

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society

Beta Beta Chapter

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President's Message

Greetings Sisters,

Wow! It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces at our first Beta Beta meeting! Thank you to the 22 sisters who were able to attend the meeting at Friendship Elementary School. Also, a special thank you to Beth Koontz for hosting our group at her school and to the two very special ladies who provided our delicious refreshments! Many things were accomplished at the meeting, and it is thrilling to know that so many of you were there to provide sisterhood and input.

It was our personal pleasure to be able to honor those sisters who have been members of the chapter for 25 years or longer. What an accomplishment to be such committed members! Thank you, Zatae, Connie, Hester, Ella Jane, Helen, Dr. Anne, Doris, Gladys, Mary, and Kim for your years of service to this worthwhile organization.

Judy Tyson, Projects Chairwoman, presented our projects for the biennium. One of our service projects will be the continuation of providing Beanie Babies for the children who come to the emergency department at Memorial Hospital. Another project that we will be undertaking is an afternoon at a retirement/nursing home playing bingo with the residents. More information will be forthcoming about that event. In order to fund our service project to York College, we will be selling car wash cards. We will order/sell them for 7 weeks, beginning at our October 2nd meeting, and culminating at our December meeting. Where else could you get a 50% return in sales to the chapter and give the gift of cleanliness? The cards will sell for \$8 each. They are a terrific stocking stuffer or an appreciated

gift for your hairdresser, the paperboy, the mail carrier, a babysitter/daycare worker, or any other number of people whom you wish to remember at some point in time. The cards do not expire and can be used in York, Lancaster, Reading, and Ephrata. Our initial goal is to sell 75 cards as a chapter, but more can be ordered at any time prior to our December meeting. If we each try to sell 5 cards, our entire service project will be funded painlessly and with something in-hand for your efforts...a win-win situation if ever there was one.

As we look forward to the growth of our chapter, one way to assist future members was voted on and accepted at our September meeting. Our chapter will now pay the fee for initiation, the nametag, and the membership pin for incoming members. In other words, the only thing a perspective member will need to pay is the membership dues for the year. We were concerned that the cost may have been one reason younger teachers are reluctant to join DKG, so this should help alleviate that cost concern.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2nd, at 5:00 PM. The meeting will be hosted at York Hospital. The Pediatrics Department will provide the program. We will congregate in the atrium at the hospital (near the grand piano) at about 4:45PM. Parking is free in the lot directly across from the “tower” where the atrium is located. Lolly Dick has graciously volunteered to provide refreshments for the event, so the Performing Arts Committee and Program of Work Committee are off the hook for that duty! THANK YOU LOLLY! The Membership Committee (Becky C. is chair) will provide the reflection, and Pat W. will provide the icebreaker activity for the evening. We are looking forward to an informative program and, especially, hoping to see as many of you as possible at the meeting. If anyone is in need of a ride, just let Kathy Lauer know (792-1965 or klold@comcast.net) and she'll do her best to connect you with transportation.

Yours in sisterhood,
Kathy L. and Pat W.

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of Beta Beta will be held on Thursday, October 2, 2014, at 5:00 pm at the York Hospital. Our group should meet by 4:45 near the children's play area in the Atrium of the York Hospital. This is the section of the Atrium adjacent to the grand piano and the York Hospital Information desk. Convenient free parking is available in the parking garage right in front of the Main Entrance/ Atrium. Our presenters will meet us there and begin by explaining the reading program offered at the Loretta Claiborne Health Center and the Atrium. In addition we will learn about numerous volunteering opportunities sponsored by Wellspan. We will have the rest of the presentation and our regular Beta Beta meeting in one of the hospital classrooms.

DUES FOR 2014-2015

Dues for this year remain the same - \$75.00 for active members and reserve members \$51.00. If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail your dues at your earliest convenience - checks made payable to Beta Beta. It is important to pay your dues on time because we have a due date to meet to send the dues to the state.

NEW TREASURER and ADDRESS:

Eleanor Lawyer
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SPOTLIGHT ON A SISTER

This month, we are proud and delighted to shine a spotlight on Linda Ehrhart. Linda has been a member of DKG since 1997. She joined Beta Beta when she was a teacher at Friendship Elementary School in Southern York County School District. Linda hails from Greencastle, PA, and graduated from Shippensburg University. Early in her career, Linda was stuck somewhere behind a staircase for her "classroom." When she got to SYCSD, she set up a "real" classroom and brought enlightenment and knowledge to many a student.

Linda and her husband, Steve, have lived in the York area for four decades. Despite the many challenges educators face, Linda always remained calm and

caring in the classroom. (Even when she was exasperated, she found a way to communicate effectively to those around her!) She always maintained a listening ear to colleagues and is a great friend to many. If awards were given for level-headedness and a talent for being able to view a situation and make order out of chaos, Linda's shelves would be lined with golden figurines!

Linda has undergone a series of surgeries in recent years, and is currently facing health challenges. Despite this, she looks forward to calls, cards, and visits from friends while she is in Room 414 at the Health South facility on Pauline Drive. We wish her well and send uplifting thoughts and prayers to her. Thank you for your sisterhood, Linda.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE YEARBOOK

Sometimes, technology goes boink, so we need to make the following corrections to the yearbook:

Lolly Dick's email address is lolly.dick@gmail.com

Linda Ehrhart's date of initiation is 1/7/1997

Linda Gallagher's email is galaktic@verizon.net

Hester Hemminger (*9/1/1983) 235-1238
12910 Susquehanna Trail South
Glen Rock, PA 17327-9060
B.S. Seton Hill University SYCSD – Retired

Betty Stein's telephone number is 717-880-1404 (cell)
B. S. Bloomsburg University

Mary Tombesi's email is mtombesi@comcast.net
Southern School District – retired

Kim Zarfoss's email is lakzarfoss@verizon.net

BETA BETA MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

The Beta Beta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Friendship Elementary at 4:30 p.m.

Co-President Pat Walker called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Our reflection was given by Linda Gallagher. She shared a newspaper piece called "Spending Morning Reading".

BUSINESS MEETING

SECRETARY'S REPORT – The minutes from the May meeting were approved with no corrections.

CORRESPONDENCE – Bev - no report

TREASURER'S REPORT –Eleanor

- Our balance for September was \$2,513.64
 - At convention, it was mentioned that there was a member who needed a prosthetic leg replaced, Laura Hritz. Chapters were asked to donate if they could to help our fellow sister. The board discussed this during the summer meeting and went ahead to make a donation to her in the amount of \$100.
- Our check to York College was sent but was never received, so we put the amount back into our account, however, we did not cancel the check. Another check has been sent and they have received it.
- Book Grant Fund - \$6,055.53
- The proposed budget was completed and presented. Some changes were made, but it mostly stayed the same. We added money for projects and conferences, a reduction was made for the birthday expense, photo equipment and newsletter.
 - The budget was passed
- Deadline for dues is October 15th – send your money (\$75) to Eleanor ASAP

STANDING COMMITTEES/Society Business

- FINANCE – Norina – no report
- MEMBERSHIP – Becky - no report
 - Pat discussed that we need to be looking at those members who have left, to have them reinstated to Beta Beta. If you are in contact with someone who was once a member please consider asking them to rejoin.

- Jeanette Harvey passed away this summer. She resigned last September; however we sent flowers due to her 43 years of membership. Jeanette will be remembered at the state convention.
- NOMINATIONS – Deanna – no report
- RULES – Phyllis –
 - There was a revised set of rules given to members.
 - We also voted on a change – In June it was discussed what could be done to lower the costs that are included in initiation. The decision was made to cover the costs of new members initiation fee, pin and name tag
 - A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Phyllis for the change; Motion carried.
- PROGRAMS - Bonnie
 - We are doing 2 joint meetings this year with Beta Gamma – watch the president’s newsletter for the information on these programs.
 - December 2nd – we are in charge. It will be a food-based gathering as in years before. It will be at Normandie Ridge.
 - March 9th – Blind Center- they are in charge

The following changes need to be updated in the yearbook:

- Zatae Adkins: initiation should read 4-1-68
 - Mary Tombesi: mtombesi@comcast.net & retired
 - Kim Zarfoss: lakzarfoss@verizon.net
 - Add Hester Hemminger’s information: 9/1/83 235-1238 12910
Susquehanna Trail Glen Rock, PA 17327 BS Seton Hill University
 - Betty Stine: 717-887-
 - Lolly Dick: lolly.dick@gmail.com
 - Linda Gallagher: galactic@verizon.net
 - Emily Olenick: updated email olenicks@me.com
- PROGRAM OF WORK/EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE - Lolly
 - US FORUM – Kim – no report
 - Pat mentioned a letter from Alpha Alpha state about Puerto Rico having only 41 members. She suggested penpaling with one of the women. Pat will let the president know and we will get more information.

- COMMUNICATONS –Debbie – newsletter deadline will be Thursday, September 11th.
- WORLD FELLOWSHIP – Linda – no report
- HISTORICAL RECORDS – Ruby – Ruby will be getting records from Bonnie.
- VISUAL and PERFORMING ARTS –Sally - no report
- PROJECTS – Judy
 - Service Project – Judy contacted Country Meadows to do a tea with the residents and then host a bingo afterward with prizes being some things that the residents would need. A daytime tea is requested. We were looking into a date in October.
 - We would like to continue with the Beanie Baby collection for Memorial Hospital.
 - Fundraiser: Selling car wash tickets for Mr. Car Wash (formally Cloister’s) – we get half the profits for our group. No expiration date. We will have them for the October meeting.
 - State’s Project was to help fund Head Start by selling chairs. Our chair was decorated by the children at Deanna’s daycare. We will pitch in our loose change at our meetings to contribute to the project.
- REMEMBRANCE – Ella Jane
 - Please let Ella know when people need cards.
- SCHOLARSHIP – Kitty
 - Pat was given a scholarship for her trip to England to tour.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Installation of officers – Kathy, Bev, and Becky

NEW BUSINESS

- State Visionary scholarship was renamed in honor of Nancy Grove during the past convention.
- Conference was great – Kim won a basket at state. \$3,000 was raised. PLCB passed a new law that we can no longer include alcohol in the baskets.
- Kathy honored those who have over 25 years of service with a special recognition pin and rose.
 - Connie – 26 years
 - Ella Jane – 29 years
 - Kim – 29 years

- Mary – 31 years
- Helen – 31 years
- Ann – 32 years
- Doris – 48 years
- Gladys - 52 years
- Hester Hemminger was featured in our newsletter and Spotlight on DKG member.
- Pat announced that polo shirts can be purchased that have the DKG symbol – see Pat if you're interested.
- Kathy had us do an ice breaker – What was something that no one would know about you??
- Dr. Lyn Schmid, Lancaster native is now the International President. If you would like to send her a congratulatory card: 601 West 11th Street, Apt 127 Austin, TX 78701-2049

Announcements

- Next Meeting- October 2nd @ 5:00 p.m. York Hospital Atrium (by the piano)
- Luncheon on September 24th – Quaker Steak and Lube (off Rt. 30)

ADJOURNMENT

5:50 p.m. adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Olenick, Recording Secretary