



# The Educator

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## **President's Message:**

'Once upon a time, there was a group of key women educators who were very involved in all kinds of events that kept their schedules full. There were women who had children and women who did not. There were women who were retired but stayed busy and women who worked full-time in the schools. There were women who were members of community groups such as Civitan, Rotary, and Lions Club. But these women all had something in common...the ability to lead.

These women were well known in their communities and were always willing to lend a hand even when they were already busy. These women were liked and respected because of their active involvement and well-rounded set of skills. These

women were the best. That is why they were chosen to be members of Delta Kappa Gamma.'

We are so blessed to have the members of Beta Sigma and we cherish all of you. We hurt when you hurt and we laugh when you laugh. We want you all to know that we understand when you cannot be at meetings. Because you are leaders, you are active in other activities as well, but we also want to encourage you to stay active members in the society. Even when your schedule is busy, you still have an active part in this group. We need members who can help read through our by-laws this year, members who can help pick next year's officers and members who can be at events that help advertise our society. Our monthly meetings are important, but there is more to our chapter than just meetings.

Please continue to pray for our members. There are several with family health issues.

We want to welcome Nikki Davis who has reinstated her membership with us since she returned to work at CHS this year.

Betsy Lucas, President  
Beta Sigma Chapter



### **Mark your Calendars:**

**Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>:** Our next chapter meeting will focus on welcoming educators new to our district. Gift bags will be assembled to be distributed to new teachers. Members are encouraged to bring small classroom items which can be included in the gift bags.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Application deadline for Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award & Vision Foundation Grants. See Xi State website for details and updated applications.



### **September Meeting Minutes:**

Beta Sigma chapter of DKG met at 4:30 on September 19, 2017 at Central High School with President Betsy Lucas presiding. Nine members were present.

Items of business included:

- 1) members were asked to bring school supplies for a new teacher shower; such items as white-out, post-it notes, dry erase markers, sharpies, etc. with \$100 from the chapter to buy additional supplies; gifts will be put together at October meeting;
- 2) the club decided to have the pecan fund-raiser again this year with each school receiving one mixed case to sell; might try to order with BPW; cost will be \$10 per bag;
- 3) meeting will continue to held on the third Tuesday of each month with no meeting in December;
- 4) if any member has prospect names, e-mail the list to Betsy Lucas;
- 5) program idea-speaker from TEA to speak on legislative matters;

- 6) Beta Sigma will sponsor an essay contest at both high schools-top winner from each school will receive a \$50 prize;
- 7) a president's pin was presented to Betsy by Dorrie Powell;
- 8) an application form will be created for a \$500 grant;
- 9) the club voted to pay dues of \$80 for one Texas chapter member who was impacted by Hurricane Harvey .

Treasurer's report-balance-\$3587.51

Refreshments were provided by Dorrie Powell and Betsy Lucas.

### **Member News:**

Hannah Graves is spending a portion of this semester traveling through Europe with her Freed-Hardeman faculty-member husband and his study abroad group. We look forward to her return at Thanksgiving and the many interesting stories she will have to share.

As mentioned in the president's message, Nikki Davis has returned to Bolivar Central to teach Spanish I. The faculty of BCHS is thrilled to have her back on staff.

Angela Galloway is recovering from her fall at the end of summer vacation which resulted in a broken ankle and forced her to begin the school year in a wheelchair. We are so thankful for her improvement and wish her continued healing.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Debbie Hodge in the loss of her mother. Visitation will be at Shackelford's Funeral Home on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. The funeral will be Sunday at 4 p.m.



**September  
& October  
Birthdays:**

**September:**

**Jamie Sipes – 3**

**Debbie Hodge – 11**

**Dwana Cranford – 16**

**Amanda Clutter – 25**

**October:**

**Cathy Black – 5**

**Terri Tims – 11**

**Cheryl Jones – 13**

**Linda Joyner – 17**

**Jonye Rutherford – 30**



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the Web!**

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

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