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Message from Marsha

Dear Society Sisters,

Here we are reading our April newsletter! This means we have finished our Spring Breaks and are just a few weeks away from the end of school and the start of summer.

We all enjoyed our March meeting in Knox City at the Four Square Church Fellowship Hall. Eight of our members met on Saturday morning for a delicious brunch followed by a program of re-orientation into DKG. The purpose of the program was to remind members the important roles we play and why we continue to maintain membership with such a prestigious organization.

Looking ahead to our April meeting, make plans to carpool if needed to Seymour, Texas to join our neighboring sister chapter Beta Sigma. We are to arrive at 4:30 at the Seymour High School Library "on the hill" for a program on cake decorating followed by a light supper. The best part I have been told is we will eat the cake we

decorate for dessert. I hope most of us can attend and have a great representation for Beta Chi..

Stay posted to our chapter website; www.betachibeat.weebly.com and don't forget to check dates and times on your "Meetings at a Glance" postcards for the remainder of our meetings.

For Beta Chi,

Marsha

2010-2012 Officers

President	Marsha Quade
1st Vice President	Terri Fletcher
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Recording Sec.	Judy Burnett
Corresponding Sec.	Amanda Baker-Adkins
Treasurer	Debbie Miller
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Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education



Chapter Website

<http://betachibeat.weebly.com/index.html>



APRIL

Judy Burnett	4th
Michelle Dunnam	14th

(If I have missed your birthday, please let me know so I can get it corrected! Thanks!)

Meeting Information

We will be meeting Monday, April 11th at 4:30 in Seymour at the High School Library. It is located "on the hill" by the football stadium. The library is through the front (west) doors. If you are a fan of GPS's the street that goes to the school is East Nevada. This street basically ends up in the parking lot.

There will be a light supper of chips, tea, sandwiches, and of course the cake.

This is a perfect time to catch up on our items we are collecting for our project. If you have not brought a package of safety pins or colorful grading pens or pencils for our service project please do so.

We appreciate everyone's support in bringing our special items each month. We will make bags or baskets next year for new teachers!



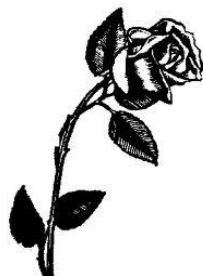
Treasure Report By: Debbie Miller

There has not been any activity on our account since December. Our balance remains 1,306.07.



The Traveling Rose

Marsha Quade of Knox City presented the traveling rose at our brunch in March to Amanda Baker-Adkins. The Traveling Rose Award will be given out again at our May meeting. Amanda is been our chapter corresponding secretary. She is a fourth grade ELA teacher at Knox City Elementary who has a passion for teaching writing. Thank you Amanda for your leadership to Beta Chi.



Cookbook Committee

Our cookbook committee is made up of the following people: Sylvia Ekdahl, Lou Vail, Cheryl Urbanczyk, Sherry Hacker, Judy Burnett, and Marsha Quade. We are so pleased that these women have taken to time to step forward to help organize our awesome cookbook.

I believe the committee is in the last part of putting the cookbook together. I am sure if you have a last minute recipe to put in, they would squeeze it in somewhere. You may turn in your recipes into any committee member. The recipes can be written out, or typed. We would love to publish them!

The finished product is expected to be published in April. Members may submit more than 10 if they wish. Contact Marsha Quade for more blank forms! GREAT WORK SISTERS!



Did You Know?!?!?!?!?!?

By: Amanda Baker-Adkins

April is National poetry month. Try to find a poem each week to read. I know my fourth graders are loving this month of poetry. We are learning about poets as well as writing some of our own poetry.

POETRY

The poem my students are having a blast with is called a 5W Poem. It basically answers the five W's (who, what, when, where, and why) I give them a funny picture, and they write about it. Here are a few of my students' examples:

The Mean Bird

By:MR

The mean bird

Is pecking

In the park

Right this minute

Because the dog fell asleep.

Santa Dog

By: CG

The curious dog

Was wearing a Santa Hat

In a jeep

During the cold day

Because he wanted to be Santa's pet.

The Cat and Dog

By: DL

The Persian Cat and Pitbull

Are cuddling with each other

At the kennel

During the crack of dawn

Because they were cold

Panda-Chihuahua

By: PC

The cutely dressed Chihuahua

Is going to get candy

All around town

In just one hour

Because it is Halloween!

Member's News

- Marsha Quade has had an exciting month. Michael her son did return as planned from over seas! We are all so grateful he is home with his family in Kansas.

She was also blessed with the birth of another grandson. This makes four.

Her daughter had her first child. He was born on Dr. Seuss's birthday. The neat thing about this is that his nursery is decorated in the theme of Dr. Seuss. (it was decorated before he arrived)

- Bergen Webb who is expecting her first child August 7th found out that she and Josh will be having a precious little boy. We are so excited for you both.
- Brittany Lowe will find out soon what her blessing will be as well. Her baby is due August 19th. Congratulations to you and Jeremy!
- If you have not been keeping up with the Hacker babies, check out their blogspot at <http://www.hackerfive.blogspot.com>

APPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE MEMBERS

- **Keep in mind we need to be thinking of new members to recruit. The time is upon us!**

Beginning in December, the Membership Committee will be accepting applications for future members. Remember, some of the rules for membership changed during revisions made during the 2010 International DKG Conference.

Membership rules that stay the same are:

- Types of membership: Active, Reserve and Honorary
- Membership in DKG is still by invitation
- An individual becomes a member when she is initiated and she is initiated only once

Membership rules that have changed are:

- Women are eligible for membership during the first year of service and in any year of retirement
- A member is reinstated without a chapter vote.

You can go to www.betachibeat.weebly.com to download an Application for Membership. You can find a copy of the application under the "Forms" tab to print.

REMINDER:

There has been a change in the membership rule. I have posted the change below!

Membership Rules That Stay the Same:

- Definitions of types of memberships: active, reserve and honorary stay the same.
- Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma is still by invitation
- An individual becomes a member when she is initiated and she is initiated only once.

Membership Rules that Were Changed and are in effect NOW;

- “Article 111, Section B1. An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator or who has been retired from an educational position.” This means that the chapter decides any restrictions on time of service – women are eligible during the first year of service and in any year of retirement.
- A member is reinstated without a chapter vote.

MEMBER SNAPSHOTS



Leona, Sherry, and Cheryl



This was made out of mini cupcakes by Sherry to celebrate our birthday and history! She always does a wonderful job!