



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 Sisters:

With Thanksgiving just days away, I realize every day all the things I am thankful for. I am very thankful that my house did not burn down with the kitchen fire that we had several weeks ago! Even though we will not be able to decorate and get our house ready for Christmas, I am thankful we still have a place to stay. In this tough economy when many people are losing their jobs and trying to find another one, I am thankful to be a teacher and have a job to go to daily. Most of all, I am thankful for all the friends and family that I have especially my friendships that I have developed by being a part of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Usually it is my husband that runs into people he knows when we are traveling away from home. Friday, I had a pleasant surprise while eating lunch in a small bakery in Victoria. A Theta Gamma Sister, Nancy Shaheen, walked in and made my day! So come help us welcome the new initiates into our chapter on November 13th and renew our friendships with one another. Don't forget to think about all the things you have to be thankful for. The sisterhood is looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

Kay Schroeder

December 7th Meeting Information:

We will begin at 5:15 with gathering and refreshments. Our Program will focus on committing to responsibilities as we organize **Theta Gamma's yearly project** of service to our community through our Signed Book Auction benefitting Driscoll Children's Hospital.

For a fundraiser to benefit the scholarship fund we will have a theme basket that will be raffled off at the meeting. Tickets may be purchased for \$1.00. The business meeting will start promptly @ 5:30.

The location is --- The Home of Angela Stegal, 561 Parade Drive, 991-3649 and here is the link to a map if you need it. [Angela's House](#)

Hostesses are: Angela Steagall, Connie Seago, Kim Picozzi

Babysitting will be provided for \$5 per family. If you need childcare for the meeting please let Donna know by Saturday, December 4th at 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 October Meeting

October 19, 2010

Business

Kimberly Brumley conducted the meeting due to the absence of the President and First Vice President.

Corrections were made to the September minutes as to the two Amendments to the Chapter Rules voted on and accepted at the September meeting. The correct reading of the amendments is as follows:

Article XII, Section A, 2 now reads -

The grant is to be paid from fund raisers and/or the interest in the Esther Jane Roark Hahn Memorial Fund for a minimum of \$300 per scholarship to be used for tuition, fees, books or supplies. The Scholarship Committee must receive applications for the grant before the April meeting.

Article XII Section B, 2 now reads

The scholarship is to be paid from the interest in the May Blythe Scholarship Fund and/or fundraisers, not to exceed \$300 to be used for tuition, fees, books or supplies at a non-Society continuing professional education event.

Theo Wagner moved to accept the corrections to the minutes to reflect the amended by laws and Kathy Crow seconded the motion.

Linda Uballe presented the treasurer's report. As of October 19, 2010, Theta Gamma has a balance of \$1,188.19. She also gave the amount that was in the pig from September as \$13.00. The budget was presented by Beverly Tackett.

Eileen Rogers gave the attendance report. Members absent for professional reasons were Connie Seago, Kay Schroeder, and Janice Doughty. Family commitments were Nancy Shaheen, Bettie Mitchell, and Sarah Moore. Members that were ill are Cynthia Besosa, Shayla Floyd, Norma Janice and Leslie Jo Elmore. Carol Walker had another appointment. There was no correspondence to share.

Program-Many Hands Make Light Work-Still!

We broke up into groups. One group called members that we had not heard from or that have not paid their dues. The other group sorted the books purchased with funds raised at the chapter's project, an "Autographed Books Live Auction". They were readied for delivery to Driscoll Children's Hospital.

New Business

2010-2011 Program Planning for this year. Members signed up for committees at the last meeting. Every one needs to sign up for a committee. After everyone was on a committee, we broke up into the committees and discussed the Theta Gamma Chapter Program Planner.

Vilma Zuniga was presented for membership. She went out into the hallway while the members present voted on paper ballots. Libby McGee counted the ballots and Vilma was accepted. She, Debbie Van Zandt, and Robin Lee Neal will be sent invitations to join Theta Gamma.

Shayla Floyd's address to receive updates and messages of encouragement while undergoing chemotherapy is www.caringbridge.org/visit/shaylafloyd

The November 13 meeting is the chapter initiation for new members. The location is at Del Mar Center for Economic Development room 106. The address is 3209 South Staples across from Ray High School.

The basket was a \$25.00 gift card to the movies. The fund raiser made \$63.00. The Pace Pig was counted by Linda Uballe and was \$9.00.

The meeting ended at 7:10 with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma Song.

Eileen Rogers
Recording Secretary

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

Full Treasurer's Report

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY, INT.
THETA GAMMA CHAPTER
TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 19, 2010

Balance on Hand	(September Report)		\$2362.15
Deposits			
Dues:	\$748.00		
Fundraiser	\$59.00		
PACE	<u>\$13.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$820.00	AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$3182.15
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Half Price Books	\$1145.00		
Kay Schroeder	<u>\$43.19</u>		
TOTAL	\$1188.19		
		BALANCE ON HAND	\$1993.96

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Uballe
Treasurer

So Many Books

On a Saturday afternoon, Libby, Donna and I spent the afternoon at Half Price Books selecting books for babies and young children, primary and intermediate age, and young adult. The genre included a wide selection of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and biography books. The managers at Half Price were so helpful as we made our selections and filled baskets with books.

The following Saturday morning was a beautiful October day for delivering **471** books from our book auction proceeds to Driscoll Children's Hospital. A volunteer, with a cart, met Donna and me at the front door. As we loaded the cart a couple of times with the boxes, the volunteer noticed that one of the boxes was labeled "Spanish books". He asked if the books were written in Spanish, then commented that there is always a need for these books. He was very excited about the new books that were going to be available for the children.

Afterwards, Berma Barnett, Volunteer Coordinator, expressed her appreciation to our group for supporting the children with our Autographed Book Auction. She loves the idea and is willing to help us have another successful project in the spring. Her friendliness and enthusiasm validates our project and Theta Gamma members as we give to our community and the children at Driscoll Children's Hospital.

Beverly Tackett

Future Meeting Information

December 7th at 5:15 PM PM at the Home of Angela Steagall
Hostesses: Angela Steagall, Connie Seago, Kim Picozzi

January 18th 5:15 PM Annual Chili Supper
Hosted by our Retired Teachers at Donna and Kim's home

February 15th 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.

Red Roses of Recovery to:

Norma Janice who recently had extensive foot (bunion that caused other problems) surgery. Your editor visited with her after initiation and found recovery proceeding well. But, if you call her, remember it may take her a while to get to the phone even though she has graduated from a wheel chair to a walker. If you don't get the the first time, wait a while and try again.

Welcome to Theta Gamma:

Our newest sisters who were initiated today!



**Debbie Van Zandt
TM High Schook Librarian**



**Vilma Zuniga
Retired Educator**

You are Eligible for a Grant ---

DKG members are eligible for a \$1,000 tuition grant when enrolling as a new student and beginning a master's, doctoral, specialist, or post master's certificate program during November or December of this year. FMI visit www.capella.edu/dkg

Educational Foundation Grant Application Deadlines

Don't miss out on money that could be yours!

Cornetet Professional Dev. Awards --- Feb. 1/ May 1

Professional Dev. Seminar Awards --- Nov. 1

Educational Project Grants --- January 2

Go to

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<http://www.dkg.org/site/c.mhttp://www.dkg.org/site/c.meJMIOwErH/b.5841687/k.9664/Applications.htm> **for information and application forms.**

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 and our Treasurer, Linda Uballe at 537-5762 / 882-6628 or ljuballe@sbcglobal.net

Also seen at initiation today...

