

# Theta Gamma Thoughts

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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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Dear Theta Gamma Sisters,

I have never been the type of person who sets New Year Resolutions. However, as I enter into 2011 I start to think that maybe I need to have at least one resolution. Carol Walker will be overjoyed if I can stick to it. My one resolution is to get my president's letter to her well in advance so she can get our newsletter out to everyone in plenty of time (before our monthly meeting). All through the Christmas Holiday I kept telling myself that I needed to sit down and write my letter so I could get it to Carol before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

I'm sure that you all know how quickly time goes by during the holidays and there is always something else that needs my attention. For example, a cute little dog that needed adopting so she wouldn't have to spend another year in the cage at animal control. (This is what happens when your husband is chairperson of the animal control board and plays Santa Claus during their open house). Then I had to get shopping done quickly before the grandchildren showed up for Christmas (Done in two days instead of one since I didn't buy drawing pad that goes with the Wii Pictionary game). I also took time for myself to read some books on my Kindle and just relax.

So as you go from day to day, be sure to find time for yourself, take a deep breath and relax. Make this your one New Year's Resolution if you need to and know that all of your Theta Gamma Sisters are here for any kind of support you might need, talking about a book, listening to stories (hopefully funny ones) or if you just need a hug for the day (teaching middle school, I need several in one day).

Hope you can make our January meeting as the Retirees are cooking Chili for us!

Sincerely,

*Kay Schroeder*

## *January 18th Meeting Information:*

We will begin at 5:15 with the chili supper at the home of Kim Brumley and Donna Rodenberg at 3309 Casa Bonita, 215-5127

Our Program will focus on participants in the Sister City Program and Foreign Exchange Students who will share experiences in their home country as well as during their time attending school here in Corpus Christi.

For a fundraiser to benefit the scholarship fund our themed basket – “A Night on the Town” - will be raffled off at the meeting. Tickets may be purchased for \$1.00. The business meeting will start promptly @ 5:30.

Use the link below if you need a more detailed map.



[Kim and Donna's Home](#)

PACE monies will go to the Emergency Fund.

Babysitting will be provided for \$5 per family.

If you need childcare for the meeting please let Donna know by Saturday, January 15th at [donnarodenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:donnarodenberg@yahoo.com) or 361- 215 - 5127.

**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.

## *Minutes of the December 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

### Business

Kay Schroeder welcomed everyone to the meeting @ Angela Steagall's home.

The October minutes were approved by Theo Wagner and Brenda Machen. The Treasure's Report was approved and submitted for audit.

Kay welcomed our new initiates.

### Attendance:

Members absent for family: Brandey Addison, Valarie Buhidar, Eileen Rogers, Beverly Tackett, Linda Uballe. Professional: Cynthia Besosa, Kim Brumley, Angie Flores. Illness: Laura Day Brown, Janice Doughty, Norma Janice, Carol Walker

Number members present – 18

### Program:

Kay Schroeder began with our Chapter Fundraiser Update. She introduced Leslie Elmore. Leslie updated the chapter on our progress with our project – Book Auction for Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Leslie Elmore will post book auction committees and email so it can be placed on the Theta Gamma website.

Please visit the website for the latest update for our chapter project.

Kim Picozzi recommended we "bring a friend" to the Book Auction May 14<sup>th</sup> – 1-3 pm.

Angela Steagall will create a wiki space for master groups. She will send this to Carol Walker.

Theo Wagner reported that we have a new representative for TRS – Leroy DeHaven. Please read your TRS News letter and be aware of what is going on. Keep your ears open!

Our basket raffle proceeds - \$77.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Rodenberg

Please e-mail recording secretary Eileen Rogers at [erogers@tmisd.esc2.net](mailto:erogers@tmisd.esc2.net) when you are going to miss a meeting so she can report the reason for your absence at the meeting.

## *Scholarship Applications*

Applications for the Esther Jane Hahn Recruitment Grant for Aspiring Educators and the May Blyth Application for a grant to members will be sent as a separate email following this newsletter. Just a reminder that all applications must be completed and turned in to one of the the committee members (Bettie Mitchell, Elnora Corbin, Norma Janice, or Carol Walker) by April 1.

## *Full Treasurer's Report*

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY, INT.  
THETA GAMMA CHAPTER  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
DECEMBER 7, 2010

Balance on Hand	(NOVEMBER)		\$1993.96
Deposits			
Dues:	\$632.00		
Fundraiser	\$57.00		
PACE	<u>\$9.00</u>		
	\$698.00		
Bank Interest	\$.06		
TOTAL	\$698.06	AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$2692.02
DISBURSEMENTS:			
DKG	\$1998.60		
Kelsey Memorial	\$25.00		
Cancer Center	\$25.00		
Scholarship Fund	<u>\$25.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$2073.60	BALANCE ON HAND	\$618.42

Respectfully Submitted  
Linda Uballe  
Treasurer



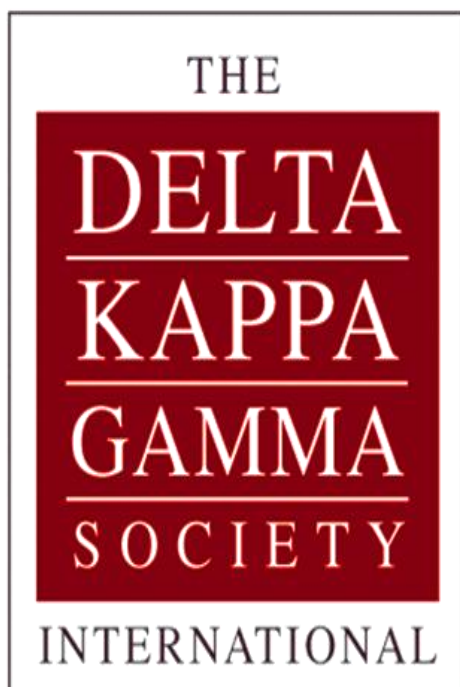
Let's polish this apple by supporting early-career educators, a focus of our Society established by the International Educational Excellence Committee (formerly called Program of Work).

What can you do to help other teachers? The Library on the DKG Web site contains many ideas to inspire you! Here's just one suggestion (with more to come in future

issues): Send a valentine card—made and signed by your members--to the new teachers in your local districts. Include a DKG brochure and a message such as “Welcome to the profession. We appreciate all that you do and wish you a Happy Valentine’s Day.”

**T**hank you for all you do to support early-career educators.

From *Broadcasting the Buzz...* December 2010



FOR KEY WOMEN  
EDUCATORS

## Get Acquainted

The new Society International Web site has many useful resources for members and chapters. For members who move and need to change address so publications are received, the form can be submitted by clicking Forms> Change of Address. Then click Submit and mission accomplished. The form even gives the member a chance to request information about chapters in her new area.

Chapters are always asking for **program ideas**. Several are available on the site. There are Founders’ Day programs, fine arts program ideas, suggestions for projects and many other program ideas. All of these can be found under Library>Resources> Program Ideas.

An archive center is also available in the library. This can be found by clicking Library>Archive Center>DKG Stacks. Here you can find past issues of the *Bulletin*, *DKG News*, power point templates for international committees and past power point presentations.

More items are being added often so it is important to spend a few minutes and research often.

If you are looking for **music for a chapter meeting**, many songs are available on the site. Go to Library>Resources>Music. The music can be printed and used by members.

These resources and more are at your fingertips as you explore the many facets of the new Delta Kappa Gamma International Web site. Make [www.dkg.org](http://www.dkg.org) a favorite on your computer!

*From Broadcasting the BuZZ... January 2011*

## *Red Roses of Recovery to:*

Shayla Floyd  
Brian Machen, son of Brenda Machen  
Laura Day Brown's mother

## *Future Meeting Information*

February 15<sup>th</sup> 5:15 PM at TM Middle School Library  
Hostesses: Leslie Elmore, Sylvia Swift, Suzy Lefevre, Sarah Moore, Kim Picozzi

March 26th Joint Chapters Luncheon 11:00 AM

April 5th Holiday Inn Emerald Beach, 5:15 PM  
Hostesses: Suzy Lefevre, Connie Seago, Angie Flores

April 30th 11:30 AM Our Founders and Chapter Birthday Luncheon Celebration graciously hosted by our president, Kay, and her husband, Bill, at their home at 15357 Bowsprit Ct. on the Island.

## *Join Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters*

### *in a Visit to the State Capitol*

Feb. 3, 2011

Meet at The Capitol Grill (Located in the State Capitol)

(Note: The location has changed from the Delta Kappa Gamma International Headquarter to The Capitol Grill)

#### Agenda

7:00 am – 8:00 am Gathering and breakfast (You may purchase breakfast in the Grill)

8:00 am – 8:30 am Welcome and visit protocol

8:30 am – 9:30 am Speakers

9:30 am – 10:00 Prepare for visits – complete visit cards, orient yourself to the map

#### Prior to the visit:

If you do not know your Texas State Representative or your Texas State Senator you may visit: <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/> and type in your address.

Write, e-mail, telephone or fax your representative and your senator to alert them that you will be visiting on Feb. 3, 2010. Let them know you plan to stop by their office at approximately 10:00 a.m. or later in the day if that is more convenient.

State which issue(s) you want to discuss.

Gather information so that you are informed.

Prepare materials to leave with the legislator or staff (your card, a letter, note, etc)

Keep in mind the society cannot initiate, endorse, or support legislation unless it relates to improvement of education or the status of educators.

FYI: Parking Visitor parking garage: 1201 San Jacinto; street meter parking along Congress, 11th Street. There is another parking lot at the corner of 15th and Colorado just behind the Capitol. Another option is to park at the DKG International Headquarter. If you have never visited the International Headquarters you may want to schedule some time to visit.

## ***Quick Links***

Copy these into your favorite's browser for quick reference to our society sites:

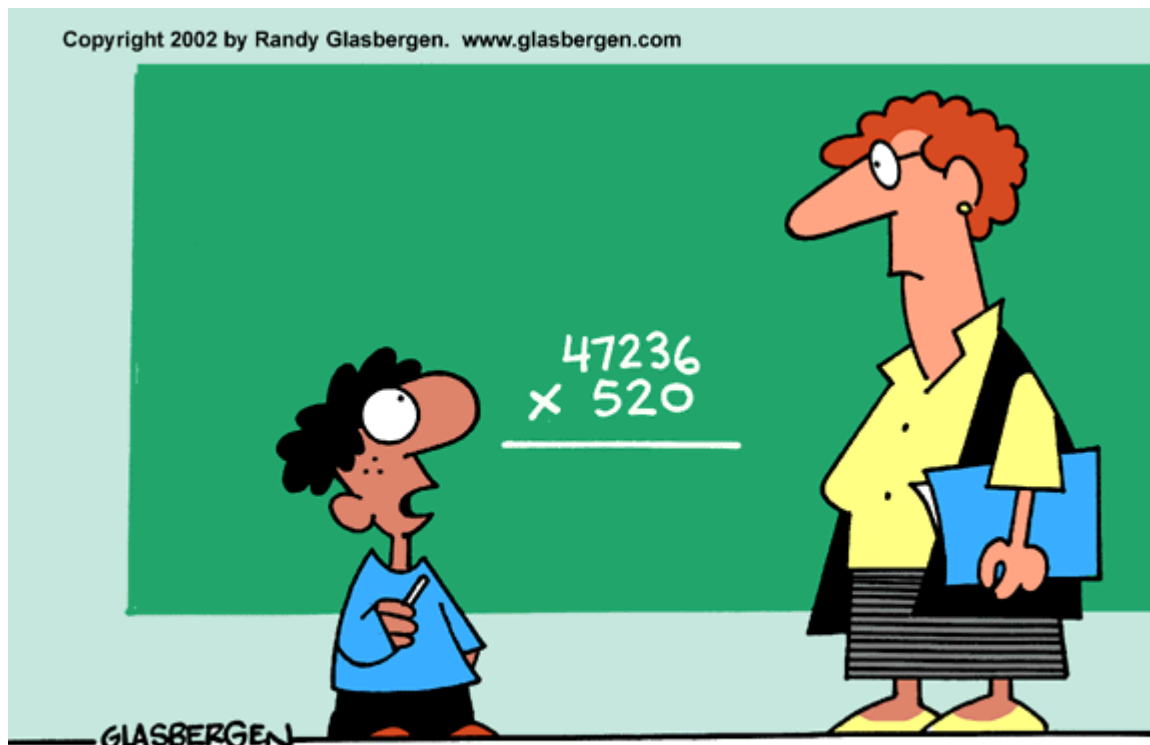
International: <http://www.dkg.org>

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

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](mailto:walkerbc64@msn.com) and our Treasurer, Linda Uballe at 537-5762 / 882-6628 or [ljuballe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljuballe@sbcglobal.net)



"AREN'T THERE ENOUGH PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD ALREADY?"