



# **Beta Chi Beat**

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**Beta Chi Chapter**

**Alpha State Texas**

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### **Message from Marsha**

Dear Society Sisters,

What a wonderful opportunity to be able to attend as well as network during last month's joint meeting with our neighboring chapter Beta Sigma! Twelve Beta Chi sisters traveled over to Seymour at 4:30 on Monday April 11 to take part in a delightful program on Floral Arranging with Pam Jackson, owner of Texas Floral in Seymour followed by Cake Decorating with DKG member Donna Carver. The best part was getting to eat that beautiful cake afterwards. Also, congrats to our own Debbie Miller for having her number drawn in the door prize and getting to take that gorgeous flower arrangement home.

As your Chapter President, I have been completing an application for the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE). I am reminded over and over of the achievements and growth of Beta Chi this past year! We have had so many accomplishments! We have increased membership as eight new members were initiated into DKG along with one former member rejoining our society after moving back into our area! Our attendance has been outstanding at each meeting –

averaging around 15! Members have attended the Texas State Organization annual meeting in Waco as well as the Area 16 meeting in Decatur.

Our Beta Chi Beat Newsletter received the **5 Star Award** for Outstanding Chapter Newsletter – Great job Amanda Adkins, editor as well as the **Early Bird Award** for Chapter Yearbooks – Thanks Sherry Hacker! Wow! I could go on and on. Congratulations Beta Chi for a job well done!

Our next meeting is coming up! Saturday, May 7, 2011 @ 12 noon. We will join together in Munday at the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for a noon luncheon. Munday members will bring a meat or salad dish and all other members will bring desserts, crackers, fruit, etc. Don't forget to bring along items for our Chapter Project...this month it's Hand Sanitizer. Hope to see you all on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

For Beta Chi,

Marsha

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## **2010-2012 Officers**

|                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| President                      | Marsha Quade        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Terri Fletcher      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Sherry Hacker       |
| Recording Sec.                 | Judy Burnett        |
| Corresponding Sec.             | Amanda Baker-Adkins |
| Treasurer                      | Debbie Miller       |
| Parliamentarian                | Judy Hubbard        |

## **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>



## **May**

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|-----------------|----------|
| Brittany Lowe   | May 2nd  |
| Leona Partridge | May 4th  |
| Kathy Bowen     | May 29th |

## **July**

|                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Marsha Quade    | July 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Tara Cottingham | July 6 <sup>th</sup> |
| Dorothy Myers   | July 8 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bergen Webb     | July 25th            |

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

## **Treasure Report** **By: Debbie Miller**

We have sent in our donations of \$1 per active and reserve member to each of the following scholarships: Eula Lee Carter Memorial Fund, Texas Leadership Seminar Fund, and Alpha State Scholarship Fund. This amounts to \$26 per fund or \$78 total. This leaves a balance of \$1,228.37 in our account.



## 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.



## 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!

## Upcoming Events

The State convention will be held in McAllen, Tx from June 23-25<sup>th</sup> Please contact Marsha Quade if interested in attending!

## Member's News

- Brittany Lowe will be having a precious girl. 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>
- Beta Chi vice president Terri Fletcher is teaching United States History at North Central Texas College in Graham. This is an Advanced Placement course where college bound seniors receive dual credit on completion.
- Marsha Quade, Beta Chi president, recently visited with Beta Chi member Lillian Hicks of Rochester. Lillian has not been well in recent months, but she reported that she was noticing improvements and hoped to be back with us very soon. Take care Lillian. We miss you dearly!
- Judy Hubbard's granddaughter, Courtney Pollard, will be competing at the Regional Track Meet in the Pole Vault event. Courtney is a student at Snyder High School. Congrats Courtney and of course Judy!
- Debbie Miller's daughter and her family are moving back to Haskell. Vanessa will be teaching 3rd grade in Rule and her husband, Jason, will be working at Genesis Network Solutions in Abilene. They will move here in June. I know you are excited Debbie!



## **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](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.

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## **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.