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Vision Statement: Leading Women Educators
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President's Letter for DKG Newsletter

Hello DKG Friends,

Throughout COVID, I have copied quotes that particularly speak to me. One is sent to my email daily and most are deleted, but today's (from Coach Mike Smith—former NFL coach [and I had to Google that]) is: ***Never a bad day, only bad moments.*** Boy do I agree! Every day is a gift and it is up to us to fill each one with as many productive and great endeavors as possible. Theta Epsilon is one of our gifts.

Yes, ma'am, it is time for another meeting of our Theta Epsilon friends. Please join us for our meeting at Levelland Middle School (LMS) (*not Mosaic Coffee as was listed on our schedule*) on Thursday, March 4th at 5:30 p.m. We have changed our meeting location because our program is the National History Day (NHD) projects from LMS. Our meeting night happens to be the same night as the students' NHD Showcase. Therefore, we will combine the two. (Thank you, Cathie McMahan, for sharing your students and their projects with our chapter.)

Next Thursday, we will have our business meeting

and then members will be free to peruse the displays and presentations of the students who have completed websites, posters, documentaries and more. **Plan to be impressed!** Masks will be required. Feel free to stay as long or as little as you want. Enter through main doors and we will meet in Room 200.

Members "burned" things up literally at our January meeting and birthday celebration! Jayellen Wilson and her daughter, Whitney, taught us how to create Alcohol Ink Art. Members enjoyed the activity immensely. See the photos included in the newsletter.

At our January meeting, we collected food items to place in the Blessing Boxes (our ASTEF project). We received 38 items. If you were unable to attend or contribute and you want to do so, please purchase nonperishable food items and deliver to one of the four Blessing Boxes in the county. Then just send an email or message to me to count your items in our grant project report. Our community service for March is Change for Africa. This is easy as we can clean out the change compartment in our wallets or car stash. ☺ Kelly Kelley is also bragging about her Hobo Basket. You better bring a dollar!

During our business meeting, we need to decide on an ASTEF project for the next year as that application deadline is quickly approaching. We are still looking for prospective members. Bring any ideas.

Just a heads up that at our April meeting, it will be time for dues again--\$86. Please be prepared to pay these as they must be submitted in the summer while

we are not meeting.

Can't wait to see LMS students shine,

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Area 12 Mentor: Connie Rensink

March Meeting notes:

Date and Time: Thursday, March 4
5:30 p.m.

Place: Levelland MS Room 200

Program Title: National History Day by
Cathie McMahan's MS kid's
projects

Community Service:
Change for Africa

Theta Epsilon Minutes:

President Donna Pugh called our DKG Chapter meeting to order at 10:30am 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 \$3500, indicating our Chapter is in a healthy financial position.



In new business, we celebrated our DKG birthday today! Birthday cake was provided and served by Deb McVay.

Members briefly reviewed some of the Founding members of our Chapter. One of our current members Jayellen Wilson indicated that her mom, Dorine Harbin was one of the founding members.

A big Thank You goes out to Cathie McMahan and Ann Gregory for shopping and stocking the local 'Blessing Boxes'. Our chapter applied for the ASTEF grant last spring and was awarded \$800.00 in funds to support this service project.

Donna reminded us to submit names for Membership Recruitment.

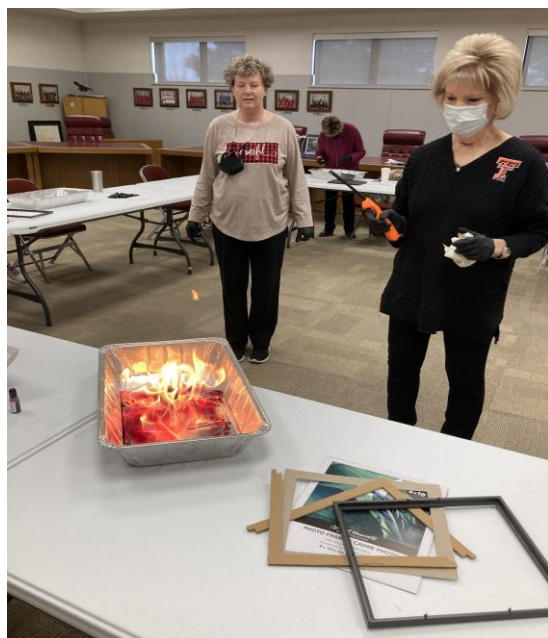
Our next Chapter meeting will be at Levelland Middle School Thursday March 4, 2021 at 5:30pm, room 200. This would be a good opportunity to invite a colleague to join us as we learn more about the National History Day and Mrs. McMahan's student's projects.

The business portion of our meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

The members were then invited to enjoy creating a Craft in the form of Ink Art. We enjoyed painting, dispersing the color with alcohol and then lighting it on FIRE! A big thank you to Jayellen and her daughter Whitney Wilson.



**Whitney Wilson demonstrating the procedure
to create ink art.**



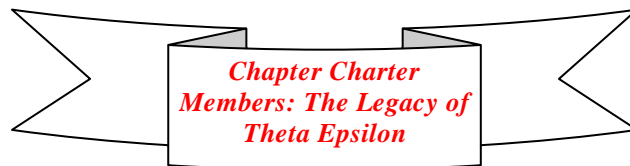
Kelly Kelley and Laurie Williams
burn their art on to glass.



Displaying finished artwork: Lori Satterwhite,
Deb McVay, Laurie Williams, Donna Pugh,
Kelly Kelley, Joanna Runkles, Jayellen Wilson,
and Deborah Payne



Read all about the upcoming State
Convention in the convention newsletter
[The Key, Volume 4](#)
[2021 Convention Website](#)



If you missed it in the Fall 2020 *Lone Star News*, a new book has been made available to DKG members, entitled "Our Heritage Volume IV" by Evelyn Barron. It sets into context and develops ten years of Society history — from 2008 until 2018. In her story, she states, "I can say that, despite many changes and challenges, the *core values of the Society are still applicable today and are exemplified in the members. A strong focus on leadership, scholarship and philanthropy defined this organization from its beginning. These emphases are part of our heritage as DKG members, and they are still motivating forces for Society programs and projects. While the activities, methods and terminology may be different today, the ideal of a strong professional organization for women educators, designed to support the work of educators and students, is just as relevant as it was in 1929.*

As an extension of this thought, below is a list of the Theta Epsilon charter members. If you, or someone you know, could submit any information about these women who are a part of our heritage, please send to ejwilson68@28star.net, and we will highlight some of these charter members in future newsletters.

Myra Beebe, Mildred Baker, Nina Birtciel, Hazel Blakely, Ruth Breed, Imogene Copeland, Ira Dee Cox, Cornelia Couch, Celestia Davis, Inez Grant, Dorine Harbin, Lonora Jackson, Julia Lanier, Elizabeth Leavin, Myrtle Lucke, Laska McChristial, Lula Mae Mooney, Ora Pearl Morrison, Polly Ann Parmer, Bernice Railsback, Mable Ann Sanders, Evelyn Seagler, Lois Selmar, Roger Mae Smith, Marie Stockard, Freda Tubb, Nina Rose Walker, Frances Watkins, Pauline Winningham, Inez Witte.



Red Roses To:

Kelly Kelley had her last Chemo treatment on Thursday, February 25 th!

Our sympathy is extended to Juanice Tyson in the passing of her mother.

Calendar

Date	Time	Location	Community Service	Program Title
March 4, 2021	5:30 P.M.	Levelland Middle School Room 200	Change for Schools for Africa	National History Day by Cathie McMahan's MS kid's NHD projects
April 24, 2021 *\$86 DUES due now	10:30 A.M.	Levelland ISD Board Room	Inside Out (Bring United or Walmart gift cards)	Inside Out Foundation
May 2021 TBD	TBA	Lubbock Women's Club	N/A	Founder's Luncheon --Lubbock
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

Check out these items on the web:www.dkgtxas.org

- Communicque
- Lone Star News
- Schools for Africa
- TSO Legislative updates

Theta Epsilon Chapter Website

<http://thetaepsilon.weebly.com/index.html>**Service Projects:**

International Service Project: Schools for Africa

Local Service Projects:

Blessing Boxes
Inside Out Foundation
Bill's Backpacks
Books for CHART



3-6 Susan Nicholas
3-17 Tracy Barker
3-25 Kristi McCrummen
3-26 Juanice Tyson
3-30 Donna Pugh
4-2 Laurie Williams
4-6 Shannon Copeland
4-6 Willa Dale Johnson
4-10 Judith Ward
4-20 Terry Reynolds
4-26 Brenda Ewerz

Donna Pugh	President
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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