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Upcoming Events

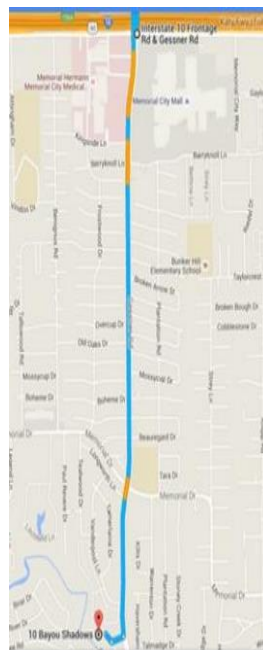
August 20, 2016 - Salad luncheon at Karen Harrell's, 10 Bayou Shadows at 12:30.

Bring cash, check, or credit card to pay dues. Dues are \$80 if using cash or a check. Credit card has a \$3 charge to offset fee charged to the chapter. Map on the right.

September 10, 2016 – Area 18 Workshop at Northwest Christian Academy, 1711 Hamblen Road, Kingwood, TX 77339.

Registration at 8 a.m. Breakfast and coffee will be provided. There will be a Mini-Star Workshop available also. Please let Brenda know if you are going to attend by the salad luncheon date. Area 18 will support Ronald MacDonald House Houston. Please bring Quaker cereal bars, Sparkle paper towels, Quaker Instant Oatmeal Flavor Variety, Angel Soft toilet paper, Welch's Fruit Snacks, Tide Liquid Free and Gentle, or Plastic 3 Section 9" plates. Gift cards to Amazon would be good too.

September 17, 2016 – We will be selling cards and pumpkins at the Nottingham Clubhouse from 8:00-noon. Please let Martha Lynn know if you would like a shift at 713-829-4954.



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Mission Statement

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October 1, 2016 – We will be selling cards and pumpkins at the HATFL meeting at Stratford High School. Time to be announced.

October 4, 2016 - Lambda Alpha Meeting at Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt @ Westview. Refreshments and social time starting at 4:30 p.m. There be a High Tea to celebrate the Chapter's Birthday and all-members birthdays followed by the program Zentangle presented by Leigh LaVergne.

October 27, 2016 - We will be selling cards and pumpkins at Tallowood Baptist Church. Time to be announced.

November 5, 2016 – There will be an optional Lambda Alpha Gathering for lunch at Brookwood.
Further information coming soon.

December 3, 2016 – Holiday Luncheon at the Junior League at 10:45 a.m. Menu choices due on November 18th to Rosemary Nelson. Please bring a wrapped toy for presentation to Buffalo Creek students.

January 7, 2017 – Lambda Alpha Meeting at Toby Unrath's house, 2619 Manila Lane at 10:00. Brunch followed by the program Hope for Youth which is an extension of the Star of Hope.

January 13-15, 2017 – STAR contact Sue Thompson at 713-818-1489 if interested.

February 7, 2017 - Lambda Alpha Meeting at Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt @ Westview. Refreshments and social time starting at 4:30 p.m. Program will be presented by the SBISD Police Department.

March – date to be announced social opportunity to see the performance of To Kill a Mockingbird at AD Players.

April 4, 2017 - Lambda Alpha Meeting at Mendenhall Community Center, 1414 Wirt @ Westview. Refreshments and social time starting at 4:30 p.m. Program is State Bound.

May 2, 2017 – Founders Day Banquet at Fratelli's Restaurante, 1330 Wirt Road at Westview at 5:30.

June 22-25, 2017 – Texas State Convention in Houston, TX. More information coming.



Convention Petals



Wednesday, June 22 with Martha Lynn Lewis and Sue Thompson in one car and Mary Moreno, Gloria Montalbano, and Brenda Lozano in another the Great 2016 TSO Convention Adventure began. We arrived early afternoon, registered, checked out our vendor spot, and moved into our rooms in the Embassy Suites. Both rooms had a super view of the Dr. Pepper Ballpark. Did we mention that Martha Lynn and Sue Thompson were given the Presidential suite? The next three days were packed with sessions, sales, and surprises. With great pride our Annie Board was placed with the others. Mary, Gloria, and Brenda attended the Treasurers, Membership, and Presidents training respectively. Martha Lynn and Sue sold over \$600 in cards and raffle tickets while networking with the other chapters gleaning information about how other chapters handled dues, fund-raising, and programs.

Thursday night we were proud to go to the Opening Session and be able to stand for our five awards: Newspaper, Yearbook, the Annie Award, Webmaster, and the Tudor Rose (increasing membership). Our chapter really worked hard last year.

Friday we turned in our contribution to the Unifying Project. This year was the first time we saw the counting and recording of each of item. Thank you to all that contributed. Brenda attended the 87th Birthday Celebration Luncheon and the afternoon was filled with sessions. That night the baseball game followed by spectacular fireworks were enjoyed from our 11th floor balcony.

Saturday morning greeted us with the TSO Business Session and ASTEF Annual Meeting followed again by sessions. After the 3:00-3:45 session, we packed up and began the journey home complicated by accidents and road closures. Thankfully we all arrived home safely. Frisco was nice but we are glad that next year's state convention will be here in Houston.



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Birthdays



July: Margaret Rankin 6th, Camille Newman 17th, Jane Riddle 20th, and Susie White 25th.

August: Gloria Montalbano 6th, Diane Higgenbotham 8th, and Melissa Steger Slayer 16th.

September: Karen Harrell 5th, Cathey Jones 15th, Terry Hibbert-Ismert 17th, Aban Rustomji 20th, Pauline Sayers 20th, Kathy Gardner 25th, and Mary Moreno 26th.

If we have missed someone, please let us know. We are going off the information in the Year Book and do not want to miss a single birthday.



Fun Work Time



On July 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the lovely home Leigh LaVergne, the money making card project for our chapter was in full swing. A big heartfelt thank you goes out to Leigh for hosting the event and feeding us a light breakfast and lunch along with yummy desserts. Also another heartfelt thank you goes out to the following members: Leigh LaVergne, Brenda Lozano, Martha Lynn Lewis, Sue Thompson, Mary Moreno, Gloria Montalbano, Jane Riddle, Ruby Schaper, and Clara Reimers that made cards that day. Fun was had by all.



Letter from the President



President's letter:

The newsletter was about to go out, thanks to Jane Riddle, when the news of the passing of Billie Golden came in. In order to allow members to attend her funeral, the time for the salad luncheon was changed to 12:30. It will be good to be together at this time to share memories and support each other. More information will be coming about the remembrance ceremony for Billie. She will be missed and remembered.

It is now the middle of August and many of us are back to school. SBISD's students start Monday, the Village school started today, and next Monday is the Retired Teachers' breakfast at the Dealy's house. We are starting our Lambda Alpha year with our annual salad luncheon moved to 12:30 at Karen Harrell's house. Thank you, Karen, for hosting! Bring your favorite salad or dessert. We will initiate our 3 new members too. We will have a sign up list for the Area workshop that will be held on Saturday September 10th. Breakfast will be provided, there will be many sessions to attend, including some mini STAR ones, and we are selling our cards and pumpkins. The cost for the workshop is \$12. All members who attend will be awarded a \$12 scholarship after the workshop to cover registration. Please let me know if you would like to car pool.

I hope you noticed that we have a new name for our newsletter – Lambda Alpha Rose Petals. A big thanks goes out to Patricia Kougar-Melton for the design elements that adorn the newsletter. We have a great executive board that has met to plan a year full of Lambda Alpha experiences and I am excited about the active participation in these upcoming activities. We need the skills and time of all members to move Lambda Alpha forward. I am excited about what we can accomplish together.

Brenda