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Zeta Tau News

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Dear Zeta Tau Sisters:

There's a chill in the air, and the stores and malls are all decorated. Holiday Season 2018 has begun! I'm looking forward to our holiday meeting on December 4, 4:30 pm at Memorial Drive Christian Church. We're having a catered meal, so no one must work to prepare it; we're having a speaker from the Spring Branch Family Development Center; and we're going to sing as Terrie has gotten a pianist to be there. And I can't wait to see the pile of learning toys, books, and other products that we will be giving to the Spring Branch Family Development Center. I want to thank all of you for being willing to help so we could adopt their "Family U" class for 0-3-year-olds and their parents. We will be helping to get those infants and toddlers off to a good start. That's a good thing!

Have you gotten your latest copy of DKG News? It's only delivered digitally now so you need to make sure you have a valid email address (personal, not school) on file with DKG. I know a few of you have taken care of this, but others still need to. There's also a new Flipbook format that makes reading the newsletter on your device easier. Check it out on the DKG website, dkg.org

In the last few years, attendance at and receipts from our auction have been going down. We've tried moving it to February, rather than November. Still a decline. This year, after asking for input, we moved it back to November and tried something new—a silent auction that allowed both items and services to be auctioned. The trend continued. So, it's back to the drawing board, and I'll be coming back to you for your input before we decide about next year. I need you to think about not only the auction, but maybe some other ways we could earn money for our chapter. We have a lot of creative and talented ladies in our chapter, so I know we can come up with some good ideas!

As I write this, I'm preparing to travel to Pittsburgh to see my sister, and then to Michigan to see the rest of my family for Thanksgiving. I hope wherever you travel this holiday season, whether near or far, you have a safe trip, create many lovely memories, and get to have some down time with family and friends.

Diana

Merry Christmas!





MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting start time @ 4:30 unless noted otherwise

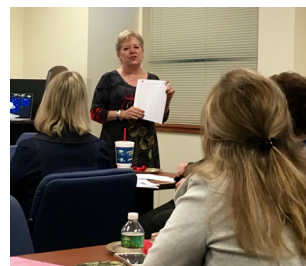
- Dec 4:** Christmas Celebration at Memorial Drive Christian Church; book/toy collection for Spring Branch Family Development Center
- Jan 14:** New Member Induction @ Taste of Texas
- Feb 19:** Gaming with ASTEF, Service Project
- Mar 19:** "Fostering a Healthy Mind and Body with Natural Products and Essential Oils" with Sasha and Pam @ Frostwood
- Apr 16:** TBA
- May 7:** Founders' Day and Birthday Party @ Los Tios



October Meeting Highlights

Twenty-six members attended the October 16th meeting at Frostwood Elementary! Shortly after commencing the meeting, President Diana Apsey shared the sad news of losing our sister Grace Harrington. Mary Ann Slaughter shared some wonderful stories of Grace when she worked with her at Pine Shadows. It was heart-warming to hear such wonderful things about her.

After minutes were accepted, committee chairs for Treasurer, Hospitality, Communications and Legislative gave brief talks about their areas. We were provided information folders for the up-coming elections and encouraged to contact our legislators by phone, letter, or email. Program chair Terrie Caldwell talked about changes in our upcoming meetings for December and January. This year, instead of gift exchange among sisters, we're providing books and toys for young children at the Spring Branch Family Development Center. We next sang one verse of the DKG song before being treated to a wonderful presentation by Bonnie Moore on "Bridging Communication from Us to Them" with an engaging and active format to help



Bonnie Moore presenting



Terrie, Jane, Diana G, Joan (Front); Tabitha and Lori (Back)

us communicate across all age groups and generation types. It was interesting to see that our group had individuals in all four types of communication styles and represented almost all age groups as well! Way to go Zeta Tau!!



Upcoming Events:

June 20-22

State Convention in Arlington

July 17-20

Southwest Regional Conference in Costa Mesa, California



Online Tasks

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For the Flipbook option you can do a search for "Flipbook" and all publications with this option will show and you can click on the Flipbook at the left-hand side to view it. However, this will work only if you have the Flipbook App on your device.





Happy Hour at Ciro's Italian Grill

Our latest Zeta Tau Happy Hour was held October 30 at Ciro's Italian Grill. It was a perfect evening for sitting outside, sipping a cool beverage, and enjoying the company of others. There was a beautiful breeze and even live music as we talked about Zeta Tau membership and programs, great books and trips along with many other topics. Best of all in having a couple of hours just to converse, we learned new things about our fellow Zeta Tau sisters bringing us all a little closer. We plan to have others in the future and hope to see more sisters join us for a little more fun!



Julie, Terrie, Lori & Pam



November Meeting & Auction!



Auction items

The Frostwood Elementary Library was abuzz November 6 with Zeta Tau sisters setting up auction items, making bids, and working on treat bags for staff and faculty of Northbrook Middle School! There were many beautiful items for both general and holiday use. The auction this year was silent and everyone had fun browsing through all items and services provided and bidding against each other for favorites. Sisters were also involved in cutting, stringing

and finishing touches on treat bags for the NMS staff all while enjoying each others company and wonderful treats. Thank you's to Sasha, her students and The Good Neighbor Program for providing the items and pre-sacking them for us!

Diana led the meeting by first honoring the memory of Grace Harrington with a gift to ASTEF. She then told us about our last living founding member Coye Emmons and our hope to honor her at a future meeting for her 70 year membership!



Joan and Paula completing treat bags



Robin, Mary Ann, Sasha & Paige (guest)

For December we are donating needed gift items to the Spring Branch Family Development center instead of exchanging gifts or an ornament with each other. Diana and Terri visited the center and then provided print outs of needed items for sisters to pick from to bring unwrapped to the December 4th meeting at Memorial Drive Christian Church. It will be catered featuring chicken piccata with a cost of \$15.

After the meeting, Sasha announced all auction winners and Tabitha helped deliver items. Paula was once again our big purchaser! Thank you Paula. A total of \$521.00 was made this year.

Sisters in Our Community!



Tallowood Baptist Christmas Program

By: Jana Gwinn

Hello, DKG Sisters! If you would like to hear some beautiful holiday music, please come to our annual Tallowood Christmas Program. This year our choir and orchestra are presenting "Gloria" which is a program of traditional and contemporary Christmas music and anthems. The program will be on Saturday, December 8 at 7:00 PM and December 9 at 3:00 or 6:00 PM in our worship center at 555 Tallowood Drive (right across from Memorial Middle School. All performances are



Tallowood Orchestra

free of charge.

I have been playing clarinet in our orchestra since 2009. Believe it or not, I had not picked up my horn in 25 years when I joined the orchestra! I loved playing when I was in high school and



Tallowood Choir

at Baylor, and being in the Tallowood Orchestra is such a privilege and a joy. We have around 30 regular players each week for services. For big events (like our Christmas program) we hire additional players. We also have a 125 voice choir. The orchestra consists of professional, music educators and regular people like me and my family. Being in the music program is a Gwinn family affair as my husband, Jim, sings in the choir along with my mother-in-law and sister-in-law.

With the Tallowood Music Ministry, we have taken two overseas mission trips. In 2012 we performed all over Brazil playing to packed houses of over 2000. In 2015 we toured Germany and performed in 6 different cities. In 2019 we are planning a tour of South Africa.

I hope that many of you can come to our upcoming "Gloria"! For more information, go to tallowood.org.



Pictured with Jana is her clarinet partner: Travis Layton. He is the principal clarinet player and also a structural engineer.



BIRTHDAYS!

DECEMBER

3	Elizabeth Roy
6	Ann Brown
19	Jana Gwinn

JANUARY

14	Kathie Bishop
27	Lori Dismukes



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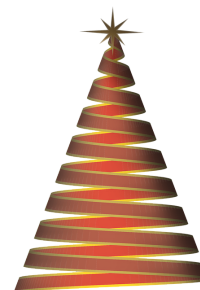
Sisters in the News!

Once again our illustrious sister Dr. Lorena Zertuche has been recognized. This time by the Houston Chronicle in an article titled *Katy ISD Principal Profile: Dr. Lorena Zertuche, Bear Creek Elementary* dated Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

Her school, Bear Creek Elementary, celebrated its 40th anniversary in November. As the principal for the past 5 years she has led the school and community through some difficult times. The article focuses on our most recent natural disaster of Harvey and post-flooding in the entire community of Bear Creek.

The author of the article, Michele Ireheta, also provides Lorena's background from her arrival here in the U.S. to her multiple degrees in education as well as her family information.

The biggest take away is Lorena's pure devotion and dedication to her own family, her school family and her determination to improve everyone's lives through education. Lorena is a true gem of a sister! Way to go Lorena!!



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