

# Beta Kappa Bits

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



## President's Message

Let's take a moment to thank our co-president Carla Caldwell. First, she agreed to continue to serve as a president if she had someone from Lincoln County to be her co-president. Carla has also taken the responsibility of getting our yearbook printed for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. However, the way we have always done it is no longer an acceptable plan. Last year, Carla paid \$100 out of her pocket to buy the computer program only good for one year to assemble our award-winning yearbook. After the two presidents discussed possibilities, Carla came up with a way to produce a yearbook. You will notice that this is not anything like our yearbooks in the past. Carla had to add all the changes made at the state level. We are now Tennessee State Organization, (no longer XI State) The new logo is *Anywhere Is Home: Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*.

In order to survive as an organization, we must change with the times. Please invite a college student or a teacher friend who you feel would enjoy membership in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Our meetings can be subjects and activities that interest our members. Personal and professional growth of members will always be our purpose.

Teresa Brown  
Co-President



## Next Beta Kappa Meeting.....Book Talk Night

!!\*NEW THIS YEAR\*!! At our January 16<sup>th</sup>, meeting, we are planning to meet in *both* counties. Members will meet at their public library (Lewisburg **or** Fayetteville) for "Book Talk" night! Come very casual... we will share books we have read and enjoyed. Possibly, we may be able to talk between the two counties using videoconferencing. Mark your calendars and join the fun in January!

## Upcoming Events and Activities

**January 16**, 6 pm Beta Kappa Meeting, **Book Talk Night**, each county meets at their public library and we will have the opportunity to share a book we have enjoyed.

**March 3**, 6 pm Beta Kappa Meeting, **Women's Suffrage presentation at Cahoots in Fayetteville**, 100 years ago the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment gave women the right to vote! Hear more in this presentation by **Emily Gordon**.

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

**June 4-6 2020 This is the 85<sup>th</sup> TN State Organization Convention, University of the South at Sewanee**

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

## Deadlines to Remember

DKG dues will be collected in the Spring each year before we break for summer due to the new state guidelines.

## School News and Events

Work has begun on the new addition at LCHS in Fayetteville.

## Beta Kappa Member News.....

Payton Salsman, daughter of member **Jan Salsman**, was recently crowned Homecoming Queen at Cornersville High School. Payton is a senior this year at CHS. Congratulations!

**Alva Cavnar** is planning a trip to Amsterdam in October! She will be visiting with her cousin for a week. We hope to hear all about it when she returns! Have a great trip, Alva!

**Teresa Brown** and **Meri Bigham** attended the DKG Tennessee State Committee Planning Conference on Saturday, September 7 at Goodpasture Christian School in Madison, TN. Members on state committees met and worked together to make plans to carry out committee work for this year.

**Suzette Pike** has updated our chapter website with pictures of our last meeting and more! Bookmark our chapter's site at <http://betakappachapter.weebly.com/> Suzette teaches full-time, teaches after-school classes, AND finds time to be our webmistress! Thanks for everything you do, Suzette!

### **Our Beta Kappa Chapter was featured in the September edition of the Xi State News!**

See the following link for the article and pictures of **Erline Patrick's** birthday celebration and our scholarship fund painting party held at the home of member, **Melanie Laten**. (The September Xi State News is an online-only edition. See the link below.)

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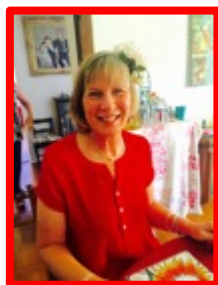
**Martha and Marie** want to thank all members and guests who attended **Erline Patrick's** 98<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. She LOVED it and is so appreciative of all her cards and the wonderful DKG sisters who came to celebrate her 50 years in DKG and her birthday!!! We are so thankful to have Erline as a DKG sister!!!

Erline received over 125 birthday cards! Beta Kappa members want to thank **Martha Wolf** and **Marie Van Lantschoot** for the birthday cake, beautiful handmade bookmarks, and the tribute to Erline given by Martha.

At the time of newsletter printing, I have just learned that **Erline Patrick** fell last week. She didn't break any bones, but she is weak and taking time to recuperate. Our prayers are with her as she gets better!

**Betty Burgess** has just celebrated a birthday! Happy Birthday, Betty!

### More DKG News.....



Our VI Area-wide Director for this biennium is **Joan Howell**. We are so glad Joan was able to attend our August meeting! Joan is from Murfreesboro and is a member of Beta Epsilon Chapter.

Joan Howell



*Excerpt from the September 2019 Xi State News: President Dr. Beverly Hall discussing the new state theme: "Several members have asked me to expound on the meaning associated with our 2019-2021 theme: **Anywhere is Home - Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide**. Being a member of DKG has always given me a sense of belonging -- a sense of acceptance. Wherever I go in DKG, I am always surrounded by a sense of connectivity, and my personal differences do not matter. This is my vision for our state while serving as your (state) president -- to have an organization that makes women feel accepted and loved regardless of their educational backgrounds, regardless of their differences, regardless of their beliefs. In DKG -- **Anywhere is Home**. Anywhere is home when among your DKG family. I envision a Tennessee organization where members want to join because of our kinship with one another. When we talk to potential members, we highlight scholarships and personal development, but we often fail to mention the most important aspect of our society -- the friendship and relationships we form with one another." – Dr. Beverly Hall, DKG TN State President, 2019-2021.*

A Private Facebook Group for Tennessee State Organization Chapter Membership chairs and committee members has been created by State Membership Chair, Chasity Ragsdale. Chapter membership chairs and other interested members may request to join.



# Our Recent Beta Kappa Meeting

**Pictures of our August Meeting at Melanie Laten's home, Laten House Bed and Breakfast**

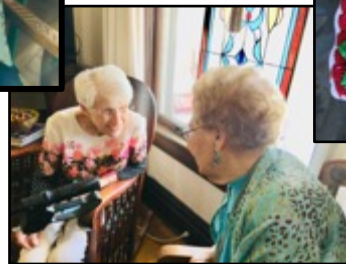
We celebrated Erline Patrick's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday and her 50<sup>th</sup> year of DKG membership with a tea party! We also had a painting activity for the scholarship fund. Our sisters from Phi Chapter were invited and several joined us! Over 30 members and guests attended and a great time was had by all!



**Painting**



**Celebrating**



**And Tea Party**

