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Journey: Which way will you go?

We are ending another school year. Members approach this differently. For me, the beginning

and the end is not the same while working in central office administration as it was on the campus, but it is great for students and staff. For our retirees, it's another day—I guess. However you look at it, the end of another school year will soon be here.

Our next meeting is going to be April 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Levelland ISD Board Room. Celinda Rejino will share the "Women & Girls in Science" works at Levelland Middle School. Sonja Hanks, the Area 12 Coordinator, will also attend and would like to meet with the executive board at 10 a.m. Officers, please plan to arrive for the 10 a.m. portion of the meeting.

Community service for our April meeting is to contribute to the state convention unifying project. This is Shelby's Bridge which is a non-profit in Sudan that provides enriching life experiences for people disABILITIES (*That's how they write it at Shelby's Bridge and that's cool!*). Please contribute a gift card from any of these places: Hobby Lobby, JoAnn's, Michael's, MasterCard/Visa, United, Costco, Sam's,

Walmart, or Target. Thank you for always being so generous of your time, treasure and talent!

Volunteers are needed everywhere for the state meeting. Our chapter is responsible for the box lunch distribution on Thursday, June 16 and Saturday, June 18. We will need a good representation to handle this responsibility, but it will be for a short time each day. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We will have a sign-up sheet at our meeting.

On Saturday, April 23, DKG members from our area will meet at Raintree Church in Lubbock at 10 am to make plans for the September 10th Area Meeting. I am not going to be able to attend but need to send a representative. CAN ANYONE DO THIS?

Based on your recommendations at our last meeting, we have made an application to ASTEF for a mental health project—similar to last year—for school staff for next year. We are calling it "Taking Care of Teachers." ASTEF Grant winners will be announced at the state convention in Lubbock this summer.

Please be prepared to pay dues at our April meeting if not already paid. Dues are \$86 for active members and \$53 for reserve. These must be submitted before summer so we will get them collected before everyone begins their vacations. If you will miss the meeting, please get a check to another member.

The May meeting will be the Founder's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 7 at the Lubbock

Women's Club. We must RSVP prior to the event so we will do this at our meeting. Shalon Inman, our state president, will install our new slate of officers at this luncheon. We hope that you will be able to attend.

See you on the 30th,
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Area 12 Coordinator: Sonja Hanks
Area 12 Mentor: Patti Belknap

Service Projects:

International Service Project: Schools for Africa
Local Service Projects: Blessing Boxes, Books for CHART, Bill's Backpacks



When: Saturday, April 30, 2022
10:30 a.m.
Where: Levelland ISD Boardroom
Service Project: State Convention
Unifying Project-bring gift card



Donna Pugh, President, called our DKG Theta Epsilon Chapter meeting to order at 5:45pm at the Prairie Chick Winery and Milieu at 3924 Alaska Road in Levelland Tx. The chapter minutes and treasurer's report were included in the Meeting's Agenda and was approved by the members. There was no correspondence. In New Business, Deborah Payne gave an updated report on the upcoming State Conference that will be held in Lubbock in June. She reminded us of our chapter's responsibility in handing out the meal boxes at lunch and other jobs with which she needs our help. The convention is seeking vendors to promote and sell their products, deadline

is April 15, 2022. The Chapter has agreed to purchase an advertisement in the convention program. A collection was made from the members present for the Schools for Africa.

A new slate of Officers was presented to the membership for consideration and vote:
Ashley Davis, President and Webmaster
Joanna Runkles, First Vice President
Liz Brandt, Second Vice President
Kelly Kelley, Recording/Corresponding Secretary
Shannon Copeland, Treasurer
Jayellen Wilson, Newsletter
Terry Reynolds, Parliamentarian
The slate was accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm. Co-Owners, Diane Lane and her sister Carol Graf, welcomed our members to an evening of wine tasting, local history of the winery and dinner. Diane described her selection of grapes and the wines they are able to produce. She shared the family history of the land and vineyard. She served the first pairing with a rosemary bread and olive oils that are grown locally along with a dipping sauce. The Salad course came next. As Diane poured each wine, she would describe the grape and flavor. Dinner was a white bean chicken chili followed by Key Lime Pie for dessert. The members all enjoyed the meal and wine pairings, followed by shopping. Our next Chapter meeting will be Saturday April 30, 2022, at 10:30am in the Levelland Central Office Boardroom. The program will be presented by Celinda Rejino: Women and Girls in Science.



President Donna Pugh, Prairie Chick winery co-owners Diane Lane and Carol Graf, and incoming President Ashley Davis.



Members Jolene Sweeney and Maggie Husen enjoying the March meeting.



Member Deb McVay shopping for Texas-made products at Prairie Chick Winery.



The 93rd TSO State Convention will be held at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center on June 15-18.

Community service for our April meeting is to contribute to the **state convention unifying project, Shelby's Bridge** that employs people with disABILITIES and is located in Sudan, Texas.



Also enjoying the March Theta Epsilon meeting and meal at the Prairie Chick Winery are Terry Reynolds, Debra Burnett, Kelly Kelley, Deborah Payne, and Joanna Runkles.



Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
Saturday, April 30, 2022	10:30 a.m.	Levelland ISD Board Room	State Convention Service Project	Women & Girls in Science (Celinda Rejino will share information about this project. State Convention preparations will be made at this time, if needed.)
Saturday, May, 2022 TBD	TBA	Lubbock Women's Club	N/A	Founder's Luncheon-- Lubbock
Saturday, August 27, 2022	10:30 a.m.	Levelland ISD Board Room	Bill's Backpacks (\$ or food items)	Scholarship Recipient Lunch (Stuffed Baked Potato Bar to be served. Watch for sign up sheet.)
Saturday, September 10, 2022	TB	Lubbock	TBA	Area 12 Workshop

Thursday October 6, 2022	5 p.m.	South Plains College	\$1 for Eula Lee Carter Scholarship	Let's SEE the New SPC! (We will tour the new science department, garden, and outdoor classroom.)
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- 5-17 Sandra Parrish
- 6-4 Cherolyne Hendon
- 6-8 Jo Beth Walker
- 6-23 Nancy Joplin
- 6-27 Nancy Keeling
- 7-22 Maggie Husen

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Terry Reynolds	Immediate Past President and Parliamentarian