

Beta Iota News



Dear Beta Iota Sisters,

April 1, 2015

Greetings! Grace and peace to you and your family. Glorious Spring is here! I hope your days are full of sunshine and blooming flowers.

My goodness, did our last meeting run late. Sorry to all those who had a long journey home. Hopefully it was in good company, with a Beta Iota sister. One of my goals was to ensure that our meetings end earlier; however, it seems that they are running later. Jeeps! We are blessed with active committees that have great news to report and interesting and informative programs! Somehow in the time that is given we are to fellowship, enjoy a presentation, and hold a business meeting! We will work on it! With families waiting for us at home and responsibilities that call our undivided attention in the morning, we will find a balance. Thank you for your kind attention and care throughout the entire meeting!

Wow! How about those Faberge Eggs? I don't think I'll be finding any rubies on my Easter eggs this year, but perhaps some priceless finger smudges from my little one. I wonder what treasures you'll find in your basket.

Okay, construction hats on, let's get to work! Ladies please meet with your committees and review the goals met this year and discuss those in progress for next year. Please record the results of each goal on your Strategic Action Plan and email a copy to Louise Hesse, chair of the SAP committee in May. The Executive Board will review the results again in June to determine the direction of our chapter.

Do you know that the next meeting is on a Monday? That's right! The Social Committee read the recommendations from last year's survey and they are trying it out! Hope to see your smiles at Dodge City on Monday, May 4@ 6:15pm. The program on CASA, will be presented by Linda Rosenberg, and advocate for abused and neglected children. The hostesses are Lori Brennan, Judy Dell, Jane Ober, Judi Whitesell, and Mary Moyer with the invocation. Hostesses, please contact the chair, Sue Bottini, to offer a helping hand to prepare a lovely setting.

Who makes our meetings meaningful, motivational, and memorable? You do! Yes, your input matters! **Please complete the survey attached and mail it with your reservation slip.**

Yesterday's jewels are another's treasures! That was the motto at the Jewelrey Flea Market! My goodness, we raised \$29.00! How about the basket raffle? Jeeps! We brought in \$81.00, that's a record! Up, up, up goes the income on our bar graph, and out, out, out it goes to those in need! Generous hands gave and mission minded hearts voted to support both projects, Tiny People Matter and Schools for Africa. We are blessed to bless others!

Blessings,

Tammy Marie Sweger



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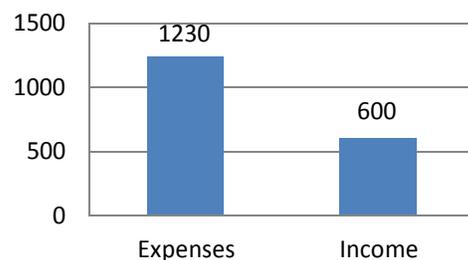
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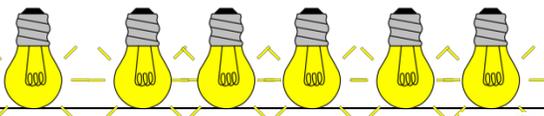
Beta Iota Chapter Special Projects

- Grant \$500.00 to an education major every two years.
- Give "Blankets & Books" to Head Start children.
- Give personal care items to Ecumenical Food Bank.
- Send blankets to expecting mothers in developing countries.
- Give teacher resources to early career educators and books to veteran teachers.
- Fellowship with women from other countries who study in USA and Canada.
- Send hats, gloves, and scarves to Navajo Native American children in New Mexico.

Beta Iota 2014-2016 Budget



Thank you Sue Hockley for the update. Thank you Ways and Means committee and sisters for helping us raise funds to meet the budget expenses!



ROSE BUD SPOTLIGHT



Barbra (Bobbi) Williams

I have been married to my husband, Tom, for forty seven years. He is an attorney, and is semi-retired. We met in college, and we have the same goals in life, but very different personalities. We make each other laugh a lot!

We raised our three daughters. Meredith, the oldest, was a Spanish teacher, and the mother of Mikaela, Brayden, and Erika. She passed away from cancer recently at the age of 41.

Our daughter, Amanda, is a Commercial Lender with Metro Bank, and the step mother to Grace (12), mother to Bennett (22 months).

Our youngest, Melissa, is office manager for a medical practice, and working on a graduate certification in Health Care Compliance at George Washington University. She lives in DC.

I am an avid reader and have been my entire life. My Nook is my constant companion. Tom and I have been sailors for many years, and have had two sailboats named Second Wind and Surprise. We have loved sailing the waters of Chesapeake Bay on our 46 foot home away from home. I have most recently become very much the substitute cheerleading, jujitsu, and trackmom!

I became a teacher because: my mother wanted to be one herself but never got the chance, and because my dad said it was "the best career for a mom". Remember, this was in 1963! And I truly thank them because I know that it was my destiny to work with young people. I always wanted, as a teen, to be an archeologist and was in love with anything ancient. In fourth grade, I discovered the Illiad and the Odyssey, and things took off from there! I am certified in Pa. in both Latin and English.

My favorite quotation is The Serenity Prayer. As a fellow teacher, you can understand why I kept a copy on my classroom desk and podium. It has brought me focus and comfort in times of stress in my personal life and my career.

I know that the greatest treasures in my life are all the people who are or have been in my life. Now I have added my sisters in Beta Iota.



Hand and Heart Projects:

Books for Veteran Teachers to enjoy over the summer are needed! Please bring gently used books to the meeting in May.

Hats, mittens/gloves, and scarves will be collected and sent to the Navajo Children in Prewitt, NM in the fall. Remember to pick up a set during the sales at the close of the winter season.

Ecumenical Food Bank needs shamp/conditioner, toothpaste, individually wrapped rolls of toilet paper & bars of soap, & tooth brushes. Sue Bottini will deliver the items.

There is no better exercise for strengthening the heart than reaching down and lifting up another.



Community Fundraiser:
April 13, 5-9pm
Isaac's in Lemoyne
Invite your friends and family to bring their flyer, fill it out and give it to the wait staff. 25% of the cost of the meal will go directly to Beta Iota Chapter to support our projects.

Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars, grab your yearbook & committee folder, and fill your bag!

- Mon., April 13 Issac's in Lemoyne- Community Night Fundraiser 5-9pm: Bring your family, friends and flyers!
- Tues, April 14 Orientation Tea for new members
- Mon., May 4 Dodge City- Program on CASA, bring a gently used book
- June-TBA Executive Board Meeting
- Thurs, Oct. 1 Gilligan's, Eisenhower Blvd- Program TBA

Thank you ladies for preparing the way for lovely, interesting & purposeful meetings!