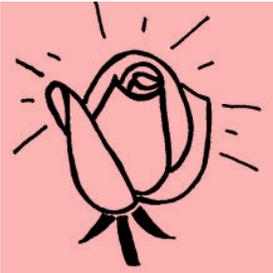




Beta Kappa Banter

April/May 2014

Kristine Reynolds - President



President's Message

At the close of every meeting, a member shares a closing thought, poem, or inspirational story. I thought this month's newsletter, as we welcome Spring (finally!) and look for inspirations around us to try something new, would be a great opportunity for me to share a few inspirational stories that I have come across.

The Mayonnaise jar - A life lesson that'll make you smile

A professor stood before his philosophy class, with some unusual items in front of him on the desk. When the class began, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly and the pebbles rolled into the small gaps between the golf balls. He asked the students again if the jar was full, and they agreed that it was.

Now the professor picked up a small box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up all the remaining gaps between the golfballs and the pebbles. Once again he asked the students if the jar was full, and the response was a unanimous 'yes.'

Now the professor produced two glasses of white wine from under the table and poured their contents into the jar, filling the remaining air pockets in the sand. The students laughed.

When the laughter subsided, the professor said: **'Now imagine that this jar represents your life:**

The golf balls are the important things – family, children, friends, favorite passions and your health. These are the things that, if everything else were lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like, your job, house, and car.

The sand is everything else — the small stuff.'

The professor continued: **'The moral of my story is this: it's important to get these things in your life in the right order. Here's why:**

If you put the sand into the jar first, there won't be any room left for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you'll never have room for the things that are important to you.

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Birthdays

April

- 4 – Joanne Shorb
- 9 – Lurie Slaybaugh
- 13 – Carol Hozman
- 16 – Amy Gorman
- 19 – Ann Ratay

May

- 8 – Charlotte Bergmann
- 10 – Peg Lady
- 14 – Frances Bassett
- 25 – Louise Garverick

June

- 8 – Lorraine Junkin
- 13 – Tammy Deardorff
- 19 – Jill Miller



Upcoming Dates

April 24, 2014:

Beta Kappa's 50th Birthday!

April 26, 2014:

Founders' Remembrance
Birthday Brunch with Omega
Dobbin House, Gettysburg, PA
@ 8:30

May 29, 2014 (Thursday)

Executive Board/Planning
Hoss's in Gettysburg
@ 5:00

June 13-15, 2014

Alpha Alpha State Convention
Nittany Lion Inn
State College, PA

September 26-27, 2014

Purposeful Seminar
Lancaster, PA

WANTED

- 1st Vice President
(Educational Excellence)
- 2nd Vice President
(Membership) or
Membership Chair
- More members in
attendance at ALL
meetings – you don't want
to miss out on some
exciting programs!

State Convention

Registration form in Spring Keystonian.
Deadline for registration is May 13. Late
registration (May 14-31) is double.

Contact Gretchen if you are interested
in having dinner together Friday at the
Inn's dining room. She will make
reservations.

Something to Consider...

"It is spring again. The earth is like a child
that knows poems by heart."
— Rainer Maria Rilke

Remember: If you have changes

to your contact information, please call or
email Terri Westfall, Corresponding
Secretary.

Basket Raffle @ State Convention

It was decided at the March meeting to once again provide gift cards for our “basket” at State Convention this year. Terri Westfall has also offered a small Creative Memories scrapbook/photo album as an additional gift and way of “displaying” the cards. If you are willing and able to get a \$5-\$15 gift card that can be part of this, please send them or get them to Deborah by June 1 so that she has time to prepare the book for convention.

When purchasing gift cards, it is suggested that you purchase them from places that are available throughout the state or online rather than local businesses. Last year members provided cards from craft stores (AC Moore, Michael's), retail stores (Kohl's, Target, WalMart), home stores (Lowe's, Home Depot), online stores (Amazon, iTunes), and restaurants (McDonald's, Wendy's).

Executive Board/ Planning Meeting

Our final meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, May 29th at 5:00 at the Hoss's in Gettysburg. Please RSVP to Kristine by email or her home phone by Saturday, May 24.

Although it is scheduled as an Executive Board meeting, all are welcome to attend as Deborah will be finalizing her officers and committee chairpersons.

The meeting will include finalizing our State Convention skit as well as planning our meetings for the 2013-2014 calendar year.

Please look over your calendars for any set dates for 2014-2015 community events in order to eliminate conflicts with our meetings. Also come with program suggestions and locations where meetings can be held.



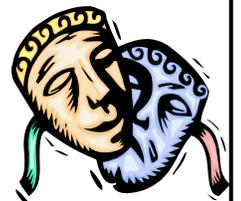
Ready, Skit, Go!

With this year being our 50th Birthday, Beta Kappa has been asked to participate in the Friday Night Fling activities at State Convention.

We will need to plan some type of “skit” that can be performed as a commercial during the evening's planned entertainment.

With our only meetings before convention being April 26 and May 29, members planning on attending at least Friday night at convention will need to get together to brainstorm ideas – does after the Birthday Breakfast work? Our agenda that day should be relatively short.

Some ideas that were brought up have been a skit to the song of “YMCA” and various Facebook posts/ messages (on posters) with other members commenting and liking them.



So take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. The rest is just sand.

Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness:

- Play With your children
- Take your partner out to dinner
- Talk to your friends.

There will always be time to clean the house and fix the garage door.'

One of the students raised her hand and asked what the wine represented.

The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked: The wine just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room to share a glass or two with a friend.'

What Do Teachers Make?

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?"

He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers. "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach."

To stress his point he said to another guest, "You're a teacher, Susan. Be honest. What do you make?"

Susan, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make?"

I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could.

I make a C+ feel like the winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

I make kids sit through 40 minutes of study hall in absolute silence.

You want to know what I make?

I make kids wonder.

I make them question; I make them criticize.

I make them apologize and mean it.

I make them write.

I make them read, read, read.

I make them show all their work in math and perfect their final drafts in English.

I make them understand that if you have the brains, and follow your heart, and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, must pay no attention because they just didn't learn.

Susan paused and then continued.

"You want to know what I make?"

I MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

What do you make?"

Report from US Forum

US Forum supports non-partisan federal legislation in the interests of education and women educators. Its purpose is to provide DKG members with relevant information on pending issues and legislator contact numbers to enable more effective advocacy. Carmela De Marco, US Forum Northeast Regional Representative and Angela Bedenbaugh, US Forum Connections editor for DKG International have been sending extensive and timely information about topics regarding education and women. The purpose of sharing this information is to motivate members to respond to legislators to cause them to act.

Five constituent contacts cause a Congressman to pay serious attention to an issue.

The following is a summary of the recent information Beta Kappa has received from US Forum. If you want the full emails that have been forwarded to us, contact Sally Becker.

This past winter legislature concerning the following topics of importance to DKG members:

- Restore funding for early learning and Head Start program
- The budget – concerns about further cuts in education, Medicaid, Medicare
- Raising the minimum wage - which would benefit women and children
- The Paycheck Fairness Act – being voted on in early April in the Senate
- Restore long-term unemployment benefits
- Eliminating sexual assault in the military and at colleges and universities
- *The Shriver Report: A Women's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink*, a research report on the state of women in America has been released. To learn more go to <http://shriverreport.org/> or for the latest version of the report go to <http://shriverreport.org/get-the-latest-published-shriver-report-free/>

US Forum receives information from various organizations. Here are websites for a few:

American Association of University Women – www.aauw.org

NEA – www.nea.org

National Women's Law Center - www.nwlc.org

Contacting your legislators:

House of Representatives - <http://www.house.gov/>

Senate – <http://www.senate.gov/>