

BETA THETA CHATTA AND NEWS

Welcome Back Meeting

September 16, 2017

12 Noon at the home of Norma Mateer

1408 Farmhouse Lane, Middletown

Potluck Luncheon

Please invite potential members. This is a great way to introduce them to our organization. Come out and enjoy good food, Norma's beautiful garden, and a great social time.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I start the second year of my biennium, I look back at the past year. It has been filled with many experiences. I have been able to attend the State Convention, meet many new people, been able to participate in many activities, gotten to know my DKG sisters better and I have learned a lot, especially about the computer. Our chapter has done so many good things to help others. To name a few: Early Educator gifts, Books for Foose, supporting our Grant-in-Aids, Little Dresses for Africa, supporting each other as we go through difficult times, and raising money for medical expenses for a family in need.

I am also looking forward to the coming year. We have many wonderful activities lined up for the coming year.

I want to thank the many people who have helped me so much this year. I could not have done my job as president without their wisdom and guidance.

I hope to see everyone at Norma's for our Welcome Back picnic and Business meeting. Don't forget to invite your friends that would enjoy being part of our Beta Theta family.



Calling All Hostesses

Hostesses are needed for the November, March and May meetings. Please sign up at our first meeting or contact Sue Bay at 717-657-0218 or twbay22@gmail.com



ANNUAL DUES

The annual dues have been reduced from \$90.00 to \$80.00.

Please bring your dues to the September meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your check to

Nancy Thompson
6591 Blue Ridge Avenue
Harrisburg, Pa.17112

Reserve Membership is \$37.00. If you want to be a Reserve Member, you must submit your request in writing. It is then presented to the membership to be voted on. Only 10% of the membership can be reserve.

Please make your checks payable to "Beta Theta"

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

We have selected the Middletown School District as this year's recipient of First Year teacher bags. A date for delivery has not been chosen, but you can start bringing your donations to our first meeting.

The Spotlight Is On

Kathy Woodbridge



As you know, Kathy Woodbridge is our newsletter editor. She also teaches a number of violin students four nights per week. The youngest one right now is four and the oldest are seniors in high school. One of her seniors has been her student since fourth grade. She has also taught several adults over the course of the years. She has been teaching violin lessons for many years, starting when she was twenty. In college, she was an elementary education major, with music as her minor. Since much of her career was spent teaching Language Arts at the middle school level, many of her colleagues were surprised to know that she played the violin, while most of her music friends assumed that she was a music teacher by profession! Since retiring from teaching, she has resumed studying violin with an excellent teacher. She has also completed several years of Suzuki teacher training. Kathy is a member of the York Symphony and the Allegro String Quartet.

I had the pleasure of hearing her students play at the retirement center where my dad is living. I was very impressed with them. The residents were thrilled to hear these talented young students.
Gaye Hicks



Book Club

September 13, 2017

2:00 pm at the home of Norma Mateer
The Lost Book of the Grail, by Charlie Lovett

October 18, 2017

2:00 PM at the home of Stephany Davidson
The Chilbury Ladies Chorus by Jennifer Ryan

November 15, 2017

2:00 PM at the home of Norma Mateer
I 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



FLIGHT 93 DAY TRIP WITH MARCY

Join me on a trip to visit the Flight 93 Memorial
on

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

As your guide, I hope to share with you memories
of this land as well as the beauty of this National
Park. Hopefully, the fall foliage will still be in full
glory as well. We will be stopping for lunch and
there is no charge for the Memorial.

Please let me know if you will be joining us by
October 3!

Your Tour Guide,
Marcy Sharpe
marcys2@aol.com
717-580-5862

Christmas Dinner



Our Christmas Dinner will
be held on December 12,
2017 at Gilligan's on
Eisenhower Avenue. There will be a sign-up sheet
at the September meeting. If you cannot sign up at
that meeting, you can contact Jeannette Thomas.

Beta Theta goes to Broadway in 2018

A trip to Broadway has been planned for
Wednesday, June 27, 2018. We are still on the
waiting list for Hamilton, so we will keep our
fingers crossed. Other shows are being considered,
such as the new Disney Frozen. Stay tuned!



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

Meet Our Grant-in-Aid: Samantha Hicks



I have been playing the flute for 12 years in various ensembles, including marching band, high school concert band, Messiah's symphonic winds and in Flute Choir. Over the years I have also picked up a variety of other instruments including the piccolo, bass clarinet, bass flute, and percussion instruments. Due to this, I am in a large assortment of ensembles for the different instruments that I continue to play. I first discovered that I enjoyed teaching in my Junior and Senior year of high school when I became a section leader of the flute section in my marching band and was tasked with teaching my fellow flute players the music and how to march. Due to this experience, I realized how important not only was music to me, but also teaching. After graduation, I went to Messiah College to pursue a degree in Music Education, where I still am, and happily continue to strive towards my degree while also teaching my old marching band. I am continuously working to be able to pay my way through college.

Samantha will graduate in 2019.

BONTON COMMUNITY DAYS 2017

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

**Get your booklets at the
September 16 meeting!!!
Everyone gets at least 5!!!**

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

2017 Alpha Alpha Pennsylvania State Convention



June 9-11, 2017 the Alpha Alpha State Convention PA State Organization Convention was held at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College, PA.

The weekend was full of meetings, good food, making new friends, getting reacquainted with old friends, listening to wonderful speakers and meeting our new officers for the next two years.

One part of the program was "My DKG Journey". We heard several different speakers, but our favorite was our own Norma Mateer.

The Keynote speaker was Sara Sweeney. She gave an inspiring presentation.

On Saturday, we attended workshops and celebrated "Our Birthday Chapters". Two chapters celebrated 75 years, twelve chapters were 70 years old, two were 60 years and five were 55 years.

Norma Mateer, Jeannette Thomas, Gaye Hicks, Kathy Dunn and her two sisters, Eddie and Marty, sang in the state convention choir.

Sunday morning was the "Celebration of Life". It was a very moving service in remembrance of our DKG sisters that passed away this last year. Our dear friend Patricia Shedlock was given a special tribute. Kathy Dunn, her sisters Eddie Adams, Marty Morris and Norma Mateer sang in the ensemble.

Our Reading Basket was a big hit. Items donated were a nightshirt, socks, Bookworm plush toy, a bookmark, Hershey Miniatures, organic tea, LED book light, \$25 and \$30 gift cards, Emma's Gourmet Popcorn, a handmade book tote (Kate Humphrey) and eight wonderful books. One of the books was written by Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey and Kate Humphrey and one was written by Chet Williamson (Laurie's husband). Thirty-eight chapters donated baskets and \$3,637.00 was raised.

The sisters that represented our chapter were Jeannette Thomas, Suzanne Long, Shirley Newhart, Marlene Popnik, Rosemary Ruhl, Norma Mateer, Donna Winch, Kathy Dunn and Gaye Hicks. We are looking forward to next year! Please consider going with us!!!



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.

September 16, 2017 12 noon at the home of Norma Mateer

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

TBA Lynch Creek Farms

Cottage Meetings and Social Events

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

January 23, 2018 2PM Sewing Little Dresses for Africa

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

April 10, 2018 2PM Craft with Luc Crum

Road Trips

October 10, 2017 Flight 93 Memorial

June 27, 2018 NYC Trip

State and International Dates

October 8-15, 2017 Fall Foliage Tour to Vermont and Massachusetts

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 – May 20, 2017

The fourth meeting for 2016-17 was held at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. Jeanette Thomas, Suzanne Long, Sue Bay and Gaye Hicks provided snacks. There were 14 persons in attendance.

Gaye Hicks, introduced by Jeanette Thomas, presented the program on “The Dresser” Gaye has been a volunteer dresser for The Harrisburg Theater productions since 2011. She has worked 24 shows, 16 of which were musicals. This volunteer position affords many opportunities for meeting interesting people and becoming involved in the workings of theater productions. After a brief oral presentation describing the responsibilities of a “dresser,” Gaye shared a slides showing the actors in their various costumes.

President Gaye Hicks opened the business meeting.

The minutes of the March 18, 2017 meeting were approved with the addition of the exact wording of the amendment regarding the “Grant in Aid” Chapter rules. Motion made by Jeanette Thomas, seconded by Rosemary Ruhl.

Nancy Thompson presented the treasurer’s report noting a balance of \$6,322.83. Nancy reported the receipt of thank you notes from both Grant-In Aid candidates and a gift of \$20 was given to the State President in appreciation for her two years of service. The report will be filed for review.

Marlene Popnick presented the 2017-18 budget. She noted dues for 2017 would be \$80. rather than \$90 because of the current budget surplus. The budget provides for \$10,100 available funds with operating expenses at \$8,100 and thus an estimated surplus for 6/30/18 to be \$2,000. Motion to approve was made by Rosemary Ruhl and seconded by Suzanne Long. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

NYC Bus Trip – Gaye Hicks reviewed the details for the Wednesday, August 9th trip. Show choices are “Beautiful” and “The Prince of Broadway.” Final price for Prince is not yet available but total ticket for show and bus will not exceed \$200. Donna is taking reservations and asking for \$50 to hold a spot.

State Convention – There is still time to register for the convention in State College, June 9-11. Current Beta Theta members attending are Rosemary Ruhl, Marlene Popnick, Donna Winch, Gaye Hicks, Suzanne Long and Norma Mateer. Those wishing to carpool should meet at Norma Mateer’s home at 10:30 AM on June 9th.

Regional Conventions – Members were encouraged to attend the Northeast Conference scheduled for this summer in Ontario, Canada.

Grant-In-Aid - Members were encouraged to contact their school districts to find possible candidates. (Shortly after this meeting, a candidate was identified and approved via email.)

New Business

Cottage Meetings – Members with ideas for cottage meetings for the upcoming year should contact a committee member or Gaye Hicks.

Hostesses – Sue Bay asked members to contact her if they are available to hostess for a meeting in the coming year.

Books for Foose – Sue Bay reported on the success of this program and read a note from Helen Ferguson, organizer, thanking Beta Theta for their donations. A motion by Suzanne Long and seconded by Sue Bay for Beta Theta to purchase one book for each classroom library at Foose was approved. Teachers will be able to request a specific book title.

Social Activities – Gaye Hicks would like to see Beta Theta members have additional opportunities to get to know one another informally. Members were encouraged to submit ideas for activities to Gaye.

Prayer Request – Nancy Thompson requested prayers for her daughter.

The meeting was concluded at 10:55 AM with the singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Thank you to Stephanie Davidson for taking detailed notes of this meeting in my absence.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Geesaman
Secretary