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Next Meeting

February 10, 2014

**The Olive Garden
 Restaurant**

5:00 p.m.

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President's Message from Mary Sharpe



A Happy New Year to My Beta Delta Sisters,

Already it's January 26, 2014! Only 11 months left to do all the things we may have in mind for this year! It's hard to believe time passes so quickly! As I write this letter, I reflect on this day – a beautiful, sunny but chilly day. A morning spent with family celebrating a relative's years of service as a nurse and Sunday School teacher and an afternoon spent with children playing games and enjoying being in their presence.

Life can be full of so many wonderful events and people. How have you spent your first month of 2014?

I'm hoping all of you will put your active membership in Beta Delta chapter in your 2014 list of 'Things I Plan to Do'. Whether a seasoned member or a relatively new member, your attendance at meetings and dedication to our programs and projects will always be at the top of my list! We only have two meetings left during this biennium, Feb. 10 and May 6. Will your schedule allow your attendance? Please make every effort to attend. We miss you when you are not present with us.

Please enjoy this newsletter and notice all the important dates and upcoming events. Diane has a very interesting program planned for Mon., Feb. 10 at the Olive Garden Restaurant. Nalini Dorasamy, a fifth grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary, will tell us about her experiences teaching in South Africa and compare with her present experience. You don't want to miss this informative program and time of good food and fellowship.

Does your schedule allow your attendance at the 80th Birthday Celebration for Eta State in Greenville, NC? Attending an Eta State Convention provides opportunities to 'Connect, Collaborate and Celebrate' with key women educators throughout our state. To each of you, I send my best wishes for a great year both professionally and personally. Hope to see you on Mon., Feb. 10, and Tues., May 6.
 Best regards,

Mary Sharpe

Mark Your Calendar: First Meeting of the New Year!

February 10, 2014

5:00 p.m.

Olive Garden Restaurant, 3000 High Point Road

Member News

Big Sister **Lexie**

Velázquez, is proud to announce the birth of her baby brother, **Toby Evan** on December 27, 2013.

Proud parents are

Ashley and Salomón

Velázquez. Toby weighed 7 lbs. and 1 oz. and measured 18.5 inches long. Ashley teaches Spanish at Grimsley H.S. and is enjoying spending time with her children before returning to work in late March/early April.



Elaine McRae writes "As a member of the DKG State Membership Committee, I want to invite and encourage Beta Delta members to consider attending the State Convention in Greenville, NC.....April 4-6. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration. Come see our very own 1st Vice President Sheila Groves in action!"

Ann Pember will send emails inviting our prospective members who were cleared by the Coordinating Council and voted into membership at the Holiday Brunch into membership in Beta Delta. She plans to have new member orientation at her house, 3412 Kirby Drive, during February for the new members, their sponsors, the officers, and the membership committee, and any other member who wants to attend. Stay tuned for further details.

Jane Mitchell, Chair and Nominating Committee members **Donna Harper** and **Evie Dickerson** propose the following slate of officers for the next biennium to be voted on at the February 10 meeting.

President: **Diane Howdeshell**

Vice-President: **Ann Pember**

Secretary: **Dori Caligiure**

Treasurer: **Elaine McRae**

Many thanks to the committee for their work!

Sharon Page is recuperating from knee replacement surgery on, Wednesday, January 29. We wish her a speedy and easy recovery and look forward to seeing her at our April initiation and quite possibly the Eta State conference.

Mary Sharpe, Sheila Groves and **Elaine McCrae** visited with Beta Delta member **Helen Medlin** (101 years young) back in November. Helen finished her career in education as a principal at Claxton Elementary. She was married to Luther Medlin, who was a long-time President of Guilford Technical Community College. Helen is holding the red rose that our Beta Delta sisters brought to her when they visited.





The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

More Member News!

SHHHHHH!!!! TOP SECRET!!!!

The Awards Committee is working diligently to find ways to honor our most loyal members.... those with 30 or more years of membership. **In the meantime, are you aware that you can always give a donation to our Beta Delta Chapter to honor any chapter member?**

You can mail a check to Elaine McRae, our treasurer... (3518 Old Onslow Road, Greensboro, NC, 27407) along with your instructions and she will take care of the rest!

Thanks to **Alice Hill** and her committee for their work on this.

Important Dates

February 10, 2014 (Monday) - Beta Delta

5:00 p.m.
Olive Garden Restaurant
3000 High Point Rd.

February 28, 2014 Deadline to upload data into the Chapter Profile Survey for International

March 1, 2014 Golden Key Award nomination due to Awards Committee Chair Sharon Frazier

March 1, 2014 Deadline to submit newsletters to Susan Kuenzel

March 16th –19th, 2014 National Legislative Seminar

Holiday Inn, National Airport,
Arlington, VA

April 5, 2014 Early registration for Eta State Convention ends

April 10, 2014—(Thursday) - Greensboro Chapters Initiation— and guest speaker—Karyn Dickerson, NC Teacher of the Year

7:00 p.m. First Baptist Church, Greensboro

May 6, 2014—(Tuesday) Beta Delta
5:00 p.m. Location TBA

April 25-27, 2014

Eta State Convention "Dare to Be Courageous"
Also celebrating Eta State's 80th Birthday
Greenville, NC

July 15–18, 2014

2014 Southeast Regional Convention
Westin Harbor Resort
Savannah, GA

2014 International Convention

July 28–August 1, 2014
Indianapolis, IN

Scholarship information

Beta Delta offers two \$500.00 scholarships each year. The Shaw-Lewis Grant-in-Aid is for beginning (1-4) teachers and the Anna Joyce Reardon Award is for current members of Beta Delta who would like to improve themselves professionally.

Last year there were NO APPLICANTS for the Shaw-Lewis. It is up to ALL Beta Delta Members to spread the word about the availability of these grants and be supportive. Please contact Jane T. Mitchell at janetmitchell@earthlink.net more information and the application forms.

As of January 24, we have received no applications for either of our scholarships. The deadline for the Shaw-Lewis Beginning Teacher (1-4 years) Grant has been extended to February 24. Please encourage Beginning Teachers in your schools to apply. The Anna Joyce Reardon Award is open for all Beta Delta members who would like to attend professional meetings or undertake other professional endeavors.

Thanks to the Scholarship Committee for their work. Members are: Jewell Cooper, Anita Lawson, Mary Lynn Redmond, Yvonne Woodard and Jane Mitchell, Chair.



From the Society International President Beverly Helms's Blog:

"We are collecting ideas or ways chapters are being strengthened and steps state organizations have taken and continue to take to strengthen their chapters. You can share those wonderful ideas and win a free registration to the 2014 International Convention in Indianapolis, July 28 - August 1, 2014. Send specific ideas or information about how you have been involved in strengthening your own chapter or, if you are a state organization president, how your state has strengthened its chapters. Your name will be entered in a drawing

for one of five free registrations to the International Convention in 2014. Your thoughts are worth money to us! Send your ideas, suggestions to diane@dkg.org. Your name will be entered into a drawing and your registration fee to the next international convention could be pre-paid."

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BETA DELTA Project

Books Delivered!



Jane Mitchell and Mary Sharpe were excited to deliver 70 children's books to First Year Second Grade teacher, Mrs. Amanda McDavid at Jefferson Elementary School. Amanda is so delighted and grateful for our generous gifts as are her students.



A note from Tien Mai!



Beta Delta Chapter held their annual holiday brunch and auction at the Sedgefield Country Club on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

A mini-concert of solo handbell ringing was given by Marcia Payne Wooten and Susan Key, accompanist, to start the festivities.



Social time and checking out the items for auction was enjoyed by all and the following donations were made: \$500 to the World Fellowship, \$200 to Eta State Scholarship, \$10 to the Educa-



tional Foundation, \$10 to the International Speakers Fund, \$10 to Golden Gift

and \$10 to the Eunah Temple Holden Leadership Fund. After expenses and donations, our total was \$1027.63 which will be used for our Beta Delta Scholarship/grant-in-aid.

Here is Mary Pendergraft in action, auctioning one of the many, delightful items offered.



More socializing was enjoyed by guests and members alike, along with the usual delicious fare of the country club.



Many thanks to prospective member and guest Janis Antonek for taking all the wonderful pictures and sharing them.

Generational Differences

How many Generation Y members do you have in your chapter? One of their strengths is that they are team-oriented, so they make good sisters. Look at younger teachers as you consider whom to invite into membership.

Generation Y (born since 1981): They are typically team-oriented, and work well in groups, as opposed to individual endeavors. Also, they are used to tackling multiple tasks with equal energy, so they expect to work hard. They are good multi-taskers, having juggled sports, school and social interests growing up.

They are optimistic, tenacious, tech-savvy, and driven to learn and grow.

U.S. FORUM CONNECTION #121, January, 2014

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The National Legislative Seminar (NLS) organized by DKG's U.S. Forum Committee occurs biennially. The next NLS will be held March 16th-19th, 2014 at the Holiday Inn, National Airport, 2650 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202. The NLS registration form and hotel contact information are available at <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/US-Forum/File%20Sharing/files/2014%20NLS%20Reg%20Form.pdf>. After February 16, 2014 the registration fee will increase from \$160 to \$185. After February 14, 2014 the room rates will also increase. Room reservations should be made directly with the hotel. (tel n nephone: [703.684.7200](tel:703.684.7200))

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

In essence the Paycheck Fairness Act mandates that employees with equal qualifications and experience should be paid the same whether male or female. Similar pieces of legislation have been introduced in Congress for over a decade. In this session the bill numbers are H.R. 377 and S. 84. An indication of the group pushing this legislation is that the House bill was introduced by Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) and the Senate bill was introduced by Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD). The House bill has 207 cosponsors all Democrats; while the Senate bill has 50 cosponsors. With the exception of Bernie Sanders who is an independent, all Senate cosponsors are Democrats also. This should not be a party issue. To see whether your Representative is a cosponsor on this bill go to <http://beta.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/house-bill/377> click on the 207 in blue co-sponsors. Both bills are currently in committee or subcommittee.

LAWS ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS This session of Congress which convened in January 2013 has passed 78 pieces of legislation which have been signed into law. In addition to bills which deal with the budget and the debt ceiling most are mundane without much impact on the average citizen. An example of this is changing the name of the Dryden Flight Research Center to the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and renaming the Western Aeronautical Test Range the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range. One very important piece of legislation which was passed after a good deal of controversy was the Violence Against Women Act. A listing of all these new laws can be found at <http://beta.congress.gov/search?q=%7B%22congress%22%3A%22113%22%2C%22source%22%3A%22legislation%22%2C%22bill-status%22%3A%22Became+Law%22%7D&page=1>

STEM EDUCATION LEGISLATION

STEM (**S**cience **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **M**athematics) education seems to be a popular subject in this session of Congress. Currently there are 2,029 bills which address STEM education in some way. As a result of the transition from The Library of Congress site (<http://thomas.loc.gov/home/thomas.php>) to the Congress.gov site (<http://beta.congress.gov/>), which is now occurring, abstracts of these bills are not available.

FORUM FACEBOOK PAGE LINK For those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics there is a U. S. Forum Facebook page online at <http://www.facebook.com/DKG.US.Forum>. Please see the article on page 7 of this issue.

FORUM WEB SITE <http://bit.ly/DKGUSF>

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