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Zeta Tau News

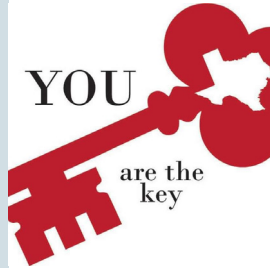
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Dear Zeta Tau Members,



You are the key! You've seen the new biennium motto and logo from TSO Patti Belknap. Now you'll have a chance (fingers crossed) to hear from her directly as to why she chose these symbols for her presidency. As Patti lives in Arlington, we're not asking her to fly down, but rather to use technology to be at our November meeting. With Amy and Terrie's work to set this up, all should go well! There will also be time to interact with Patti so be thinking of any questions or comments you may have for her. The meeting will be at Frostwood in the library as our regular meeting room will be used for voting. I hope you'll take advantage of early voting so you can be there on Tuesday, November 5, at 4:30 pm.

We will also be discussing our December meeting. We've had to make a change which actually works in our favor. Besides the catered dinner, we will be putting together bags for teachers and collect books (new or gently used) for K-5. It makes so much more sense to do that at Spring Shadows rather than pack them elsewhere, stuff them in cars, and deliver them later. As to what goes in the bag, think of the beginning of the second semester, what things did you or will you need to buy to supplement those supplies you and/or your students had at the beginning of the year? Here are some possibilities: Markers, pencils, spiral notebooks, wide ruled paper, crayons, student erasers, tissues, stickers. That meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 pm at Spring Shadows Elementary library. I've invited the SSE principal, who made a fabulous presentation at our October meeting, and the CIS Liaison, Yezenia Zapata Briones to join us that evening.

Another calendar change I want to mention. We're planning our Induction of New Members at Taste of Texas in April. They prefer we come on a Monday night. And to avoid conflict with the TRTA convention the first week of April, that meeting has been moved to Monday, April 13. Make a note in your calendar now.

We are coming up on that special time of the year for family gatherings. I'm off to Michigan in November and South Carolina in December. Whether you are traveling for the holidays or staying here, I wish you all good times and memories with family and friends.

Diana



MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting start time @ 4:30 unless noted otherwise



- Nov 5** "You Are The Key" @ Frostwood
- Dec 3:** Preparing Teacher Bags for Spring Shadows @ Spring Shadows Elementary, catered dinner
- Jan 14:** Social hour & Dinner @ Chavez
- Feb 4:** "February is for ASTEF" @ Frostwood
- Mar 3:** "Make and Take" with Sasha and Pam @ Frostwood
- Apr 13:** "Induction of New Members" @ Taste of Texas
- May 7:** "Birthday Celebration & Officer Induction" @ Chavez



Upcoming Events:



2020 Conventions

TSO Convention

June 17-19, McAllen

Notice the days have shifted as it starts on Wednesday and ends on Friday.

International

Convention

July 7-11,

Philadelphia

DKG is offering a Go Ahead Tour in New York City, July 12-16. Registration Deadline for the Tour is September 27. Information on the DKG Web site.

TSO President Visits Houston

During the last weekend of September, the Great Houston Area Coordinating Council (GHACC) welcomed TSO President, Patti Belknap, to Houston as she begins her biennium. On Friday night, a reception was held in a private home in Porter. Zeta Tau members attending were Terrie, Mary Ann, Paula, and Julie. Saturday morning, about 50 DKG members worked at the Houston Food Bank sorting food. Later Saturday, a luncheon was held at the Food Bank. Julie and Diana welcomed members at the sign in table. Other Zeta Tau members attending were Patty, Mary Ann and Terrie. During the luncheon, President Patti spoke of her commitment to DKG and her reasons for choosing a key for the symbol of her biennium. GHACC presented Patti with a donation in her name of \$250 to ASTEF and the key wreath on the podium.



TSO President Patti Belknap



LtoR Back: Patricia, Mary Ann, Patti, & Terrie; Front: Julie & Diana

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

October 1, 2019 was our second meeting of this year and the first at our adopted school - Spring Shadows Elementary. A dozen sisters joined forces to help fill treat bags

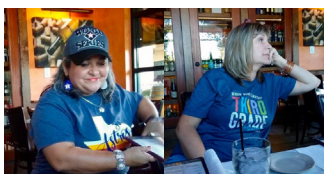


for all SSE faculty and staff. This is a wonderful time to not only help out fellow educators but a great way to catch up with sisters. Afterward, Diana brought the meeting to order and we had a wonderful opportunity to meet and hear about SSE's Principal Rachel Martinez and the school's Community in Schools Liaison Yezenia Zapata Briones. They are both very thankful for all we've done already and excited for us to have adopted the school this year.



Rachel Martinez SSE web-site

October 20, 2019 was our second Happy Hour of the year. several sisters met at Ciro's Italian Restaurant off I-10. Originally, we planned to stay for dinner also, but instead all went home 'Stros!



Lorena and Lori



Julie and Diana



STAR

January 17-19, 2020

Deadline for registering is Nov 15, 2019. Contact Julie.



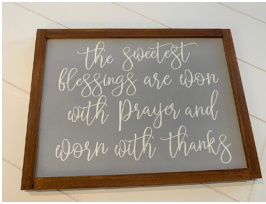
Area 18 Workshop

Saturday, August 29, 2020

NEW MONTHLY FUNDRAISERS!!

Who doesn't like a little change? Instead of doing a big raffle or silent auction once a year, we're going to offer either a raffle or silent auction at each meeting. We raised over \$80 with the Pablos gift card! Silent auction funds will be used for scholarships and raffle funds will go to the general account. Please make sure items are NEW and valued at least \$25. We would like to include the items in the newsletter prior to the meeting. Please send a picture of the item about 2 weeks before the meeting to Lora. As always, if you prefer to just make a donation to either account, please feel free. Below the following items, you will see the sign up list thus far. If you'd like to add an item, contact Sasha.

November Donations for Auction/Raffle



Sign donated by Jo Ann, jewelry from Diana, Gift Cards from Paige and a First Watch gift card from Mary Ann



Auction/Raffle Sign-ups from September meeting - There's still time for you to sign up too! Please contact Sasha.

December- Silent

Donna Handlin
Elizabeth Roy

March- Silent

Terri Cardwell

May- Silent

Pat Osborne
Jane Cooper

February- Raffle-

Jana Gwinn

April- Raffle-

Patty Cordrey



UPCOMING MEETING . . .



December 3rd is our Christmas gathering with a wonderful catered meal.

The menu: *-Mixed Greens Salad*
-Chicken Piccata
-Mascarpone Mashed Potatoes
-Grilled Vegetables (asparagus, carrots, yellow squash)
-Dinner rolls
-Dessert

The meal is \$20 and we need your reservation **no later than Fri, Nov 22**, before the Thanksgiving holiday week. Your payment of **\$20 can be paid at the November meeting** or mailed to Terrie Cardwell. Payment must be received in the mailbox of Terrie Cardwell no later than Monday, November 25th to confirm your reservation.

Terrie Cardwell, 2738 Fontana Dr., Houston, TX 77043

Since we are packing supply bags for the teachers at Spring Shadows Elementary, we will have our dinner there. Once the bags are packed, it will be so easy to leave them there for distribution to the teachers instead of putting them in a car and delivering them to the school.

We will begin with a short meeting at 4:30, dinner at 5:00 pm, then pack the supply bags for the teachers.

**Spotlight on a DKG Founder:
Lela Lee Williams
1883-1974**



Picture and information from DKG web-site

Born and raised in Willis Point, Texas, Miss Lela Lee Williams' father, Henry Nelson Williams and grandfather, W. J. Davidson influenced her by both being elected school trustees. After graduating from Sam Houston Normal Institute she began teaching in Willis Point until they ran out of funds and

closed the school. She briefly worked in Louisiana until the Dallas Board of Education notified her of a position. She worked in the Dallas school system from 1908 until her retirement in 1953!

In addition to her education from Sam Houston, she obtained a B.A. degree from North Texas State Normal College and a M.A. from Colorado State Texas College. Her graduate work in primary methods and speech were at the University of Chicago, the University of Colorado and Teachers College, and Columbia University.

Lela Lee Williams was just as active in educational organizations too. She was the first president of the Dallas Grade Teachers Association in 1917. Two years later she helped organize and led as President the Texas Grade Teachers Association. "In 1920 she was elected president of the Texas State Teachers Association - the first classroom teacher and the second woman to serve in that office. (Dr. Blanton was the first woman elected president in 1917.)"

She was a natural choice to help Dr. Blanton and the other women to help found Delta Kappa Gamma. And by October 1929, Miss Williams helped install Epsilon Chapter of Dallas and led as their president from 1933-1935. She remained a founding member for 44 years!

During her lifetime, Miss Lela Lee served at many areas on the national level. Recording Secretary from 1929-1933. Chairman of Committee on Retirement: 1930-1936; Chairman of the Membership Committee: 1946-1948; Chairman of the Figurines Committee: 1949-1950; and Chairman of the Personnel Committee from 1954-1956. Throughout other years she served as a member on both national and international committees. And finally, she was on the National Planning Committee from 1950-1952 and the Administrative Board from 1960-1962.



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