

BETA THETA CHATTA AND NEWS

March Meeting

March 17, 2018

Ronald McDonald House
745 W. Governor Road
Hershey, Pa. 17033-2304

Program: Denise Britton from Shalom House

Hostesses: Anna McDonald, Leslie Moyer and Laurie Williamson

Please join us for a social time followed by the Business meeting.

Checklist:

- Raffle Basket Donations
- DKG Pin
- Pull Tabs
- Donations for Ronald McDonald House
- Books for Foose

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I recently found out that my first grade teacher was a long time member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was a member of a chapter in Mercer County, Ohio. I lived in the village of Mendon. The population was 700. There was only one first grade and there were about 25 children in my class. I started first grade in 1960. We did not have a kindergarten until 1966. Mrs. Bendure was my first teacher and one of my favorites. It just seems right that I eventually became a member of DKG. I really wish I would have let Donna Winch talk me in to joining sooner. I feel like my life is much fuller now. I have learned so much, had so many great experiences and met so many wonderful people. Because of this, I am encouraging you to invite friends that you think could benefit from becoming a Beta Theta. I also encourage our current members to become more involved. If you do not participate in our activities, you are missing so much.

March 17 Meeting Information

Our meeting for March 17 will feature Denise Britton from the Shalom House in Harrisburg. The house provides a temporary 21-bed shelter for women and children who have nowhere else to go. They provide for the basic needs of their clients: a bed, assistance with food resources, clothing, health and hygiene supplies, and a temporary address and telephone number. They are helping the women move toward self-sufficiency, to never become homeless again.

As educators, we need to be aware of services like the Shalom House as an important social service that some of our students could be involved with.

I'm very much looking forward to meeting Denise and hearing more about Shalom House. I know you all are, too!

Jeannette Thomas



Hostesses

May 19, 2018

Patricia Ethridge
Connie Stackhouse
Sherry Welty
Laurie Williamson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



OUR CHAPTER TURNS **55**

ON MAY 3, 2018!!!

WE WILL CELEBRATE DURING
THE MAY 19TH MEETING.

Achievement Award

Every two years, we present an achievement award to a member of Beta Theta Chapter. We will accept nominations at the March Business Meeting.

Cottage Meetings

Our last Cottage meeting will be “Craft With Luc Crum” on April 10, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the home of Kathy Dunn. Her address is 437 Vesta Drive, Dauphin, Pa. 17018

We made beautiful crafts with Luc last year. We are looking forward to creating flowers for our garden made from dishes, bowls and other items.

The cost for this activity will be \$25.00 per person. The money that remains after expenses will be given to Beta Theta.



Early Educators



Donations supplied by our Beta Theta sisters were packed in small plastic tubs at the home of Donna Winch on January 9, 2018 by Pat Ethridge, Gaye Hicks, Laurie Williamson and Donna Winch. Stephany Davidson worked with the Middletown School District to establish a date and time for delivery. Stephany Davidson and Gaye Hicks delivered the supplies on February 12th. Donna made things very easy for us. She had the tubs separated into boxes marked with the school name and included in the tub, was an envelope with the teacher's name, grade level/subject and a Beta Theta brochure. We were very pleased to have the Middletown Superintendent, Dr. Suski join us. It was a pleasure to meet her; she shared interesting information about the schools and introduced us to secretaries, principals and teachers. She made us feel very welcome.

Thank you, Donna Winch for the wonderful brochure, your time and effort, and the storage of the teacher supplies for over a month. We also want to thank Norma Mateer for printing the brochure.



Four Chapters Meeting

The luncheon will be held on April 21, 2018 at the Carlisle County Club. The four chapters consist of Beta Iota, Beta Theta, Alpha Kappa and Kappa. Our chapter is responsible for the musical program. More details will be given at the March meeting when they are confirmed.



Book Club

Books For Foose

As you know, we collect books at our business meeting four times a year. If you have books to donate and you don't want to store them until the meeting, you can drop them off at Sue Bay's church. Several people have asked about this, so I am including this information.

Colonial Park United Church of Christ

5000 Devonshire Rd. Hbg. Pa

717-545-3782

If you decide to do this, call the church for drop-off days and hours.

March 21, 2018

2:00 at the home of Kate Humphrey
The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

April 18, 2018

2:00 at the home of Rosemary Ruhl
Unbelievable by Katy Tur

May 16, 2018

2:00 at the home of Stephany Davidson
Call the Midwife by Jennifer Worth

June 20, 2018

2:00 at the home of Norma Mateer
Ruthless River by Holly Fitzgerald

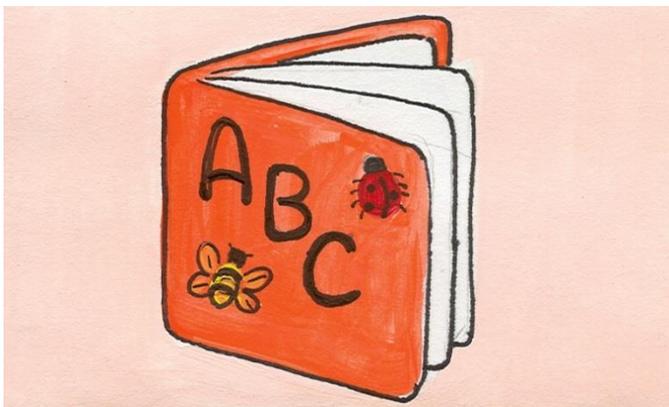
July- No Meeting Planned

August 1, 2018

12:00 Noon at the home of Beverly Utz
The Cottage by the Sea by Debbie Macomber

September 19, 2018

2:00 at the home of Cindy Sell
The Woman in the Window by A. J. Finn



Our Sympathy

We want to extend our condolences to Marcy Sharpe. Her father, Vernon Spangler, passed away on January 11, 2018. His memorial was held on February 10, 2018 at the Rife Center of Bethany Village, Mechanicsburg. A single white rose was delivered to the memorial, our Chapter's practice as a show of support for our sisters.



Dear Beta There Sisters,
Thank you so much for your kind wishes on the death of my father. Your cards and calls meant so much!
Love, Marcy.

State Convention Raffle Basket

We have chosen "Reading at the Beach" as the theme for our basket this year. The money raised by these raffle baskets goes to the state. Please bring your donations to the March or May meeting. We received many wonderful items for our basket last year and it was a very popular choice as evidenced by the large amount of tickets.

Officers for 2016-2017

Gaye Hicks- President

Norma Mateer- Past President

Jeannette Thomas- First Vice President

Stephany Davidson/ Kathy Dunn- Second Vice Presidents

Linda Geesaman- Secretary

Suzanne Long- Parliamentarian

Nancy Thompson- Treasurer

Kathy Woodbridge- Newsletter Editor/Webmaster

Ronald McDonald House



Ronald McDonald House Donations

We are so fortunate to have several of our members who volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House and are able to arrange for us to use the community room free of charge for our meetings. They do ask us to make a donation to the operation there as our honorarium. The following list is suggested by the management.

“We are particularly in need of the following food and supply items”

RMHC of Central PA

- Individual serving size cereal, crackers, chips, granola bars, nuts, fruit cups, and other healthy snacks
- Microwave meals, shelf stable stews, soups
- Disinfectant spray
- High Efficiency (HE) laundry detergent
- Paper towels, bathroom and toilet bowl cleaners
- Snack size zipper baggies
- 13 gallon trash bags
- Automatic dishwasher detergent (no tabs or pods)
- Copier paper (8 1/2 by 11)
- Non Dairy Creamer
- Food containers and plastic spoons

Calendar of Events

Business Meetings

March 17, 2018- 9:30 AM at Ronald McDonald House

May 19, 2018- 9:30AM at Ronald McDonald House

Cottage Meeting

April 10, 2018- 2:00PM “Craft with Luc Crum” at Kathy Dunn’s Home

Road Trip

June 27, 2018- NYC Trip

State and International Dates

March 29-30, 2018 Creative Arts Retreat

April 21, 2018 Four Chapters Meeting in Carlisle

June 14-16, 2018 Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Convention

July 16-20, 2018 International Convention, Austin, Texas

March 28-30, 2019 Creative Arts Retreat, Ludlow Pa.



Beta Theta Presents Broadway!

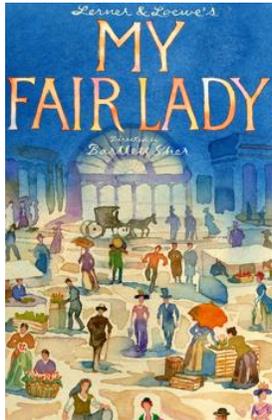
Wednesday, June 27! (Leave K-Mart on Route 22 in Harrisburg at 7:00 a.m.)

Cost: \$190 (Includes great seat + bus + tip) Meals are on your own.

\$50 NOW to lock in your seat: remainder of \$140 by April 10. Checks made out to Beta Theta.

Contact Donna Winch at winch@comcast.net or 717-728-6884 for more details.

Choose either show.



Emmy nominee Lauren Ambrose will take on the central role of Eliza Doolittle in the Broadway revival of *My Fair Lady*, at Lincoln Center Theater's Vivian Beaumont Theater. Ambrose will be joined onstage by Harry Hadden-Paton in his New York stage debut as Henry Higgins, with two-time Tony winner Norbert Leo Butz as Alfred P. Doolittle and Tony winner Diana Rigg as Mrs. Higgins. Tony winner Christopher Gattelli has signed on as choreographer.



Music & lyrics by the amazing Sara Bareilles.

Based on the 2007 film by the late Adrienne Shelly, *Waitress* follows Jenna, a pregnant waitress in the south trapped in an abusive marriage and looking for a happy ending. She finds relief—and potentially that happy ending—by making creatively titled pies and forming a romance with an unlikely newcomer.

can save the world

Delta Kappa Gamma
Pennsylvania State Association of DKG
Beta Theta Chapter – November 18, 2017

The second meeting for 2017-18 was held at Ridgeway Community Church (since the Ronald McDonald location was not available). Linda Geesaman hosted the meeting as a member of the church. Donna Winch, Kathy Dunn and Pat Ethridge provided snacks and beautiful fall decorations. There were 20 members present.

Jeanette Thomas, introduced the guest speaker, Jennifer Bustamante, Regional Director for Girl Scouts of NW and South Central PA. Jennifer shared some background regarding the Girl Scouts founded in 1912 with the goal of helping girls become leaders in the community. It was noted that DKG has Girl Scout badges. Beta Theta members could choose to provide mentoring, assistance with achievement of Gold Awards or share what we've learned on a topic that is a passion for us. Girl Scout staff facilitate sharing information but do not formally connect scouts with our organization.

President Gaye Hicks opened the business meeting. The minutes of the September 16, 2017 meeting were approved with thanks to Kathy Dunn for taking them. Motion by Norma Mateer and second by Donna Winch. Treasurer Nancy Thompson presented the Treasurer's report noting a balance of \$8,194.88. Nancy raised a question about less active members that have not paid dues. Motion by Kathy Dunn, seconded by Norma Mateer that "If dues from three reserve status members are not received, DKG will pay the minimum on their behalf to State and International" passed.

Committee Reports:

Ways and Means:

Donna reported a successful sale of 200 Bon Ton coupon booklets.

Award Presentation:

Suzanne Long presented the "I Am So Grateful You Are A Member" Award to Donna Winch noting her contributions for fundraising and skillful salesmanship to support chapter projects.

Presentation of Pins:

Norma Mateer provided pins for each living life time achievement award winner who never received the pin.

Book Club:

An additional date in May has been added to the schedule. The book is *Call the Midwife*.

Cottage Meetings:

Three meetings have been set. Members can sew dresses for girls in Africa (and bead bracelets if a non-sewer) on January 23 at Linda Geesaman's home; make a block quilt that will be assembled and raffled February 26 at Kate Humphrey's home; make a garden plate (or one of two other projects) April 10 at Kathy Dunn's home.

Early Educators:

January 9th at 1:00, home of Donna Winch, was selected to pack the items collected for teachers. Items will be delivered Friday, January 12th.

Christmas Dinner

Members will gather at Gilligan's Eisenhower Blvd at 6:00 on Tuesday, December 12. We will order from the menu. Sign up sheet provided at the meeting.

NYC Broadway Show Trip

Donna urged members to make reservation with \$50. and names of participants before Christmas. Musicals are "My Fair Lady" at the Lincoln Center or "Waitress."

Lynchcreek Farm Sale

This sale is in progress. Marcy noted catalogs are available. Business cards with ordering information were provided. Contact Marcy for any needed assistance.

U.S. Forum

Gaye Hicks will be sending the address for an Alpha Alpha website that provides information on legislative items of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Geesaman

Secretary