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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sisters,

As I begin my second biennium as Beta Epsilon Chapter President, I can't help but reflect upon how much has changed since my first biennium in 2012-2014. New members have been added to our chapter, we have experienced the passing of some of our dear sisters, and we are experiencing a situation in the world that we could never have predicted.

With the Covid-19 Pandemic, life as we know it has dramatically changed. Quarantining for months, fears of contracting the virus, shortages of needed supplies, and learning to work from home has now become our new normal. In our chapter, we were unable to hold face to face meetings, which included our Tri-Chapter Meeting and installation of officers, and cancellation of state and international conventions.



When I received word that my school was going to shut down for a few days due to Covid-19, I thought that we would be soon back to school as usual quickly. Never could I have imagined that I wouldn't see **my kids** face to face again that school year. However, even though our traditional brick and mortar school was closed, we did transition quickly to online learning. Although I had been using Google Classroom as a resource in my classroom "bag of tricks", it now became the primary means of instruction and interaction with my students. To be very honest, online learning is very difficult for everyone involved; students, parents, and educators. However, we were all able to adapt and overcome many of the obstacles that came our way.

As we begin the preparations of returning to school this fall, there are still so many uncertainties in regard to what type of instruction will take place due to the ever changing Covid-19 situation. As a chapter, we have always provided backpacks with school supplies to needy students. However, with the uncertainties of the type of instruction schools will need to provide this coming year, the executive board discussed

a few different approaches to our annual project. Thanks to all of you that filled out the google survey concerning this year's project. I have provided the results of the survey in this newsletter.

Although the future is uncertain, we will continue to meet whatever challenges that come our way and find creative ways to overcome those obstacles. Our DKG Song contains the lyrics, 'Hand in hand, our loyal band, forward moving ever'. This line is especially meaningful today. Now more than ever, we must continue to move forward with our chapter projects, focusing on recruitment of new members, and providing meaningful experiences for our membership. I have chosen the theme of **Forward Moving Ever** for my biennium. As a chapter I truly believe that we can adapt, change, and move forward in whatever challenges we face.

Yours in sisterhood.

President Amy

PROJECT VOTING RESULTS

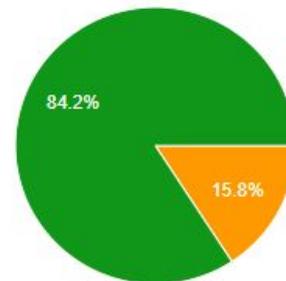
The results are in! Beta Epsilon's Executive Board conducted its first online voting format regarding our Backpacks for Kids Project. Members were asked to vote on three project proposals. They included:

- 1) Do not change our current backpack project of filling backpacks with school supplies for students in area schools.
- 2) Change our chapter project for this year to provide students with school

supplies only. A two gallon bag will be filled with school supplies for distance learning.

- 3) Change our chapter project for this year to "interest" boxes for students to use for at home learning. Example: Reading box, craft box, game box, etc.

Twenty-one responses were received through a combination of online voting and votes received through traditional mail. All mailed in ballots were entered into the online voting system manually. Two members wrote that they did not want the chapter to complete a project this year. However, this was not an option under the motion of the board. The results of the votes are:



- Do not change our current backpack project of filling backpacks with school supplies for students in area schools.
- Change our chapter project for this year to provide students will school supplies...
- Change our chapter project for this year to "interest" boxes for students to use...

With 84.2% of the vote, the members voted to change the Backpack project this year to two gallon bags with school supplies.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED



School supplies are needed for this year's back to school project. All items will be placed in a two gallon bag for students to use at home. One item of particular need for virtual learning is whiteboards with dry erase markers. The stuffing of the bags will take place on Monday, August 17th at 5:00 PM at Mari Grace Lingenfelter's home. . If you are unable to attend on the 17th, you may drop your donated items off at President Amy's house.

CAN YOU ZOOM?



I will teach you in a room.
I will teach you now on Zoom.
I will teach you in your house.
I will teach you with a mouse.
I will teach you here and there.
I will teach you because I care.
So just do your very best.
And do not worry about the rest.

As of right now, chapter meetings are planned for in person

meetings. However, these plans may be adjusted due to ever changing Covid-19 guidelines from the state. It was decided at the Executive Board Meeting to move to the Zoom platform if we are not permitted to conduct face to face meetings. 85.7 percent of our members reported in our survey that they are familiar with Zoom. If you need help learning how to use Zoom here is a useful website that you can utilize for help.

<https://www.tomsguide.com/news/how-to-use-zoom>

2020-2021 MEETINGS

Be sure to mark your calendar for this year's meetings. All meetings will be held at Parkway Restaurant in Portage, PA.

September 19th, 2020

October 17th, 2020

November 21st, 2020

April 10th, 2021

May 15th, 2021

BETA EPSILON SISTERS PRESENT AT THE VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

DKG International held their first all virtual international convention from July 7-10, 2020. Sisters from around the world had an opportunity to take part in the convention from the comfort of their own homes. Hopefully you were able to participate in some of the worthwhile sessions.

Two of Beta Epsilon's own sisters, Susan Blazosky and Amy Dobbins were asked to present at the convention on the DKG Girl Scout Patch Program. Under the direction of Trish Woodyly, International Membership Director, Susan and Amy, along with Linda Adcock and Debbie LeBlanc from Illinois discussed how their chapters implemented the program as well as how the Patch

Program can be aligned with the Girl Scout National Proficiency Badges. If you



missed their presentation, all convention presentations are available for viewing on dkg.org for the next year.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



Newsletter Committee Chair, Amy Dobbins, is looking for volunteers to serve on her committee.

If you have a love of writing and/or graphic design consider serving on this important committee. Please contact Amy to volunteer.

YEARBOOK UPDATES

Please submit changes or corrections to our current yearbook to Veronica Sell, Yearbook Chair, by August 24th, 2020.



IS YOUR GARDEN OVERFLOWING WITH VEGETABLES?



Gardening is not one of my favorite things to do in life, but fortunately I have a father that can grow

abundant produce. The current state of my refrigerator includes 3 giant cabbages, 20 plus cucumbers, 2 Patty Pan squashes, 4 tomatoes, 15 green peppers, 40 plus heads of garlic, and 4 zucchini. Dad informed me that there will be more to come in the next few days. With the abundance of fresh produce, I am always searching for new recipes to make to serve to my not so vegetable loving family. Here is a recipe that even my most picky eater likes. I hope that you enjoy it as much as our family.

Zucchini Tots:

2 C. Shredded Zucchini (squeeze out as much liquid as possible)

1 pinch salt

½ C. Seasoned Bread Crumbs

½ C. Shredded Cheddar Cheese

¼ C. Chopped Onion

2 Beaten Eggs

½ tsp. Black Pepper

¼ tsp. Garlic Powder

Combine all ingredients. Place into mini muffin tins, or shape into an oval and place on a greased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Enjoy!