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President's Message:

I hope that all of you have had a delightful summer! I know that we have all been busy with our various hobbies, family outings, and errands. For those of us who are still working in schools, we are beginning to change gears and prepare for the excitement of a new school year. If you're like me, your garden is still pumping out cucumbers, squash, beans, and tomatoes that will demand attention even though back to school time is here!

The officers of our Beta Sigma chapter have been busily planning over the last few weeks, getting ready for programs and activities that will support and inform all of

us as key women educators. We made a few changes this year to the way that we are welcoming new teachers to both Hardeman and Fayette counties. Instead of gathering supplies for a few baskets to give as door prizes, we have made small gift bags to give to all of the new teachers. Along with the small goody bags, we also gave the new teachers information about our chapter. In fact, we gave the new teachers a list of our members at each Hardeman County school. Please be available to assist and support these new teachers through their difficult first year.

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, August 18th at 5pm at Joe's Restaurant in Bolivar for a

Dutch treat meal and planning session. We have so many accomplishments to celebrate and so many plans to make. Please be sure to plan to attend!

Terri Tims
President



Minutes of Beta Sigma Chapter

**(Recap end of year
meeting April 14, 2015)**

The Beta Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met at Joe's Restaurant to celebrate the organization's founders and to share a meal together. Thirteen members were present.

Terri Tims, president, welcomed everyone to the meeting, divided the group into four teams, and announced that she had designed a scavenger hunt with clues about DKG's founders. This hunt sent the teams all around Bolivar as they solved clues about the interesting women who founded our organization. Kim Emerson's team,

composed of Kim, Shelly Butler, and Becky Sanders, was the first to return to the restaurant with all solved clues to the scavenger hunt, winning a paid meal and bragging rights.

After the informative, fun scavenger hunt and enjoyable meal, Debbie Hodge presented the inspirational moment based on Galatians 6:9. "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." She reminded everyone of the optimistic expectations that every educator has in August and the exhaustion that is felt by all in April. Debbie closed with the encouragement to not give up because the rewards of teaching may not be obvious, but they are present.

Terri reviewed the successes of the year for individual members and for the chapter. Beta Sigma received Honorable Mention for its communications and Highest Honor for its yearbook this year. The chapter was also able to donate \$138 to Schools

for Africa through contributions made at the Christmas in January party.

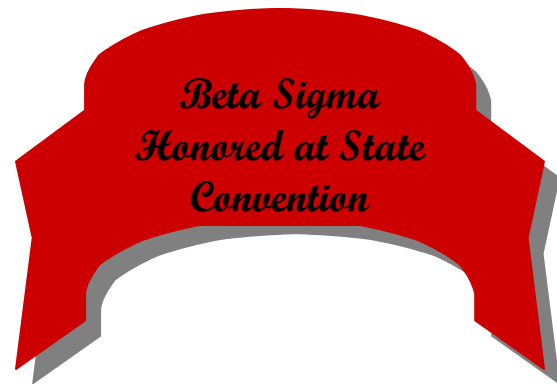
The chapter discussed plans to support Fayette County schools by focusing efforts on East Junior High School through contacts with Mrs. Diane Hicks Watkins, principal. Terri also reminded members of the Beta Sigma basket which must be prepared for the silent auction at the Xi State Convention in June.

Rachel Weir made a motion with a second by Dorrie Powell for Beta Sigma to donate \$24 to the Fayette County Imagination Library in order to match the donation made to the Hardeman County Imagination Library. The motion carried unanimously.

Dorrie Powell made a motion with a second by Angela Galloway to sponsor a hole at the Hardeman County Imagination Library Golf Tournament fundraiser. The motion carried unanimously.

There was also a motion (by Rachel Weir with second by

Ruth Baker) which passed to send a \$30 thank you gift to Bolivar Cumberland Presbyterian Church for allowing Beta Sigma to hold meetings at the church during 2014-15.



At the state convention this past June in Sewanee, TN, our Beta Sigma chapter stood out among the rest! Of course, the most important reason for our continuing celebrity status is that we are the home chapter of the new state president, Dr. Dorrie Powell!



Dorrie addressing conference attendees at the Birthday Brunch.

For those of you who are still kind of new to DKG, I wish I could express to you more clearly how significant this honor is! Dorrie will be so busy and so vital to our state organization over the next two years, especially as Tennessee will host the international convention in Nashville next summer! Please make an extra effort to be especially supportive of our chapter and Dorrie. If you have ever



Dorrie with her loving and supportive husband, Wilson.

worked with Dorrie, you know how professional, capable, and eloquent she is. She has supported so many of us in our careers as teachers, and now is the time for us to return the favor!

Besides the honors for Dorrie, our chapter was also recognized in other categories. We received recognition for our contributions to the silent auction, as well as Honorable

Mention from the state communications committee, Highest Honors for our chapter yearbook, and the Maycie Award for Chapter Excellence Gold Award.

Beta Sigma is truly a chapter that we can be proud of!



Congratulations to Bolivar Middle School Librarian, Deana Sain!

Deana was awarded a \$5000 dollar grant for Bolivar Middle School Library from the James Patterson School Libraries Grant. Deana's intent in applying for the grant was not to build the school's library but in fact, to encourage her students to build their own personal libraries by providing free books for them to keep. This grant was awarded in partnership with Scholastic. In addition to the monetary grant award, her school will also be awarded a matching grant from Scholastic in the form of point

awards. These points will be used to purchase books for classroom libraries.



Mark your Calendars:

Tuesday, August 18th: Dutch treat meal and meeting at Joe's in Bolivar. 5:00pm

Saturday, October 17th: Meeting in Jackson with other West Tennessee area DKG chapters. This will be a meeting where other chapters get to know Dorrie more and where we will discuss the international convention in Nashville in 2016. The time for this meeting is tentatively 10am, and though the location is still being set, planners are considering Union University in Jackson.

June 2-4, 2016: State Convention in Sewanee, Tennessee

July 5-9, 2016: International Convention in Nashville, Tennessee



August Birthdays:

Rachel Weir - 4
Brenda Hall - 10
Cameshia Emerson - 12
Shelly Butler - 29



Belated Birthday Wishes!

Kim Emerson - May 24
Ruth Baker - June 2
Becky Sanders - June 12



We can be found on the Web!

Check out our new chapter webpage at www.betasigma.org

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Regards, Shelly

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