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### **Message from Marsha**

Dear Society Sisters,

We haven't had a chance to visit since our newsletter in December, but we are all in full swing of things and eagerly anticipate the arrival of Spring and warmer weather!

I just completed the DKG Chapter President's Annual Report and was so pleased at what all our Beta Chi Chapter has accomplished this past year. Our chapter has initiated new members, continue to support our projects for educational excellence, use technology to communicate, and maintained a great attendance of 86% at our meetings. WOW!!

Our next Beta Chi Chapter meeting will be held in Knox City on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 at the Foursquare Church Fellowship Hall (parking and building in the back). Please bring your favorite brunch item to share! We will enjoy a brunch together

followed by a re-orientation of why we belong to such a prestigious group of women. Keep in mind also that March is Beta Chi's birthday month. Our chapter was established in 1936 by Eula Lee Carter and still going strong today in 2011!

Don't forget to bring your recipes for our Chapter Cookbook. I will have extra forms in case you want to submit more recipes. See you all in Knox City on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Stay posted to our chapter website; [www.betachibeat.weebly.com](http://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

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## **2010-2012 Officers**

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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>

## **Meeting Information**

The Beta Chi Brunch for this month will be Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. It will be held in the Four Square Fellowship Hall in Knox City.

We would like everyone to bring your favorite brunch item to share. We love to share our dishes and recipes. Since we are interesting in growing our society, this is a great time to invite a friend to our brunch so they can learn about us and maybe want to join.

We will be celebrating our birthday this month. This is always one of my favorite meetings of the year. I get to freshen up on the history of our wonderful organization. I love hearing the stories from the members who have invested more time.

Please bring a package of safety pins and colorful grading pens or pencils for our service project. If you brought your colored pens in December, you do not need to bring more. Just bring the safety pins. We appreciate everyone's support in bringing our special items each month. We will make bags or baskets next year for new teachers!





## The Traveling Rose

Marsha Quade of Knox City will present the traveling rose at our brunch in March. The Traveling Rose Award was presented to Society member Marsha Quade for the month of November. Marsha has been our chapter president for several terms. Mrs. Quade is the principal at Knox City Elementary School in Knox City, Texas. Thank you Marsha for your leadership to Beta Chi.



## Members Birthdays

### March

Amanda Baker-Adkins	22nd
Sherry Hacker	26th
Debbie Miller	28th

### APRIL

Judy Burnett	4th
Michelle Dunnam	14th

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



## Cookbook Committee

Our cookbook committee is going to be 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.

The committee will continue to collect your recipes. We already have around 150, but we are hoping to collect at least 300. That is just 10 per member. You may turn in your recipes into any committee member. The recipes can be written out, or typed. Bring some more to our meeting if you have them handy. 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?!?!?!?!?!?***

There are currently 31 members in our chapter of Beta Chi?

We have 24 active members, 2 reserve members, and 5 chapter honorary members.

## **Member's News**

- Marsha Quade is expecting her son back from tour with the Army on March 15<sup>th</sup>. His entire family eagerly awaits his arrival. We are so thankful for what our soldiers do for us! Thank You Michael!

Marsha's family is also eagerly awaiting the arrival of a little boy. Marsha's daughter Tamera is expecting a precious little boy at anytime. If he has not made his way into the world this weekend, he will be here hopefully March 1st. What a wonderful way to start a month!

- We also want to celebrate two more births that are coming up. Two of our sisters are expecting babies.

Bergen Webb is expecting her first child August 7<sup>th</sup>. We are so excited for you Bergen and Josh!

Brittany Lowe is also expecting her second child. Her baby is due August 19<sup>th</sup>. 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**

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](http://www.betachibeat.weebly.com) to download an Application for Membership. You can find a copy of the application under the "Forms" tab to print.



## **Inspiration**

### **If Tomorrow Starts Without Me**

If tomorrow starts without me, And I'm  
not there to see,

If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
all filled with tears for me;

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way  
you did today, While thinking of the  
many things, we didn't day.

I know how much you love me, As much  
as I love you,

And each time that you think of me, I  
know you'll miss me too;

But when tomorrow starts without me,  
please try to understand,

That an angel came and called my  
name, And took me by the hand,

And said my place is ready, In heaven  
far above,

And that I'd have to leave behind; All  
those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell  
from my eye for all my life,

I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I  
had so much to live for, So much left yet  
to do, It seemed almost impossible.

That I was leaving you. I thought of all  
we had shared, And all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday, Just even for  
a bit, I'd say good by and kiss you  
maybe see you smile. But then I fully  
realized, That this could never be, For  
emptiness and memories, would take  
the place of me.

And when I thought of wordly things, I  
might miss come tomorrow, I thought of  
you, and when I did, My heart was filled  
with sorrow.

But when I walked through heaven's  
gates, I felt so much at home.

When God looked down and smiled at  
me, From his great golden throne, He  
said, "This is eternity, And all I've  
promised you." Today your live on  
Earth is past, but here life starts anew.

I promise no tomorrow, But today will  
always last, And since each day's the  
same way, There's no longing for the  
past.

You have been so faithful, So trust and  
so true. Though there were times you  
did some things, You knew you  
shouldn't do.

But you have been forgiven, and now at  
last you are free,

So won't you come and take my hand,  
and share my life with me?

So when tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we are far apart. For every  
time you think of me, I'm right here in  
your heart.....

## **MEMBER SNAPSHOTS**



December – Shopping at Casa Blanca



Marsha Quade's husband doing some Christmas shopping while Marsha was chatting!



Judy shopping, shopping, and shopping. She had a blast!

## **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.



I dedicate these sunflowers to my great aunt Gretchen Howell Colehour who was once a Beta Chi Sister and gave me the inspiration to follow in her footsteps! She loved sunflowers!