



Beta Lambda Newsletter
September 2018

Message from the President

Dear Beta Lambda Sisters,

The school bells ring to signal the end of another summer and the beginning of a new school year for those of us who are full-time teachers. For our retired educator sisters, it may mean your “grands” are back in school and you continue with what I call retirement--endless summer. Personally, I will cherish this last year with my “grand” Cameron before she begins kindergarten next August. My how time flies!

This newsletter may break all records for the loooooongest one. To keep printing costs low and save some trees, the minutes and treasurer’s reports have been published in the newsletter for the past year or two. This year the agenda for our meeting is also included in the newsletter. Please take the time to read this jam-packed newsletter and look at the updated committee list.

Our past-president Pat Long attended her first Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in July in Austin, Texas, the birthplace of DKG and home of the DKG International Headquarters. Pat has a wonderful program and an oh-so-fun game planned for our first meeting this year! In our business meeting, you will learn about the constitutional changes from the convention that will affect our chapter. I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, September 15. Invite a friend and bring her with you!

In your service,

Brenda Johnson
Beta Lambda Chapter President

September Meeting

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| Date and Time: | Saturday, September 15, 11:00 a.m. |
| Location: | Red Lobster, Vestavia |
| Hostesses: | Maria Brandt and Sandra Joganic |
| Inspirational Thought and Blessing: | Jody Stewart |
| Art/Music: | Members share a book they read or an art or musical event attended this summer. |
| Program: | Member Pat Long will lead members in playing the Candy game as well as to talk about being a first-timer at the International Convention. |

From the Scholarship Chairman



This is the year to award a Grant-In-Aid to a second-year teacher in the amount of \$300.00. If you want to nominate someone, **please notify me before the September meeting.**

The applications will be presented at the September meeting and voted upon by the members. The Grant-In-Aid will be awarded at the October meeting.

Sue Garrick

Membership Dues

It is 2018-2019 DKG membership dues time !! Membership dues for Active members are \$65. Membership dues for Reserve members are \$25. Checks should be made out to BETA LAMBDA. Our meeting on September 15th would be a great time to pay them. Dues may be mailed to: BEVERLY LAVENDER at 2008 LAKESIDE DRIVE, McCALLA, AL 35111. Call me at 205-424-6783 if you have questions. Thanks for your prompt attention to paying your membership dues now !!!

Beverly Lavender, Beta Lambda Treasurer

Treasurer's Reports – April through August

April 30, 2018

Beta Lambda Checking

| | | |
|---------|---------------------|------------|
| 3-31-18 | Balance | \$4,226.05 |
| 4-26-18 | Meeting Room Rental | (\$ 40.00) |
| 4-26-18 | Lunches (8) | (\$ 47.86) |
| 4-30-18 | Dividend | .35 |
| 4-30-18 | Balance | \$4,138.54 |

Beta Lambda Savings

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|---------|---------|------------|
| 3-31-18 | Balance | \$1,526.20 |
| 4-30-18 | Balance | \$1,526.20 |

Beta Lambda CD

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| 3-31-18 | Balance | \$6,457.95 |
| 4-30-18 | Balance | \$6,457.95 |

May 31, 2018

Beta Lambda Checking

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|---------|--|------------|
| 4-30-18 | Balance | \$4,138.54 |
| 5-1-18 | Deposit (\$90 lunches, \$20 initiation fee) | \$ 110.00 |
| 5-17-18 | New Member Initiation Fee (for Susan Holt) | (\$ 5.00) |
| 5-31-18 | Dividend | .36 |
| 5-31-18 | Balance | \$4,243.90 |

Beta Lambda Savings

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| 4-30-18 | Balance | \$1,526.20 |
| 5-31-18 | Balance | \$1,526.20 |

Beta Lambda CD

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| 4-30-18 | Balance | \$6,457.95 |
| 5-31-18 | Balance | \$6,457.95 |

June 30, 2018**Beta Lambda Checking**

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|---------|----------|------------|
| 5-31-18 | Balance | \$4,243.90 |
| 6-30-18 | Dividend | .35 |
| 6-30-18 | Balance | \$4,244.25 |

Beta Lambda Savings

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|---------|----------|------------|
| 5-31-18 | Balance | \$1,526.20 |
| 6-30-18 | Dividend | .57 |
| 6-30-18 | Balance | \$1,526.77 |

Beta Lambda CD

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| 5-31-18 | Balance | \$6,457.95 |
| 6-4-18 | Dividend Certificate Renewal at 00.500 Maturing on 6-4-19 | \$ 4.53 |
| 6-30-18 | Dividend | \$ 2.39 |
| 6-30-18 | Balance | \$6,464.87 |

July 31, 2018**Beta Lambda Checking**

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| 6-30-18 | Balance | \$4,244.25 |
| 7-31-18 | Dividend | .36 |
| 7-31-18 | Balance | \$4,244.61 |

Beta Lambda Savings

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| 6-30-18 | Balance | \$1,526.77 |
| 7-31-18 | Balance | \$1,526.77 |

Beta Lambda CD

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| 6-30-18 | Balance | \$6,464.87 |
| 7-31-18 | Balance | \$6,464.87 |

August 30, 2018**Beta Lambda Checking**

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| 7-31-18 | Balance | \$4,244.61 |
| 8-08-18 | President's Conference | (\$ 852.23) |
| | \$252.00 Registration | |
| | \$204.63 Lodging | |
| | \$395.60 Travel | |
| | \$852.23 | |
| 8-31-18 | Dividend | .30 |
| 8-31-18 | Balance | \$3,392.68 |

Beta Lambda Savings

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|---------|---------|------------|
| 7-31-18 | Balance | \$1,526.77 |
| 8-31-18 | Balance | \$1,526.77 |

Beta Lambda CD

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| 7-31-18 | Balance | \$6,464.87 |
| 8-31-18 | Balance | \$6,464.87 |



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Corresponding Secretary's Reminder

I need your help. Please notify me of any births, marriages, awards, illnesses, surgeries, deaths, etc., so that caring cards or notes will be sent.

Martha McSwain, 879-3006

Beta Lambda Member



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Madeline Buchanan and

Brenda Johnson attended the Alabama/Beta State One Day Officer Training on June 1 in Montgomery.

Madeline Buchanan, Pat Long, and Jody Stewart attended the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in July in Austin, Texas.

Madeline Buchanan and Brenda Johnson attended the Alabama/Beta State Fall Board on August 18 in Montgomery.

September Birthdays

25 - Susan Robinson
30 - Beverly Jackson



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Standing Reservations

If you want to make a “standing” reservation for our monthly meetings, please let the telephone committee members know. If you need to cancel a standing reservation for one month, please contact the telephone committee members at least three days prior to the meeting.

DKG Constitutional Changes

Each state organization of the Society shall be designated by a geographical or a country name. Each chapter shall be named by the state organization. i.e. We are now the Alabama State Organization of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

In all membership references, change the word initiated to inducted.

An individual becomes a member when she pays her dues.

Adds a 4th classification of membership – Collegiate. Collegiate members will pay \$20 International dues.

Realigns the dues payment dates to coincide with the fiscal year July 1 – June 30 starting June 30, 2019.

Changes the name of the Communications and Publicity Committee to Communications and Marketing Committee.

Amendments to the Constitution may now be made every 2 years instead of every 4.

Group Me

Madeline has set up a Beta Lambda site on GroupMe. GroupMe is a free app for a smartphone that uses text messaging to contact everyone who has signed up for a particular group. The GroupMe group for Beta Lambda was set up several months ago and Brenda has already used it to let everyone on the group know about the planning meeting that took place in August.

GroupMe can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. Please sign up for GroupMe so that you can start receiving messages from other members. This is a valuable resource that can enhance communication.

If members don't have a smartphone, they can access GroupMe on the web or even get the messages by text messaging.

Beta Lambda Chapter Committees 2018-2019

Emails were sent in the summer about chapter committees. Minutes from the last Executive Board meeting included in this newsletter show it was discussed and recommended that committee members be listed in alphabetical order by last name and the chairperson be the first name on the list this year. The chairperson will be the second person on the list for 2019-2020, and the chairperson will rotate yearly.

Finance:

Beverly Jackson, Chairperson
Sandra Joganic
Brenda Johnson
Beverly Lavender

Membership:

Pat Long (chairperson of another committee)
Jody Stewart, Chairperson

Nominations:

Maria Brandt, Chairperson
Betsy Precise

Educational Excellence:

Dr. Sherri Savage, Chairperson
Vacancy

Chapter Rules:

Vacant Position, Parliamentarian
Madeline Buchanan
Jody Stewart

Communications:

Madeline Buchanan, Website
Brenda Johnson, Newsletter

Telephone/Social:

Lora Hammond, Chairperson
Beverly Sublette

Scholarship/Grant-In-Aid:

Dr. Sue Garrick, Chairperson
Mary Gragg

World Fellowship:

Susan Holt (new member)
Beverly Lavender (chapter officer)
Pat Long, Chairperson
Martha McSwain
Betsy Precise

Auditing:

Beverly Jackson (chairperson of another committee)
Sandra Joganic, Chairperson
Beverly Lavender
Betsy Precise

Publishing Permission Alabama/Beta State

Sign the form at the September meeting OR print the form available on the Alabama/Beta State website. The form gives permission to have your picture and name published in the *Beta State News* and on the Alabama State Organization website during the 2017-2019 biennium.

Beta Lambda Website

Madeline Buchanan from the Communication Website Committee put the compliance sticker for 2018-2020 on the Beta Lambda website recently. Thanks to you, Madeline!

Beta Lambda 2018 – 2019 Calendar of Meetings



September 15, 2018 (Saturday) – Red Lobster, Vestavia 11:00 am

Inspirational Moment – Jody Stewart

Hostesses – Maria Brandt and Sandra Joganic

Art/Music Moment

Program – Pat Long will lead members in playing the Candy game as well as to talk about being a first-timer at the International Convention

October 16, 2018 (Tuesday) – Red Lobster, Vestavia 4:30 pm

Inspirational Moment – Madeline Buchanan

Hostesses – TBA

Art/Music Moment

Program – Sgt. Eddie Crim from the Vestavia Hills Police Department will speak on the issues of social media among teens as well as crimes against senior citizens.

November 17, 2018 (Saturday) – Fish Market, Hoover, 11:00 am

Inspirational Moment – TBA

Hostesses – TBA

Art/Music Moment

Program – World Fellowship Auction

January 12, 2019 (Saturday) – Brookdale, 12:00 noon

Inspirational Moment – TBA

Hostesses – TBA

Art/Music Moment

Program – Mentoring and Advising College Students Majoring in Education
Speaker TBA

March 12, 2019 (Tuesday, 4:30 pm) – Hoover Library Shakespeare Room

Inspirational Moment – TBA

Hostesses – TBA

Art/Music Moment

Program – Remembering the Holocaust – speaker to be determined

April 13, 2019 – Meeting hosted by Gamma Kappa chapter; location TBA

Proposed Budget 2018-2019

The Finance Committee will present the proposed budget at the September meeting.

New Member Inducted

Susan Holt, our newest member, was inducted at the April meeting. She will receive her membership certificate at our September meeting.

New Officers

Pictures of our officers for 2018-2019 will be taken at the September meeting.

Weekend of Wonder - WOW

The Weekend of Wonder (WOW) is October 19-21 in Anniston at the Finial Hotel. Reserve rooms at 800-680-2543. See the Alabama Beta State website for e thregistration form.

Order of the Rose

Beta Lambda was one of a few chapters to receive the Order of the Rose for 2016-2018. Congratulations to Past-President Pat Long for making sure we met all requirements for the Order of the Rose!

Notes from Beta State One Day Officer Training/June 2018

To conduct business, our chapter rules state that a quorum is 20% of our active members. We have 20 active members. A quorum is 4 members.

Notes from Fall Board/August 2018

The Alabama/Beta State Executive Board/Fall Meeting was held in Montgomery on August 18. Committee reports of interest to our chapter follow. Finance: Emergency fund will add

“personal” to types of major losses due to natural disaster. Communications/Marketing: Beta State News survey results were 60% email, 31% mail, 7% web. Beta State News will be emailed. Alabama/Beta State Convention: February 22-24, 2019, in Huntsville. Nominations: Need five Alabama/Beta State officers and seven committee chairmen.

Important dates: Beta State Leadership Seminar, June 4-5, 2019, Marion Military Institute. SERC June 27-29, 2019, Ashville, North Carolina. Thursday, September 27, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pell City Board of Education – chapter meeting with State legislators discussing their views on education.

Minutes of April Meeting

DKG Beta Lambda Chapter Minutes
April 14, 2018—Hoover Library, Hoover, Alabama

Beta Lambda Chapter President Pat Long called the meeting to order. The inspirational thought was given by member Maria Brandt. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter. The treasurer’s report was published in the April newsletter.

During lunch, First Vice President Brenda Johnson presented the Founder’s Day program.

Parliamentarian Madeline Buchanan explained proposed changes to the bylaws. These include:

Raising the scholarship award to \$500.00 if the budget allows

Awarding the grant-in-aid to a second or third year teacher

Having the initiation ceremony at any meeting

These changes were voted upon and accepted.

Communications Chairperson Madeline Buchanan announced information about a new DKG app. Members watched a video explaining the features of the app.

Second Vice President Madeline Buchanan will be meeting with members of Gamma Kappa to discuss having our meetings with speakers together for the next year.

First Vice President Brenda Johnson gave an update on members.

Susan Holt was initiated into Beta Lambda.

The 2018-2020 chapter officers were installed in a short ceremony due to impending bad weather, and no pictures were taken. Some members and officers left before the ceremony began. Pictures of the 2018-2020 chapter officers will be taken at the September meeting.

President Pat Long thanked hostesses Brenda Johnson and Jody Stewart. Brenda brought the lunches and drinks. Jody furnished the table decorations and a rose bush. President Long also thanked Maria Brandt for giving the inspirational thought. She then adjourned the meeting.

Sue Garrick, Recording Secretary

Minutes of August Executive Board Meeting

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Beta Lambda Chapter – Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Held at the home of Pat Long
August 6, 2018, 1 p.m.

President Brenda Johnson called the Executive Board meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. The following Beta Lambda members were present: Maria Brandt, Madeline Buchanan, Beverly Jackson, Sandra Joganic, Brenda Johnson, Beverly Lavender, Pat Long, Betsy Precise, and Jody Stewart.

Minutes for the Executive Board meeting will be included in the September newsletter to be approved at the September chapter meeting.

Madeline Buchanan and Brenda Johnson attended the Beta State One Day Officer Training on June 1 in Montgomery and gave reports on the workshop. This new format for officer training replaced District meetings.

The DKG International Convention was held July 16-20 in Austin, Texas. Reports were given by Madeline Buchanan, Pat Long, and Jody Stewart. This was a constitutional convention and changes in the constitution were discussed.

Treasurer Beverly Lavender gave the reports for April, May, June, and July. These and the August reports will be included in the September newsletter. She gave the president and finance committee chair a copy of Form 15/The DKG Society International Annual Report of Chapter Treasurer, which was submitted by the July 15 due date.

Committee reports were presented next. **Finance:** The chapter rules state that the finance committee will develop an annual proposed budget and present it to the membership no later than the September meeting. Treasurer Beverly Lavender stated she would prepare a list of actual income/expenses for the past year for the finance committee. **Membership:** New member Susan Holt was inducted at the April meeting, which was cut short due to inclement weather. Her certificate of membership will be presented at the September meeting. Pictures of our newest member and new officers will be taken at the September meeting. Chairperson Jody Stewart, the only person on this committee, discussed our membership activities for the past year. Members discussed focusing on local college students. **Nominations:** The duties of the nominations committee begin in the fall of 2019. **Educational Excellence:** Dr. Sherri Savage is the only person on the committee. **Chapter Rules:** Chairperson Madeline Buchanan questioned whether she could hold offices for both first vice president and parliamentarian. **Communications:** Chairperson Madeline Buchanan would like for another chapter member to take her place on this committee. Duties include updating the chapter website. Members discussed how often they visit our chapter website. Most members make use of the chapter newsletters more than the website. Brenda Johnson will continue preparing the chapter newsletter. **Telephone/Social:** Beverly Sublette will continue to contact members about meetings via email, text, or telephone. **Scholarship/Grant-In-Aid:** Dr. Sue Garrick presented changes to the scholarship and grant-in-aid last year, which were published in the minutes and newsletter. **World Fellowship:** Members discussed whether to continue the auction, which is a major source of income for our chapter. Other fundraising options were mentioned. Members decided to continue the auction. **Auditing:** Chairperson Sandra Joganic reported that the audit would be performed at the adjournment of today's meeting. Treasurer Beverly Lavender brought materials needed for the audit.

Members, please consider being on the Educational Excellence and Membership committees.

President Brenda Johnson recommended that the first person listed alphabetically by last name for each committee be the chairperson. The chairperson would rotate each year to the next person listed alphabetically by last name.

First Vice President Madeline Buchanan discussed programs and locations for 2018-2019. Brenda Johnson attended the Gamma Kappa planning meeting on July 15 for Madeline. We will meet twice with the Gamma Kappa chapter this year. Gamma Kappa will host the April 13, 2019, meeting; the program

will be Free2Teach. Our chapter will host the joint meeting on January 12, 2019, at Brookdale; the proposed program topic is mentoring and advising college students majoring in education. A list of last year's successful chapter programs was distributed at the Beta State One Day Officer Training in June. Brenda Johnson read some program suggestions from the list. A suggestion was made to invite all former members to a homecoming/reunion meeting. Madeline will provide the 2018-2019 program information to be published in the September newsletter.

Second Vice President Jody Stewart discussed the yearbook. Brenda Johnson gave Jody a yearbook handout from the June Officer Training and the checklist from the last yearbook. Jody provided a list at the meeting for members to update their yearbook data.

The Beta Lambda president's project will be Rumpshaker, Inc., a non-profit organization founded in 2009, whose mission is to promote awareness about colorectal cancer, raise funds to fight and treat it, and provide hope to colorectal cancer survivors and those fighting the disease. Madeline Buchanan suggested that we try to schedule a program on this topic. At the Gamma Kappa Chapter planning meeting, their members discussed checking on the internet to find out what percentage of donations go to the charity as opposed to administrative costs.

Announcements: Beta State Executive Board (Fall Board) meeting is August 18 in Montgomery. Madeline Buchanan and Brenda Johnson plan to attend. All members are invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 after which we enjoyed delicious homemade refreshments.

Brenda Johnson, Acting Secretary

September Agenda – September 15, 2018 (Saturday) – Red Lobster, Vestavia 11:00 am

Call to order

Welcome

Inspirational Thought/Blessing – Jody Stewart

Art and Music Moments

Business

- Roll Call
- Reading and Approval of Minutes
- Correspondence
- Treasurer's Report
- First Vice President - Programs
- Second Vice President - Yearbook
- Committee Reports
 - Finance – proposed 2018-2019 budget
 - Membership
 - Nominations
 - Educational Excellence
 - Chapter Rules

- Communications – sign permission form; compliance sticker for 2018-2020 on the Beta Lambda website
- Telephone/Social – Group Me app
- Scholarship/Grant-In-Aid – grant-in-aid applications
- World Fellowship
- Auditing – performed at Executive Board Meeting on August 6
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
 - Dues for 2019-2020 are due to International by June 30, 2019. Alabama Beta State Treasurer requests that chapter dues be sent by May 31, 2019.
 - The DKG News for September/October is already online on the International website. The DKG News will no longer be sent by “snail mail”.

Hostesses: Maria Brandt and Sandra Joganic

Announcements

- Next meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. at Red Lobster, Vestavia
- Alabama Beta State WOW, October 19-21, 2018, Anniston
- Alabama State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Huntsville , February 22-24, 2019

Adjournment

Program: Pat Long will lead members in playing the Candy game as well as to talk about being a first-timer at the International Convention



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA