

# Beta Iota News



Dear Beta Iota Sisters,

October 12, 2014

Greetings! Grace and peace to you and your family! I hope all is well! Thanks for helping to hold the line against future dues increase by receiving your Beta Iota newsletter and the Keystonian through e-mail. Please send an email my way so I know that you received this newsletter. Thanks a bunch!

Thank you for the wonderful meeting in September your positive attitude and participation was indeed encouraging! Susie Perkey and the hostesses picked an enchanting setting and made divine desserts! Congratulations to the Woman Educator of the Year, Susie Perkey! She is a woman of heart, class, and passion for children. We are very blessed to have Barb Leonard and Louise Hesse as active members of our Beta Iota family for the past 25 years.

Thank you very much for your participation in committee meetings. My how the ideas have been flowing. Everyone's talents and skills have added to the variety and the level of excellent ideas in the Strategic Action Plans. We have a strong foundation set and an explicit plan to carry out our hopes and goals. Louise and the SAP committee will meet Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you, Marilyn and the membership committee for creating a friendly and informative orientation tea. Five lovely prospective members met us at the Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg. Thanks to all the ladies for setting time aside to empower women educators and impact education worldwide.

Beta Iota's next meeting is Thursday, November 13, at 6:15pm, at the Camp Hill Cafe. Please bring a craft book or cookbook to donate to the book sale. Bring a dollar and some quarters to buy a book that catches your eye! Please call a Beta Iota sister and ride together. Half the fun is in the journey to the meeting! At the meeting, we will be engaged in an interactive and informative, historical presentation by Time Traveling Trunks! Get ready to step into time and perhaps step into period clothes! Hostesses are Carol Hollis, chairman, Rita Acri, Raeleen Eckerd-Taylor, Dottie Oliver, Karen Potok, and Linda Waechter, with the invocation by Marilyn Koonen. Hostesses, please call Carol to lend a hand in creating a lovely and inviting environment.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with Beta Iota chapter as we reach out to women, children, and communities! Thank you for being the arms, hands, and feet of compassion and justice!

Blessings to each of you as you prepare for Harvest Celebrations, family gatherings, and thankful moments!



Tammy Marie Sweger



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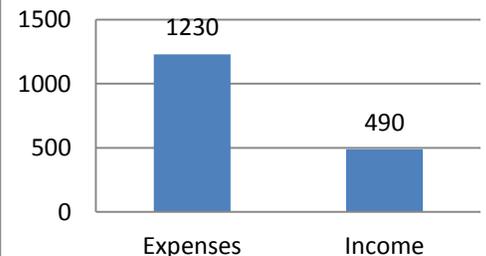
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

## Foundation, Fellowship, Future

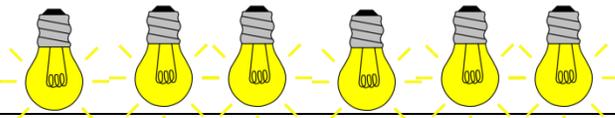
### Beta Iota Chapter Special Projects

- \$500.00 Grant to an education major.
- Give "Blankets & Books" to Head Start.
- Give "Dolls and Blankets" to Head Start.
- Give personal care items to Ecumenical Food Bank.
- Send blankets and Silly Bandz to children in developing countries.
- Give teacher resources to early career educators.
- 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 Budget Committee for the data. Thank you Ways and Means committee and sisters for helping us raise funds to meet the project expenses!



## ROSE BUD SPOTLIGHT



Hello my name is Karen Potok. Twenty five years ago, I moved from New Jersey where I grew up, to Pennsylvania. I currently live in Mechanicsburg with my husband, two daughter's Mary, age 22, and Emily, age 17, our two cats and a dog. Mary is currently a senior at West Chester University majoring in English Secondary Ed. We have a teacher in the future!! Emily is a senior at Cumberland Valley High School and is undecided about what she wants to do for a career. My oldest daughter Chrissy, age 24, is married and her husband Joe, is in the Air Force. They have been stationed in Honolulu Hawaii for the last three years and are getting ready to move to Savannah, Georgia in the next few months. They will be home in early November and Chrissy will stay with us for three months, while Joe attends training in Mississippi. I almost forgot to mention, their dog Bailey will join us as well. We will have quite a house full!! Chrissy has been working at Victoria's Secret as a merchandise flow supervisor. You may see her at the Camp Hill store where she will work for a few months before moving to Georgia. My professional career has had me working with children and families in many capacities. I started out as a probation officer working for the Family Division of the Monmouth County court System. When I moved to Pa., I was an Intensive Case Manager before starting a family and choosing to stay home for 8 years. When I returned to work, I worked for Keystone Service Systems for 14 years, starting out as a T.S.S. (Therapeutic Staff Support) in their BHRS program for close to 6 years. This is where my passion for working with children on the autism spectrum began. From there, I was hired in their Early Intervention program as a Special Instructor providing intervention to children with developmental delays and their families. A Special Instructor is considered to be a teacher in Early Intervention. I have been a Special Instructor for close to 9 years and recently left Keystone Service Systems to work for a small agency called Aspirations. I continue to provide Special Instruction in Early Intervention and feel blessed to have such an amazing job. Where else do you get to play with children and get paid for it! Actually, it is not all about play, but rather helping families incorporate strategies into their daily routines to promote their child's development. I continue to work with many children on the autism spectrum, many times coming in at the beginning of the families' journey. I have had the opportunity to participate in many wonderful trainings over the years and am a certified Infant Massage Instructor; Language Special Instructor and a Competent Learner Model Coach. It was through my involvement with the Competent Learner Model that I met Mary Benton and collaborated with her to provide CLM training for Early Intervention providers. It was a pleasure getting to know Mary and continue to learn from her vast knowledge and experience. Needless to say, Mary Benton was the one to lead me to DKG and all the wonderful women who are members of the organization.

Thank you for welcoming me to Delta Kappa Gamma!



### Hand and Heart Projects:

**Teacher resources** for early career educators will be prepared at Susie Perkey's wrapping and packing party on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Items will be delivered in November:

- L. Waechter- Hanover Elementary
- L. Beshore- York Haven Elementary
- J. Whitesell- East Pensborro
- T. Sweger- South Side Elem. & Infinity Charter School

**Fleece Blankets for children** in our local Headstart schools.

Keep a lookout for fleece sales. We each need 1½ yards of patterned fleece and 1½ yards of a matching solid colored fleece. Libby has organized a gathering to assemble the blankets at the Fredricksen Library on 100 N 19<sup>th</sup> St, Camp Hill, from 1-4:30 on Sat, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> & Tues, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, or from 6-9pm on Tues, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Hats, mittens/gloves, and scarves** for the Native American Children, ages 4-12 at Baca/Dlo' ay azhi Community School in New Mexico. Most of the children live in hogans or make shift mobile homes with a wood stove as their only heat source. Winters are very cold in the high desert.

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

In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.

Abraham Lincoln



### Message Board:

Are you interested in the Parliamentary aspect of our Chapter?

If so, please contact Kathy Gottlieb at [bbbkw55@aol.com](mailto:bbbkw55@aol.com) She is looking for a member to mentor.

Thank you Sharon for editing and Mary for the photo!

## Upcoming EVENTS

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

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| Thurs., Nov 13   | Camp Hill Café- Time Traveling Trunks Program. Bring hats, gloves, and scarves for Navajo children. Bring a Cook/Craft book for the book sale and a dollar and change to buy a book. |
| Thurs., Feb. 5   | Red Robin- Card Making Program   |
| Thurs., March 26 | West Shore Country Club- Ukrainian Art Program & Jewelry Flea Market   |
| Mon., May 4      | Dodge City- CASA Program   |
| Thurs, Oct. 1    | Gilligan's, Eisenhower Blvd  |

Bring personal hygiene items to any meeting for Ecumenical Food Bank.

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