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## Theta Keynotes

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### President Message



*Beth  
Naylor,*  
President

### Happy New Year!

I hope you had a holiday season that was full of great memories. Today it is snowing and sleeting. This is a "forced" pause from work or plans so I will reflect a bit on DKG. DKG has been enriching for me because of each of you. Each of you has been encouraging and kind. I look forward to 2022 together! Let's plan to see each other on **January 20<sup>th</sup>** (6 p.m. at East Chester) at our Legislative session. We will also offer a zoom session. Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers (Lahlil Gibran)

*Beth*

### Next Meeting Notice

**Legislative meeting**  
January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at East  
Chester Elementary School  
708 E Main St. Henderson TN  
Invite other educators for this  
informative meeting.

### Congratulations Karen!!



Karen Sewell received her Ed Doctor of Education with a major in Teacher Learning from Freed Hardman University on December 10, 2021. Her dissertation was "An Investigation of Intercultural competence in Educators."

The purpose of this research was to explore the impact of five factors (i.e., years of experience, gender, race, educational preparation, education level) on the development of intercultural competence in educators. Survey data were collected from 435 teachers from across Tennessee. Results showed that gender, degree level, and race had a significant impact on the intercultural competence of the participants in this study. Though most teachers exhibited intercultural competence, achievement gaps still existed, thus pinpointing the disconnect between intercultural competence and intercultural practice. This data provides school administrators, educator preparation programs, and educational policymakers with information to further support intercultural development among teachers.

Keywords: intercultural competence, multicultural education, culturally responsive teaching

### Future Events

- \*Jan 20, Theta meeting
- \*Feb. 1- TNSO State Scholarship Due
- \*Feb 15 Theta grant application due
- \* March buddies group
- \* April 13<sup>th</sup>, Installation of 2022-2023 Theta officers; Founders Day; Induction
- \*June 2-4, 2022, TNSO Convention, Sewanee TN
- \*2022, July 12-16, International Convention, New Orleans
- \*2024 National Harbor, Maryland (Gaylord National, D.C. Area
- \*2026 Aurora, Colorado (Gaylord Rockies)

**Tennessee State Organization Beginning Leadership Seminar.**, March 25-26, at Henry Horton State Park. Join the committee and special guests to meet new people, discover more about your personality type, and collaborate with members across the state. Henry Horton State Park is location south of Nashville at Chapel Hill, Tennessee. Here are the links to the on-line registration form and reference form:

Registration:[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe\\_wgk0QzpGz4hS9RvJlJluxUlRI9q4tX9Dr8tZ-QKM3Vd\\_6bQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_wgk0QzpGz4hS9RvJlJluxUlRI9q4tX9Dr8tZ-QKM3Vd_6bQ/viewform)

References:<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKt5gT8t9UTg-HnzcEaoxmEtrXra0KKGWaAPOQu5CTETGD5WQ/viewform>

For more information, please contact Linda Eller ([lseller01@gmail.com](mailto:lseller01@gmail.com)).

**A New Look at Leadership -- a virtual workshop**  
**Tuesday, January 11, 7:00 p.m. CST/8:00 p.m. EST**  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3998208433>  
Meeting ID: 399 820 8433

### Chapter Activity



Theta sisters enjoyed food and fellowship at the Antique Mall Café for the December meeting. Games were played and prizes won. The chapter collected \$400 for The Rusty Mac Adopt a Teen program making a real difference in the life of the teen(s).

