



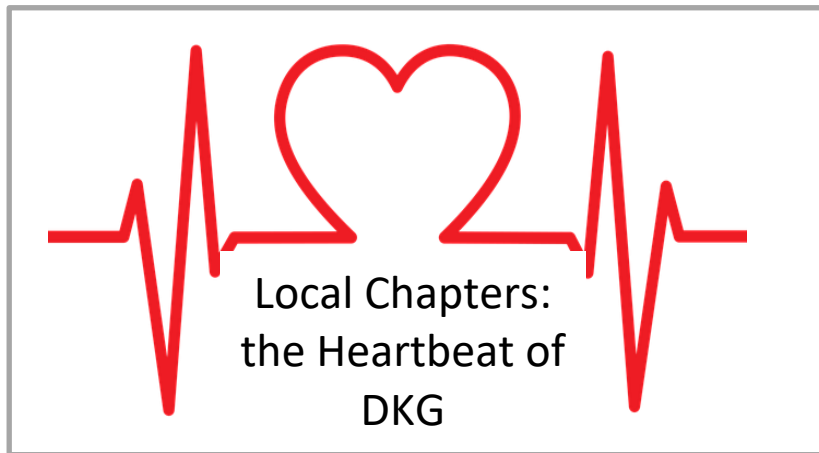
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# Theta Nu News

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## *Bev's Buzz*

Hello Ladies!

I'm sitting early this morning racking my brain for something to say to encourage us all and coming up short as usual. Finally, I asked the Lord for a little inspiration and He reminded me of a short phrase I heard one time...quietly go on.

I like that phrase; I don't always do it but I sure do like that phrase. So many of our members are in radically different circumstances; some are still teaching day after day struggling to make connections with students who don't seem to respond while caring for their own children at home, many are sandwiched between caring for aging parents and continually helping grown yet still maturing children, and still others struggling with health issues, financial burdens or just the painful knowledge that we are not able to do what we could always do before.

Just quietly go on.

If you wouldn't mind too much, I'd like to share an excerpt from one of my stories I'm writing with Storyworth.com.

Women who pray inspire me.

I'm so proud of women who work hard, devoting themselves to serving their families and others. I'm proud of women who succeed against all odds being consistently diligent to fulfill lifelong dreams.

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But I'm most inspired by women who quietly go on, praying continually for their unsaved loved ones or the special needs of others until the answer comes. They don't give up when the answer they request from God does not come quickly, they are patient and forge on through with their efforts in prayer. I'm inspired by women who honestly share their lives of everyday trials and struggles and also their profound faith in a loving, merciful Heavenly Father.

So, even though we are all struggling at times, let's all quietly go on this February, sharing our love every way we know how to all those we love and cherish in our lives. And I do love and cherish this inspiring group of women educators. I've learned so much from all of you.

## *Theta Nu's "1 and Done" Project*

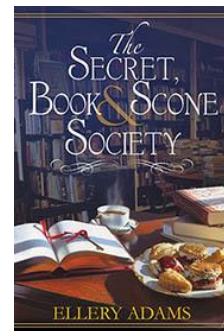
Our monthly small chapter project has a new name. It's "1 and Done" Because you do it once and your done! Last month we collected 3 large bags of dogfood and 8 pouches of moist food. In February, in addition to our normal cereal and money contributions to the Whitehouse Food Bank, we will also provide cans of soup. Bring your soup too the net meeting on February 2 or drop soup off on the front porch of CindyS (Whitehouse) or NancyB (Tyler) by Friday, February 4.

The March "1 and Done" is canned or dried cat food for Pets fur People. More details net month.



## *Theta Nu Book Club*

February's selection is *The Secret, Book and Scone Society* by Ellery Adams. "From New York Times bestselling author Ellery Adams comes the first in an intriguing series set within a quirky small-town club where the key to happiness, friendship—or solving a murder—can all be found within the pages of the right book . . . Miracle Springs, North Carolina, is a place of healing. Strangers flock here hoping the natural hot springs, five-star cuisine, and renowned spa can cure their ills. If none of that works, they often find their way to Miracle Books, where, over a fresh-baked "comfort" scone from the Gingerbread House bakery, they exchange their stories with owner Nora Pennington in return for a carefully chosen book. That's Nora's special talent—prescribing the perfect novel to ease a person's deepest pain and lighten their heaviest burden."



Available through Amazon or download from the Tyler or Whitehouse electronic library.

Tyler Public Library. Libby app or Cloud Library app. <https://bit.ly/3D4qr0M>

Whitehouse Community Library. Libby app. <https://netldc.overdrive.com/>



## *DKG's New Website*

The new DKG International website is available. <http://dkg.org> From the front page, you can access a lot of general information about DKG and its programs and services. If you scroll down to the bottom of the page, and click on "Member Sign In" you'll be able to find a lot more content. To access this content, you will have to create a login. It's so simple. The only hard thing might be knowing your membership number. TerryG can communicate that number with an email. [msg16@yahoo.com](mailto:msg16@yahoo.com)

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## *Is There Something We Can Do?* ~ Cindy Loughmiller

One of the many pleasures of being a part of the Theta Nu Chapter of DKG, is the pleasure of reading and discussing books with each other. So far, we have only read two (well, three—counting the current selection), but everything that starts has to start somewhere. So, we did.

The book we just finished reading, Sharon Cameron's The Light in Hidden Places is the true story of how Stefania Podgorska's heroic actions during the German occupation of Poland saved the lives of thirteen Jews. Several times while I was reading, I thought, "This is it. She's never going to be able to bring these people through this circumstance." Yet, somehow, she perseveres.

During our discussion, we mentioned other books we had read or places we had visited such as Dachau, Auschwitz, and Holocaust Museums. We mentioned quotes from the book, such as when Stefania says, "Someone else should be doing this job. Making these decisions. But there was no else. There was only me." Another member recalled the quote that is penned on the wall of the Dallas Holocaust Museum: The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world is that good men do nothing.

As we reflected on the plight of the Jews in World War II, one member said that this book brought to mind the current suffering of the people of Ukraine. Couldn't we do something to help them during this time? At the time, we all agreed but no ideas percolated to the surface. But...

This week, we learned through a KLVV post, that Tyler has a sister city in Poland and that the Tyler Sister Cities Organization is raising funds for its second wave of humanitarian relief. According to the post, our sister city in Poland, Jelenia Gora, has become the new home of 4,500 Ukrainian refugees and has used funds from Tyler to operate a resource center that distributes fresh food and shelf-stable products.

So, in answer to the title of the article - Yes, there is something we can do. From the comfort of our homes, within the safety of our Republic, we can (to quote the old AT&T commercial), "Reach out and touch somebody's hand. Make this world a better place if you can."

For more information you can find the website <http://tylersistercities.org> and make a secure donation from their webpage.



### *Web Watchers*

25 Words Every Scrabble Pro Must Memorize. <https://bit.ly/3kwVE6x>

Extreme Points of the United States. <https://bit.ly/3PjmRon>



**February**  
27 – MeganS

**March**  
30 – MeriamE

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## *February Chapter Meeting: Book Bingo Time*

Remember pre-COVID when we had a joint chapter meeting to raise funds for chapter projects? Well, it's back! Not COVID, but the fun fund raiser. Zeta Gamma is our host at Bruno's in Flint on Thursday, February 2 at 5:00. We will have supper and then play our favorite game. Cards are \$1.00 each, and you can buy as many as you want. Also be sure to bring several used children's and adult books so we will have enough books for all the winners. We'll have a lot of

What could be better? Decluttering your bookshelf, supper, lots of laughter and shouts of Bingo!, fun, and winning. Plus, you'll take home something different to read. It's a win win, and win!



### *Sharon G's Top 10* (Not in Ranked Order)

- I don't know how to plan the quantities for a whole meal for more than 8 people.
- Surprise! I tend to be more of an introvert than an extrovert unless I'm really comfortable with the person/group I'm with.
- I never learned how to use phonics to sound out words. (It wasn't taught in Texas public schools in the '50's.)
- I co-founded #txlchat, a weekly Twitter chat for school librarians that was recognized by the American Association of School Librarians for providing professional support for librarians across the state and country.
- I've worn glasses or contacts since the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (1953)
- I love to binge watch Netflix series.
- I would rather learn something new by trial and error than by reading the directions.
- I learned to ride a bicycle with no training wheels.
- I'm a notorious night owl.
- I've been married 57 years to the same man!
- Ray and I both are only children.

#### **Sharon's Never Have I Ever**

- Read the Harry Potter series.
- Been to a music concert in a stadium, but I've attended Billy Graham crusades in stadiums.
- Been skydiving.



## *Action Items: Summary for the Month*

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

- Attend the joint chapter meeting on February 2 at Bruno's.
- Save the date for the Theta Nu's Book Club meeting. Thursday, February 9, 4:30-5:30, La Hacienda in Whitehouse.
- 1&Done Project for February. Contribute cans of soup for the Whitehouse Food Banks.
- Send a valentine to your secret sister
- Join and read Theta Nu's Facebook page at least once a week.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/453559393293006>
- Email SharonG if you need more "I Need a Home" hearts.
- Send birthday wishes to Megan S who is having birthdays in February

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