



THETA ZETA NEWS

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President's Corner

Dear Theta Zeta Members:

First things first! Our **March meeting** will be **Saturday morning, March 26, at 10:00 am** at the Railroad Museum in La Porte. We are so fortunate to have the Museum docent—Carol McBeth—as our presenter. This is a super interesting place, and I know we will learn a lot—and enjoy ourselves in the process. The museum is at 604 Park Street. This is very easy to find. I drove it last Saturday morning, just to check the time. It takes 25 minutes more or less, figuring from the intersection of Bay Area Blvd. and El Camino in Clear Lake. The drive is really easy. Take Bay Area Blvd. east (i.e. toward the water and away from the Gulf Freeway). Turn right on Fairmont Parkway and keep going. You will pass Hwy 146, La Porte High School (on the left), and dead end at Sylvan Beach. You will see the Museum on your left. (Watch for the train car). There is parking in front of the museum. The drive is really easy, since Bay Area goes through the chemical plants, and no one works on Saturday!

Second things second! Following the meeting (there will not be any refreshments served), we are going to El Toro for lunch. I understand this restaurant is the location where Theta Zeta was founded. It is also the location

of a Chapter luncheon three years ago. Carol made the plans, and I hope we have a really good turnout!

On another important note: Dues of \$85.00 are due as soon as possible. It would make Terri's life really easy if we could get everyone paid at the meeting. Also, if you want to pay for the Spring Luncheon/Birthday/Founders' Day, please sign up with Lorraine. The cost for the luncheon (which will be Saturday, April 23 at 2:00 pm) at Charleston Tea Room in Friendswood is \$15.00. I'm happy to tell you that Omega Mu Alpha will join us for the luncheon and joint installation of officers for the 2022-2024 biennium. They are excited—and are making favors for everyone. They have at least 11 members already signed up (and paid) for the luncheon. Bev Harlow and her Ceremonials Committee will present the program and, as past president, she will also install the officers of both chapters. Mu Alpha is really trying to become a working chapter again, and they are looking forward to being with us for the luncheon. Lorraine is going to ask the Tea Room to set the tables for 4 people each, not in a big long table. That will make it easier for people to talk—and, as a result, we're going to ask our members and Mu Alpha members to plan to seat only two people from each

chapter per table. That way, we can get to know each other better. Sally, Lorraine, Mary Ann and I met a total of three times in February and March to work on the ASTEF application for project funding to provide two hard-back copies of Mr. Quigley's Keys to each elementary school in La Porte, Clear Creek, and Pearland ISD. This is such a good book, and I hope we will be able to do this. If we do get funded, I will be asking Theta Zeta members to take the books to the schools and volunteer to read a copy to a class or a library group. Keep your fingers crossed.

Just a reminder that the Christian Helping Hands donation this month is "Main Dish Items." So, think mac and cheese, tuna fish, spam, beef stew, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Hamburger Helper, etc.



Finally, Terri has our Bright Idea for March.

I hope your spring break was pleasant. Certainly, the weather cooperated most of the time.

See you at the choo-choo.
Judy

Mission Statement

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

International Vision
DKG-Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education Worldwide

Texas State Vision

JOURNEY
Which way will you go?

Have a Happy Birthday!

March 10-Eleanor Scott

March 13-Sonya Markham

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 26, 2022-
Chapter Meeting at 10:00 at
the Railroad Museum in La
Porte.

It's time to pay your dues-
\$85.00.

April 23, 2022-Installation of
Officers, Birthday
Celebration and Founders'
Day Celebration at the
Charleston Tea Room. 154
Friendswood Dr. 77046

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FOOD BANK

MAIN DISH ITEMS:

Hamburger Helper
Tuna Helper
Canned Tuna
Spaghetti Sauce
Spaghetti
Mac and Cheese Mix
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Bread
Soup
Spam

MARCH PROGRAM

Saturday, March 26 at 10:00

Carol McBeth, a docent at the
museum, has graciously
volunteered to give our chapter
a tour of the Railroad Museum
in La Porte. The address is 604
Park St., La Porte 77571.

After the tour we have
reservations at El Toro Mexican
Restaurant. I hope you will join
us there- 616 W. Main St.
La Porte

Laugh for the Day

I hate it when I
see an old person
and then realize we
went to high school
together

(As seen on a t-shirt)

Annual Membership Dues

Please try to pay your dues this month. You may make your check payable to Theta Zeta for \$85.00 and mail it to Terri Wenzel at 1405 Briar Ct. Pearland 77581.

Red Roses to....

Shirin Jalufka for the wonderful program on membership in February. It was fun to share our memories about becoming members of Theta Zeta and DKG.



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Minutes of the Theta Zeta Meeting
February 19, 2022

President Judy Norris welcomed members to her home for our February meeting. As members arrived, they arranged their Silent Auction donations for bidding.

Mary Ann Waldon gave members an explanation of the difference between Scholarships and Grants and Aid. She provided a handout of TSO Scholarship Quick Guide and a Grant and Aid application. She suggested to members that we read through Chapter Rules each year to help remind ourselves of these rules. Lorraine Erickson made a motion that this year we give two Grant and Aid awards since we did not give any last year. Pat Lemke seconded the motion and the motion carried by membership.

Marianne shared the bright idea from a book titled, **365 Meditations for Teachers**. The reading reminded us that, like our students, we all have gifts to share. It is our responsibility to nurture those gifts and share them with others.

Minutes- The minutes from the January meeting were approved as printed in the February newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Judy shared that our CD's were renewed at the end of December. She reminded members that our \$85 dues can be paid at this meeting or at the March meeting,

Committee Reports:

Membership: 65% membership present. Shirin will present the February program.

Nomination Committee: Here is the slate of nominated officers for 2022-2024.

President- Judy Norris 1st Vice

President- Lorraine Erickson 2nd Vice

President- Shirin Jalufka Secretary –

Marianne Kolar Shirin Jalufka made a motion to accept the slate of officers as

presented. Pat Lemke seconded the motion. The motion was approved by membership. Bev Harlow is in charge of the installation of officers at the April meeting.

New Finance Committee- Lorraine, Allyne and Pat agreed to serve.

Next Nominating Committee- Shirin, Cappi and Debbie agreed to serve.

Courtesy- Sonya Markham shared birthday wishes to our February birthdays: Deborah Elliot, Joan Schneck, Mary Ellen Trahan and Marianne Kolar.

Old Business: Judy reported that she and her team of Mary Ann, Sally and Lorraine is applying to ASTEF for funding to purchase 90 copies of the book, **Mr. Quigley's Keys**, which would be placed in the elementary schools in the CCISD, LaPorte and Pearland ISD's. Sally reported that the cost of Buddy Benches, which we have purchased with ASTEF grants in the past, have increased so much that it is not feasible to try to purchase more on our own.

New Business: Judy thanked members for their donations of paper goods to the Christian Helping Hands. The March donations will be for Main Dish Meals or gift cards. Judy reported that the fall workshop will take place on Saturday, September 17. Theta Zeta will be responsible for providing gift bags for presenters.

Dates to Remember-

March 26, 2022 – Monthly meeting-

!0:00 – Railroad Museum in LaPorte

April 23, 2022- 2:00 PM Spring Tea/

Birthday Celebration/ Founder's Day

Celebration. – Charleston Tea Room in

Friendswood

June 14-18, 2022- 93rd TSO Convention,

Lubbock

July 12-16, 2022-International
Convention, New Orleans
September 17, 2022- Area 3 Workshop-
Pasadena High School
June 14-17, 2023- 94th TSO Convention,
McAllen

Program- Pride in the Big Picture

Shirin Jalufka, our Membership
Chairperson, hosted a discussion
centering around these 3 questions: **1. How did you feel about being asked to join Delta Kappa Gamma? 2. Why did you join? 3. Why have you continued to stay a member?** Many members shared their joy in being with others that have shared beliefs and others spoke of the respect they have for other teachers in the organization. Shirin reminded members that now membership can include those who teach others in a variety of capacities – not just “school teachers”.

Judy thanked hostesses-Terri, Marianne
and Sally

Judy led members in the Delta Kappa
Gamma song.

The meeting was adjourned and
members took part in making bids on
our Silent Auction Fundraiser.

Minutes submitted by Marianne Kolar-
Secretary

