

Beta Delta News

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Winter

Beta Delta Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 12,

5:00—7:00 p.m.

*‘Schools For Africa’
 program ,*

Please join us for our Feb.12 meeting, Schools in Africa. Our speaker has first hand knowledge and I know you will enjoy meeting her. Remember to bring your "change boxes", hopefully full! Our change adds up to bills that will help African teachers and students. Also items that the village women make to support themselves and their families will be on sale. Someone has a purse to show off, an African made door prize from our Christmas Brunch!

Delta Kappa Gamma Dues

Make check payable to
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 \$75.00 active members
 \$23.00 reserve members

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President's Message from Mary Sharpe



Hello Beta Delta Sisters....

Greetings to all! January is quickly passing. Did you make New Year's Resolutions? I'd like to challenge each of you to RESOLVE to be an active, resourceful member who will strive to promote the vitality of our chapter. Will you take the challenge? Here are a few suggestions:

*** Attend the February 12 and May 6 meetings - Both will be held at Anton's

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Interesting programs and important chapter business with time for dinner and fellowship. Angie Kern, Region VII Director, will join us on Feb. 12

*** Apply for the scholarships and grants that our chapter, state and international offer

*** Plan now to attend the Eta State Convention in Charlotte April 26 - 28, 2013 Great workshops, speakers and fellowship. Our own, Dr. Kim Pemberton, will be the keynote speaker Saturday night. Aren't we proud!

*** Contact Beta Delta members who have been MIA

*** Read the Eta State News and Web sites to stay informed

*** Look for prospective members and tell them about DKG - Beta Delta

*** Look for opportunities to be a LEADER in our chapter

*** Keep us informed about your professional & personal accomplishments - send news to Marcia Wooten, Newsletter Editor at: mpwooten1@gmail.com or me, madsharpe@aol.com

Each of you is a Key Woman Educator who has proven to be dedicated to Educational Excellence. I RESOLVE to strive to be an effective leader for our very special chapter. See you in February!

Best regards,

Mary

Mark your calendars:

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 5:00—7:00 p.m. ‘Schools For Africa’ program , Anton’s Restaurant

Thurs., April 18 7:00 p.m. Initiation for New Members, First Baptist Church

Monday, May 6, 5:00—7:00 p.m. - Final meeting for the year – Anton’s Restaurant

Accessories Needed - Last year at the Eta State Convention our chapter sold gently used jewelry to fund our chapter grants and projects. We raised over \$600! This year we're adding scarves and purses to our jewelry sales. Please bring these items to the Feb. 12 meeting. This will only be successful with everyone's participation. Clean out those jewelry boxes and scarf/purse racks!

Beta Delta Board Minutes – January 10, 2012

A joint meeting of the four Greensboro chapters was held at First Baptist Church, September 8, 2012. The morning began at 9:30 with brunch followed by a presentation by Pat Taylor; Eta State First Vice President. The DKG program, an informative presentation about EEC objectives and activities, was shared through some fun songs. The business meeting was called to order at 11:12am with the President and Vice President being present. There was a quorum present for conducting chapter business with the secretary accessible by phone. The minutes from May 2012 were approved with one correction: the amount of raffle money won by Ann Pember was \$75.00.

Treasurer's report

The budget for 2012-2013 was reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Jane Mitchell and a second by Kim Pemberton. The budget was approved.

Reports

EEC—Diane Howdeshell told us about helping out the seven beginning teachers at Foust Elementary. There is one new first grade teacher, two third grade teachers, two fourth grade teachers, one fifth grade teacher, and one EC teacher. Communication information was collected from Beta Delta members who volunteered to act as resources and offer assistance to those beginning teachers via Skype and email. A motion was approved for a project to provide 1-3 books with activities included for the children in the new teacher classrooms. Books will be collected at the December meeting.

Diane shared information about upcoming meetings. December's holiday auction will raise money for World Fellowship, scholarships and chapter projects. The February program will be about the Schools for Africa Project. The May program is under discussion and may include a field trip to Kid's Path.

Diane also gave brief information about legislation. She will be sending an email of legislation items including a brochure about Women and Social Security to look over and be discussed at the December meeting.

Membership—Dr. Ann Pember distributed nomination forms for new members. Beta Delta will nominate educators who have been teaching for three years or retired for less than two years. Ann is creating a membership roster and will send it out. The Membership Committee is also interested in creating a new yearbook of members.

Web master—President Mary reported that Jenn Kunka would like to create a webpage for Beta Delta. The one-time set up fee is \$15 and the annual maintenance fee is \$36 for the 10 gig website. A motion to provide funding for a chapter web page was made by Jane Mitchell with a second by Dori Caligiure. The motion was approved.

Fund Raising - The Change Jar was used to collect money for the Schools for Africa Project.

A motion was made to submit a proposal to Eta State for selling purses, jewelry, and scarves at the April convention. Barb Levin made the motion, seconded by Jane Mitchell. It was approved by the members.

Motion was accepted to adjourn at 12:23pm.

Submitted by *Dori Caligiure* Beta Delta Secretary

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www.dkg.org

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deltakappagamma.org/NC

Important Dates

2013 Chapter Meetings:

February 12
Schools for Africa Program
5:00 PM Anton's Restaurant

April 18, 2013
Spring Initiation Ceremony
First Baptist Church, Greensboro
7:00 PM

May 6, 2013
Middle and Early College - Unique Educational Opportunities
5:00 PM Anton's Restaurant

Eta State Convention
April 26 - 28, 2013
University Hilton, Charlotte

Southeast Regional Conference
July 10-13, 2013
Kissimmee, Florida
Sheraton Hotel, New York, NY

Keeping Our Members Informed

Beta Delta sisters, please share your news about travel, family, personal accomplishments and photos too.

Submit newsletter contributions to:
Beta Delta Newsletter Committee
c/o Diane Howdeshell, dhowdy62@gmail.com
or Marcia Payne Wooten,
mpwooten1@gmail.com

Karen's Korner

Personal Favorite for Your Reading Pleasure

Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the After Life by Dr. Eben Alexander (Simon and Schuster, 2012)

I have always been fascinated to hear about Near Death Experiences (NDE's); however, I had never read an entire book about them, until now. When I found out that my college friend, Betsy Alexander's brother, Eben, is the author of *Proof of Heaven*, I immediately bought the book. Eben is a neurosurgeon who lives in Virginia, and was raised in Winston-Salem. This is his account of how he developed a serious meningitis infection and went into a seven-day coma that shut down his brain. During his coma, he had a Near Death Experience that changed his life and his beliefs. Eben has described his experience on several television shows, and he says that he now believes that true health can be achieved only when we realize that death is not the end of existence but only a transition. *Proof of Heaven* offers an interesting combination of scientific analysis and comforting thoughts about a neurosurgeon's version of his own Near Death Experience.



Picture Book

Trucks Roll! By George Ella Lyon and Craig Frazier (Illus.)

(Atheneum, 2007) Tomorrow, I am going to visit my four year old niece and nephew (twins), and I am taking a truck book for Michael, who is all boy - "snips, and snails, and puppy dog tails." I am hopeful that he will love *Trucks Roll*, with its rhyming narrative, bright colors and close-up, details of trucks carrying rabbits, chocolate chip cookies, and space ships. As one reviewer wrote, "This is a great way to get young reading engines revved up and rolling." (Michael's parents may wish that I had brought him another title!). If you are wondering what I am taking his sister, Tess ("sugar and spice and everything nice"), it is *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, the 2011 Caldecott Award winner.

Young Adult Book

Code Name Verity by Eliabeth Wein (Hyperion, 2012)

A combination of historical fiction and a spy thriller, this tells the story of an unlikely pair of friends in England during World War II. Maddie is a working class girl who wants nothing more than to fly airplanes. Queenie is a Scottish aristocrat, fluent in French and German. The following excerpt from Story Snoops describes my favorite young adult book of 2012:
Queenie (of course that's not her real name) has two weeks to live. She'll be shot at the end of that time, no matter what she does. That's what happens to spies who are caught in enemy territory, and she's been caught in German-occupied France. Looking at the dark and horrifying paths ahead of her, Queenie knows that cooperation is the best route. She will do anything to avoid interrogation by the Gestapo chief Herr von Linden again, so she has struck a deal with him. He will give her all the paper she needs, and she will write down all the details she can think of about the British war effort. But Queenie figures the best place to start is with the story of her best friend Maddie--the pilot who flew her to France in the first place. It was a mini-Allied invasion by two brave girls whose accomplishments can never be officially recognized by the government they supported.

**Beta Delta Committees
2012 – 2014**

***Archives & Awards:* Sheila Groves & Elaine McRae, Co-Chairmen
Donna Ray, Lois Edinger, Ginger Parnell, Deb Paul, Gayle Manahan**

Communications:

***Webmaster:* Jenn Kunka**

***Yearbook:* Ann Pember & Jenn Kunka**

***Newsletter:* Diane Howdeshell, Marcia Payne Wooten, Karen Gavigan, Mary Sharpe**

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***Initiation:* Melissa Harrelson, Chairman**

Claire Driscoll, Jeannie Reynolds

***Membership:* Ann Pember, Chairman**

Cynthia Wooten, Jenn Kunka, Kim Pemberton, Helen Allen

***Nominations:* Jane Mitchell, Chairman**

Donna Harper, Dori Caligiure

***Scholarship:* Jane Mitchell, Chairman**

Mary Lynn Redmond, Jewel Cooper, Anita Lawson, Yvonne Woodward

Social:

Evie Derrickson, Kinshasa Hill, Alice Hill, Christine Chambers-Merriman

***Parliamentarian:* Dr. Lois Edinger**

US Forum Connection # 107, November 2012

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM UPDATE

Two concurrent bills have been introduced to get a site for the National Women's History Museum. The bills would ask Congress to establish a commission to study the feasibility of NWHM acquiring the last site on the National Mall or a place adjacent to it for the museum. This is a new approach which one can expect to be pursued in the 2013-14 session of Congress.

The 2013-14 session of Congress is going to increasingly concentrate on federal funding cuts. Below two specific programs are mentioned which stand to be greatly affected by the desire of certain elements of Congress to cut federal funding.

PBS FUNDING

For several sessions of Congress funding to PBS has been progressively cut. This is evident in the increased amount of time that state PBS organizations have been devoting to fund raising. In my state we used to have two fund raisers a year. Currently there are four or five separate fund raising drives and some programs have been cut due to lack of funds. If you are using PBS programming in your education instruction, you need to communicate this to your members of Congress. We as individuals and educators need to make sure that our Congressional delegations are educated on how various funds which benefit education are being used.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

This organization provides free books to poor children who would otherwise not have books in the home. About a year ago all federal funding to this organization was cut. During the National Legislative Seminar in March 2012 employees of the organization described their efforts to have some of their funding restored. The organization's efforts to provide books to poor children is now being funded entirely with private funds.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)

This did not get reauthorized by the 2011-12 session of Congress. Expect major efforts to get this done in the 2013-14 session of Congress under the leadership of Senator Jean Shaheen of New Hampshire.

CHANGE IN MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Unlike most other federal health programs, until recently Department of Defense rules did not have a funding exemption for abortion coverage in the case of rape or incest. A recently passed bill sponsored by Senator Shaheen will put Department of Defense rules in line with other federal policies and help ensure that women in uniform receive coverage for the same health care services as most women who receive health care through the federal government.

CONTACT ADDRESSES FOR GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through Congressional Switchboard 1-866-327-8670 [this is a toll free number]. You can contact your Congressman and Senator through this number without paying long distance charges.

<http://www.house.gov/> for members of the House of Representatives

<http://www.senate.gov/> for members of the U.S. Senate

White House 1-202-456-1111

STATE GOVERNMENT CONTACT INFORMATION can be obtained through <http://www.emailyourgovernor.com/>

Information available at this site allows contact with governors, members of the state legislature, state supreme court, congressional delegation and state agencies such as the Education Department, Attorney General, Motor Vehicles Department and Voter Registration. **PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME OF THIS INFORMATION MAY BE OUT OF DATE INFORMATION ON HOW YOUR CONGRESSMAN VOTED ON KEY BILLS**

<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/congress/111/bills/> **FIVE CONSTITUENT CONTACTS WILL CAUSE A LEGISLATOR TO PAY SERIOUS ATTENTION TO A GIVEN ISSUE.**