



# The Educator

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## **President's Message:**

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone! I found myself in an interesting position this week as I worked hard with my family and with my school work to bring the efforts of 2014 to a close. The interesting part was that as I was rushing to plan the end of 2014, I also had to work with our Beta Sigma officers to get all of our plans through June 2015 finalized and even begin looking into the year 2015-2016! What new adventures and opportunities await us? I hope that we can all walk into the New Year with joyful anticipation.

I know that I am joyfully anticipating our Christmas in January gathering on January

10<sup>th</sup> at the home of Rachel Weir. We plan to gather at Rachel's beautiful home at 5:00. Bring along your favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert, and we will all enjoy an evening celebrating where we have been and where we are going together.

I would like to review for a moment, remembering the wonderful time we had at our last meeting decorating the historic Bills House for Christmas. We had such a nice number come to the meeting. Particularly enjoyable was the fact that we were able to support one of our newest members, Angela Galloway, as she prepared the beautiful home for the holidays. Working together to provide service is such a joy. The idea

for the meeting came about at our October outing when I asked if anyone had any ideas for a program or project. Angela spoke up about her interest and her need, and I am so glad that we were able to help, enjoy ourselves, and initiate a new member in such a beautiful setting.

The point I am making is that I so need all of you to share your interests and activities with us. Planning is not much fun when I have to rely on my own inspiration! Sometimes my inspiration gauge gets stuck on empty! I hope that over the Holidays you might have a few quiet moments to reflect on your interests and opportunities. Is there some idea that you can share for a fun or meaning-filled chapter activity? I look forward to hearing from you, and I definitely look forward to celebrating with all of you at Rachel's home in January!

Have a blessed Holiday Season!

Terri Tims

Beta Sigma President

*Fall* **Fall Outing at Milan:**

Remembering the good old days, Beta Sigma members Angela Galloway, Cathy Black, Rachel Weir, and Dorrie Powell pause at an exhibit that demonstrates life in a log cabin. Fall Folklife Jamboree at the UT Agriculture Center in Milan, TN.



**November meeting:**

The Pillars in Bolivar was a great turnout!

We tried our hand at decorating such a beautiful



historical home for Christmas as well had the privilege of installing our newest member, Jessica Kennedy.



## **Minutes of Beta Sigma Chapter**

The November meeting of Beta Sigma was held at The Pillars on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. 13 members and 1 initiate member were present.

Terri Tims opened the meeting with a welcome to her chapter sisters. Carla Clifft presented the inspirational moment by first directing each member's attention to Veteran's Day with the reminder to thank veterans for their service and sacrifice. She closed with a Thanksgiving story that stressed the importance of being thankful.

An initiation ceremony was conducted to initiate Jessica Kennedy into Beta Sigma chapter.

Dorrie Powell told members about the chapter's recently deceased reserve members, Wanza Boswell and Rose Marie Johnson. Dorrie represented the chapter at the funeral for Wanza and at the visitation for

Rose. Floral arrangements were sent for both. The chapter now has one reserve member, Jonye Rutherford.

Carla Clifft presented a brief treasurer's report. The membership's yearly dues have been collected and sent to Delta Kappa Gamma.

The next Beta Sigma gathering will be Christmas in January at Rachel Weir's house (260 Bills St., Bolivar) on January 10, 2015 at 5:00 PM. Members are asked to bring finger foods and/or desserts. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

After the close of the formal meeting, refreshments were enjoyed, and chapter members participated in a service project of decorating The Pillars for the Christmas holidays.



**Mark your Calendars:**



**January 10, 2015:** Christmas in January: The next Beta Sigma gathering will be Christmas in January at Rachel Weir's house (260 Bills St., Bolivar) on January 10, 2015 at 5:00 PM. Members are asked to bring finger foods and/or desserts. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**February 3-4, 2015:** Legislative Symposium in Nashville

**February 10, 2015:** Beta Sigma Meeting

**March 10, 2015:** Beta Sigma Meeting

**April 12, 2015:** Beta Sigma Meeting

**June 4-6, 2015:** Xi State Convention

**July 5-9, 2015:** International Convention in Nashville

**December Birthdays:**

**Deana Sain - 2**  
**Jessica Kennedy - 12**  
**Helen Johnson - 19**  
**Angela Galloway - 27**  
**Nancy Johnson - 28**



**We can be found on the Web!**

Check out our new chapter webpage at [www.betasigma.org](http://www.betasigma.org)

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Regards, Shelly

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