

BETA THETA CHATTA AND NEWS

November Meeting

November 18, 2017

9:30 AM at the Ridgeway Community Church

525 N. Progress Avenue
Harrisburg, Pa. 17109

Hostesses: Donna Winch, Kathy Dunn,
Pat Ethridge

Program- Jennifer Bustamante- She is the Girl Scouts Regional Director for the North, West, and South Central Regions of the Pa.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This week I had lunch with a group of retired teachers. One of the ladies shared with me that her longtime friend, who is a Beta Theta, had invited her to join DKG. I proceeded to tell the other ladies how great our organization was and invited them to join too. Have you invited anyone to become a part of our Beta Theta family? I hope so! We have so much to offer.

I want to thank Donna Winch for all her hard work coordinating the handing out of Bon Ton Coupon Booklets and arranging for people to be at the Bon Ton store in Colonial Park to sell more books. If you haven't already done so, please call Donna and let her know that you want to help. I joined her at the Seasonal Grounds in Hummelstown. We had a great time handing out books and visiting with all the ladies that met us there.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on November 18!

Cottage Meetings

Little Dresses for Africa

January 23, 2018 2:00pm
Linda Geesaman's home
4346 Victoria Way
Harrisburg, 17112



Making a "Beta Theta Quilt"

February 26, 2018 6:30 pm
Kate Humphrey's home
5832 Barnsley Dr. Harrisburg 17111

Craft with Luc Crum

April 10, 2018 2:00
Kathy Dunn's Home
437 Vesta Dr. Dauphin 17018



Mark your calendars. You won't want to miss these fun activities!

Early Educators

Please bring your donations to the November meeting. The Middletown School District is this year's recipient. Dates for the packing of bags and delivery will be decided at the meeting. Thank you to all who have already donated.

Book Club

November 15, 2017

2:00 PM at the home of Norma Mateer / *Still Dream About You* by Fannie Flagg

December 13, 2017

2:00 PM at the home of Stephany Davidson
Merry and Bright by Debbie Macomber

January 17, 2018

2:00 PM at the home of Cindy Sell
First Impressions by Charlie Lovett

February 21, 2018

2:00 PM at the home of Norma Mateer
Beneath the Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

March 21, 2018

2:00 PM 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



FLIGHT 93 DAY TRIP WITH MARCY

A group of Beta Theta sisters and several of their husbands took a field trip to Shanksville, PA to visit the Flight 93 Memorial. We enjoyed a drive up the mountain on Route 30 to the town of Buckstown, where we enjoyed a visit to Duppstadt's Country Store for a little shopping and then had lunch at The Lincoln Cafe. We continued on into the National Park where we met a friend of Marcy's who acted as our guide through the Park. We entered the Museum, a very moving display taking us through the events of 9/11. We ended our tour by going to the Wall of Names that borders the actual point of impact and we listened to a Park Ranger share a minute by minute account of the events of that horrible day.

As we returned home, we traveled down the mountain. We enjoyed the beautiful views, which reminded us what a beautiful resting place this is for those brave patriots on board Flight 93.



Christmas Dinner



December 12, 2017

6:00 pm

Gilligans Restaurant on Eisenhower Blvd.

Please join us for a relaxing evening of good food and good company. Please sign up at the November meeting if you haven't already done so or call Jeannette Thomas.

Beta Theta goes to Broadway in 2018

Plans for our annual New York City trip are still in the works. We will let you know as soon as we can.



BONTON COMMUNITY DAYS 2017

**WEDNESDAY: NOVEMBER 8 –
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Thank you for all the
Great support for our Bon ton community
days fundraiser!!!!

You can sell booklets online, in your community, and in our stores before and during the event. Check out the social media outline for success, sign up, and start sharing your link today!

Organizations are not required to sell a minimum number of booklets to participate in the Community Day event; however, there are rewards in place for organizations that meet a minimum number of booklets sold and comply with our end of the event requirements of returning unsold booklets. Those groups that exceed these requirements and become the top booklet sellers will receive a special invitation to sell booklets at their participating store on Community Day.

Take advantage of:

- \$10 off a regular or sale price item of \$10 or more. Valid in-store only.
- NEW! Save up to 30% off a regular and sale price purchase all day long with a shopping pass.
- NEW! Save up to 30% off Yellow Dot merchandise!
- Up to 30% off an online purchase of regular and sale price merchandise. Valid online only.
- And a huge selection of merchandise and web only offers

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

Light refreshments served prior to meeting.

November 18, 2017 9:30 Ridgeway Community Church

March 17, 2018 9:30 Ronald McDonald House

May 19, 2018 9:30 Ronald McDonald House

Fundraisers

November 8-11 Bon Ton Days

Now Until December 15 Lynch Creek Farms

Cottage Meetings and Social Events

December 12, 2017 6 PM Christmas Dinner
Gilligan's Restaurant on Eisenhower Blvd.

January 23, 2018 2 PM Sewing Little Dresses
for Africa

February 26, 2018 6:30 PM Making a Beta Theta
Quilt

April 10, 2018 2 PM Craft with Luc Crum

Road Trips

June 27, 2018 NYC Trip

State and International Dates

March 29-31, 2018 Creative Arts Retreat

April 21, 2018 Four Chapters Meeting

June 14-16, 2018 Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State
Convention

Delta Kappa Gamma
Pennsylvania State Association of DKG
Beta Theta Chapter – September 16, 2017

The first meeting for 2017-18 was held at the home of Norma Mateer. The meeting was a covered dish/picnic and there were 11 ladies in attendance.

President Gaye Hicks opened the business meeting at 12:55, asking everyone if they received the Newsletter and referred to the many projects and events listed.

The minutes for the May 20, 2017 meeting were approved as written. Motion made by Norma Mateer and seconded by Rosemary Ruhl.

Nancy Thompson, Treasurer, was not in attendance due to the passing of her daughter. We offered prayer for her and her daughter's family. The chapter will be sending a donation in honor of her daughter. Marlene Popnik collected dues at the meeting. The deadline is October 31. Checks payable to Beta Theta, (\$80. active and \$37. reserve) should be mailed to Nancy Thompson.

Unfinished Business

NYC Bus Trip- Donna Winch is looking into two shows for our Wednesday June 27, 2018 trip. They are Disney's "Frozen" and a revival of "My Fair Lady" that will be at Lincoln Center. Donna asked for \$50.00 to reserve the date.

Grant in Aid- Gaye, Suzanne and Norma met with Samantha Hicks our Grant in Aid recipient. We look forward to supporting her as she continues her pursuit of a music degree from Messiah Collage.

Books for Foose – Money will be given to purchase one book as selected by teachers in the Foose building (Grade 1 and 2). This may be done in conjunction with the Early Educator's Gifts to be given in January. The district receiving the Early Educator's gift bags is Middletown Area School District.

Book Club- The Book Club will meet at Kate Humphrey's home (instead of Stephanie Davidson's home) on October 18, 2017. Next meetings will be November 15 and December 13.

New Business

Cottage Meetings – “Little Dresses for Africa” January 23, 2018, will be held at Linda Geesaman’s Home. “Making a Quilt” February 26, 2018 will be held at Kate Humphrey’s home. A brief discussion was held concerning the possibility of auctioning the quilt as a fundraiser. This will be decided at another meeting. “Craft and Fundraiser” April 10, 2018 will be held at Kathy Dunn’s home.

Meeting Hostesses Kathy Dunn, Donna Winch and Pat Ethridge volunteered to hostess at the November 18 meeting to be held at Ridgeway Church. Anna McDonald, Connie Stackhouse and Leslie Moyer volunteered for the March 17 meeting at Ronald McDonald House.

Ways and Means- Bon Ton Community Day booklets were given out at the meeting. Each chapter member should be responsible for five booklets at \$5.00 each. Ladies are asked to sell at the store for additional money that can be earned for the chapter. Donna Winch is handling the distribution of booklets, and Marlene Popnik is collecting the money for Ways and Means.

The Lynch Creek Farms fundraiser, online ordering of holiday decorative wreaths and center pieces, will also be used. Marcy Sharpe handed out brochures at the meeting. Contact Marcy for more information.

DKG Emergency Fund- A motion by Norma Mateer, seconded by Marlene Popnik, was passed to send \$50.00 to The State Chapter “Disaster Fund” for money to go to DKG members who had damage due to the devastating Hurricanes in the south.

Social Activities- The trip to the Flight 93 Memorial with Marcy Sharpe as escort is set for October 10th, 2017. Group will depart at 9:00 AM. See Marcy ASAP if interested. As long as there is room husbands and friends are invited. Christmas Dinner- December 12, 2017

Adjournment: President Gaye Hicks adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.

Special thanks to Kathy Dunn for taking the notes at this meeting in my absence.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Geesaman
Secretary