

# Beta Briefs



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## President's Message

The January Sock Hop Meeting was more fun! I wish all of you could have been there. Sandy Williams, Judy Morris, Linda Connor and their respective committees went all out for our birthday celebration. The meditation was based on Elvis' lyrics. The clubhouse was filled with memorabilia from the '50s...my favorites being the jukeboxes, the metal toy trucks, and the metal cash register we all played with as children. I can still hear the ding-a-ling as the cash drawer opens! Favorite dishes from the 1950's were prepared. Yum...three-bean salad, mini burgers, German chocolate cake, guacamole, spicy glazed pecans, and hot apple cider. Judy and Sandy visited the archives at UTA and created our sock hop game with DKG and Beta Phi founder facts. Even the raffle prizes were representative of those Happy Days-a yellowed aged Betty Crocker cookbook and a thumb worn book featuring no other than America's heartthrob, Elvis! We sat in a circle and visited and laughed the night away. The clubhouse was a perfect setting...it reminded me of the times seated in the living room watching the Ed Sullivan Show on Sunday evening with family and friends.

Did you know that...

Jo and Peggy went to high school together. Peggy teaches at her alma mater and plays an active role in the alumni gatherings. Delouris attended first grade at Kookan. Delouris' niece calls her every morning on her way to school to "talk school". Most of Jo, Peggy, and Delouris' teachers now have schools named after them. Alison currently teaches at Candy's alma mater, Castleberry. Candy was in show choir and can still wear her prom dress. Myrtice's husband was the principal at Short Elementary for years. Jo, Judy, Leticia, and Sandy worked together in the early childhood program. Sandy taught in numerous area schools before coming to Arlington. Judy can play a pipe organ. Jacque is graduating this May with her masters in counseling. Leticia and Jo both hold doctorates. Imadele Fitzgerald resigned on her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday (teachers were not allowed to teach past 70 in those days) and I filled her first grade teaching position on that same day. Jo had to resign while pregnant (teachers were not allowed to teach while showing). Lori and Alison are both DKG third generation girls. Lori is even wearing her grandmother's pin that has 1929 engraved on the back!

Yes, it was a wonderful evening of reminiscing and of rekindling friendships. As we left the meeting, we were surprisingly given diner-shaped memo pads. We giddily left in our 50's attire only to reenter the real world of 2012. Oh, what happy times we enjoyed together as DKG girls, if only for a few hours! And, oh, what happy party planners are these girls, Judy, Sandy, and Linda!

*Happy birthday, dear Beta Phi,*

*Happy birthday to you.*

*BETA PHI, we are turning 76 YEARS OLD February 29*

*And WE only turn 76 ONCE!*

We plan on slicing birthday cake all year long. Please come to visit and laugh with all your Beta Phi sisters! And come to meet our new sisters, Lori Craig, Caren Maneikis, Lisa Miller and our new transfer sister, Alison Preuninger. We promise a fun time for all!

## February Meeting

**When:** February 13th, 6:00 pm

**Where:** The Waterford, 2650 West Park Row

**What:** Our 76<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration! Guest speaker presenting *History of Arlington*

**Food:** Obviously, free birthday cake for everyone! Coffee, tea, and water provided.

**Donations to Backpack Project:** All items must require little preparation, be non-perishable (no refrigeration or frozen), be individually wrapped (single servings) or in easy open pop-top cans. Food suggestions include instant oatmeal, individual boxes of cereal, mini muffins, raisins, applesauce, fruit cups, macaroni and cheese, beanies, weenies, Vienna sausage, Spam singles, tuna/ham/chicken singles with crackers, soup, ravioli, pasta, spaghetti, peanut butter crackers, goldfish, fruit snacks, pudding, and popcorn.

**PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

**TSO CONVENTION, June 21<sup>st</sup>-June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Be the first to book your Omni Mandalay Hotel room.  
For best available DKG room rates, call 972-556-0800.

Also, reserve your Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 20 minute \$7 gondola ride complete with Italian singers by March 1<sup>st</sup> (after March 1<sup>st</sup> \$10) at [ruckergondola@gmail.com](mailto:ruckergondola@gmail.com).

For more details, read Las Colinas Newsette under Publications link at [www.alphastatetexas.org](http://www.alphastatetexas.org)

**PEARL GIRLS! PEARL GIRLS! DELOURIS WAGES IS NOW OFFICIALLY A PEARL GIRL! THIS COULD BE YOU TOO!**

Beta Phi needs you! Since we are the hostess chapter at the 2012 TSO Convention in Las Colinas, we need commitment from as many of you as possible. Make plans to attend and help our chapter lead greeters and hospitality hostesses. To be a pearl girl and attend convention, you must pay the \$50 registration fee. Start saving and start flaunting those pearls. If you know NOW that you definitely plan to be a pearl girl, please notify me or Trudy Matus at [matusseymour@yahoo.com](mailto:matusseymour@yahoo.com). We are counting on all you elegant Chanel girls!

**ANOTHER TSO CONVENTION PLEA!**

We need table hostesses at the Friday birthday luncheon and at the Saturday night dinner. We want all the DKG ladies at the convention to feel right at home. If interested, contact either me or Pam Cook at [pamcook7117@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pamcook7117@sbcglobal.net). If you are a table hostess, you must pay the cost of both the event and registration.

**2012 Las Colinas Convention Project**

TSO is partnering with a local USO Center to provide bedtime storybooks and DVDs for the United in Reading Military Program. You may donate books and DVDs in clear plastic covers at any meeting. We will take collected books and DVDs to the Area X Luncheon in February. For more details about this beautiful program that allows deployed moms and dads to read to their children and virtually be there with them at bedtime, see [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org).

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CONTINUES...**

**BARBARA REBER** is a 25 year Beta Phi member! She is being recognized at the Area X Luncheon on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Barbara!

**NO MARCH MEETING**

**April Meeting**, Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate our 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 1936-2012. First Baptist Church at 6:00 pm.

**I am thrilled! This year has just been one big birthday party! Be waiting for a call from your committee chairman to help with one of these meetings!**

**ONE For ONE**...make a difference in the life of a child! When you order shoes from the TOMS website ([www.toms.com](http://www.toms.com)), enter the code DKGSI in the discount box. You will receive a pair of casual shoes and a needy child in a developing country will also receive a pair. In addition, the Educational Foundation will receive a percentage of the sale to be used in funding their projects. A quick and easy way to shop for the perfect gift!

**Brief Beta Business:**

If interested in serving as a Beta Phi officer 2012-2014, please contact Linda Connor at [lsrjconnor@att.net](mailto:lsrjconnor@att.net).

*Drop Your Loose Change From Your Purse Into Our Piggybank* campaign continues this year. Save your coins!

You may invite a friend to any Beta Phi event at any time. Just a thought...any meeting is a perfect introduction to DKG!

To be reinstated, please mail \$75 dues to Sally Besancon. It is never too late to renew your membership.

If any of your personal information needs to be updated, please send changes to Leticia Graham at 817-261-5616 or [school922@tx.rr.com](mailto:school922@tx.rr.com).

Make Omni Mandalay Hotel and gondola reservations for June TSO Convention as soon as possible. Candy and I have already made our reservations for both. Please join us, pearl girls! We guarantee a fun time!

If you would like a friendly reminder of any meeting, in addition, to an email, or a pick-up for the backpack project, please contact Judy Morris at 817-468-0624 or [jjmorris74@airmail.net](mailto:jjmorris74@airmail.net).