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Beta Epsilon

"Embracing our Vision, Designing our Future . . . Believe"

President's Corner

By Sandra Pineault

When I retired, I told everyone that I wanted to have more time to travel, read, sew, to relearn knitting and to learn Spanish. I have been most successful at finding the time to read and travel. I sew and knit occasionally. I am beginning a Spanish class next week. Setting personal goals is important to keep from getting into a rut, and assessing one's progress is essential.

It is important to set goals for organizations as well as individuals. Beta Epsilon chapter is a vibrant and active chapter, but we need to look at where we are and where we want to go on a regular basis. We will begin doing this at our October meeting.

The Strategic Action Planning Committee consisting of Liz Bennett, Mary Rose Stracener, Becky Davis, Katie Bailey, and Barbara Draude will lead our chapter in looking at our strengths and weaknesses. As a chapter, we will decide on areas on which we want to focus. We will develop action plans and timetables for those areas of focus. All of this must be done with **YOUR** input. It is important that all members voice opinions and contribute to the final plan.

Please come to our October meeting when we will begin the process of setting expectation for our chapter. If you can't attend, there will be chances to participate at other meetings by completing surveys, and expressing opinions by email, phone, or mail.

Don't miss this opportunity to shape the future of Beta Epsilon! **YOU** are Beta Epsilon chapter and **YOUR** input is valuable!

Sandra

Member News

It's a girl for **Marie Loyacano**. Megan Grace Loyacano was born on September 17 at 10:17am weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz.

October Meeting

Thursday, October 13 at 5:15 pm

Location-First Baptist Church

Program: Strategic Action Planning

Food: Potato Bar, Salad, Dessert, Tea/water-- \$7.00

Call or email Barbara Tuckson by Friday, October 7 at 893-6813 or btuckson@bellsouth.net to RSVP for the meeting.



Dates to Remember!

November 15—Meeting at 1st Baptist at 5:15

December 1—Workshop Proposals for Xi State due

December 3—Brunch with Delta to initiate new members

December 31—Deadlines for applications for Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth and/or Vision Foundation awards

February 1--Deadline to submit application for Spring Leadership Development training

February 1--Deadline to submit application for Xi State Scholarships and DKG International Scholarships

February 1-- Application Deadline for Cornet Award for Professional Development

February 13—Meeting at 1st Baptist at 5:15

March 13—Meeting at 1st Baptist at 5:15

April 14—Brunch with Delta to install officers

Membership Matters!

It is time to start looking for prospective DKG members! We have an active and vibrant chapter because we continue to initiate outstanding women educators. Remember that membership is not about the numbers but about sharing the wonderful benefits of belonging to Delta Kappa Gamma. Applications for membership will be available at the October meeting or can be found at <http://www.dkg.org/atf/cf/%7B70E631E4-44B9-4D36-AE7D-D12E4520FAB3%7D/LFCM-RecommendationForMembershipForm11.pdf>

Don't Forget!

October 13 is the deadline for paying dues. Bring your dues of \$85 to the October 13 meeting or mail them to Kim Day at 3404 Belle Chase Drive, 37130. Make checks payable to Beta Epsilon.

What Do YOU Think?

What do Xi State members want and need to remain in the education profession? The Xi State Research Committee is trying to answer this question. Help them by completing the survey at <http://bit.ly/oGSY52>. Don't forget to include our Beta Epsilon as your chapter and VI as your Xi State area.

Want to know more?

Go to <http://www.deltakappagamma.org/TN-betaepsilon/> for more information about Beta Epsilon.

What Did You Miss at the September Meeting?

Lots of Good Food, Fun and Fellowship!



Jerry Dement and Barbara Tuckson discuss plans for committees.



Lots of ideas were bounced around!



Plenty of sharing!



The Strategic Action Planning Committee plans for the October meeting. Members include Mary Rose Stracener, Katie Bailey, Liz Bennett, Becky Davis, and Barbara Draude.



Pat Essary, Gayle Gillespie, and Cherry Womack make plans for the Legislative Symposium.



Good food to kick off a new year!