

History of Beta Lambda

The Beta Lambda Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was organized on March 10, 1960, by Ottie Huff of Birmingham and Virginia Cowden of Jasper. Beta Lambda was an "offspring" of the Gamma Chapter. Discussions of organizing a new chapter had been going on for more than a year. These discussions culminated at one meeting when Miss Florence Pass took out a piece of paper, placed it on top of a piano and said for anyone interested in forming a new chapter to sign that sheet. The names on the paper were some of the most active members of the Gamma Chapter. In fact, each one had held office in that Chapter. The names included: Mattie Baughman, Kathryn Boehmer, Leona Brown, Olivia Dannelly (Beta State Founder), Emma Evins, Lillian Gatchell, Ann Moon Gray, Louise Henderson, Vera Holmes, Ottie Huff, Dottie Pearl Owen, Ada Rae Pass, Florence Pass, Clara Bell Senn, Kathryn L. Smith and Elizabeth Willingham. The first meeting was held on March 10, 1960, at Britling's Cafeteria on First Avenue North. Chapter meetings were held in April and May but no record of those meetings is available. The first president of Beta Lambda was Lillian Gatchell. Miss Gatchell was not able to complete her term as president of Beta Lambda because she became Beta State President and served in that capacity from 1961-1963.

1960 - 1961: Meetings were held in various members' homes. Programs during the year included topics on Asia, Africa, Okinawa, Japan, and Religions of Man. The following members were inducted on September 17, 1960: Dorothy England, June Conerly, Jettie J. Deaver, Mary Gibson, Mary Hurt, Margaret Holland, Katie Looney, Mary Waite Smyer, and Volena Whaley.

1961 - 1962: The president of Beta Lambda was Dottie Pearl Owen. Meetings were again held in various members' homes and with initiation at the September meeting. Beta Lambda, only one and a half years old, already had 29 members. The following members were inducted on September 16, 1961: Agnes Hunt, Sulu Orr, Arminda H. Thompson, Mildred Vail, and Faye Voce.

1962 - 1964: Ann Moon Gray served as president and meetings were now being held at Highland Terrace Garden but also in members' homes and at the Y.W.C.A. The Beta State Delta Kappa Gamma luncheon in March during A.E.A. was a big event. Some programs during this time were presented by Beta State members. Florence Pass presented "Planning for a Second Career" and Margaret Holland spoke on "Challenging Women in Local Racial Integration." The following members were inducted on September 15, 1962: Dorothy Hortenstine, Helen W. Lollar, and Lettie Riser. Anne R. Jordan, Josephine V. Plyler, and Elizabeth O. Tower were inducted as members on September 14, 1963. Charlotte Thornburg was inducted on December 7, 1963. The following members were inducted on April 11, 1964: Sarah Detamore, Florence Kennedy, Jerome Kennedy, and Wynelle Thompson.

1964 - 1966: The president was Mary W. Hurt. Meetings were held at Highland Terrace Garden and Thomas Jefferson Hotel. Hugh Thomas visited the chapter and presented a program entitled "Creativeness—Composition of Music and Musicians." Ann Moon Gray was elected as Parliamentarian of Beta State and served in this capacity from 1965 - 1967. The following members were inducted on April 10, 1965: Juanita Bonds, Dolores W. Burton, Mary Hafling, Elizabeth Russum, and Alice Wilbanks. Clarice Ethridge, Anita Howard, and Dorothy Rice were inducted on April 9, 1966. Rebecca D. Peebles was inducted on May 7, 1966.

1966 - 1968: Elizabeth Willingham was president and meetings were still mainly held at the Highland Terrace Garden. The Beta State Delta Kappa Gamma Luncheon during A.E.A. remained a major event. Dues at this time were \$15. Motions, during the year, were made and carried to no longer send birthday cards to members and also to discontinue mailing cards for reservations for meetings. It was suggested that telephone committees be established. Programs included "Youth Employment in Today's Economy" by Mrs. Francis Yielding and Tony Falletta of *The Birmingham News* spoke on "Creativity in an Atmosphere of War." Members Mary Gibson, Emma Evins, Mary Rice and Ruth Williams comprised a panel and characterized the "Ideal Person." Mrs. Katie B. Looney died on March 15, 1967. The Regional meeting was held in Mobile. The following members were inducted on April 15, 1967: Elizabeth H. Pearce, Barbara C. Posner, Willie Jo Sellers, Gloria Spruill, and Ruth W. Williams. Martha Bankston, Daphane Morgan, and Charlene W. Ray were inducted as members on April 20, 1968.

1968 - 1970: President at this time was Elizabeth von Herman. Meetings again were held at Highland Terrace but meetings were also held at The Club. A special committee was established and submitted a report on determining a meeting place for Beta Lambda. It was suggested meeting at a different place each month for one year to offer variety and to acquire a basis for comparison for selection of a permanent place. Programs included a presentation of "A Portrait of Mary, the Mother of Jesus" by Miss Virginia Schmitt, an actress with Town and Gown and also a tribute to the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma, particularly Beta Lambda's own Olivia Dannelly. The program was conducted by Ann Moon Gray and Miss Dannelly made comments about each founder as a candle for each was lit. Bess Hayes transferred from Kentucky where she had served as State President. Clara Belle Senn, a charter member, passed away during this time. The following members were inducted on April 19, 1969: Agnes R. Clark, Aillene Holtam, Virginia Proctor, and Lila Wells. Virginia Galloway and Kay W. Tipton were inducted on April 18, 1970.

1970 - 1972: Arminda Thompson served as president. Meetings were held at Highland Terrace and also Arlington Antebellum Home. Mrs. Dorothy Rice died during this time. Virginia Lorraine Nelson was inducted on May 15, 1971. The following members were inducted on April 15, 1972: Martha F. Walker, Patricia Watkins, and Mary Frances Whitfield.

1972 - 1974: President of Beta Lambda was Lettie Riser. Meetings were held in a variety of locations. A vote was held to elect new members in the fall instead of the spring. Dues were increased to \$23.50. Miss Florence Pass died during this time. Irene Phillips Richardson was inducted on April 15, 1973. Serrill Arello, Inez McGiboney, Mabel Nisted, and Renetta Walton were inducted on April 20, 1974.

1974 - 1976: Mary Gibson served as president. Meetings were held in various locations such as Ensley Grill, Jacques, Cobb Lane, and The Pioneer. The joint meeting was held in November at the Green Valley Country Club. The Christmas Tea/Initiation was held at Arlington. There was no Beta State luncheon during A.E.A. Three members passed away during this biennium, including Emilie Cannon, Winnie Barnes, and Mattie Baughman. The following members were inducted on December 14, 1974: Virginia Allen, Fredericka Anderson, Lucy Ann McNeill, and Nannette Smith. Patricia Decker and Patricia Cataldo were inducted as members on December 13, 1975.

1976 - 1978: Margaret Holland was president of Beta Lambda. In 1976-77 the chapter met in a variety of locations including several elementary schools, The Club and The Kopper Kettle. Margaret Holland wrote three verses (verses 5, 6 & 7) to the Delta Kappa Gamma song in tribute to the bicentennial year. Three members of the chapter died in 1976-77—Florence Kennedy, Mary Walter Smyer, and Ada Rae Pass. In 1977-78 Beta Lambda met at various cafeterias and also at the Red Mountain Museum, Arlington, The Club, School of Fine Arts, and the Woodlawn Home Economics Department. Interesting topics were presented for programs. For example, "What are your measurements?" by Jo Sellers, "It's a wonderful thing to be me" by Pat Cataldo. Other topics included "Here we go again," "Looking ahead," "Anything you want to be," and "I am special." The March program was entitled "50 Golden Years." Members were encouraged to wear appropriate hats and dresses. Margaret Holland won the prize for the largest hat and Lide Smith won the prize for the Easter hat. Miss Olivia Dannelly, a Beta Lambda charter member and Beta State founder, died during this year. Virginia Cook, Myrtice Donaldson, Barbara Ann Lawhon, and Virginia Martin were inducted on December 11, 1976. Barbara Bowden and Jane Douglass were inducted on December 10, 1977.

1978 - 1980: The president was Helen Lollar. Meetings were held at various cafeterias, Red Mountain Museum, The Club and the home of Mary Gibson. In September 1978 Elizabeth Russum gave a report on "Profile of Chapter Membership" and was "alarmed we were so old." At other meetings Margaret Holland spoke on "All about metrics" and Miss Adele Rivers displayed some of her paintings, mostly scenes in Jackson County. Other programs included slides from the Art Museum, the danger of drugs, dancers from the School of Fine Arts, and Lettie Riser's slides of the Holy Land. Willie Jo Sellers and Elizabeth Willingham passed away during this time. Linda Hardy was inducted as a member on December 15, 1979.

1980 - 1982: Inez McGiboney served as the chapter president. Meetings were held mainly at The Club. Programs dealt with "Futurist thoughts for the 80's." Policy Chief Bill Myers spoke to the group at one meeting. Mary Hurt, Adele Rivers, and Mildred Clarke were given cakes for having the most members attend meetings from their lists. Margaret Holland was chosen as president of the Jefferson County Coordinating Council for 1982 - 83. The following members were inducted on December 19, 1981: Joan Chambers, Elizabeth Garner, Mary Hanlin, Susan Harney, Lynn Henderson, Charlotte West, and Caroline Yearty.

1982 - 1984: The president of Beta Lambda was Lucy Ann McNeill. The program included a tour of UAB, information about the Elderhostel Program, and a meeting at Samford University Home Economics Department. The chapter was informed of a change in international policy resulting in Delta Kappa Gamma no longer being a secret society. Beverly Burgess, Dana Mason, and Sarah McElroy were inducted as members on December 11, 1982.

1984 - 1986: Gloria Spruill was the president of Beta Lambda, and she hosted the annual membership teas. Chapter meetings were held at The Club and Mount Royal Towers. The following members were inducted on December 15, 1984: Anne Bishop, Mary Gragg, Lora Hammond, Lucy Ann LeMaster, and Susan Kay Sharp. Members inducted on December 14, 1985, were Lisa Churchill, Ann Dyer, Brenda Johnson, Linda Maxwell, Ann Perry, and Judy Struchtemeyer.

1986 - 1988: Betsy Precise was the president of Beta Lambda and she hosted the annual membership teas. Chapter meetings were held at The Club and Mount Royal Towers. Zolinda Cochran, Deborah Gibson, and Kathleen Shivers were inducted as members on December 13, 1986. The following members were inducted on December 12, 1987: Mary Jo Cohron, Brenda Dawkins, Sue Garrick, Joy Langley, Cynthia Lesley, Marion Janet Summers, Diane Youngblood, and Ruby Bruce.

1988 - 1990: Mary Gragg served as the president. Meetings were held at Mount Royal Towers and The Club. Dues were \$28 for active members and \$8.50 for reserve members. For the first time the chapter developed and approved standing rules and had the first thirty years of minutes bound. Ann Perry attended the International Convention in Baltimore and Mary Gragg attended the Southeast Regional Conference in Little Rock. We mourned the death of three members during this time: Mary Hurt and two of your charter members, Emma Evins and Louise Henderson. Ann Batum, Linda Johnson and Henrietta Thomas were initiated in 1988 and Beverly Bullock became a member in 1989. District III Workshop was held at Riverchase Middle School in 1990.

1990 - 1992: Elizabeth Garner was president. Membership teas were conducted in the home Barbara Posner and Canterbury United Methodist Church. Meetings were held at The Club and Mount Royal Towers. Two chapter executive board meetings were held each year of the biennium. Dues were raised to \$50 per year to permit the chapter to participate in needed projects and activities of Delta Kappa Gamma International. A chapter and a grant-in-aid scholarship were presented during the biennium. The President served on the Beta State Scholarship Committee. The first update of the Beta Lambda History was bound and published during the previous biennium and submitted to the chapter membership during the biennium. Linda Hooton edited the chapter newsletter and won first place in the Beta State competition. Sally McElroy developed the Program Book and won second place. Eighteen chapter members attended the Beta State Convention at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. The chapter president attended the 4th Annual Beta State Leadership Class in Montevallo, regional convention in Orlando and International convention in New Orleans. The chapter was saddened by the death of a former Beta Lambda president, Inez McGiboney (1980-82). Members inducted on December 15, 1990 were Pat Bean, Linda Tharp, Debbie Tyson, and Sandy Wright.

The following members were inducted on December 14, 1991: Charlotte C. Adams, Martha Greaves, Jane Ann Lenderman, Jane Morton, and Sandra Pilley. Kate Pipkin, Delta Kappa Gamma member since 1953, transferred to Beta Lambda during this biennium.

1992 - 1994: Anne Bishop was president of Beta Lambda. The annual membership tea was hosted by Elizabeth Garner in September 1992 and Anne Bishop in September 1993. Chapter meetings were held at The Club, Mount Royal Towers, and the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. We mourned the death of Lettie Riser. Cathy Coe, Martha McSwain, and Ann Marie Pipkin were inducted as members on December 19, 1992. Macie White, Delta Kappa Gamma member since 1953, transferred to Beta Lambda. The following members were inducted on December 18, 1993: Carla Boone, Linda Jones, Chiquita Marbury, Susan Robinson, and Carol Stanfield.

1994 - 1996: Sally McElroy was president of Beta Lambda. The annual membership tea was held at Canterbury United Methodist Church in September 1994 and at the home of Lisa Churchill in September, 1995. Chapter meetings were planned for The Club, Hoover Lakehouse, and Hoover Public Library. We mourned the death of Adele Rivers. Alexis Cooper and Pat Finkelstein were inducted as members on December 17, 1994. Frances Moore, Delta Kappa Gamma member since 1968, transferred to Beta Lambda. The following members were inducted on December 16, 1995: Susan Dial, Ann Havicus, Sandra Joganic, Bobbie Payne, Gail Greaves Powell, and Marjorie Ross.

1996 - 1998: Sue Garrick was the president of Beta Lambda and hosted the annual membership teas. Chapter meetings were scheduled for The Club and Jefferson State Community College. Beta Lambda's Dr. Sherri Savage served as District III Director. Beta Lambda received the following awards at the District III meeting: Yearbook Excellent, Most Members Present, Chapter with Highest Membership Present, and Most Members Wearing Pins Award. Twenty members attended the District III meeting. Five members attended the 69th Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention in Dallas, Texas. Mary Gibson, former Beta Lambda president, transferred to Alpha Gamma Chapter in Fairhope, Alabama. During 1996-1998 Dr. Sherri Savage was District III Director, Elizabeth Garner was Beta State Second Vice President, and Mary Gragg served as chairman of Beta State's Nominations Committee. We mourned the deaths of Janet Summers, Margaret Holland-Graves, Jane Douglass, and Macie White. The following members were inducted on December 14, 1996: Yvette Busby, Rebecca Giles, SuMica Harris, Peggy Hendricks, and Leigh Phillips. Members inducted on December 13, 1997 were Maria Brandt, Susan P. Brooks, Sonia Carrington, Patricia Cleino, Jenny Dailey, and Lynn Holland. Arminda Thompson, Delta Kappa Gamma member since 1961 and past president of Beta Lambda, reunited with the chapter as a transfer member.

1998 - 2000: Linda Hooton served as Beta Lambda's President. Dr. Sherri Savage, District III Director and Beta Lambda member, hosted the September membership tea in her home. Meetings were held at The Club. Beta Lambda's chapter project was "Healing Hearts Through Habitat for Humanity." A family impacted by the April 8, 1998 tornado was adopted and items were donated on a monthly basis. Elizabeth Garner, Sherri Savage, and Mary Gragg continued their tenure as Beta State leaders. Member Cynthia Lesley transferred membership to the newly formed Delta Theta Chapter. Beta Lambda members Elizabeth Garner, Mary Gragg, Linda Hooton, Rebecca Giles, Arminda Thompson, and Belle Jordan attended the Beta State Convention in Auburn, Alabama. Beta Lambda members Elizabeth Garner, Linda Hooton and Rebecca Giles attended the 1999 Southeast Regional Conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. We mourned the deaths of Macie White, Myrtice Donaldson, Lillian Gatchell & Sadie Lide Smith. Miss Gatchell was the last surviving charter member. Arminda Thompson presented a tribute at the May meeting in honor of Miss Gatchell's contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma, Beta State, and Beta Lambda. The following members were inducted on December 12, 1998: Barbara Burkowski, Sherry Coleman,

Peggy Harrell, and Billie Sue Hulsey. The members inducted on December 11, 1999, were Beth Bruno, Donna Davis, Becky Hollingsworth, Kacy Pierce, Jody Stewart, and Sandra Vernon.

2000 – 2002: SuMica Harris served as Beta Lambda's President. Dr. Sherri Savage, Beta Lambda member, hosted the September membership teas in her home. Meetings were held at The Club, Hoover High School, and St. Martin's in the Pines. Beta Lambda's chapter projects were the UNICEF Promaya Program and Books for Babies. Elizabeth Garner and Linda Hooton were installed as Beta State leaders in the offices of President and Corresponding Secretary, respectively. Member Peggy Hendricks transferred membership to a Bessemer chapter. Beta Lambda members Elizabeth Garner, Rebecca Giles, Mary Gragg, SuMica Harris, Linda Hooton, Martha McSwain, and Ann Marie Pipkin attended the Beta State Convention in Montgomery, Alabama. Beta Lambda members Elizabeth Garner and Linda Hooton attended the 2001 Southeast Regional Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The following members were inducted on December 9, 2000: Barbara Gayle Glenn, Beverly D. Lavender, Jennifer S. Rich, and Sharon M. Wright. The members inducted on September 16, 2001, were Brenda J. Graffeo and Stephanie Hendrix. The Beta State District III meeting in Birmingham in March 2002 was attended by 32 members. We mourned the deaths of Mildred Clark, Bess Hays, Dorothy Hortenstine, and Irene Richardson. Elizabeth Garner represented our chapter, as well as Beta State, at the 2002 Beta State Leadership Seminar at the University of Montevallo in June 2002, and the Leadership/Management Seminar at the University of Texas at Austin in July 2002. The International Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 30-August 4, 2002, was attended by Elizabeth Garner and Susan Robinson.

2002 – 2004: Ann Marie Pipkin served as Beta Lambda's President. Stephanie Hendrix and Lynn Holland hosted the 2002 September membership tea. Meetings were held at The Club, Arlington Antebellum Home, and St. Martin's in the Pines. Beta Lambda's chapter projects were continued from last year—the UNICEF Promaya Program and Books for Babies. Mary Gragg, chairman of the by-laws committee, was instrumental in changing the chapter by-laws to conform with the newly passed state and national by-laws. Of significance, chapter dues for active members were changed to \$60 and \$25 for reserve members. The chapter website was the first Alabama chapter to be recognized as an official site by international. The \$3,100 long-term Beta State Founders Scholarship was awarded to Rebecca Giles Sellers at Convention for assistance in obtaining her doctorate. The yearbook prepared by Brenda Johnson received a 100%. Elizabeth Garner, Ann Marie Pipkin, Mary Gragg, Betsy Precise, Martha Greaves, Rebecca Giles Sellers, Linda Hooton, Martha McSwain, and Jan Winstead attended the 2003 Beta State Convention, February 28 - March 2, in Montgomery, Alabama. The Southeast Regional Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, July 16-July 20, 2003, was attended by Elizabeth Garner and Ann Marie Pipkin. The following members were initiated in September 2003: Lisa Thomas Armstrong, DaVeene A. Boles, Arlene K. Harman, Jan V. Sterling, and Jane A. Sulser. We mourned the deaths of sisters Valera Howard and Chiquita Marbury. In 2004 we continued to support Books for Babies and provided resources also in conjunction with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama and Children's Hospital of Alabama. Our District III meeting was held at Bethal Church in Moody, AL. Beta Lambda celebrated its 44th birthday on March 10, 2004. We presented scholarships to students preparing for the teaching field and we continued our support of the World Fellowship Program.

2004-2006: Susan Robinson served as Beta Lambda's President (and also served through a pregnancy and delivery of a fine new son!). A search for the presidential gavel provided much amusement during this biennium; the item never being found, a new one was obtained. The Beta State theme was passion for members, and membership chair Beverly Lavender encouraged us at every meeting to try to get new members or recover former ones who had dropped out. The new member tea was hosted at the home of Billie Sue Hulsey in 2004, with new members Kim Spidell and Melody Greene inducted. The new member tea for 2005 was hosted at St. Martins in the Pines, with Melanie Carlisle and Stephanie Smith inducted. Meetings were held at diverse places around the city: Landry's Seafood, St. Martins, The Club, Steak and

Ale, Shades Mountain Elementary, Woodlawn High, Trussville Antique Mall, Niki's West, the White Lily Tea Room, McWane Center. A committee headed by Sue Garrick planned a 45th Birthday Celebration for Beta Lambda in April when we met with the Gamma Chapter. Libby Watson, Beta State president, talked about our history and commended us for starting a new chapter. Heart health was emphasized throughout the year through information provided by Sue Garrick, with members receiving and wearing the Red Dress Pin from the American Heart Association. Merlene Carlisle, executive secretary of Beta State, spoke to our chapter and encouraged us to become a Miracle chapter by contributing \$500 over 5 years to the International Education Foundation. Two projects were taken on by the chapter this biennium. One was to make personal contributions to an emergency fund to help educators affected by Hurricane Ivan. The other was a drive to collect school supplies for new teachers, which culminated at the May meeting with the creation of stamped and decorated gift bags in which to put the supplies. Arminda Thompson donated to the Scholarship fund to celebrate her birthday – in 2005 we visited Woodlawn High School where she had graduated in 1935 – 70 years ago. Two members were celebrated for achievements: Susan Robinson for receiving National Board Certification in Math, and Ann Marie Pipkin for an award for Exceptional leadership as School Library Media Specialist.

2006-2008: Dr. Rebecca Giles served as president of Beta Lambda. The 2006 Membership Tea was held at the home of Meg Brooke. Peyton Evans was initiated into membership. Susan Webb was reinstated into active membership from another chapter. Gateway House was adopted as our chapter's local project. In November we voted to participate in the National Make a Miracle Campaign. We will donate \$100 dollars a year for the next 5 years toward this project. In December the 75th Anniversary of Beta State was celebrated in Montgomery. The 2007 Membership Tea was held at the home of Ann Marie Pipkin. Judy Broussard was initiated as a new member. Cathy O'Dillon was a guest at the meeting and later transferred her membership from another chapter. In the fall of 2007 Beta Lambda began the process of changing our calendar year from September-May to August - April. This required many changes to the by-laws. After much discussion and many hours of work, our by-laws were adjusted to reflect our new calendar year. The changes were voted on by the chapter and passed in May of 2008. During the year our chapter participated in the tornado relief for the Enterprise School System. We mourned the death of a longtime member, Agnes Hunt, and a donation was made to the scholarship fund in her honor. Rachel Reed was our Grant-in-Aid recipient for this biennium.

2008-2010 Jody Stewart served as president of Beta Lambda. Jody Stewart and Elizabeth Garner attended International Convention in Chicago and also Beta State Fall Board in Montgomery. Meetings were held at Canterbury UMC, Botanical Gardens, Cobb Lane, The Club, ASFA, Landry's Seafood and Trussville Antique Mall. Beta Lambda member, Melanie Carlisle was named as a National Board Certified Teacher. President Faye Bedwell spoke to us at the March meeting at Landry's. Jody Stewart, Beverly Lavender, and Elizabeth Garner attended Beta State Convention in February of 2009 where Elizabeth gave the Keynote Address at the Birthday Luncheon. Beta Lambda was awarded Order of the Rose. Arminda Thompson was included in the special booklet prepared honoring those members who were ninety years old or older. Jody Stewart attended Officer's Training in June 2009 at Montevallo in preparation to serve Beta State as District III Director. Elizabeth Garner will serve Beta State as Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Rebecca Giles is serving on the Rules and ByLaws Committee, and Beverly Sublette is serving on the Exhibits and Records Committee. Beverly Sublette, Elizabeth Garner, and Jody Stewart attended Southeast Regional Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. Beta State Fall Board in August of 2009 was attended by six Beta Lambda members: Jody Stewart, Beverly Lavender, Elizabeth Garner, Beverly Burgess, Madeline Buchanan, and Beverly Sublette. Kay Harris and Sevim Whitaker were initiated as new members at Pleasant Hill UMC in August. Karen Wyfells was initiated as a new member at Botanical Gardens, and Pat Long and Drew Spransky were transfer members from XI Chapter. Also transferring was Evelyn Fuller. We mourned the death of Margie Howard who passed away in 2010. Meetings were also held at the Botanical Gardens, Miss Rose Marie's Tea Room,

Trussville Antique Mall, Dale's Southern Grill, Landry's and St. Martin's in The Pines. Everyone worked hard at the February meeting at Landry's to prepare for the District III Meeting which was held at VHS on February 27. Thirteen chapter members attended the meeting and three members presented workshops: Sevim Whitaker, Betsy Precise, and Beverly Sublette. Beta State Past President Pat Robinson installed the new officer for 2010-2012 in April at St. Martin's with Madeline Buchanan serving Beta Lambda as the new chapter president. Beta Lambda member Betsy Precise gave a program on "Going Green" at Botanical Gardens. Sevim Whitaker was named as a National Board Certified Teacher. Elizabeth Garner was named as the Southeast Regional Director. The Southeast Regional Conference will be held in Louisville, KY in the summer of 2011. Beta Lambda's Grant-in-Aid was awarded to Rachel Goggins, and Beta Lambda member, Brenda Johnson, was awarded the Beta Lambda Scholarship. Beta Lambda worked hard with live and silent auctions to enable us to also give funds to World Fellowship, Gateway House, Children's Harbour, and Make-A-Miracle Campaign. Beta Lambda celebrated its 50th Birthday on March 10, 2010!!

2010-2012: Madeline Buchanan served as president of Beta Lambda. Madeline Buchanan, Jody Stewart, and Elizabeth Garner attended the International Convention in Spokane, WA. Meetings were held at Ross Bridge, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Landry's, The Club, Canterbury United Methodist Church, Hoover High School, Bright Star and St. Martin's in the Pines. Madeline was asked by Beta State President Bonnie Shanks to serve as Beta State Webmaster and chairman of the Exhibits and Records Committee. Beta State President Bonnie Shanks spoke at the first meeting of 2011 at Canterbury United Methodist Church. Madeline Buchanan and Elizabeth Garner revised the Beta State Chapter Rules to meet the requirements of the revised International rules. Beta Lambda and all of Delta Kappa Gamma was saddened by the death of Elizabeth Garner, Beta Lambda member and Southeast Regional Director, on Dec. 30, 2010. Many Beta Lambda members attended her memorial service. Madeline Buchanan, Jody Stewart, and Pat Long attended the Beta State Convention in Montgomery where Madeline gave the inspirational moment at the final general session. Elizabeth Garner was honored during the Ceremony of Remembrance. Beta Lambda received the Order of the Rose. Madeline Buchanan and Sherri Savage worked with tornado relief efforts in Pleasant Grove and Concord, AL. Beta Lambda projects included Hannah Home Shelby, American Cancer Society, and the International Emergency Fund. The Southeast Regional Conference in Louisville, KY was attended by Madeline Buchanan and Jody Stewart.