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Bev's Buzz

Words prove to be a lifeline in our greatest times of need.

I remember my last years of teaching. I was dealing with the recent death of my mother, scary medical news for me following a random screening, and extended family dynamics creating riotous havoc in my heart. During that season it seemed as if I was bursting at the seams with stressful burdens I struggled to handle. After a time of wallowing in my own self-pity as my mother would label it, I did go to THE Source for my help where I knew I could find refuge. Reading God's Word helped me remember that He was my Shield and my Fortress and I could depend on Him for everything I needed. But I would have trouble remembering those words, those precious promises once I entered the day to day in my classroom. So, I devised a plot to have my words to comfort my heart but not break any public school laws either. I put the beginnings of scriptures in strategic places to remind myself of God's words to me. "Let the words" ...on my writer's workshop bulletin board from Psalms 19:14. Just those three words comforted me and reminded me of the rest of the scripture. Another favorite I placed under the clock, just the two words, "What time?" But I knew the rest of the comforting words, "What time I am afraid I will trust you, Lord."

I also remember turning to the words of others at that time: the words of appreciation received from a parent, a comforting note from a friend aware of my struggles, even encouraging words from an administrator on the dreaded evaluation! I never looked for the checks on those forms, I always looked

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first for the words handwritten at the bottom! Words mean a great deal to me, and I think probably most of us are a lot the same.

And then I think of what my mother would say about getting my eyes off myself and start to think about others. What words do I need to share to lift the spirit of one of my friends today? Who may be struggling and needs my words of encouragement? What words did I leave unsaid or unwritten to someone because I was too busy? I may really be off base on all of this and please forgive me if it seems as if I am pushing my own frustrations over on you. You might even think, "Come on, Beverly, quit writing to us and just get yourself a therapist!"

I guess I just think that everyone needs words like I do. I find comfort in God's words, the words of a friend and words from my family. I'm really going to try hard this year to "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart...", to take the time to share with others the encouraging words they may need at this time just like I did and do in my time of struggle and trials. Maybe you need this, maybe you don't. Maybe I just needed to write the words!



Theta Nu Book Club

We had so many things to talk about during our last chapter meeting that we didn't have time to discuss our first book club selection. So, there's still time to read it. *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes. It's available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Half-Price Books, and online through the Whitehouse Community Library and the Tyler Public Library.

Breaking News: December 7

We couldn't wait until 2023 to get the Theta Nu Book Club started. So, our inaugural discussion will be on Wednesday, December 7 from 4:30-5:30 on ZOOM. **Even if you haven't** read *The Giver of Stars*, please join us. Not only will we talk about the book for a little while, but we will discuss the future of our Book Club. Our hope is to invite members from all Area I chapters to join us for meeting #2. CindyL is the chair of this new Theta Nu initiative.



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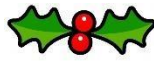
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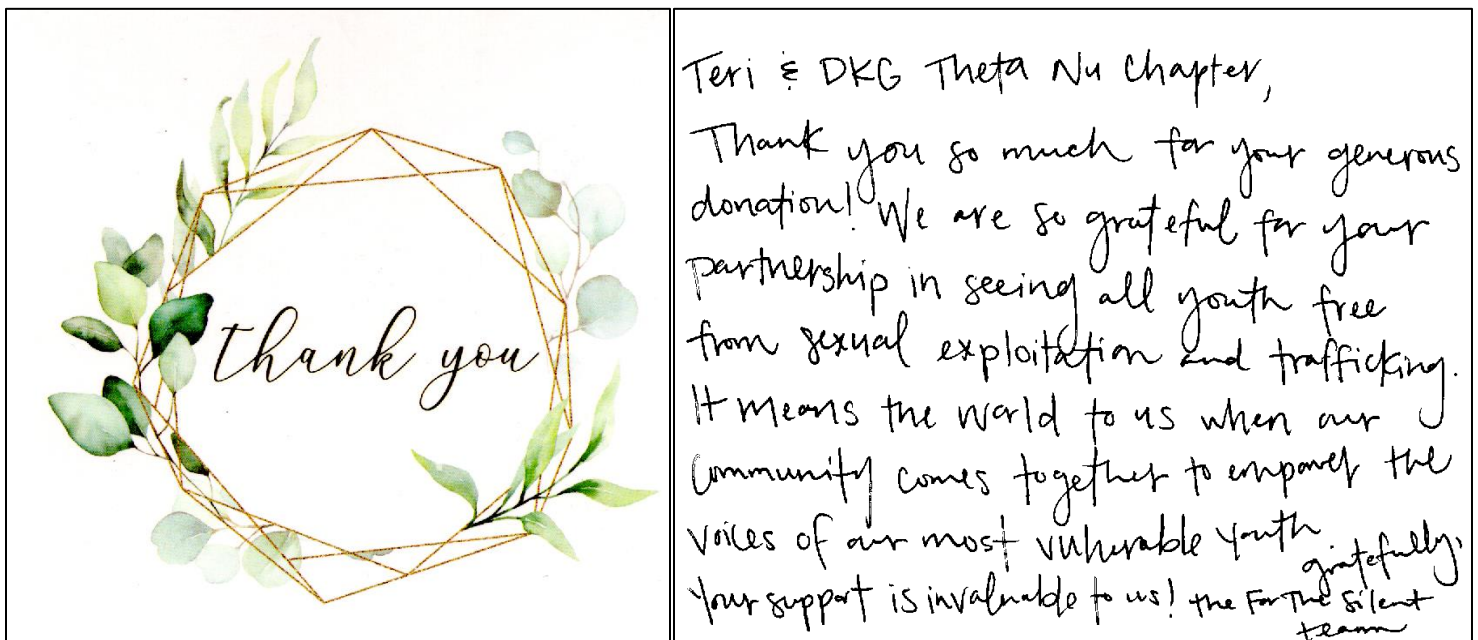
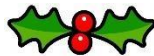
Action Item: *Getting Ready for March*

We are ready for step 2 in the preparation for our March Meeting at which we will focus on prepared an emergency information file. Don't worry you will not be sharing any personal information with anyone; this activity is for your eyes only. 😊

In December, you are asked to make copies of birth and death certificates, marriage license(s), and divorce papers of your immediate family, including the kids. While not necessary, it might be helpful to have copies of your parents' death certificates.

To refresh your memory and to nag you if you didn't get it done in November, you were asked to make copies of these items for everyone who lives in your house. It would also be a good idea for your kids in college or who have recently moved out on their own.

- Driver's license
- Credit cards [front and back], so that you'll have the phone numbers to call in case of loss or theft
- Social Security card
- Health insurance cards
- Other ID cards from work, school, organizations or associations, including a copy of your DKG membership card.

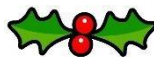


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Teri G's Top 10 (Not in Ranked Order)

1. I hate driving and will avoid it whenever possible. (I love road trips so I don't mind being a passenger, just not the driver. I use to be a great navigator in the days before GPS.)
2. Keeping my granddaughter every day is basically the only reason I get up and dressed in the mornings. Otherwise, I would probably stay in my pajamas and watch HGTV all day.
3. My favorite thing to do is to travel with my family. I took a two-week land and sea trip to Alaska with my sister and brother-in-law in May and am looking forward to going on a Disney cruise with my kids/grandkids in December.
4. I loved being a school librarian and miss it sometimes, but I have not regretted taking early retirement to be a "professional Grammy."
5. My hobbies are reading, sewing, and crafting. Although I haven't had much time for the last two lately.
6. I love music. I performed with a gospel group when I was in high school and with a barbershop quartet and chorus while I was in college.
7. I love Mountain Dew. I used to go through a six pack a day when I was in college. (Unfortunately, now that I'm approaching the senior citizen stage of life, I'm stuck with diet Mountain Dew.)
8. My favorite food is cheese pizza. I could eat it every day, but usually end up with a PB&J sandwich because is quicker and easier to make. LOL
9. I really miss going out to eat and shopping with my friends. It just doesn't happen anymore after the pandemic.
10. Prayer and my faith is what keeps me going through each day.
Never have I ever: Been skiing (water or snow) and don't want to because I am too chicken.
Eaten lobster, crab, or escargot. (No apologies they just don't appeal to me.)
Made my own travel arrangements. (I have just gone along with a group.)



Action Items: Summary for the Month

As an active member of Theta Nu, this is what you can do to support our chapter in November.

- Save the date for the first book club meeting. Wednesday, December 7, 4:30-5:30, Zoom.
- Continue working on your Grab and Go file.
- Try Zentangle.
- Forward a copy of this newsletter to a friend
- Join and read Theta Nu's Facebook page at least once a week.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/453559393293006>
- Contact SharonG if you need more "I Need a Home" hearts.
- Send birthday wishes to Linda K who is having a birthday in December.
- Don't forget your Secret Sister!

	December 28 – Linda K	January 3 – Cathi Patterson 21 – Sue Sides
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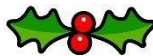
Zentangle Re-Cap

In case you missed the November meeting, Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. At the most basic level, you can do it anywhere with just two things: a black pen and a piece of paper on which you can draw a 3.5" inch square. It is "unplanned" art; you don't need to know what the finished product will look like; you just follow the steps. No two finished projects will look alike even if you follow the same steps! There are no mistakes to be made, and you don't ever use an eraser!

I encourage to take an hour and follow along with the first introductory video. For the first experience, just grab a pencil (with no eraser), a black pen, and a piece of paper. That's all you need. The world of Zentangle will open to you and watch and "do" the video from the first link below. There are so many videos on YouTube and the original website: <http://zentangle.com>. If you want more really great resources, email SharonG.

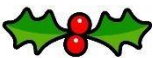
Here are the links to the DKGTexas STAR retreat videos:

- **** STAR Zoom: Introduction to Zentangle
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gNbPqzmvCqd26JkLXSfvAKxZwKWIB5I/view>
- Zen Gems with Shirl Hawes. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1460rQN3Yh6fcF_o3RrZDgfMzlpTNjesJ/view
- Zentangle Buttons with Shirl Hawes. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tLKomQywWwrZ31WYITMXQKj-ZIFxDF0L/view>
- Eggs Zentangle with Brenda Pearson. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-tmXKOBxRR7joxQWLmxRAZV4nqK4S59q/view>



Web Watchers *(Not Your Usual Christmas Songs)*

- Angels We Have Heard on High. <https://youtu.be/n543eKldbUI>
- 12 Days of Christmas with the U.S. Navy Band. <https://youtu.be/QOjrl8icSWg>
- Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies. https://youtu.be/jt3oAyK_IG8



Don't Be Left Behind: *Accessing ebooks from a Public Library*

Accessing ebooks through Amazon, usually results in spending money. ;-) But there is free way to get a book to read from your comfy chair even at midnight. All you need is a public library card! If you live in Whitehouse or Tyler, a short visit to the library will be just what you need. The Tyler Library card only needs to be renewed every 3 years. BTW, be sure to take proof of residence when you register to get your card. (Residence proof? Driver's license and a water bill, rent receipt, bank statement, etc.)

There is one source for ebooks from the Whitehouse Library (WCL) and two from the Tyler Library (TPL). Both have the "Libby" app, and TPL has the ecloudLibrary. Once you have registered with the library and have an account number, you can follow the instructions below:

Computer Access: Overdrive/Libby (<https://netldc.overdrive.com>)

To access eBooks and eAudiobooks on your computer, click on the link above. A new page will open for the Northeast Texas Digital Consortium. Click on "Sign In" at the top of the page.

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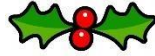
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Whitehouse Library: To log in, choose Whitehouse Community Library and add three zeroes in front of your library card number. Username (000 + your five digit library card number)

Tyler Library: To log in, choose Tyler Public Library and your library card number.

iPad/iPhone: Overdrive/Libby

Download the Libby app from your app store. Use the same information above to log into your account.



Christmas Is

Christmas is laughter and music,
Cookies and candy,
Tinsel and ornaments,
Shopping and family.

Evergreens twinkling,
Houses aglow,
Children with wish lists,
New fallen snow.



But what if no angels/
No shepherds? No Mary?
What if no Jesus?
The thought of it scares me.

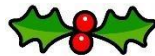
So, among all the parties,
The gifts and good wishes.
Make room for Jesus.
For Jesus is Christmas.

by Cindy Loughmiller



January Chapter Meeting

The weather is so unpredictable in January the Executive Board selected a meeting program that would work well if it were virtual. Be prepared for Theta Nu's version of An Antique Roadshow. Start thinking about your favorite heirloom, either family or a recent antiquing find. We will meet on Thursday, January 5 at 4:30p. A few days before the meeting, you'll receive a Zoom link via both email and text.



DKG Art Gallery

Explore the Fall 2022 Gallery and enjoy the work of your sisters. So much talent. Consider submitting your creative expressions. [Gallery.dkg.org](https://www.gallery.dkg.org)



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