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Zeta Tau News

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Dear Zeta Tau Sisters,

It's October! This is the month I always look forward to as the weather cools down making it easier to go outside again! Outside is where we're hoping to be on October 30th when we are having a Happy Hour at Ciro's on the Katy Freeway. They offer special prices on drinks and small plates during that time. I've invited Lambda Alpha to join us. It's just a time to gather and spend time with fellow DKG sisters. To make sure it was a good place to go, your executive board checked it out on October 2 and gave it a thumbs up!

The topic at that executive board meeting was moving the date of the induction ceremony. New DKG Bylaws state that anyone joining after January must pay half yearly dues. Therefore, if we kept our induction in April, the inductee would have to pay half dues then and full dues for the next year in May (also a change in the DKG Bylaws). The board decided to move the induction date to January, and it will be held at Taste of Texas on Monday, January 14. That makes it even more important for you to talk now to colleagues/friends about joining DKG. Invite them to our meetings so we can get to know them, and they can get to know us.

Our meeting this month, (October 16, 4:30 @ Frostwood), features Bonnie Moore, TSO Parliamentarian, speaking on Communication. You may remember Bonnie from the Houston Convention which she chaired, and for those of us who are retired, she is a SBARSE member. We will also be talking about elections as they are fast approaching. Our Legislative Chair, Barbara Stephens, will lead that discussion. We would also like to retire the Z Award with a little ceremony.

Please make sure to read the whole newsletter as there's important information about upcoming events and dates that I didn't want to duplicate here in this message.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 16th. Go 'Stros!!!

Diana



MEETING CALENDAR

Meeting start time @ 4:30 unless noted otherwise



- Oct 16:** "Bridging Communication from Us to Them" with Bonnie Moore @ Frostwood
- Oct 30:** Happy Hour - 4:00 PM @ Ciro's Katy Freeway
- Nov 6:** Service Project and Silent Auction @ Frostwood
- Dec 4:** Book/toy collection for Spring Branch Family Development Center @ Memorial Drive Christian Church
- Jan 12:** New Members Induction @ Taste of Texas
- Feb 19:** Gaming with ASTEF, Service Project @ Frostwood
- 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

Upcoming Events:

October 30

Zeta Tau HH



November 6

Election Day

&

Zeta Tau Meeting
with Silent Auction

November 11

100th Anniversary
of Armistice Day!

June 20-22

State Conven-
tion in Arlington

July 17-20

Southwest Regional
Conference in Costa
Mesa, California

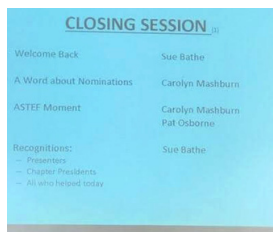
Past Happenings

ZETA TAU TAKES PART IN HOUSTON RESTAURANT WEEKS



During the month of August, many Houston Restaurants were part of HRW. Lunch specials for 3 course meals were offered for \$20 with \$3 going to the Houston Food Bank. Zeta Tau members came together to eat lunch at Seasons 52 and at Brio's, both in City Centre. Although turn out was small, we're going to try to grow the group attending next year as the meals were delicious and the company fabulous!

Area 18 Workshop



Pat Presenting

The TSO Area 18 Workshop was held on Saturday, September 15, at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church. Zeta Tau members attending were Sasha Johnson, Julie Eisenhauer, Mary Ann Slaughter, Lorena Zertuche, Pat Osborne, Paula Ely and Diana Apsey. Participants attended two 45-minute workshops on various topics about DKG and being a better you. The general meeting speaker was Sister Jane Meyer on her work with schools in Africa. This ties into the unifying project Schools for Africa, which is a focus of DKG.



Dora, Mary Ann, Diana, Paula & Sasha



Bonnie, Dora, Mary Ann



Diana, Julie, Paula



Sept 18 Meeting Diana Apsey led her first meeting as newly elected president at Frostwood Elementary with 19 other members. One major change from International convention over the summer is paying dues to coincide with the fiscal year of July 1-June 30. Robin Swanson is a new re-instated member and Judy Holtan attended as a guest. Zeta Tau currently has six members holding positions on state committees. They include Pat Osborne, Terrie Caldwell, Julie Eisenhauer, Elke Eisenhauer, Martha Meyer and Loren Zertuche. If you are interested in joining a state committee, you can find an application here. After committee chairs described their sections, members signed up for various areas to serve. The meeting finished with small groups filling out the TSO chapter checklist, sharing out and whole group discussion on items we do well and ones we need to work on. All in all, it was decided we are an awesome chapter!



Coming Soon!

NOVEMBER SILENT AUCTION

This year we're trying a silent auction and members may offer both items and services. Items and bidder sheets will be available at the beginning of the meeting allowing opening bids to be made. We'll conduct the business meeting. Then while we're working on our service project (goody bags for the staff at Northbrook Middle School), members are free to bid again, and again, etc. At the end of the meeting, all winners will be announced and payments in cash or personal check will be accepted.



For those who cannot make the November meeting, here are some options for you to participate in our fund raising event: 1) send an item with a friend, 2) fill out the form Diana will send in her November email if you have a service for auction, or 3) send cash with a friend and have her bid on items for you.

So start gathering items: Christmas decorations, gift items, handbags, goody baskets, etc. and/or thinking of services you can offer such as baking a cake or cookies, driving people across town for appointments, babysitting, etc. If everyone contributes, we can make this a huge success!

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWI



by TSO President Jo Murphy



Texas World War I Centennial commemoration Association (TXWWICC)

Sunday, November 11, 2018, marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that stopped the fighting in World War I. The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. In this centennial year of World War I, schools, communities, and groups are encouraged to focus Veteran's Day ceremonies on what was originally called Armistice Day, November 11. Resources can be found at: <https://www.texasworldwar1centennial.org/>. Schools are encouraged to register for 100 Years/100 Schools, and all community groups are encouraged to document their events to become part of a Centennial Commemoration book to be compiled by the Texas Historical Commission. Quality photos are encouraged. The red poppy is a reminder of those who died in the Great War and other wars that have followed.

Joe Machac, a World War I veteran and father of Dr. Karen Duke (Alpha Chapter member), designed the World War I Memorial on the north ground of the Texas Capitol. The Austin ceremonies on November 11 include a parade up Congress Avenue to the Capitol and rededication of the World War I Memorial and the 36th Division Memorial on the west side of the Capitol.



For further information, please contact the following:
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General Election November 6!



The midterm general election is upon us! Now, more than ever, we each need to make our voices heard! At votetexas.gov you can get registered or find out if and where you are registered to vote. Dates to keep in mind: October 9 - Voter registration ends; October 22 thru November 2 - Early Voting; Now to October 26 - request mail-in ballots; November 6 - Election Day. At the web-site, you can also find out early voting locations, sample ballots, and more. For information regarding candidates and issues, check out the following sites that are non-partisan:

www.vote411.org

www.txparentpac.com

www.teachthevote.org

www.texaseducatorsvote.com



The previous information was adapted from TRTA's Executive Director Tim Lee's September 25, 2018 e-mail newsletter "The Inside Line".

Meet Our Newest Member!

Mary Catherine Kimsey Cox "Cathy"

In July of 2000 Joe Noonan said to me, "Cathy, you'd be perfect in 4th Grade." I looked at him in shock and that was the beginning of my formal teaching career. I realized that in reality I had been a teacher for many years before rais-



BIRTHDAYS!

OCTOBER

- 03 Maureen Madden
- 07 Susan Strait
- 16 Robyn Flowers
- 18 Amy Houser
- 23 Donna Handlin
- 25 Jane Cooper
- 26 Sasha Johnson

NOVEMBER

- 02 Ann Vazao
- 10 Cheryll Ownby
- 11 Terrie Caldwell
- 20 Coye Emmons
- 30 Grace Harrington



ing four children: Jacob, Jared, Joe, and Caitlin. I could see the possibility and understanding my nature of wanting to help where I could in any situation that promoted the love of children, I accepted Joe's offer to teach 4th grade at Northwoods Catholic School in Spring, Texas.

Anybody who knows me well, knows that to describe me is to include my faith, my husband, David, my children, and my football, the Crimson Tide. David and I have been blessed to see all four of our children graduate from the University of Alabama and go on to be successful people in their careers and their personal lives. We are truly blessed.

I can remember a simple response from my mother years ago when I was struggling with the behavior of my own children. She said that it was simple, "Just love them," and things would work out, and they did. I have used that simple strategy to this day with great success with my students in the classroom.



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