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President's Message

The holidays are upon us and the lists, parties, decorating, shopping and activities seem endless in such a short amount of time. Take time to relax and enjoy the holiday festivities at Bethlehem United Methodist Church in Dallastown on Thursday, December 7 at 5:00. We will be in the new facility, right where we were for the October meeting and where we were last December for our dinner. From the parking lot in the back, you will cross the alley and turn right, and enter the doors on your left. You will see the glass wall of the room we will be in. Are you still teaching? All you need to bring to our meeting is a great appetite! Retirees will be providing appetizers and desserts. Last names beginning with A-L are to bring appetizers, and M-Z desserts. Everyone please bring a gift from \$1.00-\$5.00 for a holiday inspired game. Paper products and silverware will be provided by Becky Cohenour, Connie Conrad, Betty Stein and Joan Hammond. Lori Fromme was an outstanding presenter at our October meeting! She is a wealth of information on what technology does to a baby/young child's brain development and how she reversed her son's autistic characteristics by stopping screen time. We all learned much!

Our November 3 painting party at the Glen Rock American Legion was fun! 11 of us enjoyed learning how to paint a woods with two cardinals. Snowflakes were successful for everyone! It was relaxing and a good time was had by all.

Our November 12 DKG-Girl Scouts Sunday was a success!

Kathy Lauer, Betty Stein and Ellie Shoemaker were at the Little Red Schoolhouse on Fissel's Church Road in Glen Rock. Ellie is a York County noted historian and presented many facts, with Kathy and Betty helping.

At Aldersgate Church, State Representative Kristen Phillips Hill, State Representative Kate Klunk, and Barb Heilman were the main presenters at our three stations. Kristen and Kate spoke about their career paths to be representatives, and Barb talked about her teaching at a public high school then what additional courses were needed for her to teach at York College. Barb is the chapter president of Aeta.

Laura Fitz, president of Beta Delta followed Kristen and did a Kahootz activity with Annie Blanton Webb. Two other members of her chapter, Evonne, did Girl Scout activities and Carol taught the girls about Juliette Gordon Lowe in her founding of Girl Scouts. Pat Walker from Beta Beta was a greeter, and distributed the DKG Girl Scout patch as girls exited the room. 2 others from Aeta chapter were greeters too.

Karen Synder, president of Beta Gamma was the main door greeter, along with Bonnie Thompson-Beta Beta. Both gave directions as to which room the girls were to be in. In all Beta Beta had 5 members working to make the day great for the girls. The planning and coordination fell on my shoulders, so I was zipping around between Aldersgate and the schoolhouse making sure all was going as planned. It was a fantastic day, with perfect weather. It was cold, but people could park on the grass by the schoolhouse. My husband helped out directing traffic there. 175 girls signed up, but only 101 participated in the day's activities. I'm in the midst of trying to get money back from the patches that were not given out from SW Girl Scouts in San Antonio, Texas. Our expenses were the patches, the custodian's fee at the schoolhouse, and 3 gift certificates for Kristen, Kate and Ellie. The total cost is to be divided by the 4 York County chapters. Our new state president, Barb Gasperinni challenged each chapter to reach out to the Girl Scouts in their areas and offer a program/or activities during her biennium as state president. So our new Beta Beta President won't have to worry about this in her next years! We absolutely "rose" to the occasion.

At New Year's we reflect on the year that has just passed, and wonder what 2018 will bring. As president of Beta Beta, I am grateful for many, many things, but I am very thankful for all the help and support you have given me during this past year, and the friendships I have made or deepened in this journey of Beta Beta. May 2018 be filled with health, happiness and peace.
Crystal

Girl Scout Saturday

Ellie Shoemaker, a York County historian, journalist, and former educator spoke to approximately 170 Girl Scouts, between 2 and 4:30 today, November 12, 2017 at The Little Red School House located on the lawn in front of Susquehannock High School.

Scouts saw what a one room school looked like, learned about the similarities and differences between schools and education long ago compared to today, and learned some history about one room school houses in York County. The purpose of

this event was to teach young girls about leadership and education.

The Girl Scouts also rotated to Aldersgate United Methodist Church to gather more information about leadership from Representative Phillips-Hills and Representative Kate Klunk and Pat Walker and Crystal Mueller from the Southern York County Beta Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. For their participation, scouts earned a Delta Kappa Gamma badge.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a professional honor society of key women educators in the United States, Canada, Europe, Latin America and Japan. Their mission is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. This event was planned and hosted by the Beta Beta Chapter of Southern York County.

Despite having no heat in the building on a cold day, Ellie did a wonderful job and the girls were an attentive audience. We heard many positive comments from both the girls and their parents.

December's Secret Sister

Our Secret Sister is a Central York High School alumna. Bloomsburg State College is where she earned her teaching degree, and her Master's degree and Supervisory certificate from Western Maryland in education and special education. Right after graduating from Bloomsburg, she got married in August. Just before their first anniversary, her first daughter was born. All 3 daughters have names that begin with J. The "Devine Nine" is the name of the group of 9 grandchildren. Each daughter has 3 children.

She first taught with Lincoln Intermediate Unit, and then was hired by Spring Grove District where she spent the remainder of her teaching career. Special education was the only area she taught in.

This busy retired teacher is active in many areas, which include York County History Center-focusing at the Colonial Courthouse by promoting it and the Articles of Confederation Day. She is secretary at the Glatfelter Memorial Library in Spring Grove. Assistant secretary is the title of her position at the Spring Grove Community Center and Recreational Parks. Her parents were some of the first members of the York Twinning Association, and she followed their footsteps being active in the same organization. She visited Arles, France in the exchange program.

Her middle daughter followed in mom's footsteps being a teacher. The oldest daughter majored in French and taught with the Teach for America program for three years. The youngest daughter is a physician's assistant. Two son-in-laws are teachers. The third son-in-law is in aviation insurance, and her husband works in industrial hydraulics and rheumatics.

Can you guess our December Secret Sister? Come to our December meeting to find out if your guess is correct!

Projects

We will be selling Mister car wash tickets at the December meeting. They are \$8.00 each for the express exterior wash. Beta Beta keeps half. This is an easy way to make money for our book grants. Besides, they make great stocking stuffers. Thanks for your help in advance.

Beta Beta Minutes

October 17, 2017

The Beta Beta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at 4:30 PM at Bethlehem UM Church in Dallastown. Refreshments were enjoyed by the 11 women present. President Crystal Mueller called the business meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Joan Hammond shared a reflection, "Permission to Nap".

On a Thompson/Schmidt motion the September minutes were approved.

No correspondence.

In the absence of Eleanor Lawyer, treasurer, Crystal shared the treasurer's report. It will be filed.

Standing Committees:

Finance, World Fellowship, Historical Records, Visual/Performing Arts, Scholarship - No reports.

Nominations - Pat Walker stated that the committee will be working on a new slate of officers for the next biennium. We will need at least a president and a treasurer. She asked the younger members to consider being willing to hold an office.

Programs - Trish Bowersox noted corrections to the meeting schedule: The March meeting will be Thursday March 1 and the May meeting will be Wednesday May 9. The Christmas party will be December 7 at 5:00 at Bethlehem UM Church.

Program of work/Educational Excellence - No report. Joann Nossoff is recovering and is back at work.

Projects - Bonnie Thompson announced that Beta Beta will be helping with Bingo at Country Meadows Friday, October 20 at 1:30 PM. We will be selling car wash tickets again. They should be available in December.

U.S. Forum - No report. Kim Zarfoss is settling in to her new home in Elizabethtown.

Communications - Deadline for the next newsletter is November 30.

Remembrance, Membership, Rules - No reports.

Unfinished Business - Crystal has brochures to give to prospective members or ex-members who would like to consider returning to membership.

Debbie Mitzel was the secret sister.

New Business - Members were reminded to sign up for paper products for the gift basket for next June's state convention. There are a few days left to sign up for the painting party November 3.

The four York County chapters will be helping the Girl Scouts earn a DKG patch Sunday, November 12. The girls will attend sessions at Aldersgate UMC and The Little Red School House from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Members are asked to help at either location.

Those attending the December meeting are asked to bring a \$1 to \$5 gift for a gift exchange.

Announcements - Joan Hammond won the door prize by listing the most things made with apples.

Ruby Schmidt spoke of her work at Alexander Goode School in York. She oversees the garden, helps to provide back to school supplies (including uniforms) with Temple Beth Israel. She asks for donations of underwear for boys and girls, sizes 6, 8 or 10.

Reminder - the next meeting will be the Christmas party December 7 at Bethlehem UMC at 5:00 PM. Retired members are to provide an appetizer or a dessert.

Trish Bowersox introduced Lori Frome who talked about "Screen Free - Helping Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder". She told about the improvement in her son using this method. She shared hand-outs for members to learn more about this idea.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Wagner, acting secretary

