



Beta Lambda Newsletter

November 2018

Message from the President

Greetings Beta Lambda Sisters,

As I finish this newsletter on Veterans' Day, I am reminded of the great sacrifice so many of our veterans and their families made and continue to make to keep our country safe. Thank you to all veterans!

My Halloween decorations are finally back in storage and were replaced with Thanksgiving decorations. Be sure to attend the meeting and World Fellowship auction on November 17 and bid on more or new Thanksgiving or Christmas items for your home or for gifts! Guests are welcome to join us at the auction!

Thanks to Vestavia Hill's Sgt. Crim for last month's program on the dangers of social media. It was indeed informative. Dr. Thrower from the University of Montevallo will be our speaker at our joint meeting with Gamma Kappa in January at Brookdale, home of member Betsy Precise. There is a separate article about Dr. Thrower's program in this newsletter.

My list of thanks includes all my Beta Lambda sisters—you are special ladies. Have a wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving! Our next newsletter will be in January, so here are my holiday greetings for you: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, too!!

In Your Service,
Brenda Johnson
Beta Lambda Chapter President

November Meeting

Date and Time:	Saturday, November 17, 11:00 a.m.
Location:	Fish Market Restaurant, 1681 Hwy. 31, Hoover 35216 - 823-3474
Hostesses:	Madeline Buchanan and Brenda Johnson
Inspirational Art/Music	
Thought and Blessing:	Pat Long
Program:	World Fellowship Auction

World Fellowship Chairperson Pat Long reminds everyone to bring items for the auction. Monies raised from the auction allow our chapter to donate \$100 to the World Fellowship fund and pay for other chapter expenses. Please bring items for the auction such as holiday

decorations, homemade items, and baked goods. At the October meeting, Pat suggested bringing gently-used books, too. If you cannot attend the auction, monetary donations are welcome!

Yearbooks

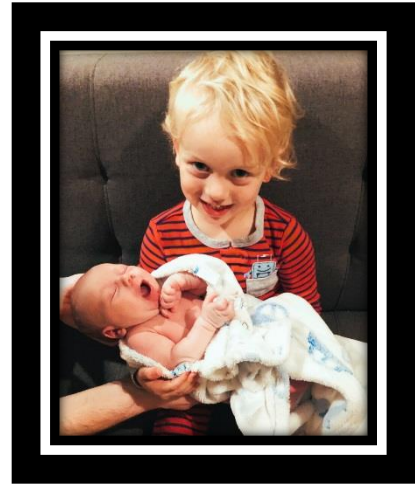
If you want a printed yearbook for \$5 and have not already reserved one, please contact Second Vice President Jody at jodywstewart@gmail.com. Plans are to distribute printed yearbooks at the November meeting for those who requested one. Four hard copies will be sent to Alabama First Vice President, Teresa Noell by December 1. This is one requirement for the Order of the Rose.

Beta Lambda Member



!

Pat Long's newest grandson has arrived! Big brother Bowen is holding little brother Benjamin. Pat will share more pictures at our November meeting.



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, mcswain205@att.net, 879-3006 (Email is currently not working, so please call.)

November and December Birthdays



Happy Birthday to...

November 14

Drew Spransy

December 9

Alabama (Beta) State

December 23

Sue Garrick

Alabama (Beta) State Convention – February 2019

The Alabama State Organization Convention will be in Huntsville from February 22-24, 2019. Registration is \$75 if postmarked on or before February 1. The daily room rate of \$129 + tax (for 1-4 people) is available through January 21. Want to carpool? Want to be roommates? Our chapter has been asked to bring at least one WRAPPED door prize valued no more than \$20 to Convention.

Treasurer's Report

October 31, 2018

Beta Lambda Checking

9-30-18	Balance	\$4,256.99
10-22-18	Deposit	\$ 325.00
	2 Active Dues, 1 Reserve Dues, 3 Yearbooks	
10-31-18	Dividend	\$.37
10-31-18	Balance	\$4,582.36

Beta Lambda Savings

9-30-18	Balance	\$1,527.35
10-31-18	Balance	\$1,527.35

Beta Lambda CD

9-30-18	Balance	\$6,473.02
10-31-18	Balance	\$6,473.02

Alabama State Achievement Award

Applications for the Alabama State Achievement Award should be sent to Dawn Pettit, chairman, by December 12. Applications are on the Alabama State website <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/AL/>.

Change of Address or Phone

If you have a change of mailing address, phone number, and/or email address, it is your responsibility to inform DKG International. Members can login on the International website, dkg.org by using their 6-digit member ID to update their information or call International directly by using the toll-free number 1-888-762-4685.

Help DKG Members After Hurricanes

If you want to help our Florida DKG sisters affected by Hurricane Michael, you can make your check out to DKG-Florida State and note on the memo line that it's for the FL State Emergency

Fund. Donations may be sent to the Florida State Treasurer: Beverly Stagg, 7404 Lillie Lane, Pensacola, FL. 32526.

In North Carolina, there is an even greater need for classroom supplies because many schools have damage, and two schools have been destroyed by Hurricane Florence. There are 30 DKG chapters in the 29 NC counties that have been declared disaster areas. President Donna's weekly update email has a list of the contact information of teachers and school administrators in need of school supplies. Monetary donations can be sent to Connie Savell, North Carolina State Organization President at 206 North Roxford Road, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Checks should be made out to Connie Savell because North Carolina doesn't have an Emergency Fund.

Group Me

Madeline Buchanan set up a Beta Lambda site on GroupMe explained it at the October meeting. The free app for a smartphone uses text messaging to contact everyone who has joined a particular group. If members don't have a smartphone, they can access GroupMe on the web or even get the messages by text messaging.

Pictures of Newly-Installed Member and Officers

Pictures of our newest member Susan Holt and officers for 2018-2019 will be taken at the November meeting. Susan will be presented her DKG International member certificate.

New Deadline for Dues Beginning 2019-2020

Members have until June 30, 2019, to pay their 2019-2020 dues to their chapter treasurer. It is suggested that members pay their dues by their last chapter meeting of the year in 2019, which is April for Beta Lambda. Chapter treasurers should send the 2019-2020 dues to the Alabama State Treasurer by July 15, 2019.

Beta Lambda Reunion Meeting – March 2019

Please bring mailing addresses of previous Beta Lambda members to the meeting. If you do not have current mailing addresses, bring phone numbers or email addresses.

Scholarships – February 1 Deadlines

The deadline for Alabama State Organization scholarships of \$700 and \$3,100 and International scholarships of \$6,000 and \$10,000 is February 1. Alabama State Organization has updated criteria for scholarships. Check the state website and the international website for details: <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/AL/scholarships.html> and <https://www.dkg.org>

January 2019 Program Topic

Dr. Elizabeth Thrower, Chair and Professor, Department of Teaching, Leadership, & Technology College of Education, University of Montevallo will be our speaker at the January joint meeting with Gamma Kappa. The program is “Mentoring and Advising College Students Majoring in Education.” At our November meeting, we will discuss specifics that we would like Dr. Thrower to include in her presentation.

Beta Lambda 2019 Calendar of Remaining Meetings

January 12, 2019 (Saturday) – Brookdale, **12:00 noon**, joint meeting with Gamma Kappa
Program – Mentoring and Advising College Students Majoring in Education
Dr. Elizabeth Thrower, College of Education, University of Montevallo

February 22-24, 2019 Alabama State Organization Convention, Embassy Suites, Huntsville

March 12, 2019 (**Tuesday, 4:30 pm**) – Hoover Library Shakespeare Room
Program – Remembering the Holocaust

April 13, 2019 (Saturday) – Meeting hosted by Gamma Kappa chapter; location TBA
Program – Free2Teach

Minutes of October Meeting

DKG Beta Lambda Chapter Minutes
October 16, 2018—Reb Lobster, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Beta Lambda Chapter President Brenda Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Member Madeline Buchanan presented a slide show of her trip to Ephesus for the inspirational thought/art and music moment and led us in our blessing.

Eleven members were in attendance: Maria Brandt, Madeline Buchanan, Billie Sue Hulsey, Beverly Jackson, Brenda Johnson, Beverly Lavender, Pat Long, Martha McSwain, Betsy Precise, Drew Spransy, and Jody Stewart. George Jackson, Beverly’s husband, was our guest.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter. Corresponding Secretary Martha McSwain gave the report on correspondence. Treasurer Beverly Lavender’s report for September was published in the October newsletter. First Vice President Madeline Buchanan had the hostess/inspiration sign-up sheet with a few remaining spots. Second Vice President Jody Stewart stated that the printed yearbook would be available at the November meeting; let her know if you want a printed yearbook at a cost of \$5.

Committee reports were presented next.

Membership Committee: Distribute the DKG promotional postcard to prospective members at local schools and to prospective collegiate members. Our January program topic will update us on post-secondary schools of education and opportunities for us to mentor potential collegiate members. Bring contact information for former members to the November meeting so they can be invited to the March reunion meeting.

Beta Lambda chapter rules and bylaws will be updated after the Alabama (Beta) State Organization rules and bylaws are updated. The office of chapter parliamentarian is still vacant. Please let President Brenda know if you can fill this office.

Communications Committee member Madeline Buchanan had a form to sign to give permission for your picture and name to be published in the Alabama (Beta) State Organization News and on the Alabama (Beta) State Organization website during the 2017-2019 biennium. She explained the Group Me app and will create a new group for Beta Lambda. If you have a smartphone and receive an invitation to Beta Lambda from Group Me, please accept the invitation. You may also use Group Me through a website.

World Fellowship Committee Chairperson Pat Long reminded us of the annual auction to be held at the November meeting. Monies raised from the auction allow our chapter to donate \$100 to the World Fellowship fund and pay for other chapter expenses. Please bring items for the auction such as holiday decorations, homemade items, and baked goods. Pat suggested bringing gently-used books, too.

Unfinished Business: We will try again next month to take pictures of newly-inducted member Susan Holt and 2018-2020 Beta Lambda Officers.

New Business: Beginning with the 2019-2020 year, the chapter deadline for member dues is June 30. Members may pay dues at the last meeting in April but no later than June 30. Members who wish to pay dues in installments, please contact Treasurer Beverly Lavender.

Announcements: (1) The next meeting is Saturday, November 17, at 11 a.m. at The Fish Market in Hoover. (2) Alabama State WOW is October 19-21 in Anniston. (3) Alabama State Organization Convention is February 22-24, 2019, at the Embassy Suites in Huntsville.

President Brenda thanked hostesses Pat Long and Jody Stewart for the fall and Halloween table decorations and goody bags. She also thanked Madeline Buchanan for providing the inspirational thought. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Following the meeting, Sgt. Eddie Crim from the Vestavia Hills Police Department presented a slide show on the issues of social media among teens and adults. The information he provided will help our students and us be safe when using the internet and social media.

Brenda Johnson, Acting Recording Secretary

November Agenda – November 17, 2018 (Saturday) – The Fish Market, Hoover 11 a.m.

Call to order

Welcome

Inspirational Thought, Art and Music Moment, and Blessing – Pat Long

Business

- Roll Call
- Reading and Approval of Minutes (published in newsletter) – Sue Garrick
- Correspondence – Martha McSwain
- Treasurer's Report (published in newsletter) Form 18 – Beverly Lavender
- First Vice President – January speaker Dr. Elizabeth Thrower, College of Education, University of Montevallo – topics to be covered – Madeline Buchanan
- Second Vice President – Yearbook – Jody Stewart
- Committee Reports
 - Membership (recruit with postcards; submit addresses for reunion meeting in March) – Jody Stewart
 - Communications – sign permission form; Group Me app – Madeline Buchanan
- Unfinished Business
 - Pictures of newly-inducted member Susan Holt being presented certificate of membership
 - Pictures of 2018-2020 Beta Lambda Officers
- New Business
 - Alabama Beta State WOW, October 19-21, 2018, Anniston – Jody Stewart
 - Alabama State Convention at the Embassy Suites in Huntsville, February 22-24, 2019
 - Hotel reservation deadline January 21
 - Registration deadline February 1
 - Chapter should provide wrapped door prize valued no more than \$20
 - Change of address or phone number: Members should inform DKG International.
 - Help DKG Members after Hurricanes

Inspirational Thought: Pat Long; Hostesses: Madeline Buchanan and Brenda Johnson

Announcements

- Next meeting: Saturday, January 12, 2019, at **NOON** at Brookdale - Mentoring and Advising College Students Majoring in Education
- Applications for the Alabama State Achievement Award are on the Alabama State Organization website and should be sent to Dawn Pettit, chairman by December 12.
- Dues for 2019-2020 are due to Alabama State by July 15, 2019; chapter dues are due to Treasurer Beverly Lavender by June 30, 2019.

Adjournment

Program: World Fellowship Auction



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS
DELTA KAPPA GAMMA