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President's Letter for DKG Newsletter

Hello DKG Friends,

"Teaching is the most powerful force that changes our world one student at a time."
(*Debasish Mridha*) Whether you are currently teaching or are retired, we can all agree to the truth of this statement. The start of each school year is exciting in many ways. Therefore, we are glad to be back in school and getting ready for a productive year in Theta Epsilon, too.

With that being said, how will you be involved in DKG this year? The opportunities are boundless. Pick what you love, your strengths and help us continue to grow Theta Epsilon.

Our next meeting is Saturday, August 28, 10:30 at the Levelland ISD Board Room. We will recognize our Scholarship Recipient, Mikaela Baker from Smyer. We will have a Mexican Pile-on prepared by our members. Please bring your item ready to serve. We'll plug in crockpots,

etc., for items that need to stay warm. Our community service for the month is to donate to Bill's Backpacks and/or CHART. You may bring funds, cheese/peanut butter crackers or Pop Tarts for Bill's Backpacks. For CHART, please bring new or gently used books for their various programs.

In September we are going to the fair! Please join our chapter in entering one thing in the South Plains Fair this year—JUST FOR FUN. Entries can include such things as preserved foods, baked goods, antiques, or craft/sewing items. You can see all the possible entries on the Panhandle South Plains Fair website. (*Look under Competitions: Women's Building: Women's Exhibits.*) We think this will be a FUN chapter project! We must enter our items on Wednesday, September 22 or Thursday, September 23. A few members will make the entries for all, so please deliver your entry (smaller is better than larger just for management purposes ☺) for our volunteers to get all projects/items entered. If entering baked items, those must be entered on the morning of Thursday, September 24. You will also need some printed labels with your name and address to use when making the entries. Start making plans . . . After that, the program for our next meeting is: Deaf Education. This is scheduled

for Thursday, October 7, 2021, 5:30 pm. Whitney Wilson Meyer—she got married since she did our Alcohol Art program with her Mom, Jayellen—will present our program (Every October, our meetings will highlight a program in one of our counties' schools.)

We have not planned meetings beyond that. Do you have an idea? Please, PLEASE share your ideas and thoughts with us. It is much easier to put all ideas into place than dream up our own. Likewise, do you have any new member possibilities? Please send those to us. Just reply to this newsletter E-mail and we will get the information.

There is a lot for you to do listed in this newsletter. Please put these on your "to do list" and in your calendar.

Bring on the 2021-2022 school and DKG year!

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ASTE F Project Stipend

Theta Epsilon received a grant for just over \$1,900 for our Mental Health Matters grant from ASTEF! We received the second highest amount. Be thinking and watching for ideas of things we can do for teachers this year. We will also be looking for committee chairs for this project.

ASTE F was involved in many exciting events during the 2021 convention that included awarding Project Stipends, presenting an ASTEF breakout session, hosting the ASTEF Ticketed Event, the Online Auction, and providing the Kendra Scott Pop-Up Store.

Perhaps the most exciting part of ASTEF's involvement at the TSO Convention in Denton was awarding almost \$20,000 in Project Stipends. These stipends will have a major impact on Texas students and educators across the state.

Theta Epsilon Minutes:

President Donna Pugh called our DKG Chapter meeting to order at 10:30am on April 24th at the Levelland ISD Boardroom. The chapter minutes were included in the agenda and approved by the members. The treasurer's report was also included on the agenda and showed a balance of just over \$3,390.15.

Unfinished Business included: The Change for Africa contribution from our chapter was \$62.02. The Hobo Basket generated \$16. Notification that a grant was sent to ASTEF for a new project, "Mental Health Matters."

New Business included: Inside Out Foundation is our community service for the month; members presented them with Wal-Mart and United gift cards. Members were encouraged to submit dues, register for and attend the Founder's Day Luncheon on May 1, and to attend the State Meeting in Denton and/or provide gift cards for the Unifying Project. In other club announcements, Liz Brandt asked members for information in regard to a berm for school staff being trained to provide enhanced school safety. Deborah Payne serves on the state Leadership Training committee and because of her continued leadership in DKG will serve as the co-chair for the State Convention 2022 to be held in Lubbock.

Our next Chapter meeting will be the Founder's Day Luncheon on May 1 at the Lubbock Women's Club.

Lori Truelove, with the Inside Out Foundation, presented a program about the program and services they provide in achieving their mission of "restoring inner and outer beauty of clients through aesthetic products and healing outreach services."

The meeting was adjourned.

August Meeting notes:

Date and Time: Saturday, August 28, 2021

Place: Levelland ISD Board Room

Program Title: Scholarship Luncheon

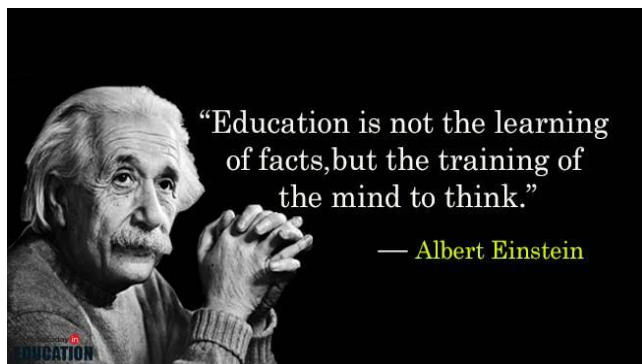
Community Service: Bill's Backpacks and Bring book for CHART



State Convention 2022 Lubbock, Texas!



Pictured is our Theta Epsilon member **Deborah Payne** and Nancy Doss, Zeta Xi, Midland. As convention chairs, they had a vendor booth to advertise the 2022 convention in Lubbock. Theta Epsilon members – be prepared to help her!!



Shalan Inmon, incoming TSO president, shown with Deborah Payne, Theta Epsilon member, and co-chair for 2022 State Convention.

Congratulations to Shalan Inmon, Alpha Sigma, **Area 12**, as she was installed as the 2021-2023 TSO President by Outgoing President Patti Belknap during the Presidents and Founders' Banquet of the 92nd TSO Convention in Denton on June 18, 2021. Inmon has served TSO as 2015-2017 Recording Secretary, 2017-2019 First Vice President, 2009-2011 Leadership Seminar Chair, 2007-2009 Area 12 Coordinator, and 2017 Lubbock Convention Chair.

JOURNEY

Which way will you go?

The theme of her biennium is Journey: Which way will you go? Goals include to Nurture: Develop relationship with current and new members; Serve: Give of your time to others; Educate: Promote the purposes and mission of DKG to others; and Wonder: Dream, Ask, Reflect.



Red Roses To:

Brenda Ewerz on the passing of her husband, John, on June 10, 2021. He had taught in the Levelland Schools for 20 years.

Kelly Kelley on the passing of her father, Robert Lemmon, on August 17, 2021. He had been an educator in Special Education for 23 years, the last being at California State University Fullerton.

Kay Daniel, as she is caring for her husband who has cancer.

Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
August 28, 2021	10:30 A.M.	Levelland ISD Board Room	Bill's Backpacks AND new Or gently Used Books for CHART	Scholar-Ship Recipient Luncheon (Watch for sign-up sheet for Mexican Pile-on)
Sept-ember 2021	TBA	South Plains Fair-grounds	N/A	South Plains Fair- Let's participate With entries from members (Preserved foods, baked goods, antiques, craft and sewing items)
Thurs. Oct 7, 2021	5:30 P.M.	Levelland ISD Board Room OR TBA	\$1 for Eula Lee Carter Scholarship	Deaf Education-Whitney Wilson



8-12 Joanna Runkles
 8-15 Christy Barnett
 8-20 Mary Warren
 9-1 Lori Satterwhite
 9-7 Sycily Ann Gregory

Service Projects:

International Service Project: Schools for Africa

Local Service Projects: Blessing Boxes

Inside Out Foundation

Bill's Backpacks

Books for CHART

Mental Health Matters

Area 12 Coordinator: Sonja Hanks

Area 12 Mentor: Patti Belknap

Donna Pugh	President
Joanna Runkles	First Vice President
Liz Brandt	Second Vice President
Kelly Kelley	Corresponding/Recording Secretary
Shannon Copeland	Treasurer
Ashley Davis	Webmaster
Jayellen Wilson	Newsletter Editor
Terry Reynolds	Immediate Past President and Parliamentarian