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Journey: Which way will you go?

That is the theme that our state president, Shalan Inmon, has selected for this biennium of DKG.

It seems appropriate for any season of the year—personally and professionally.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DKG! We will begin our 2022 year by celebrating DKG's birthday. In addition, we will assemble bags for our Mental Health Matters ASTEF project. Please join us to complete this work and be prepared to acknowledge the work of our teachers. We will put these goodie bags together and prepare them for distribution. Kudos to Jayellen Wilson for researching items for us to include and for getting all items ready for assembly. Please join us on Saturday, January 22nd in the Levelland ISD Board Room at 10:30 a.m. At this meeting, we will also take a collection to make an ASTEF donation. ASTEF has certainly been generous to Theta Epsilon. Thanks in advance for your help with this contribution.

Our January meeting will also be our annual Membership Drive. You may certainly invite a prospective member to explore DKG. We will make a list and encourage some of our peers to join our

organization. As a minimum, please come with the name of a person to submit and visit with them beforehand to ascertain their level of interest.

The 93rd TSO State Convention will be held in Lubbock on June 15-18, 2022. Any member is encouraged to attend. Deborah Payne will work with our chapter on how we can contribute to the success of the Lubbock Convention.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR: March meeting is Thursday, March 3, 2022, 5:30 p.m. at the Prairie Chick Winery (3924 Alaska Rd). We'll enjoy a meal and some time to visit with members. Thanks to Terry Reynolds for making these arrangements for us. Please join us! It'll be fun!

We hope you all can join us on Saturday, January 22nd!

Bring on 2022!
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The following article is taken from "The DKG News", Jan/Feb 2022, Vol. 79, No. 1. It provides our members with "food for thought" as we look toward electing our leadership for the coming year.

Just Say YES to Stepping into Chapter Leadership

As your chapter selects its next slate of officers, what will YOU say when asked to serve on the leadership team for the next biennium? Answering YES may improve your negotiation and communication skills, give you greater self-confidence both in DKG and other life experiences, and enhance your understanding of the Society. If asked, consider it an honor that your chapter has bestowed on you and decide whether the time might be right for you to accept that honor. The members have confidence in your leadership skills and abilities to lead the chapter forward over the next 2 years. Consider their request, and accept the nomination if your life circumstances allow...just say YES!

All DKG members have leadership skills, and working with your chapter leadership team will surely enhance those skills. Remember, you will be a part of a team working together for the good of the chapter. Know that your members will support your efforts, and past leadership team members will be there to mentor you. If you are unsure what your responsibilities may involve, talk with current or past leadership team members. You will also find helpful information regarding the responsibilities of positions on the DKG website.

Go to www.dkg.org > Resources > Chapter Tools > [Chapter Leader Guidelines](#) to access helpful publications that explain the responsibilities of positions. Under the Chapter Tools tab is a *Chapter Leaders Calendar* so you can easily find important deadlines. The *President's Page*, a newsletter for chapter presidents, provides helpful information for all chapter leaders.

The responsibility for the well-being of the chapter rests with ALL of its members. What can YOU do?

- Be supportive of your new leaders by being open to new methods and ideas.
- Help leaders to grow and develop in their new roles.
- Be willing to serve on committees as requested by your leadership team.
- Support and thank leaders for their service to your chapter.

The DKG International Leadership Development Committee hopes that many women will step forward and accept a nomination to serve their chapter! By saying YES, you will not only help your chapter but be greatly enriched as well. Your members will enthusiastically support you!

Theta Epsilon members:

I am sharing the 93rd TSO Lubbock convention chair responsibilities with Nancy Doss, Midland, and Gloria Gonzales from Lubbock. The other members of our steering committee from Area 12 include: Sharon McDougale, Registrar; Gencie Houy, Publicity; Judy Evans, Treasurer; Sonja Hanks, Area Coordinator; Debbi Ball, Consultant (& TSO webmaster); and TSO President, Shalan Inmon.

Area 12 and Area 14 are the primary hosts. However, we have asked Area 11 to join us as table hostesses for the Birthday luncheon and President's banquet. The official convention registration form will be in our upcoming Lone Star News publication in February.

The past Lubbock convention was in 2014. I was reading Nancy Newton's (TSO president at the time) letter inviting members across the state to attend the 85th TSO convention in Lubbock.

"I still get excited when June rolls around! Come to Lubbock and learn with me. No longer am I the only one from my chapter; often there are ten or more of us in attendance. Each convention is different. Join me. Lubbock and Areas 12 and 14 are waiting for us. I can hardly wait to see you there. Convention should be a gift YOU give yourself."

Having the state convention next door is such an opportunity for all of you to learn more about the scope of DKG above the chapter level.

In planning this convention, we continue to learn more about what happens "behind the scenes." TSO is committed to a block of hotel rooms to receive incentives to help subsidize the basic rental of the Lubbock Memorial Center. So, even though you live here, consider this convention as a gift YOU give yourself, even if it is only one night!

*Deborah Payne, Theta Epsilon, Area 12
93rd TSO Lubbock Convention Chair*



Service Projects:

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

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!



We encourage you to be proud of your ASTEF membership! ASTEF is hard working and supportive of its members. Each of you is a member of The Alpha State Educational Foundation and as such, we thank you for the support you provide.

We cannot let this opportunity go by without “passing the hat” and asking for your donations. Your financial assistance is vital to help us support the mission of ASTEF and TSO. We appreciate every dollar we take in and we use it to the best of our abilities because we know YOU are investing in YOUR foundation. We couldn't do it without you! (www.astef.org)

Is the responsibility of inviting new members—growing new leaders—overwhelming? Are you wary of taking a leadership role? I encourage you to set a personal goal to **enrich** your chapter. YOU can lead small to lead large when you use the best in you to enhance the best in a budding educator and in a veteran educator. What “safer” place is there to do that than in your DKG chapter? Who can do this better than you?

<http://dkgsi.blogspot.com/2018/01/the-leadership-puzzle-and-you.html>

Area 12 Coordinator: Sonja Hanks
Area 12 Mentor: Patti Belknap



Levelland High School enjoys goodies from Theta Epsilon Chapter's ASTEF project "Mental Health Matters".

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 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	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.)



- 1-6 Liz Brandt
- 1-16 Debra Burnett
- 1-31 Kay Daniel
- 2-1 Jay Ellen Wilson
- 2-9 Vickie Harrison
- 2-25 Melissa Young
- 2-26 Jolene Sweeney

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