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Christmas Luncheon



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Upcoming

Vision Statement
Leading women educators
impacting education
worldwide



January 7, 2017 – Lambda Alpha Meeting at Toby Unrath’s house, 2619 Manila Lane at 10:00 a.m. Brunch followed by the program Hope for Youth, which is an extension of the Star of Hope. **(Completed – See write up below)**

January 13-15, 2017 – STAR contact Sue Thompson at 713-818-1489 if interested. **(Completed – write up in March newsletter)**

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 and then will be followed by initiation of 3 new members.

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 p.m.

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

Lambda Alpha Sister in the News Kathy Gardner



Who knew that a volunteer position could be so much fun! Kids at Halloween are not the only ones privy to costumes. Normally I would be touring HISD 4th graders through the halls of the Houston Museum of Natural Science. But on this occasion, Dino Days, I got to act like a kid and roar like a ... in reality we're not sure what sound a T-Rex would make.

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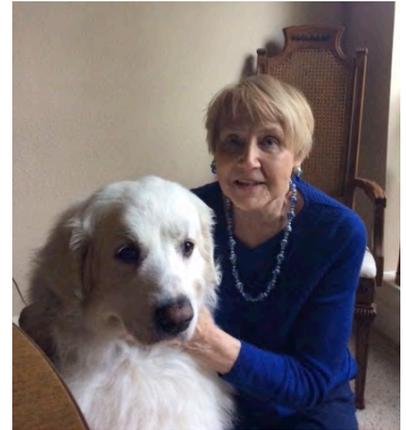
Lambda Alpha Sister in the news

Janet Smith



Blanca and I are members of Faithful Paws. We visit schools, nursing homes, and hospitals. Below are some others in our group who made trip with to Westchester in SBISD. Dogs are trained and certified and come in all sizes and shapes. The big white one in photo is Teddy, Blanca's friend. Visit Faithful Paws web site for detailed info about getting involved.

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Birthdays



December: Leigh LaVergne 1st, and Janet Smith 23rd.

January: Rosemary Armstrong 8th, Jane Burke 26th, and Mary Bett 28th.

February: Martha Lynn Lewis 4th, Clara Reimers 11th, Aimee Maldonado 14th, Ruby Schaper 18th, Linda Burch 20th, and Sonia Greiner 23rd.

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.

Hope for Youth



Patty Barrett presented the program Hope for Youth. Hope for Youth is a branch of Star of Hope for at risk urban youths mainly middle school age and high school students. Houston has close to 24,000 of these students. The program was started in 1991, twenty-six years ago and has grown into several different programs and activities.

The 88th TSO Convention from June 22-24, 2017 is in Houston at the Westin Galleria Hotel.

Several of our members have already booked hotel rooms. We will need everyone to help get Lambda Alpha ready for the convention and also need members to help man our vendor's table and also help with the other vendors as that is the job Lambda Alpha was given this year. Parking will be free and the chapter budgeted money to cover registration. Please plan on going and helping. There will be many sessions including makeovers! As we get information we will pass it on. We now have the [Unifying list](#), which will be used to support the Houston Area Child Advocates. The volunteers who provide emotional and material support help these children and teens.

On another note, if you are interested in volunteering for state committees and committee chairs, the form can be found online under Deadlines and Forms and is due Feb 1st.

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Minutes of Lambda Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma
Saturday Brunch, January 7, 2017
Hope for Youth Program

Lambda Alpha Chapter met Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Tobey Unrath's home at 10 a.m. There were fourteen chapter members in attendance. The meeting began with a delicious brunch enjoyed by all. Following the brunch, the President Brenda Lozano called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

The Chapter's First Vice President, Rosemary Nelson, introduced Patty Barrett who presented the program Hope for Youth. Hope for Youth is a branch of Star of Hope for at risk urban youths mainly middle school age and high school students. Houston has close to 24,000 of these students. The program was started in 1991, twenty-six years ago and has grown into several different programs and activities. Following the program individual members made personal donations or almost \$200 to the Ministry. After the presentation, the business meeting began. The Chapter meeting began with the Treasurer, Mary Moreno, giving her report. As of December 31, 2016 the checking account had \$4812.30 in it and the Grant & Aid Scholarship account had \$4087.03

A discussion followed if the Chapter should make a donation as part of the chapter outreach to the Hope for Youth. Some concerned was voiced, as this is a Christian Faith ministry. The possible donation was tabled for now.

Brenda explained the situation that took place at the Christmas luncheon with the piece of glass in the ice cream and as the Junior League had not charged us, the chapter wrote a note and donated \$300 to the League to use for one of their educational charities. The remaining of the money would be used to cover the door prizes, favors and then the remaining funds would be deposited into the general funds.

It was announced to look for the newsletter, as it will be coming out in the next several days. Under new business two new members were voted on. Debra Owens, sponsored by Mary Moreno, and Linda Burch sponsored by Brenda Lozano. The motion passed and these new members will be initiated in February along with Janet Cranmer.

A major discussion was then lead by Brenda concerning the State Convention, which will be held at the Westin Galleria from June 21 to June 25. Lambda Alpha Chapter will be responsible for the Vendors. More information will be coming as to the responsibility of the chapter members.

The February meeting will be held on February 7th at the Harris County Building on Wirt Road. The refreshments will be different kinds of soup with Leigh LaVergne volunteering for a 5 Bean soup. The Assistant Police Chief of one of the Villages will give the program.

Member Wellness was the last topic of discussion. We want to be more aware if a member may need help due to illness or due to other factors happening in their lives. Maria Helmy volunteered to make phone calls to stay in touch with the membership. Everyone was asked to help keep each other informed as to all members' wellbeing.

Tobey was thanked for the use of her home and hosting our meeting.

Rosemary made a motion for adjournment and Janet Smith seconded it.

Martha Lynn Lewis
Recording Secretary

President's Letter



A wonderful time was had by all at our annual Junior League Christmas luncheon. A big thank you goes out to Rosemary for decorations, Martha Lynn for the reservations; and Leigh, Sue, and Martha Lynn for helping with the favors. We were joined by two prospective members, Deborah Owens and Linda Birch. The ambience and food were wonderful. Having the Garden Room was a big plus! My last bite of ice cream brought the unexpected surprise of a piece of broken glass. Fortunately, I was not cut, but brought it to the attention of the servers to make sure that they checked the other bowls for glass. I assured them the meal and the experience had been wonderful. The kitchen sent back a message that there would be no charge for the meal. I tried to protest, but they insisted that there was no charge for the meal. We all enjoyed our meal and the occasion, and we will be making a donation to one of their charities. We are looking forward to returning to the Junior League for our luncheon next year.

Last minute preparations are underway for the holiday season. Today my Christmas tree finally goes up! It is a bittersweet time for my family and me. Holidays can be hard for those who have lost loved ones. It is also a hard time trying to live up to the "holiday spirit". An expectation of perfection is not only unattainable but can cause harm. Trying to find the perfect gift, make the perfect meal, have the perfectly decorated house takes its toll on us. And yet, the season is not about any of these things. For some of us it is about the birth of a child who would lead us into a better life. For others, it is a time of rededication. For all - it is a time to be with family and friends. I am proud to be part of the Lambda Alpha DKG family and wish all my sisters quality time to spend with family and loved ones. Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

Brenda

January update:

Looking forward to our next meeting the 7th of February. One New Year's resolution should be to keep our identities fraud free.