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## President's Message:

January has left in a whirlwind! While I seem to be still trying to get my feet on the ground after Christmas, we're flying toward spring! Beta Sigma chapter had a busy January, especially in terms of learning about education legislation going on in TN.



The panel from the Legislative Symposium along with Xi State President,

Dorrie Powell, and Legislative Committee Chair, Trish Stephenson.

Our meeting with TEA representative Drew Sutton was very well attended and, I thought, very informative. I learned a great deal that helped as Dorrie and I traveled

to Nashville for the state legislative symposium.



Meeting in the Nashville office of Representative Johnny Shaw (left to right: DeeDee Rives, Morgan Tims, Sandra Williams, Dorrie Powell, Johnny Shaw, and Terri Tims.)

The day that we arrived in Nashville, the school voucher bill passed the House Finance, Ways, and Means Committee. Though its passage was a blow to supporters of public education, we learned that there is still an opportunity for the bill to be amended so that voucher use can truly be limited to the most underperforming schools. As the bill stands now, when there are left over vouchers for any school, those vouchers can be used by students who meet the

criteria in any school in the district. Important decisions that affect TN education are being made in Nashville now. Whatever your viewpoint, please stay informed and let your voice be heard.

Now, as we begin February, we have more interesting and educational activities planned for our chapter. Please do your best to attend our meeting on Tuesday, February 9, as we have a guest speaker from World Relief Memphis who will be informing us about worldwide refugee crisis and how these crises are affecting education around the world. DKG already works with Schools for Africa, but this presentation will give us an opportunity to learn more about current refugee crises in Africa and around the world. We will meet at 4:30 on February 9, at the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Bolivar. Even if tutoring or other commitments keep you from arriving on time, the presentation is not scheduled

to start until 5pm, so please come and join us.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Terri Tims

President, Beta Sigma Chapter



### **February Birthdays:**

Lydia Goodrum – 4

Wendy Mills – 8

Bonnie Breeden – 24

Jessica Mitchell – 24



### **Congratulations Karen McCommon and Becky Stanton!**

We welcome your new additions to your families!



### **Mark your Calendars:**

**February 9, 2016:** Chapter meeting 4:30 at the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Bolivar.

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

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

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Secretary!**

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