



Theta Nu News

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Leading women educators impacting education worldwide

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SAVE THE DATE!

Theta Nu
Soaring to New Heights

Tuesday, September 5, 2023
4:30 pm
CindyL's

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Bev's Buzz

Hello Everyone!

I'm sure ready to see everyone again! I look forward to our special time of fellowship around CindyL's long table. We've got lots to talk about even after we spend our fair share of good quality time with each other just catching up.

I've been venturing out lately, exploring different podcasts with new information I'm researching and one of the questions for personal reflection presented was, "What is your Why?" What are your reasons for wanting this 'thing'? Of course, after I summarized that particular 'why' I moved on to DKG and our meetings with Theta Nu.

What is my Why?
Why do I stay in DKG year after year after year?
What's in it for me?



BeverlyK

I'm still learning.
Yes, I'm learning and I'm not talking just about programs, as impressive as they always are.
I'm still learning from you; each of you. It seems to me as if I learn something new, something important at every meeting and every encounter with each member. I'm learning.

So there, that is my 'Why?'. What is your Why? What is the difference DKG is making for you?



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New Biennium Theme

Bonnie Moore, new Texas State Organization (TSO) president, announced the logo, theme and goals that will guide her term. The Theta Nu Executive Board has developed chapter programs for the year that will coordinate with the Soaring to New Heights theme. And each month there will be a special graphic in this newsletter and repeated on the Theta Nu website (<https://thetanutx.weebly.com>) that focuses on a specific goal.



Goals:

- Seek new members and new opportunities
- Open your heart, mind, and attitude
- Act to serve and share
- Reach to renew, respond, and relate



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TSO Goal 2023-2035: **Seek new members and new opportunities.**

It does not take a telescope or a crystal ball to find new chapter members. Did you know any woman who has been paid to teach is membership eligible? Has someone new-to-town moved into your neighborhood or joined your Sunday school class? Ask them to go to a DKG meeting with you. Literacy coaches, instructional aides, after-school tutors, gym instructors, day care teachers, water safety instructors, corporate trainers, and museum guides are welcome. The more occupationally diversified our chapters are the more opportunities for us to learn something new. Our membership can SOAR to new heights.

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Member Participation a ***Must*** at the September Meeting

Remember how we loved the “hacks” we shared a couple of years ago? Well, they are back! Be prepared to share a favorite hack or two that saves time, money, or frustration. It’s a “Why Haven’t I Thought of That” event! Also, SharonG will provide purses for us to stuff with items for women at the Tyler Crisis Center. These are small purses so the items cannot be large-size. You don’t have to “stuff” a purse, just contribute a few items. We’ll do the rest with our matching funds donated last May. Actually, we have plenty of toothbrushes. Remember, Dollar Tree is a good source for everything!

- ___ Toothbrush/Toothpaste/Floss
- ___ Facial Wet Wipes
- ___ Shampoo/Conditioner
- ___ Comb
- ___ Tampons/Liners (for women)
- ___ Chapstick
- ___ Sunscreen/Lotion



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Theta Nu's Beginning Teacher Award

Theta Nu raised awareness of the Society by presenting for the first time a beginning teacher award to a certified teacher who is entering his first year of teaching in Whitehouse.

There is no typo! Our winner is male! The Executive Committee decided the qualifications for the award would be male or female, certified classroom teacher or media specialist, PK-12, and beginning their first teaching year. The names of the entrants were collected by the WISD administration, and the name was drawn prior to the Convocation. Before all the staff at the Whitehouse ISD Convocation, MeganS and LaurieR represented Theta Nu and presented the award to Landon Odom who teaches history at Whitehouse Junior High.



MeganS, LaurieR, LanceO, Whitehouse Convocation, August 2023.

An Extra One and Done for Our Beginning Teacher

We want Landon Odom, “our newbie teacher,” to feel our support throughout his entire first year. So, TeriG has prepared some surprises for our Theta Nu New Teacher Awardee, but we need a little help from you. Teri has made some kits that include the bag, a bag tie, and a teacher-related inspirational quote. All you have to do is to volunteer to put a little something in the bag. It might be a couple of small packages of crackers or cookies, a Starbucks gift card, a bag of M&M’s, or a few dry erase markers. It’s your choice. Nothing expensive. It’s the thought and the surprise that counts! We only need 8 volunteers, and you’ll be given a chance to do that at our September meeting.

BTW. One of the DKG International Projects is Early Educators. So, with the \$150 award to Landon and our follow-up throughout the year, we will meet the goal in a positive, doable way.



One and Done Projects 2023-2024

In addition to the traditional food donations to the Whitehouse Food Bank, Theta Nu has found other ways to be charitable with “1andDone Projects.” These are one-time donations and volunteer hours for local and international non-profit agencies. Below is the list for 2023-2024, but you’ll find specific details in each newsletter. For example, in September, we will provide women’s hygiene items for the East Texas Crisis Center and will stuff purses donated by SharonG. A list of suggested items for September can be found on page 2.

- September - Project Pocketbook:** Women's hygiene Items for East Texas Crisis Center
- October - Socktober:** Adult dark-colored socks for the Tyler Street Ministries
- November - Vision Work:** Recycled eyeglass frames for Lion's Club International
- December - A Joyful Noise:** Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Donation to World Vision International
- January – Show Love with Gloves:** Adult insulated gloves for the Tyler Street Ministries
- February – Soup-er Warm:** Cans of soup for the Whitehouse Food Bank
- March - Helping Hands:** Volunteer Day for East Texas Food Bank
- April – Transforming Lives:** Donation to Schools for Africa
- May – Tees for Triumph:** New men's t-shirts for Highway 80's Triumph Village. (Size L-XXL)
- June – Pet Project:** Pet Food or old towels for SPCA

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Roadtrip Anyone? – Saturday, June 22, 2024

Next summer DKG Texas will not hold an annual convention. Instead, a Regional Area Workshop will be held in Greenville on Saturday, June 22. Areas 1, 9 (Dallas), and 17 (Texarkana) will meet for one jam-packed day of celebration and education. All the other areas will have similar meetings with the same agenda. It is anticipated that more members will be able to participate in these regional meetings because they will be closer to home and cheaper to attend. More details will be shared in future editions of LoneStar News.



Sisters Across Borders: Did You Know?

Did you know that the primary purpose of the TSO Global Awareness Committee is to promote the global projects, initiatives, and goals of DKG International. These include Schools for Africa, World Fellowship, the United Nations involvement, and the Conference for Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN). The Global Awareness Committee also strives to provide members with activities, programs,



CindyS

and projects that advance global awareness both in the chapter and in the classroom. As a new member of this state committee, I have been charged with the task of raising awareness about this committee and its work within our chapter. Thus, the purpose of this Sisters Across Borders article. In each newsletter we'll explore more about this committee's purpose, our world, and how it relates to us right here in East Texas as women, educators and DKG members. Contributed by CindyS, TSO Global Awareness Committee.



It's Not Set in Stone: Theta Nu Calendar 2023-24

Below is the tentative calendar for chapter meetings for 2023-2024. Although some things have not been finalized yet, here's a glimpse of what the Executive Board brainstormed at its last meeting. Even after the meeting schedule is firmly set, adjustments made be necessary depending on communicable diseases and unexpected weather. A more detailed and set in stone meeting calendar will be provided at the September meeting.

Tentative Meeting Calendar 2023-2024			
Tues., Sept 5	Life Hacks	CindyL's	Date change (1 st Tuesday)
Thurs, Oct. 5	Picnic in Parking Lot	Cain Elementary	Time change – 5:00
Thurs, Nov 2	Bunco for Books	St Mary Magdelaine's	Time change – 5:30
Thurs, Dec. 7	A Homey Christmas	CindyS's	Time change – 5:00
Thurs, Jan 11	Story Worth & Book Club	La Hacienda	Date change – (2 nd Thursday)
Thurs, Feb. 8	University Model of K-12 Education	Google Meet	
Thurs, Mar. 7	Emergency Files	LindaT's	
Thurs, Apr 4	Joint Chapter Dinner	Roma Italian Grill	Time change – 5:30
Thurs, May 2	AI & ChatGPT	SharonG's	
Thurs, June 6	Salads & Sisters	BeverlyK's	Time change – 11:30

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May 2023 Regular Chapter Meeting

The May Meeting on the Theta Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was held at the Christian Women' Job Corps Center in Tyler on Thursday, May 4 at 4:30pm. Nine members and three guests from the CWJC were present.

Lesley Jones, Executive Director, Dawn Jones, Program Manager, and Pauletta Bonner, CWJC Board Chair, made a presentation about the mission of the program and an overview of its daily operation. Christian Women's Job Corps is 100% community-funded through generous donors, churches, and grants. Thanks to the donors, women gain job skills, confidence, and hope for their futures through Jesus. Members were then given a tour of the building and learned how it was specifically designed to meet the needs of the women/students.

Following meeting adjournment at 6:00pm, the members who could gathered at the Corner Bakery for supper.

Submitted by SharonG



Things Your Mother Should Have Told You

These things fall into the category of "I've Never Heard That!" and are excerpted from a Facebook post from Heavenly Recipes. <https://www.facebook.com/96recipe> BTW the recipes indeed look heavenly.

1. Take your bananas apart when you get home from the store. If you leave them connected at the stem, they ripen faster.
3. Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating. Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.
7. Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.
11. When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size. You get to frost more cake/cupcakes with the same amount. You also eat less sugar and calories per serving.
22. Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like when you tried it in your hair.

**life
hacks**

Want your kids to eat more vegetables?
Let them roll some dice to decide how
many more bites they have to take before
they're excused from dinner.

06
tuesday
JUNE

**life
hacks**

Did you know flies HATE pine-sol? Before
hanging outside this summer, mix some
in a spray bottle and use it to wipe down
your patio, chairs, table, etc..

07
wednesday
JUNE

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Birthdays



August
3 – Evelyn Bochow
5 – Laurie Rozell

September
3 – Terri Allen
8 – Karlyene Hall
21 – Cindy Swinney
25 – Cindy Loughmiller

In Case You Missed It

A few weeks ago, the Teacher Retirement System released its latest newsletter. <https://bit.ly/3OY4EhO> It has a great summary of the new retirement benefits.

DKG Links:

Theta Nu Website: <https://thetanutx.weebly.com>
Theta Nu Twitter (X): <https://twitter.com/thetanutexas>
Theta Nu Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/453559393293006>

TSO Website: <https://dkgtexas.org>

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DKG Podcast: <https://dkgsi.podbean.com/>

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Something Fun

Here's a mathematical trick that is good only every 1,000 years. Add your age on December 31, 2023 to the year you were born. What's your answer? Now try it with someone else a different age. What's the answer? Hmmm. This might be something fun to do with the whole family on Thanksgiving or Christmas...assuming there is no football game on tv at the time! Have calculators handy for the mental math-challenged. 😊



Graphic Sources:

IceCreamSoda. https://toppng.com/show_download/166757/summer-borders-png-summer-line-border-clipart/large.

Happy Birthday. <https://bit.ly/3sku54b>

Community. <https://bit.ly/3OMRaUP>

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