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President's Message:

February was a great month to be a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Dorrie Powell and I were able to travel to Nashville to the Xi State Legislative Symposium, where we heard the new Tennessee Commissioner of Education, Candace McQueen, speak. We were also able to enjoy a panel discussion and visit with state legislators before returning home. Then, for our February Chapter meeting, we were able to share with our chapter all of the latest education legislation news we had learned. Being up to date on the biggest issues facing public education will assist all of us in being able to participate and enjoy our conversation with Warner Ross

on Tuesday, March 10th at 5:00pm at the Hardeman County Board of Education. This event will be our March meeting, but it will also be open to the public. Please feel free to invite your colleagues as well as anyone else who is interested in learning more about education in Hardeman County.

I particularly want to mention how much I enjoyed all the members who participated in our February meeting. For our inspirational moment, Deana Sain presented the books that have meant the most in her life. Thank you, Deana for sharing with us. I know that I came away thinking that I need to consider more deeply my own list of most meaningful books and

what that list says about my life and who I am.

Thank you as well to the members who served on the hostess committee, particularly those in attendance: Jamie, Carla, Ruth, Becky, and Deana. The Valentine's theme was very cute, and the goodies were delicious!

Now, onward into March! In *A Winter's Tale*, Shakespeare writes of this time of year, describing the daffodils, "That come before the swallow dares, and take/ The winds of March with beauty." I hope that all of you have a wonderful beginning to March. Let's all remind ourselves to be as daring as the daffodils as we leave winter behind and face the winds of spring with our own strength and belief in warmer and better days.

Terri Tims
Beta Sigma President



Deana's Book List

Thank You for sharing your list with us Deana!

Books I love:

- *Thank you, Mr. Falker* by Patricia Polacco
(every teacher needs to read this book)
- *The House Without A Christmas Tree* by Gail Rock (read to me in 6th grade by a wonderful teacher)
- *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb (7.1 Book Level 16 AR points, Powerful book on education)
- *The Christmas Shoes* by Donna VanLiere (always read it to my 5th grade class around Christmas – have Kleenex)
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose (Teenager in the Civil Rights Movement) Middle school students really like this book – someone different because they already know about Rosa Parks and Dr. King)
- *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

- *Night by Elie Wiesel* (WWII book – unforgettable)
- *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch
- *The Know-It-All* by A.J. Jacobs (funny)
- *The Genius in All of Us* by David Shenk (Professional)
- *The Book Whisperer* by Donalyn Miller (Professional)



Mark your Calendars:

March 10, 2015: Beta Sigma Meeting: will be at the Hardeman County Board of Education. We will be meeting at 5pm with Superintendent Warner Ross who will be answering our questions about education in Hardeman County.

April 14, 2015: Beta Sigma Meeting: We will celebrate DKG Founder's Day with a meal at Joe's Restaurant in Bolivar.

June 4-6, 2015: Xi State Convention: Xi State Convention at Sewanee

July 5-9, 2016 (Note this is a correction to the year-this was initially noted as an event for 2015): International Convention in Nashville: at Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN



March Birthdays:

Ellen Fulgum-4
Emily Williams-6
Carla Clift-23
Betsy Lucas-24



We can be found on the Web!

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

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