

BETA KAPPA BITS

OCTOBER 2020

MESSAGES FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS:

Message

Co-President Cecelia Johnson

After the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, women on both sides of the issue experienced a myriad of feelings. Subsequently, however, they worked through those emotions and continued to work for the greater good.

Similarly, we may face a variety of emotions and challenges related to polarization after Election 2020. I jotted down a few notes to me regarding what I will need to do after the election; perhaps they may be applicable to you, too.

*First, acknowledge my own feelings regarding the election outcomes and allow myself sufficient time to truly feel them, whatever they may be—joy, sadness, relief, anxiety, hopefulness, dread, among others.

*Words matter; choose my language carefully in the coming days. Even if I disagree with others on some issues, I need to respect their humanity. In 1866, Frances Watkins Harper, suffragist, abolitionist, and teacher, said, "We are all bound up together in one great bundle of humanity, and society cannot trample on the weakest and feeblest of its members without receiving the curse in its own soul."

*Let social media miss me for a while. I really don't have to post any positions right now, and I certainly can resist scrolling through messages that may reinforce continuing political tensions.

*Consider how those with differing views may feel as well as why they hold those feelings. Really listening with the intent to truly understand will go a long way in building bridges to conversations and actions that will allow us to address our common challenges. Now is the time to start the process.

Even after 1920, it took years for women of color and of all social classes to secure the right to vote. The struggle to realize optimal participation still continues, as election laws continue to change and many women still face barriers to voting. Therefore, know that even after we vote in November, we will still have work to do to keep effecting changes in this moving world. Right now, however, I need a break to recharge. --Cecelia

Co-President Teresa Brown

The October meeting will be our opportunity to have the much anticipated program on Women's Suffrage presented by Emily Gordon. This is our third try so I know it will be excellent. Each time it was scheduled, we invited our DKG state president Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan. This outstanding educator has plans to drive from Florence, AL to visit with us. We are beginning the work of Beta Kappa chapter. At our meeting, I forgot to say that Martha Wolf as chairman of publicity helped us achieve gold. The guidelines for the Maycie Awards are on the DKG website. It is a good idea to find out what the expectations are at the state level. Marshall and Lincoln County educators have now launched their projects to buy personal hygiene items for high school students. The timelines are always going to be a little different but Lincoln County educators have partnered with Retired Teachers of Lincoln County to award a total of \$1,000 for education grants. It is our greatest hope that these two endeavors will lead to new members who will find DKG an activity worthy of their time. Please invite a friend to our meeting or send them to our zoom link. -- Teresa

NEXT BETA KAPPA MEETING

Our October Beta Kappa meeting will be Thursday night, October 29th in Lewisburg at Church Street Church of Christ annex at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will also be on Zoom at 6:30 for those who wish to participate from home. Our speaker will be Emily Gordon to speak about women's suffrage and winning the right to vote! - Our state president, Dr. Beverly Hall, plans to attend, also!! Join us either in Lewisburg or on Zoom!-- AND you may invite a prospective member to join us at the meeting.

FUTURE EVENTS BETA KAPPA MEETINGS

December 5th, Saturday at 4 pm-
Holiday Tea Party via Zoom

January 12th, Tuesday at 6pm-
experience a Read-In, members meet in
their own county

Saturday, March 6th at 2pm. at Laten
House in Fayetteville

Thursday, April 29, at 6 pm. Planning
Meeting, Petersburg

DEADLINES TO REMEMBER

October 31- submit Chapter Website
Compliance Form 72 to international
to receive compliance seal on website
November 1- strategic plans are due
from all chapters
December 15- Chapter Yearbooks due

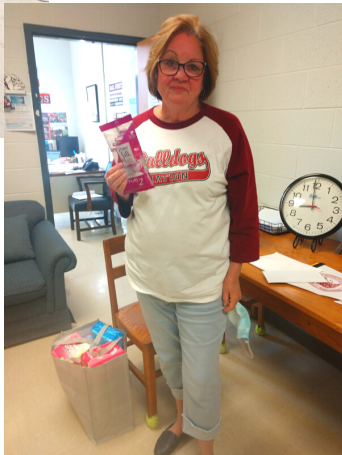


Beta Kappa Chapter Project is Underway!!

Jeanne Wiles, guidance counselor at Marshall County High School is shown with Cecelia Johnson accepting her school's donations.



Becky Cheatham, counselor at Lewisburg Middle School gladly accepts items from Beta Kappa Chapter.



Counselor Edna London represented both Cornersville High School and Middle School in accepting donated items.

Lincoln County members donated personal hygiene items at the September Beta Kappa meeting to be delivered to LCHS. Member **Martha Wolf** is shown with the donated items that were collected at the meeting.



Project Period Poverty Update.....
This Year Beta Kappa chose to support local schools by providing personal hygiene products to selected secondary schools in Lincoln and Marshall Counties. The products collected in the fall in both counties were delivered to schools in October 2020.
The Marshall County members contributed over 1300 units of sanitary pads, liners and tampons. Lincoln County members gave over \$200 in period products to Lincoln County High School earlier this year. This fall, Lincoln County members expanded their contributions to include other personal hygiene products. Inspired by Lincoln County members' thoughtfulness, some Marshall County members also included products such as soap, deodorant, shampoo and lotion in their offerings.
School representatives in both counties expressed their appreciation for Beta Kappa's contributions. *"Know that they are much appreciated, and they will be used," said Jeanne Wiles, MCHS guidance counselor.*



Cecelia Johnson collected several items from member **Ginger Hardison** and others to deliver to the county schools in Lewisburg and Cornersville. Member **Betty Woodford** will take items to Forrest High School in Chapel Hill.



...MEMBER NEWS...



Emily Gordon has been enjoying her great-grandson who just had his first birthday recently! Emily has gotten to see him almost every day and is thankful for each minute spent with precious Abel!

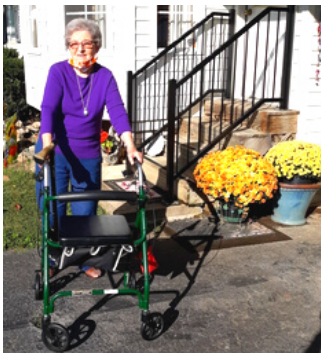
Happy Birthday
ABEL!

Andrea and Ginger Hardison enjoyed a beautiful day exploring the Chihuly exhibit at Cheekwood during fall break. Since school field trips are cancelled due to Covid, Andrea took pictures from that day and created a virtual field trip for her students!

Martha Wolf shares wonderful news! Her granddaughter, Meghan Helums, is now Meghan Smith! She was married in Chattanooga, TN Saturday, October 17th and the day was perfect. She was beautiful! You may remember she was awarded the DKG scholarship when she was a graduating senior at LCHS. Meghan graduated with a degree in biology and was over the STEM program. Now she lives in Johnson City, TN and is teaching high school biology. She will have her masters degree in June, so she is a wonderful addition to the teaching profession!

Martha Wolf is busy testing all the students at Highland Rim Elementary for hearing and sight. Martha is with the LIONS Club and she is happy to help. Martha said, "I get to see lots of students that I know."

Betty Burgess joined in the annual walk for Alzheimers in memory of son-in-law and Connelly teacher, Bennett Rye. The event was virtual and to date Bennett's Ballplayers Team has raised \$650 toward research. Also shown below are members of Betty's family-- Alicia, Morgan, and Beau Bennett Moore walking in Columbia.



BETA KAPPA OFFICERS 2020-2022

CO-PRESIDENTS: CECELIA JOHNSON AND TERESA BROWN

VICE-PRESIDENT: OPEN

SECRETARY: GINGER HARDISON

TREASURER: ANDREA HARDISON

PARLIMENTARIAN: MERI BIGHAM

Beta Kappa Committees 2020-2022

Arts and Personal Enrichment:
Alva Cavnar CH, Melanie Laten CH,

Legislation:
Brenda Ables CH,
Teresa Brown, Cecelia Johnson, Bobbie Springfield

Educational Excellence:
Carol Grant CH, Peggy Wright

Communications and Publicity:
Meri Bigham CH Newsletter, Martha Wolf CH Publicity,
Carla Caldwell CH Yearbook
Suzette Pike- Webmistress

Scholarships/Grants:
Emily Gordon CH, Suzette Pike CH
Brenda Ables, Felisha Eddings,
Jan Salsman, Peggy Wright

Social Courtesy:
Betty Burgess CH, Carol Grant CH,
Marie Van Lantschoot, Betty Woodford, Wanda Young

Finance:
Ginger Hardison CH, Andrea Hardison,
Teresa Brown, Emily Gordon

Membership:
Carolyn Bingham CH, Melanie Laten CH

Nominations:
Emily Gordon CH, Pat Young CH

State Projects: (Numeracy, Imagination Library):
Teresa Brown CH, Ginger Hardison CH, Meri Bigham

Technology:
Suzette Pike CH, Felisha Eddings, Jan Salsman

DKG State and International News

Tennessee's own Becky Sadowski took the reins as the incoming **DKG International President**. Sadowski will continue to use the Society Vision Statement as her theme for the coming biennium: **"Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide."**

In addition, she will bring an emphasis on what she considers the critical component to a successful Society -- its members. As she pointed out in her acceptance speech, membership in DKG offers numerous opportunities for personal and professional growth. However, she believes that, in addition to opportunities, membership also entails responsibilities -- to commit to Society purposes, to participate at the chapter, state and international level, to encourage others to join the Society, and to mentor new members so that they will remain active in the Society.

We congratulate Becky Sadowski, DKG International President from Tennessee!

(from Xi State News, September 2020)

DKG Virtual Upcoming EVENTS

Oct. 27 -Virtual Ice Breakers, a Zoom tutorial, 7 pm

Nov. 8, 9, 10, 11, or Dec 1 -

Motivational Time-Out for Educators

Look for more to come.....

[Go here for more information or to register](#)



Virtual DKG activities... and Chapter Points.....

If you attend virtual DKG activities/workshops please let Teresa or Cecelia know so that our chapter can receive points for your participation!

Future International Conference and Convention Dates:

International Conferences:

Portland, Oregon - July 7-10, 2021

San Antonio, Texas - July 21-24, 2021

Tampere, Finland- July 28-31, 2021

International Convention:

New Orleans, Louisiana- July 12-16, 2022



The 85th TN State Meeting at Sewanee
will be June 3-5, 2021

It's not too early to mark your calendars!

ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF AUTUMN..... FALLING LEAVES, VIBRANT COLORS, AND COOL TEMPERATURES!