

Theta Lambda News

Winner of the Five-Star Award

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From Our President

For those of us who are working in schools this fall, the parent evenings are over, progress notes have been sent home and everyone is settling in for a “long year of schooling.” It is time to take a deep breath and reflect on what challenges Theta Lambda to keep on keeping on year after year. I believe it is reflections of positive yesterdays and the hope of promising tomorrows in our society and the fellowship and good works it does.

The yesterdays of my childhood have grounded me and continue to direct my life. Eastside Elementary was the typical cinder-block, unairconditioned, self-contained school of the 1950s. Its circular drive, flagpole in front and set of portable buildings was not unlike school today. Within the walls of my old school were box-like rooms—each different behind the closed doors. Miss Eva Grace Sutton’s third grade class is still bright in my mind. From the mural of colorful worlds of Disneyland to the creative encouraging classroom environment it was the kid’s choice of rooms. Miss Eva Grace’s was humorous. She used positive reinforcement before Dr. Madeline Hunter called it that. Her blend of phonics and joyful read-a-louds did balance reading. The year went quickly. It was my most secure and happiest year ever. This was a year of found confidence and a desire to participate in class. I remember telling Miss Eva Grace that I wanted to be just like her when I grew up—a teacher. Also, I told her I wanted the mural when she retired!!! Many years later, I did get that mural.

The images remembered in childhood of a perfect cast of characters from many lands gave way to primitive interpretations of the familiar characters seen today. What remained constant over the years were the visits to Miss Eva Grace’s when I went home. At the age of 93, I was still visiting her. The visits became different in the last years. Her eyes would still sparkle, but memories of her yesterdays in my third grade classroom were gone. I would tell her of my todays, hoping to find glimpses of yesterday.

Make time to share successes with an educator from your first years in school. How many times do we have an opportunity to know the future of our students? Nancy Johnson shared this quote several years ago. “Children are the messages we send to a world we will not see.” How true for the Eva Grace’s in our past and for the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma.

We had a wonderful meeting in September as we shared a “kaleidoscope of keepsakes” and rang in the new year as we focused on believing, engaging, learning, and leading our chapter through the year. Join me at the October 19th meeting at Judy Sanchez’s home. We will focus on chapter projects in helping others within our communities. Bring a guest to our meeting as we focus on membership and inviting prospective new members in the fall and the initiation of new members at our December meeting. See you on the 19th. Lillie Beth

The regular September meeting was held on the twenty-first of September at the home of Lillie Beth Wilson. Judy Sanchez assisted Lillie Beth in serving as hostess for the evening. After enjoy a light meal, the meeting was called to order by President Lillie Beth Wilson at 6:00 pm. Five guests joined the regular members for the evening. The guests in attendance were: Stacy Frenchwood, Nancy Dobbs, Alex Valesquez, and Brenda Kilgard.

Carol TenBrook provided the energizer. Carol shared a very interesting book Masterpieces, which gives information about the gem collection at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published. Sandra McConnell, Treasurer presented the 2009-2010 budget and it was approved. Sandra also reported our current checking account balance to be \$1277.52 and our current savings account balance to be \$1028.34. The balances of those two accounts, along with a 6-month term certificate of \$1500.00, bring the total assets of the chapter to \$3805.86. Dues for this year are \$70.00 for active members and \$28.00 for reserve members. Members who have not yet paid their dues for the year are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Lillie Beth shared highlights from the state convention. Our chapter was acknowledged for its contributions. We received an Annie Award for Project Smile, our service project to compile hygiene kits for children in Guatemala. We also received an award for our monthly newsletter thanks to Miriam Watson's hard work and dedication. Former Theta Lambda member Maureen Hendrix was honored in the Celebration of Remembrance.

The October 19th meeting will be held at the home of Judy Sanchez. Hostesses will be Carol Ann Shipp and Jodi Knuppel. A sign-up sheet for hosting meetings was passed and members were given the opportunity to sign up for meeting responsibilities. The Houston Rockets tickets normally auctioned during our December meeting in order to raise funds for our chapter, will be auctioned during the October meeting to allow for members to have a greater choice of games dates. Our November meeting will be held on November 10th. This will be a special meeting as we will meet with Beta Omicron at Bayou Manor. Senator Florence Sharpiro will be the guest speaker.

Sister Jane sent an email to members asking members to review and confirm or correct their contact information for the 2009-2010 yearbook as to have accurate information for all members.

Members enjoyed learning about one another's collections during the program, "Kaleidoscope of Keepsakes" presented by Carol TenBrook. It was interesting to see what special items others collect and the stories associated with the treasures.

In closing, President Lillie Beth gave each member a bell to remind them of the theme for 2009-2010, "Believing, Engaging, Leading, and Learning". The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA COORDINATING COUNCIL

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Fall Luncheon

Honoring

Texas State Organization President

Dr. Vicki Davis

Saturday, October 24, 2009

The Briar Club, 2603 Timmons Lane, Houston, Texas 77027

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – To Honor Texas State Organization President and 25/50 Year Members

Cost: \$30.00

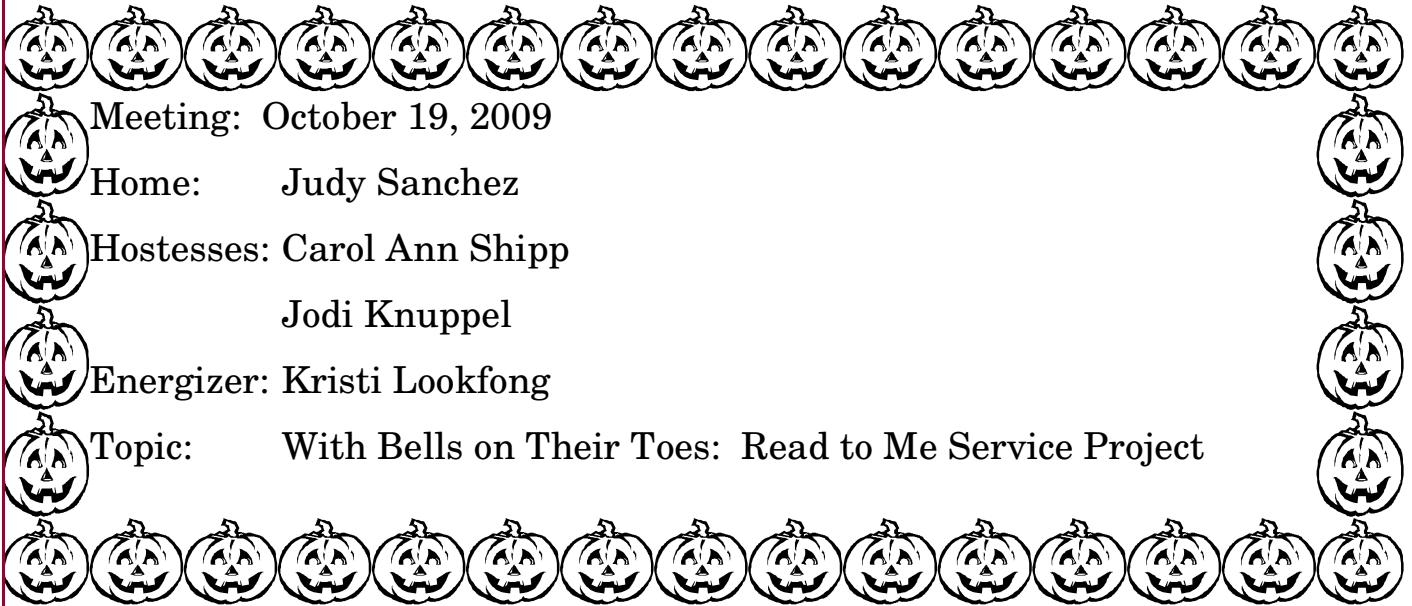
Valet Parking Included

MENU

Chicken Piccata with white wine and lemon caper sauce Or Sliced Marinated Flank Steak

With Salad, fresh vegetables, rolls, pecan ball, coffee and tea

Directions: IH 610 Loop at the Galleria, turn east on Westheimer. The Briar Club is at the corner of Westheimer and Timmons Lane.



Meeting: October 19, 2009

Home: Judy Sanchez

Hostesses: Carol Ann Shipp

Jodi Knuppel

Energizer: Kristi Lookfong

Topic: With Bells on Their Toes: Read to Me Service Project

Judy's Great Dessert

Pistachio Ice Cream Torte

45 ritz crackers
 1 stick of melted margarine
 2 small pkgs. pistachio instant pudding
 1 1/2 cups of milk
 1 quart of vanilla ice cream
 12 ounces of cool whip (optional - can be used as a frosting)
 3 frozen heath bars (broken into pieces)

Directions:

Crust: Crush crackers and mix in melted margarine. Pack into a 9x13 pan and bake at 350* for 10-15 minutes.

Filling:

Mix pudding, milk and ice cream and beat with electric mixer until all ingredients are blended. Pour this into the cooled crust.

Topping:

Sprinkle with the heath bars or first top with the cool whip and then the heath bars.

Freeze and thaw slightly before serving.

READ TO ME

Please bring new or slightly used books for our project Read to Me. These books will be used in the Early Literacy project at West Houston Hospital. Nursery, rhyming or picture books will be placed into kits to be given out through our project participation.

ROCKETS TICKETS will be auctioned off at our October meeting. These tickets (2) are in the Club section in the lower bowl. Choice of: Dec. 19, Jan. 31, Feb. 20, Mar. 13

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