



# *Beta Lambda Newsletter*

## *October 2018*

### **Message from the President**

Hello Beta Lambda Sisters,

It has been a few years since our chapter had a weekday meeting. We are trying to accommodate those members who have conflicts with 11 a.m. Saturday meetings. Come to the Red Lobster in Vestavia Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. to hear about the dangers of social media for our students and for senior citizens, too. With daylight savings time still in force, you should get home before it gets dark.

Please let me know if you need a ride to or from this or any other meeting. I do not want any of you to miss the fellowship with our chapter members because you feel it is an inconvenience for your “chauffeur.” It is not, and there are always volunteers waiting to help!

Our business meeting should be much, much shorter than the lengthy September one. I look forward to Sgt. Crim’s presentation so we can all stay safe online and protect our identity. I teach an afternoon/evening class on Tuesday but have arranged to get to class late so I can attend this month’s meeting and program. If you see me sneak out early with my takeout dinner, I am on my way to class.

Hope to see you Tuesday!

In Your Service,  
Brenda Johnson  
Beta Lambda Chapter President

### **October Meeting**

Date and Time:	Tuesday, October 16, 4:30 p.m.
Location:	Red Lobster, Vestavia
Hostesses:	Pat Long and Jody Stewart
Inspirational Art/Music	
Thought, Blessing:	Madeline Buchanan
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.

## Yearbooks

If you want a printed yearbook for \$5, please contact Second Vice President Jody at [jodywstewart@gmail.com](mailto:jodywstewart@gmail.com) or tell her at the October meeting. Plans are to distribute printed yearbooks for those who want one in November.

## Message From the Treasurer

Beta Lambda membership dues must be paid during the month of October. Active members' dues are \$65 and Reserve members' dues are \$25. You may mail your checks made out to Beta Lambda to Beverly Lavender - Beta Lambda Treasurer at 2008 Lakeside Drive, McCalla, AL 35111. (205-424-6783) [jlavender@bham.rr.com](mailto:jlavender@bham.rr.com). All dues must be sent to the Alabama State Organization by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all the members who have already paid their dues for 2018-2019!!! Call me or e-mail me if you have any questions concerning your Beta Lambda Dues.

Beverly Lavender

## Beta Lambda Member



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**Pat Long** is waiting patiently for her newest grandchild. She will head to Texas soon to help with the 'Big Brother'.

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

## October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to...

2 - Frances Fansler  
16 - Beverly Lavender



## Treasurer's Report

September 30, 2018

### Beta Lambda Checking

8-31-18	Balance	\$3,392.68
9-12-18	Website Rental Fee	(\$36.00)
9-18-18	Deposit	\$ 900.00
	Donation \$5	
	13 Active (\$65/each)	
	1 Reserve (\$25/each)	
	5 Yearbook Printing (\$5)	
9-30-18	Dividend	\$ .31
9-30-18	Balance	\$4,256.99

### Beta Lambda Savings

8-31-18	Balance	\$1,526.77
9-30-18	Dividend	\$ .58
9-30-18	Balance	\$1,527.35

### Beta Lambda CD

8-31-18	Balance	\$6,464.87
9-30-18	Dividend	\$ 8.15
9-30-18	Balance	\$6,473.02

## Permission Form for Pictures/Names to be in the Alabama State Organization Website/News

A form was available at the September meeting to sign to give permission for your picture and name to be published in the Alabama State Organization News and on the Alabama State Organization website during the 2017-2019 biennium. The form will be available at the October meeting, too. **ALL members should sign** so pictures from our chapter meetings can be published. Madeline Buchanan, Alabama State webmaster, would like to have all members' permission signatures and emails by October 31, 2018.

## Will You be the Acting Recording Secretary for the October Meeting?

Recording Secretary Sue Garrick will be out of town for the October meeting. A volunteer is needed to take the minutes of the business meeting.



## Help DKG Members After Hurricane Michael

Alabama State will let our chapters know soon how we can help our sisters who experienced damages to their personal classrooms or homes.




## Group Me

Madeline has set up a Beta Lambda site on GroupMe and will explain it at the October meeting. The free app for a smartphone uses text messaging to contact everyone who has signed up for 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.

## New Officers

Two officers were not at the September meeting, so pictures of our officers for 2018-2019 will be taken at the October meeting.

## September Chapter Meeting at Red Lobster

<p>Pictured below (left to right): Beverly Jackson, Martha McSwain, Lora Hammond</p>		<p>Pictured below (left to right): Sandra Joganic, Maria Brandt, Beverly Sublette, Betsy Precise, Jody Stewart, Beverly Lavender</p>
	<p>Beta Lambda Past President <b>Pat Long</b> shares her first-timer experiences and photographs from the DKG International Convention in Austin, Texas, in July.</p> <p>Pictured above (left to right): Brenda Johnson, Pat Long</p>	

## New Deadline for Dues Beginning 2019-2020

**Members have until June 30, 2019, to pay their 2019-2020 dues to their chapter treasurer.**

It can be suggested that members pay their dues by their last chapter meeting of the year in 2019. Chapter treasurers should send the 2019-2020 dues to the Alabama State Treasurer by July 15, 2019. It was mistakenly reported that the dues had to be sent to International by June 30.

## **DKG News and Alabama State News**

President Brenda mailed copies of the September/October 2018 DKG News to members who do not have email and will mail copies of the Fall 2018 Alabama State Organization News. If you DO NOT use email but DO USE the internet, please let her know that you can read the publications online and do not need printed copies mailed to you.

## **Beta Lambda 2018 – 2019 Calendar of Remaining Meetings**



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

Program – World Fellowship Auction

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

Program – Mentoring and Advising College Students Majoring in Education

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 September Meeting**

DKG Beta Lambda Chapter Minutes  
September 15, 2018—Reb Lobster, Vestavia Hills, Alabama

Beta Lambda Chapter President Brenda Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Member Jody Stewart gave the inspirational thought on famous artists and musicians who did unusual things and led us in an Irish blessing. Beverly Jackson's husband George was included in the inspirational thought as he will be awarded the platinum award for The Watercolor Society of Alabama tomorrow at the Heritage Hall Museum in Talladega, Alabama.

Eleven members were in attendance: Maria Brandt, Lora Hammond, Beverly Jackson, Sandra Joganic, Brenda Johnson, Beverly Lavender, Pat Long, Martha McSwain, Betsy Precise, Jody Stewart, and Beverly Sublette.

The minutes of the April meeting and the minutes of the August Executive Board meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter. Corresponding Secretary Martha McSwain gave the report on correspondence. Sherri Savage has moved to Shelby Farms in Alabaster. Treasurer Beverly Lavender's reports for April through August were published in the September newsletter. A hostess/inspiration sign-up sheet was passed around for Vice President Madeline Buchanan was not at the meeting. Second Vice President Jody Stewart provided a sheet for members to update their information for the yearbook.

Committee reports were presented next.

**Finance Committee:** The proposed budget was presented and approved with the following changes: (1) Change “Initiation” to “Induction”. (2) Add the expense “Speaker Lunches” for \$75. (3) Change special projects expense from “International/Schools in Africa/UNICEF” to “International” and “Alabama Beta State/American Heart Association” to “Alabama Beta State/American Cancer Society”.

**Membership Committee:** Susan Holt, our newest member who was inducted in April, was not at the meeting, so her membership certificate will be presented at the next meeting she attends. It was recommended that the DKG promotional postcard be distributed at schools to prospective members and to prospective collegiate members. A suggestion from the August Executive Board meeting to invite former Beta Lambda members to a “reunion” meeting was discussed. The chapter voted to have a reunion at the March meeting and to pay for the former members’ lunches. At a future meeting, we will discuss how to contact former members.

The Nominations Committee operates during the second year of the biennium, so there was no report. There was no report from the Educational Excellence Committee.

**Chapter Rules Committee:** Madeline Buchanan, as Parliamentarian, was on this committee. After she accepted the First Vice President office, the office of Parliamentarian became vacant. The chapter president appoints the Parliamentarian, and President Brenda is still asking for a volunteer. This committee updates the Bylaws at least once during the biennium.

**Communications Committee:** A form was passed around to sign to give permission for your picture and name to be published in the Beta State News and on the Alabama State Organization website during the 2017-2019 biennium. The form will be available at the October meeting, too. Madeline Buchanan will continue to update the chapter website and has added the compliance sticker to the website for 2018-2020. Brenda Johnson will continue preparing the chapter newsletter.

**Telephone/Social Committee:** Beverly Sublette reported that she contacted members for the September meeting. Lora Hammond will contact members for the October meeting. Sue Garrick no longer has a landline. Madeline Buchanan started a Beta Lambda group using the Group Me app for smartphones and will explain it at the October meeting.

**Scholarship/Grant-In-Aid Committee:** Brenda Johnson reported for Chairperson Sue Garrick who was not at the meeting. No applications were received for the grant-in-aid.

**World Fellowship Committee:** Chairperson Pat Long talked about adopting one of the World Fellowship Scholarship recipients as a pen pal. When new money is given out, you can get a new pen pal name.

**Auditing Committee:** Chairperson Sandra Joganic reported that the audit was performed at the Executive Board meeting on August 6 and the treasurer’s records were found to be in order.

President Brenda reported from the Beta State One Day Officer Training held in June that the Beta State Emergency Fund is used to assist Alabama State members who sustain major losses in either their personal classroom or their own home from a natural disaster. The fund was previously for personal classroom losses only.

President Brenda also reported information from Fall Board in August. The Beta State News will now be emailed and no longer sent by U.S. mail. Chapters are responsible for making sure their members who do not have email receive the publication. Beta State's new name will now be Alabama State. New members will be inducted, not initiated, and will become official members when they pay dues. Beta Lambda was awarded the Order of the Rose for Past President Pat Long's biennium! Fewer chapters than usual received the Order of the Rose.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 year, the deadline for member dues will change. Member dues are to be sent to the Alabama State Treasurer by May 31, 2019, so they may be sent to International by the deadline of June 30, 2019. Our last meeting of the year is in April, and dues may be paid at this meeting. This change in the due date may cause a financial hardship for some chapter members in 2019. After discussion, Treasurer Beverly Lavender suggested that members who cannot pay the full amount of dues in April 2019 should pay what they can in April. The chapter will cover the remaining portion of the member's dues until the September or October meeting, at which time the member will pay the remaining portion of her dues. The chapter treasurer has an added duty to keep the official chapter roster.

The DKG News will no longer be mailed but will be available online. The chapter should provide a printed copy of the publication for members without internet access.

Announcements: (1) The next meeting is Tuesday, October 16, at 4:30 p.m. at the Reb Lobster in Vestavia. (2) Alabama State WOW is October 9-21 in Anniston. (3) Alabama State Convention is February 22-24, 2019, at the Embassy Suites in Huntsville. (4) There is a correction to the September newsletter: Pat Long also attended the Alabama/Beta State Fall Board meeting in August.

President Brenda thanked hostesses Maria Brandt and Sandra Joganic for the table decorations and goody bags. She also thanked Betsy Precise for taking the minutes for Recording Secretary Sue Garrick who was not at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37.

The program was presented by Past-President Pat Long who was a first-timer at the International Convention in Austin, Texas, in July. She provided a motivating summary of the convention and shared pictures. Member Jody Stewart who also attended the International Convention shared her convention experience. Pat then led chapter members in the Candy Slogan Game and provided the yummy candy, too.

Betsy Precise, Acting Recording Secretary



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

Call to order

Welcome

Inspirational Thought, Art and Music Moment, and Blessing – Madeline Buchanan

Business

- Roll Call
- Reading and Approval of Minutes (published in newsletter)
- Correspondence
- Treasurer's Report (published in newsletter)
- First Vice President – Programs (volunteer sign-up sheet)
- Second Vice President - Yearbook
- Committee Reports
  - Membership (postcards and reunion meeting in March)
  - Chapter Rules (will update our rules and bylaws after the Alabama State Organization rules and bylaws are updated)
  - Communications – sign permission form; Group Me app
  - World Fellowship (auction at November meeting)
- Unfinished Business
  - Pictures of newly-inducted member Susan Holt being presented certificate of membership
  - Pictures of 2018-2020 Beta Lambda Officers
- New Business
  - 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.
  - The Fall 2018 Alabama State Organization News is online on the State website.

Hostesses: Pat Long and Jody Stewart

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Adjournment

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**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA**