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Journey: Which way will you go?

The beginning of the school year always feels like starting a new chapter in a book. I think about all the new people I will meet, the relationships we will build, and the adventures that are awaiting us. As we embrace these new beginnings, I hope that you are reflecting, not only on the ones for this school year, but also on the new beginnings that are ahead of us in Theta Epsilon. My hope is that as we begin this journey together that we will all find new ways in which to lead, serve, and grow together as a chapter.

Our next meeting is the perfect time to reflect about how as a chapter we can support each other in ways that focus on our passions and strengths. This next meeting will be on Saturday,

August 27 at the Levelland ISD Board Room starting at 10:30 a.m. We will be recognizing our Scholarship Recipient, Samantha Francis. We will be having a Stuffed Baked Potato Bar prepared by our members. Please bring your item ready to serve. Our community service for the month is to donate to Bill's Backpacks in either the form of money or food items.

Our Area 12 workshop will be on September 10 at the Raintree Christian Church with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Each chapter has been asked to bring a gift basket auction item for ASTEF and we will be creating a Ms. Clean It Basket. At our August meeting, please bring cleaning supplies and items for our chapter's gift basket auction item. If you are attending the Area 12 meeting, you will need to park in the back on the south side of the building when you arrive.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting! We have a few challenging goals that our Executive Council has commissioned for our chapter. One of those goals includes growing our membership! I cannot wait to share these goals with you all on August 27th but want to

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encourage each and every one of you to begin thinking about at least three excellent women educators that you know who would make wonderful additions to our chapter. We are hoping to invite those members to our October meeting "Let's SEE the New SPC!"

There are a lot of opportunities to serve listed above and I hope that you will all find a way to contribute that suits you. I am very eager to serve, learn, and get to know everyone better over the next two years as your president. In closing, I am looking forward to seeing you all on August 27th!

Bring on the 2022-2023 school and DKG year!

Respectfully,
Ashley Davis

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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 August 27, 2022
10:30 a.m.

Where: Levelland ISD Boardroom

Program: Scholarship Luncheon

Community Service: Bill's Backpacks



Donna Pugh, President, called our DKG Chapter meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. in LISD Boardroom.

She introduced Sonja Hanks, our Area 12 Coordinator. Sonja had met earlier with the Executive Committee to discuss Chapter concerns: Strengths and Weaknesses. Donna invited the members to enjoy the refreshments provide by Debra McVay.

The program was 'Girls who Code'. Mrs. Rejino from the Levelland Middle School introduced two of her female Computer Coding students, Aubrey Sonnenburg and Zoey Zuniga. Mrs. Rejino was able to take 20 of her students to Texas Tech University to engage in various STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities: Catch the Engineering Bug, Digital Divas and TTU Raiders Who Code Camp. The students shared with our members some of the Stem Events they have been involved in and how these opportunities have impacted their lives. They will be involved in a competition on May 14, 2022.

Following the Program, Sonja shared information about the upcoming convention in Lubbock this June. She is continuing to look for volunteers for various jobs. She reminded us of the international convention to be held in New Orleans.

The chapter minutes and treasure's report were included in the meeting's Agenda and were approved by the members. There was no correspondence.

In unfinished business, a new ASTEF grant was submitted.

Members who are planning on attending the Founder's Day Luncheon need to pay Donna, \$18. It will be May 7, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at the Lubbock Women's Club on Broadway. Shannon is accepting yearly membership dues of \$86.

Bylaws were presented to the members for approval; they were recommended and passed by the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

State Convention is a wrap!



Members enjoyed serving lunch to State attendees. From left, Donna Pugh, Lori Satterwhite, Maggie Contreras, Liz Brandt, Jolene Sweeney, Jayellen Wilson, Nancy Keeling, Deb McVay, Terry Reynolds.



Members of Theta Epsilon will be providing a "Ms. Clean It" basket to be auctioned at the Area 12 Fall Workshop. Please bring a cleaning supply to the August 27th meeting, and it will be added to the basket.



Theta Epsilon Member Deborah Payne waiting to address the 2022 State Convention members along with one of her Cochairman, Nancy Doss of Midland. Newly elected Theta Epsilon president, Ashley Davis, was among those in attendance.



Theta Epsilon Members enjoyed the Founder's Day Luncheon held on May 7, 2022.



Assisting with lunch service at the State Convention is Theta Epsilon member Terry Reynolds.



Red Roses to:

Deborah Payne in the passing of her husband, George Payne. A beautiful celebration of his life was held on July 10, 2022. Our hearts and prayers are with Deborah and the boys.

Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
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.)
*New member nominations				
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 Scholars hip	Let's SEE the New SPC! (We will tour the new science department, garden, and outdoor classroom.)
Saturday December 2022	TBA	Lubbock Women's Club	Area 12	Christmas Brunch
Saturday January 21, 2023	10:30 a.m.	Capitol Elementary	Historical Society	John Hope "Celebrating Hockley County" Happy Birthday DKG!
Thursday, March 2, 2023	5:30 p.m.	SPC Cosmotogy	Change for Schools for Africa	Spa Night

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
Saturday April 22,2023	10:30 a.m.	Levelland Wallace Theater	Wallace Restoration	"What's Happening at the Wallace?" Induction of new members
Saturday May 2023	TBA	Lubbock Women's Club	N/A	Founder's Luncheon
Saturday August 26, 2023	10:30 a.m.	Capitol Elementary	Change for Schools for Africa	Suzy Polk: "Stories from South Africa"



8-12 Joanna Runkles
8-15 Christy Barnett
8-20 Mary Warren
9-1 Lori Satterwhite

Ashley Davis	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	Parliamentarian
Donna Pugh	Immediate Past President