't have.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary Luanna Ortiz reported that she has sent a card from the Theta Gamma chapter to Past State President Catherine Davis in sympathy for the loss of her husband.

Sharon Phillips gave the treasurer's report in the absence of Linda Uballe. Income was reported as follows: Pace, \$30; Basket funds, \$80; Dues, \$1064. With the addition of original balance on hand of \$933.40, and no disbursements posted, the ending balance on hand is \$2107.41. The report was approved and filed for audit.

Shannon announced that the chartering of Mu Omega Chapter in Premont will be held soon and invited Theta Gamma members to attend to show support.

Carol Walker requested that any members who haven't completed and returned the photo permission forms do so as soon as possible.

Brandy Addison presented information from a joint meeting with the programs and service projects committees, where the results of the idea sheets from the September meeting were

discussed. She suggested hosting a painting party at Crazy Picasso. The room holds 100 painters, and the fee per person is \$30. Crazy Picasso will donate 30% of the fee to the hosting organization. Theta Gamma would need to pick a date, choose a painting, and promote the event. A silent auction could also be held in the room on the same night. Members present approved the fundraiser, but a phone or email vote will be taken from members who were not present to make up a quorum.

A variety of service projects were presented and discussed. Based on the idea sheets, it was voted (among those members present, with phone and email votes to be solicited from those members not present) to continue the fill-a-purse project for the Women's Shelter, to volunteer and Teen Bookfest by the Bay on February 28, 2015, and to provide books for Driscoll Children's Hospital. Funds from the Crazy Picasso fundraiser will be used to offset costs of these activities as needed. Other items were discussed but not voted on. Those items include story time at public libraries or other venues, balanced literacy CPE training, mentoring new teachers and fellowships including bunco, bowling, movie night, or mani/pedis.

Brandy requested that members talk to a t-shirt printer, if they have contact with one, about designing a shirt for Theta Gamma chapter and bring the results (design idea and cost) to our December meeting. We will need 25-30 shirts printed with the design. A red shirt is preferred.

Meeting topics for upcoming meetings will be as follows: December 4 – Information on leadership, January 22 – Pillow cases for Shriner's Hospital – bring any or all of the following: portable sewing machine, fabric, fabric markers, fabric paint, thread, white pillowcases to decorate, irons, iron-ons, wonder-under (or comparable), February 19 – Healthy Heart Month speaker – Making and following a personal plan for health: April 23 – Technology

Donna Rodenberg presented the Program on behalf of the Research and Scholarship committees in the form of a game show, Perk-O-Late with Delta Kappa Gamma. The game

focused on often unknown perks of being a member of DKG. Donna will send out a summary of the information discovered.

A \$5 HEB gift card was awarded to Kimberly Craig for the Pride and Prize Pop Quiz.

The basket drawing raised \$52 and the prize was given to Roxanna Guerrero when her winning ticket was drawn.

The PACE collection raised \$5.32 which will be donated to the Dr. Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund. Dr. Carter was the founder of the first state office in Mexico. The grant is for a Latin American member to improve her educational advancement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The next meeting will be Initiation on November 8, 2014 at 10 a.m. at First Christian Church.

Seen at Initiation



Photo by Donna

Left to Right:
Judith Whitlock, Brenda Machen, Donna Rodenberg, and Kim Brumley

Future Meetings

January 22, 2015 5:15 p.m.

We will have our Annual Chili Super at Calallen Baptist Church.

[Calallen Baptist Church Map Link](#)

February 19, 2015 5:15 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 5:15 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

Check your Texas State Organization Website

Upcoming Events:

86th Texas State Convention

Grand Hyatt

San Antonio, Texas

When?????

When you find the dates, write them down, bring them to our next meeting, and include them in your personal calendar!



It's going to be a great party!!!

Theta Gamma has monies set aside for convention.

Remember, write down that answer and bring it to our meeting December 4th and you will be entered into a drawing for a prize and receive an additional ticket for the basket drawing!

Member News

Sylvia Swift's grandsons recently shared their experiences in unearthing historical and pre-historical finds with the Texas Archeological Society to the membership of CCISD's Native American Studies Program.

White roses of condolence to Laura Day Brown and Sylvia Gonzales who both recently lost a member of their family

Margaret Deville was a judge in the Technology Category for the Caller Times / Citgo South Texas Distinguished Scholars competition. The judges were tasked with selecting 30 students from the more than 200 applicants. The students were all nominated by school administrators and faculty from 49 coastal bend high schools.

See the last page for the article about Judith Whitlock from the Del Mar College newspaper, the *Foghorn News*.

Laura Brown is now serving as a board member for Corpus Christi Live.



Teen Bookfest by the Bay November Update

Please click and explore the hyperlinks!

If you are ordering from Amazon.com for Christmas (or any other time) you can donate to Teen Bookfest by the Bay at the same time, without any extra cost for you. Simply access your account through www.smile.amazon.com and search for Teen Bookfest by the Bay. Select it as your charity and begin shopping. Amazon will donate .5% of your purchase amount to Teen Bookfest. It doesn't sound like a lot, but all of the little amounts can add up quickly.

We are accepting donations through our Go Fund Me page, too. That is found at <http://www.gofundme.com/8amvos>. I will also take donations if you don't like the online format. Any checks should be payable to Teen Bookfest by the Bay. A tax-deductible donation receipt will be mailed to you for donations made on any of the formats.

One of the authors who had planned to attend our book festival, Mary Lindsey, had to drop

out because of another commitment, but we still have 16 authors attending.

If you'd like more information, please visit our [website](#) , or find us on Facebook ([Teen Bookfest by the Bay](#)) or Twitter ([@TBFBay](#)). Our planning is rolling along. Most of the big decisions are made, now it's time to work on the details. We are all excited and nervous about the event because we are only 3 months away from our event date of February 28, 2015. We should have a schedule of events ready in the next week or so. We will have 7 author panels and a moderated student discussion about Manga (Japanese printed comics) that will each happen twice during the day. A fiction-writing workshop will be available during the afternoon. Teens will be able to participate in a Steampunk Social during the lunch hour. (If you've never heard of Steampunk before, it is a re-imagined Victorian England where modern machines exist in a steam-powered form.) All of the authors will be autographing from 3 - 4:30 p.m. after the sessions are over. We are planning for an attendance of 300-500 8th- to 12th-graders.

Some of the volunteer positions we will have will include: monitoring the book sales area to prevent theft, door-keepers of the session rooms to prevent overcrowding, hall monitors, book-signing area assistants, and a monitor for the author "green" room to be sure that none of their belongings walk away. I'm sure there will be others. If any of those sound interesting to you, I will have sign-up information at our next club meeting.

It's going to be a wonderful day for all of us!
Debbie VanZandt

Any change in your contact information?



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

Get Connected!



What are **you** communicating about DKG? The new International Communications and Publicity newsletter asks that question. Read the November/December issue of *Get Connected!* [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 Drive 78413
betmitchell@yahoo.com

Alpha State Convention

It is time to begin making plans to attend the 86th Texas State Convention in San Antonio. A good way to begin is by making your hotel reservations right away.

The official convention hotel is the [Grand Hyatt](#) on the River Walk.
[Convention Website](#)

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.

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.

Professor Profile



**Judith
Whitlock**
Math professor

Where did you go to college?

I went to Texas A&I (Texas A&M Kingsville) for my bachelor's degree. I went to CCSU which is now Texas A&M Corpus Christi for both of my master's. I have a bachelor's in science and education and I have a master's in curriculum and instruction and computer information systems.

Why did you decide to teach and why DMC?

I taught in public school for 40 years and when I retired I taught in private school for a while. They wanted me to work full time and I didn't want to work full time. I'm retired so being a professor is perfect for me and I love teaching.

What inspires you to teach?

To teach students, I have a talent that God gave me to teach math to help them understand.

What is your favorite quote?

I tend to like the definition of insanity. It is doing the same thing and expecting different results or you're not a loser.

If you could invite four people to dinner, who would they be?

My husband, my family, which is more than 4 people, and I would like to have Jesus, Saint Peter and Saint Paul because I have a lot of questions I would love to ask them.

Where is the one place you would like to visit?

Austria because I want to see the lipperzoner stallions. I would like to go to Rome because I like Roman history and to see the sights of Rome. Scared to go to Egypt but I would love to go see the Pyramids.

What is your favorite hobby outside of class?

Crafting, sewing and reading.

What is your favorite book?

Asking me what my favorite book is is a tough one. If you go into my house I have two complete bookshelves filled completely with paperback books. I read mysteries and science fiction. I don't do much nonfiction reading because I'm reading for entertainment and not enlightenment.

What is the best excuse you heard from a student?

I had one student bring in a written note and I kept it. It's like her mother wrote the note but the student actually wrote it. It said, "I kept my daughter home because I have an ailment."