
THETA ZETA NEWS

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President's Corner

Dear Theta Zeta Members:

It's fall! It may not feel like it, and the thermometer definitely doesn't reflect fall temperatures, but the calendar says it is. September will be busy—with the Area 3 workshop and our **Theta Zeta chapter meeting on Saturday, September 24 at 9:30 am** at my house.

This is a critically important meeting because the plan for ASTEF grant implementation will be discussed. There are 45 elementary schools to visit during the year—October through January. There are 11 in Pearland ISD, 7 in La Porte ISD, and 27 in Clear Creek ISD. Lorraine has started a notebook to take to the state convention next year documenting the implementation of the grant.

On a really great note, Barbara Gruener has personally signed all 135 books. She had them piled around her at her house as she went to work.

Back to the meeting. It will be a working meeting at my house.

Hostesses are Terri, Cappi, and me. And the "Bright Idea" will be presented by Terri. Please clear your calendar to come. There will be a short business meeting; if business can be put off one month, it will be, since we will organize for the distribution of *Mr. Quigley's Keys* and put book plates and ASTEF acknowledgements on the inside cover of each book. Sally is chairing the committee for implementation, even though she is still in PT three times a week. She is being assisted by her

committee—Terri Wenzel for Pearland ISD and Carol McBeth for La Porte ISD. Also helping out (because of Sally's limited mobility) are Shirin Jalufka and Ellen Smith. Thanks to all of them for organizing this very important project. Barbara Coon, Area 3 Coordinator, will be at the meeting to see how we go about this massive project.

We had an Executive Board meeting on August 13. It was wonderful to get together after so long. We discussed the programs for the year. Sally will briefly highlight them in the newsletter and detailed information will be found in the Yearbook. This will enable you to plan ahead for the calendar year. Tentative dates are October 15, November 19, December 13 (Christmas Dinner), January 21, February 18, March 18, and April 22. The location of these meeting is still to be determined and will be in the Yearbook and the Newsletter.

At the September meeting, there will be sign-up sheets for you to volunteer for being the hostess(es) and to provide the



bright idea at each of the meetings. Please consider the best date for you to contribute to either of these. There is a need to raise money for Theta Zeta to support scholarships and our part of the ASTEF grant. We are looking at Honey Baked Ham gift cards, selling "left over" necklaces (you saw them last March), and a Casserole Swap. Any other ideas will be welcomed!

I want to say "Thanks" to those who attended the Buddy Bench dedication at Clear Lake City Elementary School on

May 19. Present at the dedication were Allyne (and Mike) Ratliff, Debbie Elliott, Joan Schneck, Bev Harlow, Julie Meier, Marianne Kolar, Mary Ann Waldon, and Sally Heflin. What a great turnout!! And another thank you to the Theta Zeta members who attended the Area 3 workshop with me on Saturday, September 17: Allyne, Terri, Lorraine, Shirin, Ellen, Mary Ann, and Sally. “Milestone Members” who were in attendance were recognized: 25 years’ membership to Sally, Shirin, and Allyne; and 50+ years’ membership to Mary Ann Waldon and me. Just for your information, other Theta Zeta members who reached the “Milestones” but who were unable to attend the workshop were Connie Surrency (50 years), Carol McBeth (25 years), and Carolyn Rigsby (55 years). What a great group of ladies! Finally, we want to continue to help others in the community. We have decided to collect food again this year for Christian Helping Hands. We will do this beginning in October and every month afterwards at every meeting. There will again be a “theme” for each monthly donation. We will donate—not by type of food—but by alphabet. Watch your newsletter from Sally for the letter(s) of the month. (Note: For December and for April we will collect gift cards—easier to transport!) I look forward to seeing you on September 24.

Judy

Mission Statement

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

Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide

Texas State Vision



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Terri will share her Bright Idea.

Business Meeting

ASTEFG Grant-Mr. Quigley's Keys

We will be installing book plates in 135 books. We will be learning all about the distribution of the books.

We will have sign-up sheets for all 45 schools.

Birthdays

Have a Happy Birthday!

June 14	Cappi McNeill
June 17	Shirin Jalufka
July 7	Judy Berry
August 29	Sally Heflin
Sept. 10	Barbara Whelton

RED ROSES TO-JUDY

For securing the ASTEF grant for us. She wrote a wonderful application, found a book store who would give us a discount, and picked up the books and the bookplates. Judy gives everything she does 100%



FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

We are trying something new for our donations to Christian Helping Hands-
Alphabetical Food.

We'll begin next month with food that begins with the A, B, C. Examples: almonds, apple juice, apple sauce, beans, Bisquick, cake mixes, canned chicken, cereal, chips, cookies. Have fun shopping!

LAUGH FOR THE DAY

I'M A KID AT HEART,
AND A SENIOR CITIZEN
AT KNEES AND BACK.

Seen on a t-shirt

**HOORAY FOR
PERFECT ATTENDANCE
In 2021-2022**

Judy Norris
Allyne Ratliff
Lorriane Erickson
Shirin Jalufka

We are so proud of you!

MR. QUIGLEY'S KEYS

We received the grant which will support supplying copies of *Mr. Quigley's Keys* to the elementary schools in Clear Creek ISD, La Porte ISD, and Pearland ISD.

Getting books to 45 schools will require everyone in the chapter to take part in the distribution of the books. Think about the schools near you or ones you have a relationship with. I will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

We will present the plan at our meeting on September 24th.

FALL FUNDRAISERS

Counted cross stitch necklaces
(Created by Lorraine and Judy for the workshop presenters)
You can get one for \$10.00 at the meeting.

Honey Baked Ham gift cards

Casserole Swap

And any other ideas you may have!

SEPTEMBER HOSTESSES

Judy Norris
Cappi McNeill
Terri Wenzel

FOOD PANTRY
WILL BE OUR YEARLONG PROJECT

As you know there is still a desperate need for continued support of food pantries. We will be donating different items each month to Christian Helping Hands in Pearland.

October-A-C
November-D-J
January- K-O
February-P-R
March-S-Z

December and April-gift cards

Gift cards to Kroger's, HEB or Walmart are always welcome.

Julie Meier's Mother

Don't forget prayers for Julie's mother and her family.

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