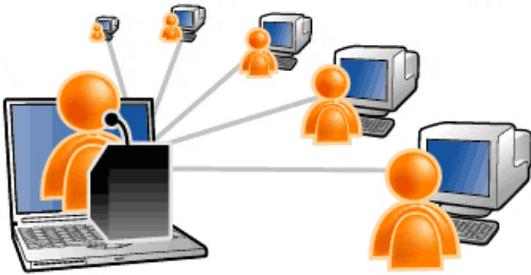


BETA THETA CHATTA AND NEWS

March Meeting



Saturday, March 13, 2021

9:30 AM via Zoom

Program: STEM Education in Practice

Please plan to join us as we learn about the wonderful kits Heather Lister is compiling in order to implement various STEM concepts in the Camp Hill School District. We can sip Irish tea and eat homemade scones **“together”** courtesy of our hostess committee

“STEM”: What it is and - more importantly - what it *isn't*

By: Heather Lister

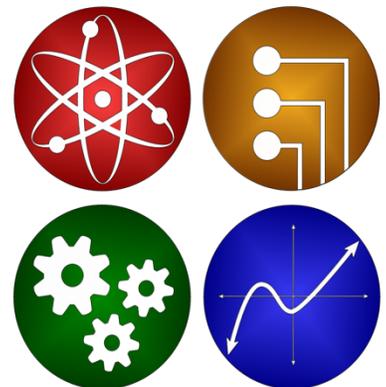


As many of you know, DKG is putting a concerted effort to support STEM education. As “STEM” is still a relatively new term, I think it is important for us all to have a shared understanding of what STEM is and how it relates to education.

STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Some schools have adopted the terms STEAM (add “Arts”), STREAM (add “Arts” and “Reading”), or eSTREAM (add “entrepreneurship”, “arts”, and “reading”). Arguably, we could continue expanding this acronym to include every discipline and skill we want our kids to acquire. So while I wholeheartedly agree that students need support in the arts and reading, these efforts actually detract from the heart of the STEM movement. This is because STEM is more than a combination of individual subject areas, it is the *integration* of them.

School is typically broken down into specific subject areas, unfortunately often working in isolation. It is rare that the science and math teacher have the opportunity to collaborate and this approach is creating a skills gap in the workforce. Our students see themselves as experts in a specific discipline, rather than experts in various skills - many of which transcend content areas. Life doesn't operate in silos. Whether you're performing surgery on a patient or shopping at the grocery store, you're likely utilizing knowledge from multiple content areas. It is these silos that STEM is attempting to dismantle.

So how does this translate into practice in the classroom? In our upcoming meeting, I will share some efforts that are being done in both elementary and secondary classrooms, as well as highlight an opportunity for our chapter to support a STEM program in a local school.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I hope everyone continues to be safe and healthy during our continuing Covid-19 epidemic. This time of social distancing has certainly provided time for quiet reflection and the pursuit of hobbies.

Now, with the vaccine roll-out we have reason for hope and a return to some degree of normalcy in the not-too-distant future.

I encourage everyone to join us via Zoom on Saturday, March 13 at 9:30 AM to learn about the wonderful things our sister, Heather Lister, is doing to further STEM education within the Camp Hill School District. Following her presentation, we will be able to hear about the results of Susan Davis's questionnaire regarding the US Forum. Perhaps this will encourage all of us to become more involved with current educational issues thereby assisting our current working educators.

Our first Scrip order placed in December yielded a profit of about \$75 for Beta Theta which we can utilize for our Grant-In Aid Program. From now on we will be ordering cards on a regular four times per year schedule March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. An order form is included in the newsletter. We hope more than six members will be participating when future orders are placed. With so many gift cards to choose from, surely there is a business included where you frequently shop. CVS is a place our family often uses and when purchasing a \$100 gift card you get to spend all \$100 while the Scrip program sends \$6 to Beta Theta. It is an easy way to assist a college student with her education while you spend money on things you would normally purchase.

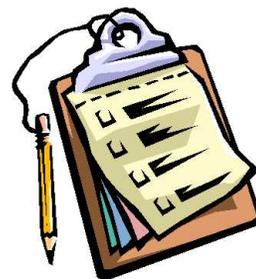
Our Four Chapter meeting scheduled for Saturday April 10 will be held via Zoom. The presidents from each chapter will discuss projects and activities their chapters have been able to complete during the Covid-19 epidemic. These presentations will be followed by a brief message from our state president, Eileen Little. At the conclusion of her presentation there will be time for questions and answers. Those members who are interested in attending can RSVP my late March email invitation. It should be an informative session

I wish to extend my sincere thank you to Marcie Sharp for organizing the Lynchcreek Farms Fundraiser which raised over \$200 for Beta Theta. I also want to thank Geneva Reeder and Heather Lister for explaining and organizing our Scrips Gift Card Program. This unique program gives Beta Theta a safe way to raise funds during this pandemic. And lastly, I wish to thank Sherry Welty, Pat Ethridge and Laurie Williamson for supplying our tasty treats for the March Meeting. We can remain connected through our home-baked goodies!

TREASURER UPDATE

Greetings from your Treasurer. We received \$217.00 from Lynchcreek sales and \$115.75 from the Scrip Center leaving us with \$5661.99 total available. Thanks for your support of our fundraising efforts.

Nancy



BOOKS FOR KIDS

Bonnie Hindman has been the chairperson of this very worthwhile project. Our members donate books suitable for the elementary grades. Then a small committee sorts and distributes books to classrooms within selected school districts. Since Diversity and Stem are current trends in education, I have listed suggested titles below to assist members with their purchases. Books can be dropped off at the May business meeting (if it is held in person) or at the home of Stephany Davidson. We will be distributing these books to classrooms in the early Fall.



Stem Titles

The Apollo Mission for Kids by Jerome Pohlen
The Book of Ingeniously Daring Chemistry by Sean Connolly
Captain Aquatic's Awesome Ocean by Jess Cramp
Scholars of Science by Rob Colson
Science is Magic by Steve Mould
Science You Can Eat by Stefan Gates
Space Travel by Jerry Stone
STEM Lab by Jack Challoner
Top Secret Science in Medicine by Ellen Rodger
Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beatty
Iggly Peck, Architect by Andrea Beatty

Diversity Titles

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
I Believe I Can by Grace Byers
Little Leaders Bold Women in Black History by Vashiti Harrison
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe
She Persisted by Chelsea Clinton
A Family is a family is a family by Sara O Leary
Lailah's Lunchbox – A Ramadan Story by Reem Faruqi
What's Cool About Braille Code School by Gracie Benedith Cane
The Push: A Story About Friendship by Patrick Gray

The Girl Who Thought in Pictures by The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin by Julia Finley Mosca
Star of the Week: A Story of Love, Adoption, Brownies, and Sprinkles by Darlene Friedman
Maddie's Fridge by Lois Brandt (Food Insecurity)
Moses Goes to a Concert by Isaac Millman (Deaf)
Mango, Abuela and Me by Meg Medina
The Long and Short of It – A Tale of Hair by Barbara Meyers
What I Like About Me – Simon and Schuster

GRANT-IN-AID

Our current Grant-In-Aid, Lauren Miller, graduated in December. If you know of someone who you would like to nominate for the grant, please submit her name. Perhaps you could contact your school district or maybe a neighbor. Scholarship money is available and we would really like to assist a deserving candidate.



The qualifications are as follows:

1. That the grant be awarded to a non-member woman student majoring in education who has completed at least one year of college.
2. That she should demonstrate some financial need.
3. Any Beta Theta Chapter member may submit a letter of nomination to the chapter president by April 15 of the year a grant recipient will be selected.
4. The Executive Board will review the nominations and select one candidate to present for the membership's approval at the May meeting.
5. Letters of nomination will include the name of the candidate, high school, college(major), awards, community service, extra-curricular activities, hobbies, etc.

The grant recipient will receive \$500 two times per year (August and January). The treasurer will send the checks.

The chapter will only support one Grant-In-Aid per year.

A grant recipient may receive the grant for up to three years, depending on when she was first selected (sophomore, junior or senior year).

Increasing Your Awareness/Voicing Your Concerns

While the pandemic continues, the **primary focus** of this portion of Beta Theta Chatta will be to...



Initiate, endorse, & support desirable legislation in the interests of education & of women educators

As you are aware – ***Congress is Back in Action!***

It represents our 117th Congress. 785 bills have been introduced on the House Floor.

Connecticut Education Commissioner, Miguel Cardona, is President Biden's pick for education secretary. He has taken positions on an array of K-12 issues, which are outlined here. He has stressed the value of COVID-19 relief, and that schools must be "free of harassment and discrimination," during the Senate hearing on his appointment on February 3rd, which he passed and is almost certain to be confirmed.

➤ Evie Blad. "Where Biden's Choice for Education Secretary Stands on Key K-12 Issues." *Education Week*. December 22, 2020 Where Biden's Choice for Education Secretary Stands on Key K-12 Issues (edweek.org)

Washington Senator Patty Murray, a former preschool teacher, is about to lead the Senate Education Committee!

Andrew Ujifusa. "Patty Murray Set to Lead Senate Education Committee After Democratic Wins in Georgia." *Education Wee*

Education Issues

CDC research backs in-person instruction and is supporting the Biden administration's push for districts to return to it. The study found that the incidence of the coronavirus was 37% lower in school than in their communities.

Sarah D. Sparks & Mark Lieberman. "New CDC Research Backs Biden Push for In-Person Schooling." *Education Week*. January 26, 2021 New CDC Research Backs Biden Push for In-Person Schooling (edweek.org)
Vishwadha Chander. "CDC researchers see little evidence in-person school drives COVID-19 infection." *Reuters*. January 26, 2021
CDC researchers see little evidence in-person school drives COVID-19 infection | Reuters

U.S.E.D. probing special ed

The US Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights is investigating complaints from parents who claim their children with disabilities have not received proper educational support during the pandemic. Advocates say parents are frustrated and believe schools should either open for in-person learning or provide in-home help.

Jo Napolitano. "Federal Probes into Lack of School Services for Special Needs Students Reflect Nearly a Year of Parental Anguish." *The 74*. January 26, 2021 Federal Probes into Lack of School Services for Special Needs Students Reflect Nearly a Year of Parental Anguish, Advocates Say | The 74 (the74million.org)

Debate: Should standardized tests occur in 2021?

Federal law requires states to test students in math and reading annually, based on the premise that such testing provides crucial data. Last spring, due to the pandemic, the U.S.E.D. waived those testing

requirements. Should the same happen this spring? And, if millions of students are still learning remotely, how can states that do test ensure that assessment strategies are practical, valid, and reliable? Scott Marion, executive director of the Center for Assessment, and Lorrie Shepard, University Distinguished Professor at the School of Education, University of Colorado Boulder, argue against testing, while Jessica Baghian, former assistant state education chief for Louisiana, on statewide assessments, argues in their favor.

Lorrie Shepard. "Statewide Assessments in 2021: An essential lens or a fruitless imposition?" *Education Next*. February 2, 2021 Statewide Assessments in 2021 - Education Next

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." Eleanor Roosevelt

Articles of Interest

Biden executive order boosts food benefits for children

An executive order signed by President Biden is intended to address food insecurity caused by the pandemic by extending a benefit to a federal nutrition program and focusing resources on children who have missed meals due to closed schools over the last several months.

Andrew Ujifusa. "Biden Signs Executive Order to Boost Food Benefits for Children Missing School Meals." *Education Week*. January 2021 Biden Signs Executive Order to Boost Food Benefits for Children Missing School Meals (edweek.org)

Biden's early U.S.E.D. appointments

President Biden's administration announced 12 appointments at the U.S.E.D. Included are first lady Jill Biden's former chief of staff and two prominent teachers' union officials.

Andrew Ujifusa. "Early Education Department Appointees Have Links to Jill Biden, Teachers' Unions." *Education Week*. January 22, 2021 Early Education Department Appointees Have Links to Jill Biden, Teachers' Unions (edweek.org)

New Legislation Watch

H.R.400 – to amend the Elementary & Secondary Education Act of 1965 to increase civics education programs, and other purposes. Introduced on 1/21/2021 and has 40 cosponsors. Referred to House Committee on Education and Labor. H.R, 400, 117th Cong., 1st Sess, (2021). Congress.gov / Library of Congress

Congressional Information: Information regarding your Senators and congressional House Representatives can be found at **Congress.gov**. You have access to their committee assignments, and pertinent information along with upcoming committee reports and bills introduced. It is a valuable source for all.



I plan to attend & will share information of interest with our Beta-Theta sisterhood.

Legislative Issues for Our 117th Congress

February 24, 2021
7p.m. ET, 6pm CT, 5pm MT, 4pm PT
With Dr. Sylvia Johnson
The US Forum Steering committee invites you to join us for an informative presentation on Legislative Issues to be addressed in the 117th Congress. The program will be presented by Dr. Sylvia Johnson.
Dr. Sylvia Johnson is a lobbyist for the National Education Association (NEA). She leads NEA's efforts on Capitol Hill on a range of issues including: COVID-19 vaccines, the Safe Reopening of Schools, Health Care (including Medicare and Medicaid), Gun Violence Prevention/School Safety; Social Security and Pensions. She is also the NEA's liaison to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.



Spotlight on Laurie Kirkscey

Lifelong Texas residents, Laurie and Russell Kirkscey moved to Pennsylvania in 2019 to fulfill a lifelong dream of living in another part of the United States. Upon arrival, and knowing no one, Laurie decided to look for some DKG Pennsylvania sisters by exploring the Pennsylvania DKG website. When reading our chapter's newsletter she thought our activities looked like fun, so Laurie contacted our president, Jeanette. Following a March luncheon with four Beta Theta sisters, Laurie was invited to transfer her membership to Beta Theta.

Laurie was born in San Antonio, Texas in the 60's. During her preschool years, Laurie's Mother was taking credit hours to satisfy her requirements as a Kindergarten teacher. She was really interested in studying developmentally appropriate behaviors. After analyzing these newly learned concepts and applying them to Laurie, her firstborn, she concluded it best to delay Laurie's entrance into Kindergarten until the age of six.

Laurie attended Serna Elementary School in San Antonio through Fourth Grade. When she was ready to enter Fifth Grade, her parents moved the family to a ranch in Gillespie County in Fredericksburg, Texas (one of the first German Texas settlements). Laurie attended school here from Fifth Grade through her senior year of high school and graduated from the same high school as her parents. She earned her undergraduate degree from Texas A and M along with eleven of her fellow high school classmates. Since the university did not offer a library science program, she majored in elementary education. In 2004, she obtained a Master of Library Science Degree from the University of North Texas by taking mostly on-line courses supplemented by summer courses for two and a half years in Denton, Texas.

Laurie married Russell in 1989 and several years later they became the parents of Eleanor (now 26) and Thomas (now 23). Russell is also a teacher and obtained his masters and finally a doctorate which enabled him to retire from the public school system and become a professor. He currently serves as a Professor of Technical Writing and Rhetoric at the Penn State, Harrisburg Campus.

During her teaching career, Laurie served on the yearbook committee for five-six years and was chair of the Texas Library Associations Children's Roundtable. This committee selects the 20 best books for K-2 grades as well as the best 20 books for Third through Sixth Grades (Blue Bonnet Award) on an annual basis. For one week during the summer, Laurie and Russell ran a debate camp for 200 students at The University of Texas.

Coming from a long line of teachers, Laurie joined DKG in 1994 as her mother and grandmother before her. She has been a member for over 25 years and ultimately ended up in the same chapter as her family members.

We are so happy to have the girl with the "dry wit," Texas drawl, love of literature and extensive library skills be a member of our Beta Theta PA chapter!

Officers for 2020-2022

Stephany Davidson- President

Jeannette Thomas - Past President

Suzanne Long – First Vice President

Susan Davis/ Norma Mateer – Co-Second Vice Presidents

Linda Geesaman- Secretary

Suzanne Long- Parliamentarian

Nancy Thompson- Treasurer

Kathy Woodbridge- Newsletter Editor

Heather Lister-Webmaster

Calling All Hostesses

Bon Appetit!



We would love to hear from you! Please mail, email or text (a photo is fine) a favorite recipe...including your name...to Sherry Welty. Her contact information may be found in our Beta Theta yearbook. Hopefully you had the opportunity to prepare the scone recipe that you received in the mail! Be sure

to enjoy a cup of tea and a scone during our meeting on March 13.

Simple Scones

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup sugar plus 1 tsp
1 tsp baking powder
¼ tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
8 tbs unsalted butter
(frozen)
½ cup raisins
½ cup sour cream
1 large egg



1. Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position and preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. In a medium bowl, mix flour, 1/3 cup sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Grate butter into flour mixture on the large holes of a box grater; use your fingers to work in butter (mixture should resemble coarse meal). Then stir in raisins.
3. In a small bowl, whisk sour cream and egg until smooth.
4. Using a fork, stir sour cream mixture into flour mixture until large dough clumps form. Use your hands to press the dough against the bowl into a ball. (The dough will be sticky in places, and there may not seem to be enough liquid at first, but as you press, the dough will come together).
5. Place on a lightly floured surface and pat into a 7-8 inch circle. Sprinkle with remaining tsp. of sugar. Use a sharp knife to cut into 7-8 triangles; place on cookie sheet (preferably lined with parchment paper), about 1 inch apart. Bake until golden, about 15 to 17 minutes. Cool for 5 minutes and serve warm or at room temperature.

Calendar of Events

March 13, 2021 9:30 AM via Zoom- Program- STEM Education

May 15, 2021 9:30 AM Via Zoom – Program- Music by Beta Theta member Shirley Newhart

Cottage Meetings and Social Events

April 20, 2021 The craft project with Luc Crum has been **rescheduled** to **April 2022**.

Four Chapter Meeting

April 10, 2021- (time will be announced in the near future) The Four Chapter meeting will meet via Zoom. The Four Chapter presidents will share the activities of their chapter during the Covid pandemic. Then our state president, Eileen Little, will share some comments and allow time for questions and answers. Please join us to learn about the creative ways the various chapters have continued the work of DKG during these unusual times.

State and International Dates

April 23-25, 2021 State Creative Arts Retreat, Olmstead Manor, Ludlow PA

June 11-13, 2021 State Convention, Hilton Scranton and Conference Center, Scranton, PA

July 7-10, 2021 International Convention at Portland, Oregon

July 14-17, 2021 International Conference, Tampere, Finland- **CANCELLED**

July 21-24, 2021 International Conference, San Antonio, Texas

July 2022 International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana

Order Deadline: ~~March 1st~~
June

Family Order Form

Beta Theta PA

Mail Checks, Order Form, and a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope to:
Geneva Reeder
5990 Hocker Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Name	Customer Address
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
1-800-Baskets \$50.00	12%		\$	Best Buy \$250.00	4%		\$	Crate and Barrel \$100.00	8%		\$
1-800-Flowers \$50.00	12%		\$	Bob Evans Restaurants® \$10.00	10%		\$	Crate and Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$
Ace Hardware \$100.00	4%		\$	Bob Evans Restaurants® \$25.00	10%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$100.00	6%		\$
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Bonefish Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$
adidas \$25.00	13%		\$	Bonefish Grill \$50.00	10%		\$	Dairy Queen \$10.00	3%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$100.00	7%		\$	Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$100.00	8%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$25.00	7%		\$	Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$	Darden Restaurants \$25.00	8%		\$
Amazon.com \$100.00	2.25%		\$	BP \$100.00	1.5%		\$	Dave & Buster's \$25.00	13%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2.25%		\$	BP \$250.00	1.5%		\$	Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$100.00	8%		\$
American Girl \$100.00	9%		\$	Buffalo Wild Wings® \$10.00	8%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$
American Girl \$25.00	9%		\$	Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	Discover Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$100.00	1.25%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$15.00	5%		\$	Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Discover Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$250.00	1.25%		\$
Apple Store/Apple.com \$25.00	5%		\$	buybuyBABY \$100.00	7%		\$	Discover Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$50.00	1.25%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	buybuyBABY \$25.00	7%		\$	Disney \$100.00	3%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Disney \$25.00	3%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Carrabba's Italian Grill \$50.00	10%		\$	Domino's \$10.00	8%		\$
Auntie Anne's \$25.00	6%		\$	Carter's \$25.00	10%		\$	Domino's \$25.00	8%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	8%		\$	Champs Sports \$25.00	8%		\$	DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) \$100.00	8%		\$
Banana Republic \$100.00	14%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) \$25.00	8%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	Dunham's Sports \$25.00	8%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$100.00	8%		\$	Chili's Grill & Bar \$50.00	11%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$25.00	3%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10%		\$	Express \$25.00	10%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$100.00	10%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Exxon \$250.00	1%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	Cinnabon \$25.00	6%		\$	Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Famous Footwear \$25.00	8%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$	Field & Stream \$100.00	8%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$100.00	7%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$5.00	11%		\$	Field & Stream \$25.00	8%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Columbia Sportswear \$50.00	12%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$
Best Buy \$100.00	4%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Gap \$100.00	14%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: *Beta Theta PA*

Total Due All Columns: \$

Directions for Using Scrip Fundraiser

There are three formats for ordering. Those who do not feel comfortable using technology should use the attached order form. Print the form and indicate your order. Return the completed form, your check (addressed to Beta Theta Pa) and a self-addressed envelope to Geneva Reeder. Geneva will place the order and when the cards are received she will mail them to those who ordered them.

Those who feel comfortable using technology can create their own Scrip accounts and order physical gift cards, e-gift cards or reloadable gift cards.

Directions for getting started:

Option 1: go to www.shopwithscrip.com and create an account. When you are prompted for an enrollment code, enter _____ (call me and I will give it to you)

Option 2: Download the “Raise Right” app from the Google Play Store or the app Store on your phone. If you haven’t already, you can create an account from the app or you can register for a new account. If prompted, enter the enrollment code of _____ (call me and I will give it to you)

The three formats for ordering:

1. Physical Gift Cards – These cards can be ordered with the order form and placed with Geneva as described above. Or you can order physical gift cards for yourself through the app and have them sent directly to you. (They charge \$1 for mailing).

2. E-Gift Card – This card is delivered to you via email and is loaded to the raise right app (if you use it). These work just like physical gift cards.

3. Reload - Once you have purchased your first physical gift card, you can reload funds to your card.

Please note: If you plan to order using technology, you have two ways to make payment.

1. Tie your Scrip account directly to your bank account. The money required for the card will be directly withdrawn from your account along with a 15-cent service charge.

2. Use a credit card such as Visa or Mastercard for each purchase and there is a 2.5% service charge assessed.

For any questions regarding the Scrip program contact Heather Lister or Stephany Davidson. I know it sounds complicated but once you use it a few times it becomes very easy.

Delta Kappa Gamma International
Pennsylvania State Association of DKG
Beta Theta Chapter – November 14, 2020 – 9:30 AM

The second chapter meeting was hosted by Stephany Davidson via zoon. Seventeen members participated.

President Stephany Davidson called the meeting to order and shared a reading “Expressing Thanks.”

Minutes of the September 19, 2020 meeting were approved. Treasurer Nancy Thompson reported a current checking balance of \$5359.24. A donation of \$100. was given to Zion Lutheran Church in Dauphin in memory of Kathy Dunn. (The Chapter allocates \$20. and additional money was given by members.)

Stephany read a thank you note from Jeannette Thomas for the gift card and rose she received as outgoing president.

Committee Reports followed:

Ways and Means

Lynch Creek Farms – Marcy Sharpe reported \$190. was collected to date. December 15 is the final date for ordering. Details were distributed on a flier, placed on Facebook page and in the last chapter newsletter. Profits go to our Grant-in-aid. Members can also choose to make a contribution directly to the fund by writing a check that is given to Nancy Thompson.

Scrip

Extended time was given to explain this new fundraiser. Heather Lister and Geneva Reeder will co-chair this project which receives an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau. Scrip involves the purchase of gift cards with vendors providing a range of 2-20% profit for the organization. These percentages change continuously. Each member will receive an invitation from Heather via email that will also include the code for our organization. Gift cards can be purchased two ways. Digital orders involve deductions directly from your bank account. The cards can be printed, sent to a phone or delivered to you by Scrip. A paper order option will be processed by Geneva and must be accompanied with check and a self addressed, stamped envelope. Geneva will then compile the orders, deposit checks and prepare one check for Scrip and then mail the gift cards to each member ordering when received from Scrip. Paper orders will be done periodically and the first due date is December 7. Orders placed directly using a credit card are charged 2.6%. Gift cards can be ordered digitally and then be sent directly to someone by selecting the “make a gift” option. Appreciation was noted for Heather and Geneva for organizing this new project.

Grant-in-Aid

Gaye Hicks noted that our current recipient graduates in December and thus we need to select a new candidate. The candidate should be a sophomore in an education major and submit an application by April.

Early Educators

Susan Davis reported that the gifts for new teachers were able to be directly delivered. Teachers received them outdoors and it was a joyful experience. Laurie Williamson, Sherry Welty, Pat Ethridge and Susan Davis participated. Photos appeared in the Hummelstown Sun and the Chapter newsletter. Thanks for completing this early in the year was shared.

US Forum

Recent information and details about an "Advocacy Webinar" can be found in the last newsletter.

Membership

Happy to have three new members.

Books for Kids

Continue to collect books for kids.

Old Business

Digitalizing Scrapbooks

Norma Mateer noted that covid has delayed this project. The plan is to digitize strategic pages. Suzanne Long is assisting. Norma has ten scrapbooks. If interested, members can assist by doing one of the scrapbooks.

Four Chapters Meeting

Stephany reported that Kate Humphrey and her Dulcimer group are willing to provide the entertainment if covid is no longer an issue.

New Business

Scrip Fundraiser was our new business.

Calendar of Events

An Executive Committee meeting date will be set for January.

Please note other dates provided on the meeting agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Geesaman
Secretary