



Beta Epsilon

September
2011

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

President's Corner

By Sandra Pineault

If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies. Author Unknown

Change comes to us all, usually when we least expect it. We can rail against change or embrace it, but we will never stop it from happening. Many are facing changes in their professional lives due to new positions or evaluation methods. Others are facing changes in personal lives resulting from health issues, expected children or grandchildren, children going to college, moves into new homes, and more. The only thing that doesn't change is the fact that there will be change!

Our chapter is facing some changes this year as well. I am very excited about serving as president for the rest of this biennium, and Barbara Draude will be stepping in as 2nd Vice President. I know we will both be working hard along with LeaAnn Kobeck, 1st Vice President; Sandra Bingham, Recording Secretary; Laurie Watts, Corresponding Secretary; Kim Day, Treasurer; and Dr. Mary Tom Berry, Parliamentarian to serve the members of Beta Epsilon as best we can.

As we look to the future of Beta Epsilon chapter, we want to make sure that that change strengthens our chapter by making it stronger and more vibrant. To this end, I have asked Liz Bennett to chair a new committee--Strategic Action Planning. Serving with her are Katie Bailey, Becky Davis, Barbara Draude, and Mary Rose Stracener. The committee will seek input from all members and will work on this task over the coming year. They will be leading our chapter in looking at the changes we want to fortify our chapter and to it keep it relevant for members.

Sandra

Dates to Remember

Meetings: 5:15 pm

Tuesday, September 13-1618 Glenhaven (home of Sarah Jessie)

Program: Committee & Program Planning

Theme: Kick off a Great Year with Beta Epsilon

Food: Chicken tenders, baked beans, salad and homemade desserts

Project: Bring supplies for new teachers

Call or email Sandra Pineault ASAP at 890-4472 or swpineault@gmail.com to RSVP for the meeting.



Dates to Remember!

September 16-17: Xi State Committee Planning Meeting at Crieve Hall Church of Christ in Nashville

October 1—Deadline for applications for Xi State Editor

December 1—Workshop Proposals for Xi State due

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



Convention Highlights

Dr. Gwen Arnold, Dr. Elaine Alexander, Cindy Browning, and Sandra Pineault represented Beta Epsilon at the Xi State convention at Sewanee in June. Elaine was installed as Xi State 2nd Vice President. She is pictured below with Xi State 1st Vice President Dr. Dorrie Powell.



Elaine and Sandra travelled to Louisville in July for the Southeast Regional Convention. While there, Elaine presented a workshop on free internet resources for the classroom.

Member News

Nancy Perdue is expecting her first grandchild.

Marie Loyacano is expecting a baby at the end of September.

Allison Blackwell is engaged.

Mary Rose Stracener and **Pat Essary** have retired.

Jenny Travis has finished her chemo and is feeling good.

Janet Camp has been diagnosed with cancer. She has been through radiation treatments and is now in chemo.

Liz Bennett had knee surgery.

Visit

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/TN-betaepsilon/>

for more information about Beta Epsilon.

Committee Assignments

Due to the creation of the new Strategic Action Planning committee, there have been a few changes in committee assignments. You can look below to see on which committee you will serve for the remainder of the biennium. There will be time at September 13 meeting to plan for committee business as well as to plan meetings for the rest of the year.

SOCIETY BUSINESS

Finance

Jennifer Secrest, Chairperson
Becky Davis

Membership

Ashley Witt, Chairperson
Patti Dodd
Linda Gill
Nancy Perdue

Rules

Dr. Mary Tom Berry, Chairman
Sammye McCrary
Jenny Travis

Leadership Development

Dr. Elaine Alexander, Chairperson
Mary Elaine Hargis
Sharon Summar

Nominations

Lisa Kegler, Chairperson
Amy Connifey-Marlin
Julia Sullivan

PROGRAMS OF WORK

Personal Growth and Services

Dr. Rita King, Chairperson
Abby Anderton
Suzie Peak
Lori Davis

Program

Sandra Pineault
Sandra Bingham
Kim Day
Barbara Draude
Lea Ann Kobeck
Laurie Watts

Professional Affairs

Barbara Tuckson, Chairperson
Candy Clifford
Nicole Cross

Music

Linda Prichard, Chairperson
Allison Blackwell
Lisa Bogle

Research

Felicia James, Chairperson
Janet Camp
Helen Campbell
Jill McHenry

Legislation

Gayle Gillespie, Chairman
Dr. Pat Essary
Katie Hamrick
Cherry Womack

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Communications/Technology

Jackie Elam, Chairperson
Diane Harper
Kris Marshall
Angela Pope

World Fellowship

Sarah Jessie, Chairperson
Amy Jackson
Liz Kiellerich

Literacy

Jo Ann Luecke, Chairperson
Amy Gullion
Kadie Patterson
Maribeth Pyle

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Scholarships and Competitions

Amy Blanton, Chairperson
Pam Ledwell
Marie Loyacano

Xi State

Mary Ruth Pittenger, Chairperson
Billie Jean Chrisman
Jerry Dement

Strategic Action Planning

Liz Bennett, Chairman
Katie Bailey
Becky Davis
Barbara Draude
Mary Rose Stracener

Recognition

Dr. Gwen Arnold, Chairperson
Cindy Browning
Jamie Starling

Chapter Scrapbook

Sandra Parks, Chairperson
Angela Griffin
Shannon Lowe
Kathy Paul