



Beta Kappa Bits

Spring Edition
March/April 2020

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

President's Message



As you are reading this page you will see that our March meeting date has been cancelled. Our speaker, **Emily Gordon**, has been gracious each time I asked her to change. At the 2020 **August** meeting we will highlight that 100 years ago, women could not vote! Emily will tell us this story so DKG members can hear about courageous men and women who battled the year of 1920 in Nashville, TN. It is important for us to hear because Tennessee has among the worst voter participation in the country. Women of Tennessee are not participating in this hard earned right and considered an important voting block. We are hoping that our state president **Dr. Beverly Hall** will be in attendance coming from Waynesboro.

Lincoln County ladies have launched their project Art Plz. The art closet at Lincoln County High School has personal hygiene items that students get on an as needed basis, no questions asked. Bring any items to the next meeting you want to have going to the art closet. Marshall County can report on their progress of getting their project established. Pictures and articles have been sent to EEC committee for Macy Awards.

It's scholarship time! Lincoln County has news of the plan to award 2 grants of \$250 each to classroom teachers. Retired Teachers of Lincoln County plans to award 2 grants also. **Suzette Pike** is preparing the website to be used for the application process. The grant committee will tell us how this new grant program will operate in Lincoln County at the next meeting. We are excited to hear the plans for the Marshall County scholarship to be awarded soon. I am so excited and feel we are doing some wonderful things to help students and classroom teachers. The rules for new membership have changed and we welcome your friends and colleagues.

Co-president **Carla Caldwell** has been busy updating chapter rules. For several years sweet Carla has paid the \$200 out of pocket so we can print our handbook. We are working on getting this to an easier and less expensive way of producing a handbook each year. Please tell Carla that she has been greatly appreciated for 4 years of being either president or co-president. This sweet lady has worked long and hard all 4 years. Thank you Carla.

Co-president **Teresa Brown**, Lincoln County

Next Beta Kappa Meeting.....



UNLESS THIS CHANGES.....On **April 30, 6 p.m.**, Beta Kappa will meet in Petersburg at the Mildred Scott Building to plan for the year's meetings and activities. Last year the co-presidents and vice-president made this meeting very informal and fast-paced with discussion and ideas from those in attendance. The meeting went very smoothly! Come this year to the planning meeting and be the first to know of the plans for the year! Let's make it a year you will enjoy with exciting programs, meeting places, speakers, and projects! (The executive committee will meet at 5:00)

Treasurer Tidbits: I hope everyone is staying healthy and treasuring their extra time with family.

Dues are due May 31. Active dues are \$88.00 and reserve dues are \$36.00.

You may mail your checks made out to Beta Kappa to my address:

Andrea Hardison, 1119 Maiden Lane, Lewisburg, TN 37091.

Feel free to email me at: andreahardison@bellsouth.net with any questions.



Deadlines to Remember

April 1st- Deadline to submit Chapter Rules, Beta Kappa is on the rotation list to submit rules in 2020.

April 1st- Maycie Chapter Excellence Award application due to contact person

DKG DUES--- Be sure to get your dues to Andrea Hardison by May 31. That will help streamline everything and avoid postage and time for Andrea to send out reminders. Andrea does a great job as our treasurer!! Let's do our part to make her job as easy as possible.

Upcoming Events and Activities

(*upcoming events subject to change due to the current situation*)

April 30, 6 pm Beta Kappa Planning Meeting, Mildred Scott Building, Petersburg (executive board at 5 pm)

June 4-6 2020 85th TN State Organization Convention, University of the South, Sewanee

July 7-11 2020 DKG International Convention, Philadelphia, PA

Legislative Issues.....

Governor Lee's recent State of the State address outlined budget spending for education. Gov. Lee has made strengthening the state minimum salary schedule for teachers a priority. He also proposed a new comprehensive approach to literacy focused on phonics-based reading instruction, support for mental health services for the state's highest risk students, as well as other funding for education. During the speech, Gov. Lee also spoke of the success of his current initiatives of helping young adults earn industry certifications, launching new work-based learning programs, and promoting STEM education across the state. (from TEA Public School Advocate, Vol. 6, Issue 1)

Beta Kappa Member News.....

Dear Beta Kappa Sisters,

I am sorry to tell you that my cancer has returned in my same breast. My doctor and I decided it was best to remove the breast, so two weeks ago I had surgery. I am in pain and I am still dealing with drain tubes. I had radial chemo and radiation the last time so my doctors are puzzled about all of this. They are sending me to Vanderbilt for a second opinion. I will be unable to attend the meeting but keep me in your prayers. I love you all. - **Martha Wolf**

I know our sisterly love and caring Beta Kappa thoughts and prayers will be going out to **Martha**.

Teresa Brown had knee replacement on January 28th. The first few weeks were tough, but she is steadily improving! We wish her continued improvement!



More on the next pages.....

Chapter Activities

Our January Beta Kappa meeting

At the January meeting our members met at the Lincoln and Marshall County libraries for hot chocolate, light refreshments and a book talk! Also discussed was our chapter project: to help schools with personal hygiene products for students. Lincoln County members brought products to send to Lincoln County High in Fayetteville. Marshall County members discussed the supplies needed and they will bring these to the next meeting to be distributed at the high schools in Marshall County. Everyone is very excited to help the schools and students in this way!

Lincoln County members decided that this year instead of giving a student scholarship, they will give two classroom mini-grants. A committee was appointed to make guidelines for this.

Also, at the meeting members shared a favorite book or a book read recently. A good discussion followed and everyone went home with new ideas for reading pleasure!



Lincoln County members donated personal hygiene products for schools.



Lincoln County Classroom Mini-Grant Guideline Committee
Bobbie Springfield, Suzette Pike, Brenda Ables, and Melanie Laten (not pictured)



Marshall County members shared several books they are reading!

Picture 1: Alva Cavnar, Emily Gordon, Cecelia Johnson

Picture 2: Ginger Hardison, Betty Burgess, Andrea Hardison, Carla Caldwell

And the following great ideas were sent to me by our Beta Kappa Vice-President, Cecelia Johnson

Very timely suggestions!! Stay well everyone!



Things to Do During the Big Q

Taking care of yourself during the quarantine is important. Besides the basic sound advice of getting enough sleep, exercise, and nutritious meals, here are some things you can do for your overall well-being:

- **Commit** time to Delta Kappa Gamma. Think of who might be good prospective members. List some novel ideas for engaging meetings and new meeting locations. Read the international, state, and local websites to keep abreast. Apply for state and/or international grants, scholarships, and/or leadership programs.
- **Communicate** with family and friends as well as with former students and colleagues, neighbors, and other acquaintances. Experiment with a variety of media: telephone calls, text messages, emails, video conferencing, social media, cards, and old-fashioned, handwritten letters.
- **Contribute** to DKG scholarships, leadership programs, literacy efforts, and benevolent funds at the chapter, state, and/or international level. Give to local, state and international relief efforts and charitable programs.
- **Clean** that one drawer or closet that so annoys you because of its disorganization!
- **Cook** recipes that you have considered but postponed because they take too long. Cook batch dishes and freeze them so that you will have healthy foods ready when you return to a busier routine.

