

Beta Delta News

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Embracing Our Vision—Designing Our Future
 “Lead—Serve—Impact”

Fall 2012

Beta Delta Meeting

Holiday Brunch & Auction
 Sedgfield Country Club
 December 1
 9:00 AM — Noon

'Tis the season for fellowship, food and fund raising! The Global Outreach/World Fellowship Committee invites all members and guests to Beta Delta's Holiday Brunch & Auction. Money raised will be used to support the World Fellowship Fund for foreign women educators, the International Scholarship Fund for DKG members and our chapter grants and projects.
 Bring an auction item.
 Bring your checkbook.
 Bring a friend!

Delta Kappa Gamma Dues

Make check payable to
DKG / Beta Delta Chapter.
 \$75.00 active members
 \$23.00 reserve members

Mail your check to:
 Elaine McRae
 Beta Delta Treasurer
 3518 Old Onslow Road
 Greensboro, NC 27407

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President's Message from Mary Sharpe



Hello Beta Delta Sisters....

As Fall has 'fallen' upon us once again, we can celebrate the varied Summer activities in which our members were involved - family time, vacations, travel, beach time, renovations, opening a new business, growing and enjoying fresh vegetables and blueberries and reading a great book! Time goes so quickly that the seasons sometimes seem to blend together with life's 'busy-ness'!

Have you 'fallen' back into your Fall 'routine'? Hopefully, being an active member of Beta Delta is a part of this routine! There is a special place for YOU on a committee that will move our chapter forward as we strive to accomplish our Mission:Promoting professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Look for your name on the Committee List and join in on the challenge!

The Executive Board met in August and worked hard to plan programs that would be 'worth your precious time' - exciting and educational! A Budget Report and other business items from our Sept. 8 meeting are included in this newsletter.

Each of you has been asked to serve with a team of your sister members to promote our 7 Purposes. YOU were chosen to be a part of Beta Delta because other successful educators saw great promise and potential in YOU as a 'Key Woman Educator'.

Let's make this biennium, 2012-2014, one in which each of us can be proud! Opportunities abound for us to LEAD SERVE IMPACT!

Mark your calendars and plan to join your Beta Delta sisters at our chapter meetings. Best wishes to each of you! Hope to see you on Sat., Dec. 1 for a delicious Brunch and fun Auction to raise funds for our Scholarships and Grants.

Sincerely,

Mary

Mark your calendars:

Sat., Dec. 1, 9:00 – 12:00 noon Holiday Brunch and Auction Sedgfield Country Club
 Sponsored by the Global Outreach/World Fellowship Committee Bring a guest with you

Tues., Feb. 12, 5:00 – 7:00 pm – 'Schools For Africa' program, Anton's Restaurant

Thurs., April 18 Initiation for New Members, First Baptist Church

May - Final meeting for the year – Date, time and place TBD

December Book Collection

Beta Delta members are collecting books for the seven, first-year teachers at Foust Elementary. These teachers are assigned to 1st grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade and 5th grade. Any picture book for those levels will be great. Please place each book in a gallon-size plastic bag and bring it to the December meeting. We hope to collect enough books to send one home with every child in those classrooms. If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like to make a contribution, please contact Diane Howdeshell, dhowdy62@gmail.com.

Beta Delta Minutes September 8, 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* and *Amy Monsees*, Beta Delta Secretary

Member News



In August **Melissa Harrelson** and husband, Jerry, attended a wedding on Vancouver Island. Going so far seemed to warrant longer time than just a weekend, so they began their trip in San Francisco, drove up through Eugene and Portland, Oregon and

then on to Seattle. Next a ferry ride to Victoria, BC and the Butchart Gardens. Finally the wedding at Qualicum Beach and returning to Seattle for one more day before flying home.

Diane Howdeshell, Elaine McRae & Sheila Groves attended the International Convention in New York City, July 23-28. Along with DKG members from across the state, they made the trip by Amtrak Train. Elaine and Sheila presented "*Oh Say Can You SEE*", a workshop highlighting ideas for Supporting Early-career Educators. In addition to convention events, there was time for site seeing, shopping and going to the theatre.



All aboard! NC members relaxed and enjoyed fellowship and fun on the train ride from Raleigh to New York City.

Recommending New Members

On September 24, members received, by email, the Recommendation for Membership Form. Please use that form to email recommendations for new members by November 15 to Ann Pember at appky1@aol.com or mail printed copy to Ann at 2814 Asbury Terrace, GSO 27408. Ask your prospective member if she is interested in being a member of DKG before submitting her name for membership. Invite her to attend the Holiday Brunch on December 1 at Sedgefield Country Club. Check your email for attachments: a pamphlet explaining DKG purposes and Beta Delta projects and honors, and a power point presentation highlighting Beta Delta. Please print and share! These two documents provide information that prospective members can use to make an informed decision about joining DKG. We certainly hope to have a big class of initiates for Beta Delta! We will vote on offering membership to those recommended at the Dec meeting.

Beta Delta members, please complete and return the Membership Survey Profile recently emailed to you from Ann Pember. The form is interactive and may be completed and attached to an email or you may print and mail a hard copy to Ann at 2814 Asbury Terrace, GSO 27408.

Amanda Wall Receives Eta State Scholarship

I was honored to receive the Eta State doctoral scholarship for this year. I want to express my gratitude again to Ginger Parnell and Alice Hill for writing letters of recommendation for me. Thank you, Beta Delta sisters!! The topic of my dissertation is teacher thinking about student motivation. Participants in my study are local middle school teachers. I have a great committee at UNCG, including Dr. Barb Levin; all the members have helped me stretch my thinking and research on this topic. On the first day of classes this fall, I learned that I received the Larry E. Frase Scholarship from Phi Delta Kappa; this scholarship is open to graduate students studying motivational factors. I look forward to sharing findings from my study with Beta Delta in the spring. *Amanda Wall*

Winston-Salem State University honors Kim Pemberton



Dr. Kim D. Pemberton returned to the School of Education and Human Performance [SEHP] at Winston-Salem State University for the 2012-2013 academic year, to begin her 2nd year as an Assistant Professor of Elementary Education.

To her surprise, on August 10th at the SEHP faculty retreat the Dean presented Kim with the **Apple** award for her service to the school. Then again, on Tuesday, August 15th Kim received the Education Department's **Star Trophy** from the Chair, which read: "*Recognition of Outstanding Teaching and Service in Education Department at WSSU 2011-2012.*"

As the Dean made the presentation his analogy of Kim was that of a fowl on a new farm. When placed in a new environment, it stands on one leg until familiar with surroundings; however he indicated that unlike the fowl, Kim came in, "with both feet on the ground," ready & willing to work.

Congratulations to our Beta Delta sister, Dr. Kim D. Pemberton!



Eta State Awards

The **Chapter Achievement Award** has been designed to recognize chapters in NC for distinctive, excellent, and superior achievement. Beta Delta received the honor of Distinctive Level last year. Please look at the Achievement Form on the Eta State web site to see how you can help our chapter reach the Superior Level this year!

The **Golden Key Award** was given for the first time at the 2011 state convention. This award honors members who have made significant contributions to DKG at various levels in the Society. These are the ladies who keep us moving forward but prefer to stay in the background, our "unsung heroes!" One person will be selected from each Region. If you would like to nominate a Beta Delta member, please contact Sheila Groves, svangroves@aol.com

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Important Dates

2012 Chapter Meetings:

- December 1
Holiday Brunch & Auction
Sedgefield Country Club
9:00–12 noon, Bring a friend!
- 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 2013
To be announced
- Eta State Convention**
April 26 - 28, 2013
University Hilton, Charlotte
- Southeast Regional Conference**
July 10-13, 2013
Kissimmee, Florida

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 Amy Monsees, monseea@gcsnc.com

Karen’s Korner

**Personal Favorite for Your Reading Pleasure
Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different**
by Karen Blumenthall (2012)

This biography of Steve Jobs was written for young adults; however, I recommend it for anyone who would like to learn more about Jobs and does not have the time to read Walter Isaacson’s 656 page biography about the man who built Apple. Blumenthal uses a graduation speech that Jobs made at Stanford to frame the biography. This title offers an informative and engaging look at Jobs, a brilliant man who was adopted, known as a perfectionist, and who had a number of well documented flaws.



Picture Book

A Ball for Daisy by Chris Raschka (Schwartz and Wade, 2012)

This delightful wordless picture book tells the story of a dog whose most prized possession, a ball, is accidentally destroyed by a bigger dog. This winner of the 2012 Caldecott medal is described as follows, “deceptively simple paintings of watercolor, gouache and ink explore universal themes of love and loss that permit thousands of possible variants.” ‘A Ball for Daisy’ holds as many unique stories as there will be young readers and re-readers. (Caldecott Medal Committee Chair Steven L. Herb)

Young Adult Book

Between Shades of Gray by Ruth Sepetys (Speak, 2012)

Between 1940 and 1953, the Soviet regime imprisoned and deported over 300,000 Lithuanians to the forests of Siberia. They were only a fraction of the 20 million who were killed in the brutal cleansing of the Baltic region. Between Shades of Gray (not to be confused with *Fifty Shades of Gray!*) is an historical fiction title that tells about a family torn apart under Stalin’s regime. In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. This story is based on the author’s family.

Shaw-Lewis Grant Information

The Shaw-Lewis Grant is given by Beta Delta Chapter to first- year, female teachers in Guilford County Schools. Awards up to \$500 are granted based on the merit of the proposal. Funds may be requested for, but not limited to, professional development opportunities such as participation in a conference or workshop, classroom materials, technology resources, etc. A copy of the Shaw-Lewis Application is attached. Please duplicate and share with beginning teachers. Applications should be submitted to the Scholarship Committee in care of Jane Mitchell by January 15. Recipient/s will be notified by mid February. For further information contact Dr. Jane Mitchell, janetmitchell@earthlink.net

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☆☆ Sign-up now to serve on a Beta Delta Committee! ☆☆
☆☆ Look for a list of Committees in this newsletter. ☆☆
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The Shaw-Lewis Grant-in-Aid for First-Year Teachers in Guilford County

Sponsored by Beta Delta Chapter Greensboro, NC

Guidelines:

1. Female first-year teachers in grades K-12 in Guilford County may apply.
2. Awards will be based on the merit of the proposal.
3. Up to \$500 is available for awards.
4. The letter of application should be written on school letterhead and should include a brief proposal of the project or professional need for which the applicant is requesting financial support. Funding requests may include but are not limited to professional development opportunities such as participation in a conference or workshop, classroom materials, technology resources, etc. The proposal should include an itemized budget with the approximate costs that the grant would support. A telephone number and/or e-mail address should be provided. The application should also include a letter of support from a supervisor or principal.
5. Grant- in-Aid applications should be mailed by January 15 to:

Jane Tucker Mitchell
305 Ridgeway Drive
Greensboro, N.C. 27403
6. Award recipient(s) will be determined by the Scholarship Committee of Beta Delta. Notifications will be made by mid-February.

**Beta Delta Committees
2012 – 2014**

Archives & Awards: Sheila Groves & Elaine McRae, Co-Chairmen
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Parliamentarian: Dr. Lois Edinger

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MEDICARE AND IDENTITY THEFT

If you have a Medicare Card, have you considered that the card has your Social Security Number on it? There have been increasing cases of identity theft linked to Medicare Cards. The thieves have used the Social Security Numbers from Medicare Cards to file for fraudulent income tax refunds. Congress is currently trying to address this issue. In the meantime, be aware that your card has this information on it and protect it in the same way you would protect credit cards, your Social Security Card, and your checkbook. Each of these documents has information which could be used for someone to steal your identity.

A previous Forum Connection mentioned protecting your checking account by using ink which is absorbed by the paper of the check. Remember to check the pen you use to make out a check by touching the pen tip to Kleenex or similarly absorbent paper. If the ink is visibly absorbed by the tissue, the pen is a good one to use in making out checks. Most ball point ink is not absorbed by the paper and thus it is fairly easy to remove the original ink on the face of the check and allows the thief to change the payee as well as the amount of the check.

DECIDING HOW TO VOTE

You can use the Project Vote Smart web site to see how your opinions agree with candidates running for U. S. President. Go to <http://votesmart.org/> then click on "Find Your Political Soulmate with VoteEasy" on the left-hand side of the screen.

The initial screen asks you to donate and register. You do not have to register to participate. The site then shows pictures of the six candidates running for President of the United States. You can then check on how each of these candidates agrees with your position on twelve major issues which are 1) abortion, 2) Afghanistan, 3) the budget, 4) the economy, 5) education, 6) energy, 7) the environment, 8) guns, 9) health care, 10) immigration, 11) marriage, and 12) Social Security. After you have checked your opinions on each of these topics, the site will give you a "best match" based on the percentage of your responses which agree with a candidate. If you click on a candidate's picture, it will show the percentage of your opinions which agree with that candidate and give you more information about the candidate.

QUALITY CARE FOR MOMS AND BABIES ACT

[H.R.3620](#): Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act

The provisions of the bill introduced by Representative Eliot Engel of New York are given in the Library of Congress Thomas.gov as "Quality Care for Moms and Babies Act

- Amends title XI of the Social Security Act (SSA) to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop a maternity care quality measurement program with respect to childbearing women and newborns for voluntary use by: (1) a state in administering a state plan under SSA title XIX (Medicaid) or a state child health plan under SSA title XXI (State Children's Health Insurance) (CHIP), (2) health insurance issuers and managed care entities contracting with states to administer such plans, and (3) item and service providers (including accountable care organizations).
- Directs the Secretary to make grants to eligible entities to support: (1) the development of new state and regional maternity care quality collaboratives, (2) expanded activities of existing maternity care quality collaboratives, and (3) maternity care initiatives within established state and regional quality collaboratives that are not focused exclusively on maternity care.
- Requires the Secretary to establish a maternity care home demonstration program."
The related bill in the Senate S.1969 which was introduced by Senator Debbie Stabenow of Michigan has nearly identical wording.

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.