

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society

Beta Beta Chapter

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President's Message

Dear Sisters,

I hope this first newsletter of the new biennium finds you restored from a relaxing and fun filled summer with renewed hope and energy to those returning to the classroom and continued good health and appreciation of the joys of retirement to those whose careers have ended. We welcome Becky and Ruby to the folds of the retirees and hope to see them at the monthly lunches.

Kathy, Kim Zarfoss, and Judy Tyson joined me at the state convention in June and we had such a good time. Judy especially enjoyed her first time attending and learned a great deal about DKG. We would love to see a larger contingent at the next one in 2015. It is enriching, inspiring, and fun. And ask Kim about winning a raffle basket!!!

Our annual Board meeting was well attended and we discussed several matters and voted on a number of issues which will be presented at the September meeting. In particular, note that the December and March meetings will be jointly held with Beta Gamma. We are in charge of the December meeting and they will cover the March one. We will still have the county wide meeting with all 4 chapters in April. I am excited at some of the new ideas presented for programs and projects. You will be too!

Please remember that dues should be paid at this meeting and/or by our October 2nd meeting. Eleanor must send in appropriate funds to state and international by the end of October. Your dues must be paid by then to be a current member.

We encourage everyone to share one of your summer readings with us at the September meeting. It is fun to be introduced to new novels to read. We also hope to have some prospective members attend and will be installing Kathy, Bev, and

Becky in their respective offices. **There will also be a special recognition ceremony for a number of members.** You won't want to miss this!

Reflection is Communications Committee (Deb Mitzel) and **refreshments** are: Finance Committee (Norina Bentzel, Eleanor Lawyer, Kathy Lauer, and Pat Walker) and Historical Records (Ruby Schmidt and Helen Lehman). Committee chairs, please coordinate this among your two groups.

The meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 4:30 PM at Friendship Elementary, just outside of Glen Rock, in the Southern School District. Note that this is a change of dates from the past yearbook.

We will also be providing a brief period of time for each committee to meet to review their responsibilities and assign tasks as needed.

I am **totally excited** to be president again this term and feel very positive about an increasing membership and your commitment to attend our meetings and support our projects. We are all in this together and will benefit from our relationships with one another.

Hoping to see all of you in September, Pat Walker and Kathy Lauer

DUES FOR 2014-2015

Dues for this year remain the same - \$75.00 for active members and reserve members \$51.00 Please plan to pay your dues at the first meeting in September. If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail me your dues at your earliest convenience - checks made payable to Beta Beta. It is important to pay your dues on time because we have a due date to meet to send the dues to the state.

NEW TREASURER and ADDRESS:

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ALPHA ALPHA STATE ENRICHMENT GRANT

Pat Walker received a grant of \$900 towards a tea and literary tour of the northern lake district of England. She will be traveling with three friends who share this same interest. There will be tours of castles, gardens, York, homes of Wordsworth, the Bronte sisters, and Beatrix Potter, and of course, a variety of settings and types of teas on a daily basis. She will either write an article for The

Keystonian or present at the state convention in June, 2015. Thank you Alpha Alpha State for this gift!

BETA BETA MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Hester Hemminger, initiated in 1983, is a retired Home Economics (Family and Consumer Science in today's lingo) teacher who hails from Somerset County. Raised on a farm, she was active in 4H and did her share of milking cows. In her era, girls did not attend college: they got married and had children. But she convinced her father to send her to college with the agreement that she would attend an all girls' school and not date in high school. She met both criteria and was off to Seton Hill in Greensburg, PA. Marriage brought her to York County where she worked, mothered 3 daughters, and became very active in the Potosi 4H, taught Sunday School for over 50 years, and was a charter member and president of Group 18, Society of Farm Women. She still is their treasurer. She has traveled worldwide and hosted and supported numerous children from foreign countries. One of her best kept secrets is her devotion to quilt making. Through her church, Hametown Lutheran, she has worked with several others in her church to make over 740 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. She sews and dyes donated sheets in the commercial washer in her basement. Did you know these facts about Hester? I know I didn't. The next time you see her, congratulate her efforts for community service and learn more about our dear sister, Hester. (Information from the YCPASR newsletter)

2014-2015 BETA BETA PROJECTS

We have some exciting projects in line for the 2014-15 year for Beta Beta, so get ready! Do you know that dirt is not a color? We'll be ready to remedy that problem of many cars with the car wash tickets that we're going to sell for Mr. Car Wash (formerly Cloister Car Wash). They'll make great gifts for the mailman, paper carrier, your hairdresser, all those hard to buy for people, and of course, don't forget yourself. Everyone knows someone who could use some of these.

We are also planning to meet with some of the residents at Country Meadows for tea or a rousing round of BINGO! For prizes, we would take items that they could use, like note cards, soaps, stamps, candies, etc. We have held some our meetings at their facility before and we will be going there again for a meeting in May, 2015. This will be a nice way to say thank you, to make some people happy, and to get acquainted with some very fine folks.

Hope to see you at the September meeting where I will have more details.
Judy Tyson

BETA BETA MEETING MINUTES MAY 8, 2014

The Beta Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Leg Up Farm at 4:45 p.m. There were 11 people in attendance.

Co-President Deanna Wagner called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Our reflection called “Puppies for Sale” was given by Kim Zarfoss.

BUSINESS MEETING

SECRETARY’S REPORT – The minutes from the April meeting were approved with no corrections. Motion made by Judy to accept, Eleanor seconded – Motion approved

CORRESPONDENCE – no report

TREASURER’S REPORT –Norina Bentzel sent word that we had 43 cents for our savings account!

STANDING COMMITTEES/Society Business

- FINANCE – Linda – no report
- MEMBERSHIP – no report
- NOMINATIONS – Kathy – no report
- RULES – Phyllis –
 - Pat found another change and will work with Phyllis to bring forward to our membership in September.
- PROGRAMS
 - September 18 @ 4:30 p.m. at Friendship Elementary – Book Swap – bring a book to exchange for another
- PROGRAM OF WORK/EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
 - Connie sent word that she spoke to Phil Monteith about our donation. He said that money was dispersed.
 - \$110 was given to a student for their PECT exam.
 - Another student was given money for textbooks.
 - Mr. Monteith is retiring, and we will be forwarding our information to the new person to contact us.

- US FORUM – Eleanor Lawyer – no report
- COMMUNICATONS –no report
- SCHOLARSHIP: Lolly Dick
- WORLD FELLOWSHIP – Doris – no report
- HISTORICAL RECORDS – Bonnie – no report
- VISUAL and PERFORMING ARTS –no report
- PROJECTS – Kathy (via Kim)
 - Items for our basket were collected for State Convention - Game
 - Send items by June 1st to be included.
- REMEMBRANCE – Dale
 - She sent Becky and Linda get well soon cards.
 - Linda will be having another knee surgery June 2nd. Keep her in your thoughts. She says thanks for the kind words and encouragement through this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Program Committee will meet June 19th @ 10:00 at Bonnie's House
- Officers and Committee Chairs will meet June 25th @ 6:30 p.m. at Pat Walker's.
- Deanna shared a note from Kay Stuart thanking us for inviting her to the county meeting.
- Kim and Judy won door prizes

Announcements

- Luncheon on May 28th @ 11:30 at Brown's Orchard

ADJOURNMENT

5:20 p.m. adjournment.

Following the meeting, our membership, along with the members of Beta Gamma went on a walking tour of the facilities at Leg Up Farm and were given an overview of the services that are provided to children. It was inspiring to see all that they provide for children in our area.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Olenick, Recording Secretary

