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Dear Theta Gamma Sisters,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer! Mine was very busy and went by quickly. However, I am proud to say I tried several new activities that even surprised me. One of them was doing several rope obstacle courses on a ski mountain up in New York. I was very surprised at what I was able to accomplish! But I do have to say that my 9 year old granddaughter and 10 year old niece out did all of us adults. They even helped us overcome several different obstacles throughout the courses.

The skills used to complete the rope obstacle courses allowed me to reflect on my first year as president of Theta Gamma. I realized that my granddaughter and niece were very quick to jump in and help guide me to complete the course safely. Comparing this experience to our Theta Gamma Chapter it has become apparent that we have many members with necessary tools that can help our chapter achieve our goals. I hereby challenge each member to consider Delta Kappa Gamma's theme for the year: "Explore the Possibilities, Let Our Vision Light the Way" as we strive to make our chapter stronger in the 2011-2012 year.

Kay Schroeder

September 15th Meeting Information:

Our next meeting will be **Thursday**, September 15th, at the home of Angela Steagall, 561 Parade Drive, 78412. Gather at 5:15PM and the meeting will begin at 5:30PM.

Click this link for a [Map to Angela's](#) .

Baby sitting will be provided for \$5 per child. If you need childcare let Donna know by Monday, September 12th at donnarodenberg@yahoo.com or 361- 215 - 5127.

If you have not yet sent your dues (\$76) to the treasurer you will need to pay them at the meeting.

Minutes of the April 5th Meeting

April 30, 2011
Kay Schroeder's House

Attendance-members present: Kimberly Brumley, Margaret Deville, Leslie Jo Elmore, Sylvia Gonzalez, Norma Janice, Brenda Machen, Libby McGee, Bettie Ruth Mitchell, Donna Rodenberg, Eileen Rogers, Kay Schroeder, Sylvia Swift, Beverly Tackett, Linda Uballe, Theo Wagner, Carol Walker, Judith Whitlock, Debbie Van Zandt, and Vilma Zuniga.

Member absent-family: Shannon Clubb, Connie Seago, Angie Flores, Brandey Addison, Shayla Floyd, Jennifer Krnavek, Laura Day Brown, and Elnora Corbin.

Professional-Cynthia Besosa

Personal-Kathy Crow and Sarah Moore

Other-Kim Picozzi and Nancy Shaheen

Eileen Rogers discussed a Gardening Basket raffle to earn money for the Relay for Life on May 14. The proceeds from the raffle will honor her niece, Kim Boone, who has breast cancer. It is a community project and is not related to Theta Gamma. \$83.00 was collected. The winning ticket will be drawn on May 11 and the winner will be notified.

The minutes from our last meeting, April 5, were voted on and accepted.

The treasurer's report was given by Linda Uballe. The March ending balance was \$775.57. Two deposits were made-raffle basket, \$70.00 and the pick up the Pace Pig, \$16.32, for a total of \$86.32. Available funds were \$861.87. Disbursements were \$42.86 to Carol Walker for communication reimbursements. The balance on hand is \$819.03.

Kay Schroeder had a thank you card for us to sign to Kacie Sicilia for letting us have our meeting at the Holiday Inn. The meeting room and the buffet were wonderful.

New business

The Area V convention wants a donation to make a raffle basket. We voted to send \$10.00. Theo Wagner gave an update from the legislature, discussed identity theft, and supplemental funds for retirees. HB 3353 has to do with a retiree being rehired after one year. HB 2506 defined security and is not good for Texas. Another HB deals with stopping teachers from taking their retirement as a lump sum.

Leslie Jo Elmore gave an update on the upcoming book auction. We have 2 banners with no date so they can be reused. These banners will be placed on the lawn of Driscoll Children's Hospital. Kimberly Brumley will be on Channel 3's Early Morning Show on May 9. Leslie Jo Elmore will be on Channel 6 at noon on May13. Driscoll Hospital will provide refreshments of lemonade, coffee and cookies. The hospital newsletter has sent out information on the book auction. Linda Uballe brought 25 posters to be put up around town to advertise the auction. Each member took 2 or more posters. Libby McGee and Debbie Van Zandt will help Brandey Addison with the power point that will go with the books during the auction. The books will be grouped from children to adults. Set up time will be 11:30. Registration will begin at 12:30 and the auction will begin at 1:00. Thanks to the librarian members for the books that they brought back from the Librarian's Convention.

The History program was presented by Donna Rodenberg. The research committee is made up of Donna, Eileen Rogers, Kathy Crow, and Judith Whitlock. We will be working on the history of Theta Gamma during the summer and will have a report ready for the first meeting in September. We paired up to answer 3 questions about our experiences in Theta Gamma. Question 1 was to describe your DKG initiation. Switch partners and answer question 2, which was, what does membership in DKG mean to you.

Switch partners again and answer question 3-tell me about your top DKG memories. Donna brought old scrapbooks for members to look at and write down peoples' names and what the event was.

Years of membership were announced. Margaret Deville-30 years, Theo Wagner-20 years, Bettie Ruth Mitchell received a 40-year pin, which was a replacement. Elnora Corbin - 50 years and Sylvia Swift - 5 years. The Chapter starts buying pins at 25 years of membership and then 30,40,50,etc. If you want a pin for earlier years of membership, you have to buy it yourself.

We discussed the shoeboxes for children to take to the Area V Convention to be given to Valley and Driscoll Children's Hospitals. The retirees brought their box. The Primary School has the under 2 years old group. Laura Day Brown and Janis Doughty have the 8-11 year olds. The librarians, Leslie Jo Elmore and Linda Uballe have the 11 year olds and up.

The Scholarship Committee announced the winner of this year's scholarship-Ben McGee, son of Libby McGee. Ben was busy, but he sent a thank you note with Libby and she read the note to us. The scholarship was for \$500.00. \$446.00 from the scholarship fund (raffle baskets) and \$50.00 interest from the DKG account. Ben is a music major and plans to teach music in high school.

Sincerely,
Eileen Rogers
Recording Secretary

Please e-mail recording secretary Eileen Rogers at erogers@tmisd.esc2.net if you are going to miss a meeting so she can report the reason for your absence at the meeting.

Red Roses of Congratulations to:

Debbie VanZandt who was selected to serve on the Spirit of Texas committee for the Young Adult Round Table of the Texas Library Association. This committee will promote books created by Texas authors and illustrators for youths in grades 9-12 by developing a recommended reading list to encourage youths in grades 9-12 to explore a variety of current, quality books from Texas authors and illustrators, develop critical reading skills, and to encourage greater interaction between Texas authors and illustrators, Texas librarians, and Texas youth. The Spirit of Texas Reading Program-High School is intended for recreational reading, not to support a specific curriculum. This is a brand new committee for YART

Kimberly Brumley who has been promoted to the position of Director of Professional Learning as part of Superintendent Scott Elliff's reorganization of the Office of Curriculum and Instruction. Her responsibilities center on the design, delivery, and assessment of engaging instruction, and her staff includes 16 of the District's instructional coaches. These coaches provide campus-based group and individual professional development.

Sylvia Gonzalez who was in charge of The Backpack Ministry at her church, Primera Iglesia Bautista. She recruited fourteen volunteers to help assemble 150 backpacks with everything required per grade level. They then gave them away August 14th after the morning worship. She also recruited church members to prepare hotdogs, chips, chili dogs and drinks for the children and parents that came. The 150 kids from her area that were helped to get ready for school were part of the city-wide program that gave away 5,000 backpacks.

Future Meetings

October 20, 5:15 PM at the TM Intermediate School Library
November 5, Joint Chapters Initiation, TBA
December 1. 5:15 PM, At Shayla Floyd's Home
January 12, 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 1, 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/>

Meet our new Area Coordinator.



Kitty Hutchcroft

kat5551@hotmail.com

Epsilon Upsilon

[Letter](#) ← Click on this link to read her plans for the area.

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 our 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.