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## **President's Message:**

As I sat in a meeting about changes in health insurance the other day, my mind wandered to my message for this month. I began thinking about Delta Kappa Gamma and how my membership in our chapter, state, and international organization is a bit like gap insurance. We all have such active lives, and we definitely have our own professional and private successes and failures. Family, church, and friends may offer us the biggest safety nets to catch us when we fall and the best pedestal to raise us up on when we triumph. But, isn't it nice to have Delta Kappa Gamma to fill in the gaps? I know in my own case, my church family loves and supports me, but they really

don't know anything about my life at school. My husband is much the same way, and though some of my best friends are my fellow teachers, we rarely get to know one another on a more personal level. In all of the activities of Delta Kappa Gamma, we find a group of women who understand our experiences in education and who support us in good times as well as bad.

This month, we must take time to mourn two of our members who have passed away. Mrs. Wanza Brint Boswell left us on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and Mrs. Rose Marie Johnson passed away on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Both of these ladies were career educators, with Mrs. Boswell serving in Hardeman and Fayette Counties for 42 years and Mrs.

Johnson serving in Fayette County for 30 years. Their dedication to teaching and to Delta Kappa Gamma serves as an inspiration for all of us. At the state convention in June, members of our chapter will stand as the names of these wonderful ladies are read in the Ceremony of Remembrance. The ceremony is a beautiful tribute to all of our sisters who have passed from this life.

We must remember, though, Robert Herrick's admonition to "Gather ye rosebuds while ye may," as we meet together for our fall outing in Milan. I truly hope to see all of you there, so that we can share more experiences and strengthen our bonds.

Terri Tims  
Beta Sigma Chapter President



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

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



**Imagination Library Whistle Stop!**



September 13, 2014

Cathy Black, Dorrie Powell, Terri Tims, and Betsy Lucas attend the Governor's Books from Birth 10 year anniversary celebration in Bolivar. Joining the Beta Sigma representatives are members' children who benefited from the Imagination Library/ Books from Birth program, Morgan Tims (Terri's daughter) and Anthony Lucas (Betsy's son).



**Minutes of Beta Sigma Chapter Meeting**

September 9, 2014

The September meeting of Beta Sigma was held at Bolivar

Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 4:30 PM. Thirteen members plus two candidates for initiation were present. Jessica Mitchell related a teacher/student dialogue from her classroom as she presented the inspirational moment, "Where You Start Does Not Determine Where You Are Going." Angela Galloway and Becky Sanders were initiated into the Beta Sigma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International and welcomed as new members. The third chapter initiate, Jessica Kennedy, was unable to be present and will be initiated at a later date. Refreshments provided by the Executive Board were enjoyed after the initiation ceremony.

After the meeting was called to order, Terri Tims presented the treasurer's report prepared by Carla Clift. There was also a reminder to pay dues of \$80 to Carla by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Dorrie Powell told everyone of the death and arrangements of Wanza Boswell, one of Beta Sigma's reserve members. Beta Sigma

sent an arrangement in remembrance. Dorrie also read from an email from Nita Scott, DKG International Membership Services Administrator and former Beta Sigma sister, who welcomed Angela and Becky as new members.

Terri mentioned several upcoming events for Beta Sigma and presented each member with an attractive meeting and event reminder card. The Governor's Books from Birth Foundation is celebrating its 10 year anniversary with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library with a Whistle Stop bus tour throughout the state. The bus tour will be in Bolivar at the downtown amphitheater September 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Since this is also adopted as a Xi State project, all Beta Sigma members were encouraged to attend. In place of our October meeting, several members plan to have lunch together and attend the Folklore Festival in Milan on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Terri if you would like to participate.

Also, the nuptials of Cameshia Ford, one of our Beta Sigma sisters, were announced. Beta Sigma presented Cameshia with a wedding gift.

The meeting was adjourned.



### Fall Outing Planned:

On Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have our fall outing starting with lunch at Garden Pleasures Tea Room in Milan (1089 S Main St, Milan, TN 38358. Phone: 731-686-8604). We will meet for lunch at 11:00am, and then those who are interested will continue on to the Fall Folklore Jamboree at the UT AgResearch and Education Center and West Tennessee Agricultural Museum. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3-12. Parking is free. Please feel free to bring your families as this should be a great chance to enjoy beautiful fall weather as well as crafts, historical presentations, and music. Please call Terri Tims if you have any questions (609-4890).

### Notable Moments



Terri Tims and Dorrie Powell pose at the historic Coke Ovens in Dunlap, TN. A tour of the coke ovens



was part of the Creative Arts Retreat held September 20-21, 2014.

### October Meeting:

Our outing to Milan will be our opportunity to see each other during the month of October. So...Ya'll come!



### Mark your Calendars:

**October 18, 2014:** Lunch and Festival at Milan

**November 11, 2014:** Beta Sigma Meeting

**January 10, 2015:** Christmas in January

**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



**Friendly Reminder:**

Member dues are requested by October. Payment options: Full amount \$80 or two installments of \$40. Make check payable to "Beta Sigma" and give to Carla Clift or drop in the mail: P.O. Box 325, Bolivar, TN 38008.



**Birthday Wishes!**

**October Birthdays**

**Cathy Black - 5**  
**Terri Tims - 11**  
**Catania Minter - 12**  
**Cheryl Jones - 13**  
**Linda Joyner - 17**  
**Jonye Rutherford - 30**

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Regards, Shelly

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