



# The Educator

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## President's Message:

I've always been impressed by people who are able to develop meaningful slogans. When I went to Freed-Hardeman for grad school, the education department motto was "Reflective Educators Seeking to Serve." I think it was our DKG sister Nita Scott who developed the saying that Central High uses now: "Prepare to Achieve." These are examples of powerful meaning being packed into a few words. With the state presidency of our dear sister Dorrie, we have another example of a short, inspiring message: "Growing Possibilities."

I love the multi-dimensional meaning of the words Dorrie has chosen. As

members, we all know (or are more becoming aware of) the many possibilities available to us to grow through our membership in DKG. There are opportunities to grow your leadership abilities, increase your enjoyment for the arts, have your creative or professional writing published, receive funding to further your education, attend national or international professional conferences, and have help funding special classroom or research projects. Like much else in life, however, you get out of DKG what you put in to it. I hope that over the next year, we will all grow as key women educators and that we will all grow in our understanding of the value of our sisterhood.

One of the most exciting parts of our society for me is another aspect of “Growing Possibilities.” In this instance, the “possibilities” are not only the new teachers that we nurture as they grow into their careers, but also the new members that we take into the “greenhouse” of our chapter. We have a great slate of potential new members, and you should be receiving information about voting on that slate soon. After voting is complete, we plan to invite the candidates for membership to our September meeting (5:30 pm on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Bolivar Presbyterian Church). Please join us, as our chapter grows, our circle of friends grows, and we all grow as members, educators, and women. I look forward to seeing you then!

Terri Tims  
President  
Beta Sigma Chapter



## Minutes of Beta Sigma Chapter- August Meeting

Beta Sigma chapter held its first meeting of 2015-16 as a Dutch treat dinner at Joe’s Restaurant at 5:00 P.M. Sixteen members were present.

The meeting opened with Betsy Lucas presenting an inspirational moment with several quotes about perseverance. She encouraged all by saying, “Don’t give up – it will all work out.” Debbie Hodge gave the blessing before the meal. After members enjoyed the meal and fellowship with each other, President Terri Tims welcomed all with special recognition to Dorrie Powell as our new Tennessee XI State President.

As a part of Beta Sigma’s ongoing efforts to support early career educators, this year the chapter presented them with goody bags containing pens, pads, treats, and an insert with information about DKG International and a list of active Beta Sigma

members within the HCS system. These goody bags were presented to Hardeman County new teachers during the July orientation session and to new teachers at East Junior High and Fayette Ware in Fayette County in August. At East Junior High the bags were presented to the principal for distribution and at Fayette Ware two Beta Sigma members presented them to new teachers during a faculty meeting.

Beta Sigma dues of \$80 must be paid by November 1. These dues may be paid in two payments of \$40 each in September and October. Dues should be paid to Carla Clift, treasurer.

Saturday, October 17, there will be a West Tennessee reception in Jackson to meet Dorrie Powell, XI State President. Additional information about this reception will be given at the September meeting. All Beta Sigma members are encouraged to attend.

Dorrie spoke about the need for state committee members and encouraged Beta Sigma members to volunteer for these positions. Also, the DKG International Convention will be held in Nashville at Opryland Hotel beginning July 5, 2016. Volunteers are needed to assist in many areas during the convention.

Plans are being made for a pre-Christmas party at the November Beta Sigma meeting to replace our Christmas in January gathering.

Terri Tims announced Beta Sigma committees and members assigned. These committees are as follows: Finance – Rachel Weir, Brenda Hall, Jamie Sipes; Membership – Carla Clift, Cathy Black, Kim Emerson; Historical Preservation – B.J. Avent, Becca Frazier, Emily Williams, Jessica Kennedy; Program – Angela Galloway, Betsy Lucas, Helen Johnson; Personal Growth and Services – Cameshia Emerson, Ruth Baker, Wendy Mills, Linda Joyner; Professional Affairs – Lydia Goodman, Becky

Sanders, Cheryl Jones, Deana Sain; Arts – Donya Adams, Bonnie Breeden, Debbie Hodge, Nancy Johnson; Legislation – Terri Tims, Dorrie Powell, Jessica Mitchell;

Educational Services – Shelly Butler, Ellen Fulghum, Mary Anne Polk. These committees met during this August meeting to plan for the new year and then presented their ideas to the group at the close of the meeting.

Terri encouraged members to attend a new teacher meeting at HCBOE this year to continue to support early career educators. She also encouraged members to attend school board meetings and county commission meetings.

The next Beta Sigma meeting is September 14 at the Bolivar Cumberland Presbyterian Church multi-purpose room. Prospects will be invited to attend this meeting.

The meeting closed with everyone enjoying a



celebratory cake for Dorrie as



our Beta Sigma sister and new XI State President.



**From Dorrie Powell, XI State President**

Dear Beta Sigma Sisters:

I cannot tell you how special you are to me.

Thank you for your support at state convention, your sweet wishes, gift of pampering, the delicious cake, and your repeated offer to do “whatever.” You may regret those words at some point, but I will try to never abuse your generosity.

Just know how loved and supported you make me feel. And also know that I will do my best to be there for all of you in return.

I am proud to be a member of Beta Sigma and to have each of you as my sisters in DKG.

With much love,  
Dorrie



### **Mark your Calendars:**

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>:** Bolivar Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 5:30pm

**September, 25, 26, and 27<sup>th</sup>:** Hardeman County Arts Council presents “**Cinderella.**” Debbie Hodge has offered to act as liaison for ticket sales to our members. If you are interested in purchasing tickets (Cost-\$10), she will be glad to do this at our meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. She will need to know the number in your party and showing time you are attending. Her final collection deadline is September 20.

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting in Jackson with other West Tennessee area DKG chapters. This will be a meeting where other chapters

get to know Dorrie more and where we will discuss the international convention in Nashville in 2016. The time for this meeting is tentatively 10am, and though the location is still being set, planners are considering Union University in Jackson.

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

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



### **September Birthdays:**

**Jamie Sipes – 3**  
**Debbie Hodge – 11**  
**Rose Marie Johnson – 25**  
**Minnie McRae Miller - 28**



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

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

**Note from your Corresponding Secretary!**

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Regards, Shelly

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*excellence in education.*

