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Message from Marsha

Dear Society Sisters,

There are no words to describe how special the November meeting was as we celebrated the memories of our Beta Chi sisters, Irma Liles, Jo Cox, Alice Partridge and Maxine Hamilton. Following a beautiful candlelit ceremony led by Leona Partridge, members shared their memories of these ladies and how they were inspired and encouraged by them throughout the years.

The Celebration of Memories was then followed by an Initiation of new member Bergen Webb of Knox City. Bergen teaches 2nd Grade at Knox City Elementary. Bergen will bring a lot of energy and creativity to our Society. Welcome Bergen!

We had a great turnout for the November meeting which took place in the Old Bank Building in downtown Goree. Nineteen members were

present! Kent and Tammy Trainham have taken this old landmark and restored it to its former glory and we appreciate their generosity in letting us meet there.

I can't believe our Beta Chi year is almost half way through. The next few meetings are going to be great! 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.

It's truly an honor to serve as the President of Beta Chi, a society of amazing women! In closing, I want to wish you and yours a Blessed Holiday Season and a Prosperous New Year!

For Beta Chi,

Marsha

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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 Christmas Party has been officially changed to Tuesday, December 7. We will meet at 6:30 at The Casablanca Boutique in Munday.

"The Spirit of Christmas" Members will begin at the Casablanca Boutique for tour of this Historic establishment which was once a local hospital followed by a trip to The Bud's for You Christmas Store.

Society Members will be served a catered meal as they enjoy the spirit of fellowship. We are looking forward to a fun fellowship and lots of Christmas spirit!

Please bring a package of gel pens or other colorful grading pens or pencils for our service project. We will make bags or baskets next year for new teachers!

The March meeting will be held in Knox City at the Four Square church on Saturday morning, March 5th. We will have a brunch at 10:30.

Please bring a package of safety pins for our service project. These pins will come in handy for that special teacher who plays multiple roles in the classroom!



\$ Treasurer's Report \$

By: Debbie Miller

The month of November was a profitable one for Beta Chi. Our silent auction at November's meeting was a roaring success totaling \$360.00. The items ranged from baked goods to holiday décor and everything in between.

The Brag Box collected \$3 from members Marsha Quade, Judy Hubbard, and Sylvia Ekdahl.

State and international dues were sent in November 8th totaling \$1,317.40. This also included one initiate fee.

	Beta Chi Chapter	Alpha State Texas	DKG	Totals
Active Dues	16.00	12.00	40.00	68.00
Reserve Dues	10.00	7.00	20.00	37.00

Michelle Espinoza returned her \$100 scholarship check because she is not attending college this semester. She was thankful for being considered for this scholarship.



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

January

Ida Jo Owens 6th
Judy Hubbard 15th
Sandy King 19th

(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 50, 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 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!

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.

This is awesome news for our chapter. We are growing leaps and bounds!

Member's News

Kathy Bowen has taken a new job earlier this year as a Teacher Mentor with the Texas School Ready Project. She is employed through the University of Texas Health and Science Center in Houston. This is managed through the Children's Learning Institute which is part of the pediatric department of the medical school.

This is a program that certifies preschool education classrooms that effectively prepare their students for kindergarten. Research has found that there is a link between quality instructional practices used in preschool programs and children actually achieving scores showing they were on track in the areas of reading and social skills upon entering kindergarten.

She works with teachers in Ford, Hardeman, and Knox counties. She has an office in Crowell at the Rolling Plains Development Corporation building.

She states she is delighted to have been chosen to mentor teachers, but she is missing her classroom and students at Knox City Elementary where she was previously employed. She has taught 28 years. Twenty-two of those years were in the Knox City Pre-K classroom. However, she says she gets to meet many more children across the area.



Member's News Continued

We would like to welcome Trish Johnson back. She has reactivated her membership to DKG after moving with her family from Mineral Wells back to Haskell. Trish is the Response to Intervention Coordinator at Haskell Elementary. Welcome Back Trish!

Inspirational Poem

Why God created teachers

Author unknown

When God created teachers,
He gave us special friends
To help us understand His world
And truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder
Of everything we see,
And become a better person
With each discovery.

When God created teachers,
He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow
So we can all decide
How to live and how to do
What's right instead of wrong,
To lead us so that we can lead
And learn how to be strong.

Why God created teachers,
In His wisdom and His grace,
Was to help us learn to make our world
A better, wiser place.

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



NEW MEMBER NEWS



Bergen Webb of Knox City was recently initiated into DKG. Bergen is married to Josh Webb (both formerly of Haskell) and now work for the Knox City-O'Brien CISD. Bergen is a talented 2nd grade teacher. Her husband is a Jr. High Science teacher and Head boys Basketball coach at Knox City High. The school is very blessed to have these two young people. DKG is blessed to have you Bergen as a sister!



PICTURE SNAPS



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.