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“The Holiday Season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek ways to make life better for those around us.”
(Terri Marshall)

At our October meeting, our program—*Living in a Hearing World*—was tremendous. Whitney Meyer presented information about the School for the Deaf and the challenges our students with unique needs face.

Yes, this is a quote that was retrieved from the internet but it is so practical and true that it is something any of our members might have said. It also seems appropriate during this Christmas season as we hustle and bustle to prepare for families AND the many kindnesses we will show to others. Good work, ladies!

Two tasks we need to complete include reviewing, updating, and approving our bylaws for this biennium and beginning to work with our nominations committee to select a slate of officers. The Constitution/Bylaws committee is chaired by Cathie McMahan and members include Brenda Ewerz, Deborah Payne and me. The Nominations Committee members are Terry Reynolds as chair along with Joanna Runkles and JoBeth Walker.

December 4th was the day for our DKG Christmas Celebration in Lubbock. Five of our members represented our chapter and Deborah Payne reported on plans for the TSO State Convention to be held in Lubbock this summer. We are proud of Deborah's leadership locally and on the area, state levels. State president, Shalan Inmon, challenged every chapter to recruit one new member and mentor them well. That seems very doable; what do you think?

Enjoy your holidays and the many blessings intertwined. And, of course, please stay safe & well!

Be Blessed,
DPugh

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The January meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Levelland ISD Board Room. We will celebrate the birthday of DKG and we will assemble our second ASTEF project for our local educators. This is a part of our *Mental*

Area 12 Coordinator: Sonja Hanks

Area 12 Mentor: Patti Belknap

Theta Epsilon Minutes:

President Donna Pugh called our DKG Chapter meeting to order at 5:30pm at the Levelland ISD Boardroom.

The chapter minutes were included in the Meeting's Agenda and approved by the members. The treasurer's report was also included on the agenda, and showed a balance of just over \$5,000, indicating our Chapter is in a healthy financial position. There was no correspondence.

In New Business, the members sorted and assembled the 1st ASTEF Mental Health Matters baskets for our local school campuses. Volunteers will deliver them to each school site on Friday morning. The baskets included freshly baked brownies and a selection of fresh fruits. Suggestions were made for the 2nd ASTEF treat bags. It was decided that products will be purchased, and the bags will be assembled at the Chapter meeting in January.

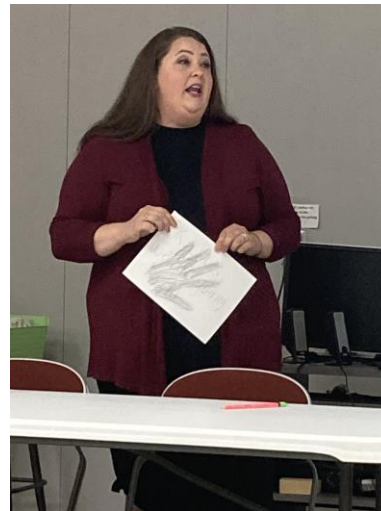
Deborah Payne gave a report on the upcoming State Conference that will be held in Lubbock this summer. More information should be available in the newsletter.

Donna shared our Chapter's successful South Plains Fair entries. We had several winners.

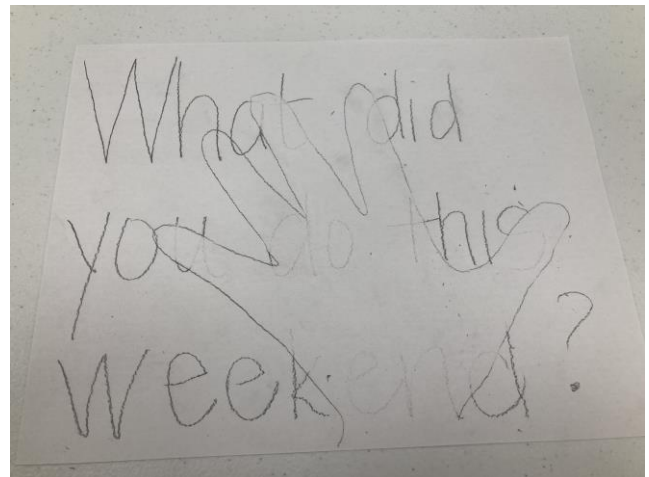
Our next Chapter meeting will be Saturday morning January 22, 2022, at 10:30am in the Levelland ISD Boardroom. We will Celebrate...Happy Birthday DKG!

The business portion of our meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Whitney Meyer, daughter of member Jayellen Wilson, gave a program on *Living in a Hearing World*. She shared her daughter Harper Wilson's story, the trials and challenges faced by the hearing impaired. She concluded the program with a paper and pencil activity that helped us all to understand the obstacles she has overcome.



Whitney Meyer presentation on *Living in a Hearing World*.



Members wrote a directive like one a teacher might tell her students, and then erased words, showing what a hearing-impaired child might hear.

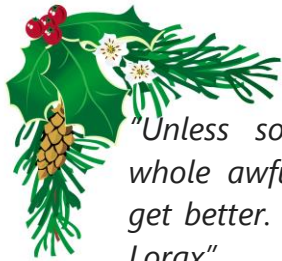


Theta Epsilon members show off their winnings from the South Plains Fair. From left, Donna Pugh, Liz Brandt, Terry Reynolds, guest Harper Wilson, Deborah Payne, Joanna Runkles, Jayellen Wilson, and Shannon Copeland.



January Meeting notes:

- Date and Time :** January 22, 2022
- Location:** Levelland ISD Boardroom
- Program Title:** Birthday Celebration
- Community Service:** Fill ASTEF bags



"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." -Dr. Seuss "The Lorax"

JOURNEY
Which way will you go?



The 93rd TSO State Convention will be held in Lubbock June 15-18. Deborah Payne, Theta Epsilon, Area 12 Lubbock Convention Chair has been working diligently with other members to ensure a memorable convention. Make plans to attend – and help!

MEMBERS ENJOY BRUNCH



Theta Epsilon members presented all school staff with baskets of treats to support our ASTEF project of "Mental Health Matters."

Service Projects:

International Service Project: Schools for Africa

Local Service Projects: Blessing Boxes

Books for CHART

Bill's Backpacks



Attending the Christmas Brunch hosted by Eta Rho members were Theta Epsilon members, from left, Deborah Payne, Terry Reynolds, Sandra Parrish, Liz Brandt, and front, Donna Pugh.



Sandra Parrish and Donna Pugh won 2 of 4 baskets drawings. This was a fundraiser for the host chapter, Eta Rho, toward grant in-aid scholarships. Congratulations!!



Red Roses To

Cathie McMahan earned her master's degree in History.

TSO Executive Treasurer Deborah Thomas is recovering from major heart surgery.

Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
Saturday, January 22, 2022 (NOTE: Please make plans to pay your \$86 dues in March.)	10:30 a.m.	Levelland ISD Board Room	2nd ASTEF "Mental Health Matters" project & ASTEF Donation from Members Collected	Pacing & Planning & Happy Birthday (We'll have birthday cake to celebrate.)
Thursday, March 3, 2022 (PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW!)	5:30 p.m.	Prairie Chick Winery, 3924 Alaska Road	Change for Schools for Africa	It's a SOCIAL! (We'll have a meal and some wine if you want. Each person is responsible for paying for own meal.)
Saturday, April 23, 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	TBA	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.)



- 12-13 Kay Franklin
- 12-15 Kelly Kelley
- 12-26 Ashley Davis
- 1-6 Liz Brand
- 1-16 Debra Burnett
- 1-31 Kay Daniel

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