

# Beta Tau NEWSLETTER



**S** seek new members and opportunities  
**O** pen your heart, mind, and attitude  
**A** ct to serve and share  
**R** each to renew, respond, and relate

## ***Teressa's Message***

Dear Sisters,

I hesitate to use my Presidency in this organization as a political pulpit. But today, thousands took to the streets in protest so it's at the forefront of my mind. It took me a while to decide what sort of message to send this month but here it is. No matter the political side of the fence you find yourself standing on, there is probably something much deeper that roots your convictions to one side or the other. These times are testing our resolve as a country and each of us is probably answering to a higher calling that encourages that resolve. So, I will take a risk in this message and write from the heart and share what's calling in mine. We find ourselves standing at a precipice that will either bring us together or tear us apart. What I think is important right now is that we keep ourselves and our loved ones attuned to acts of love and service in care of others and our local communities.

Women may not be traditional spiritual leaders in our churches but we are usually in our homes. We are the ones to nurture the family's spirit through our acts of service and love in the home. Even working mothers are endowed with that gift and responsibility. Men have their own gifts but our roles as wives, mothers, and caregivers are special and it's in these roles where people are healed and made stronger to face the challenges that lay before them. We bring the light to the dark. We carry the torches of love, compassion and inner strength when our families and communities need us. For some it's God, for others it's the Universe and still others it's the Unknowing but whatever it is that is driving us forward and leading us to the light in these trying times, it's there, unwavering and asking us to keep the light on for others who might be lost.

For those who celebrate, happy Easter. I hope your homes are filled with laughter and joy during this holiday season. For those of you that need prayer, please know I am keeping you in mine. Whatever the future holds, let your light shine for others and keep the light on.

Your Sister,  
Teressa

## **Beta Tau Newsletter**

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# Texas State Convention Denton June 24-26, 2025

Although the convention itself runs June 24-26, if you're making reservations really it's June 23-27. Get a roommate & anticipate some fun. Breakout sessions, birthday celebration, a choir, ASTEF fundraiser (tax deductible), vendors (shopping!), and a banquet are all on the schedule. Save some \$\$ and bring your own lunch food. Fridges in room. Hope a bunch of you are planning to go!

## APRIL MEETING

We are meeting on April 26 at 10:00 at MacArthur Lutheran Church. Please join us for fellowship.

*Check out Beta Tau's Website*  
<http://deltakappagamma.org/TX-betatau/>

**Thank you to the 18 Active members and 2 Reserve members who have paid their dues. Check with Scotta if you cannot remember if you have paid your dues yet. Bring to the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, pay by mail, or use Zelle or Venmo as shown below.**



## Dues Reminder

Date to Remember May 31

Please Pay

Amount

Your Dues to Beta Tau Chapter

Due Active-\$75 Reserve-\$35

Treasurer Scotta Williams 3027 Split Rock Circle, Bulverde 78163  
Venmo or Zelle to 210-317-9998

For *professional honor as a key woman education*

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(member name)



FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 3. 1-3 P.M.

REGION 20. 1314 HINES. 78208

Reminder for those who have already signed up. The deadline has passed.

Beta Tau Chapter  
Delta Kappa Gamma  
Meeting Minutes  
La Fonda-Alamo Heights  
8633 Crownhill Blvd.  
San Antonio, TX 78209



During a period of social time, ladies signed in and received their name tags. Seventeen members were in attendance.

President Teresa Lowrance called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

Carolyn Smith gave the devotion based on the idea of "Fasting vs. Feasting." She also provided Beta Tau members with names and phone numbers of Texas House Public Education Committee members.

Door prizes for this meeting were provided by Kathy Helmke. Winners were Cathy Criner, Carolyn Dahlgren, Lola Hill and Scotta Williams.

Myrna Burkes gave an update on the health status of herself, her daughter and granddaughter. Cathy Criner led the group in a prayer for the family.

Beta Tau Key Women Educator Awards were presented. Lowrance presented the award for Community Service to Jeanette Pierce. Scotta Williams announced that Kathy Moran had been selected to receive the Chapter Service Award. Williams presented the Education award to Teresa Lowrance.

Williams reminded members that the dues of \$75 are due. She also pointed out that the \$15 for the lunch at the Founders' Day Luncheon on May 3 could be paid to her. She also has information about the Texas State Organization which will be June 24-27. Reservations for that convention must be in to her by May 14 to meet the May 15 deadline. The chapter pays the registration for this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m., and the luncheon followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzette Price, acting secretary



## MEETING PICTURES



Enjoying fellowship at La Fonda is Carolyn Dahlgren, Roberta Carlson, Carol Burket, Lola Hill, Carolyn Smith, Jeanette Pierce, Myrna Burkes, and Scotta Williams.

The other side of the room enjoying fellowship includes Cindy Kosub, Cathy Criner, Patsy Roe, Ruby Lopez, Kay Aguilar, Teressa Lowrance, Ginny Stowell and Patty Raney.



Two talented leaders: Scotta Williams and Teressa Lowrance direct the meeting.







Carolyn Smith gave the devotional at the March meeting.



Our talented photographer, Suzette Price, is caught on film at last.



Jeanette Pierce is our Key Woman Educator in Community Service for 2025.

President Teressa Lowrance is our Key Woman Educator in Education this year.





# Member News



Please remember Myrna's daughter, Beth, in her cancer battle. She is returning to work and is nervous about it. Also her granddaughter, Maddie, covets your prayers for her complete healing (kidney issues, needs blood transfusions). Myrna recently completed 3 weeks of therapy & feels her balance & strength is much better.

Maddie and her pup, Lady! They hadn't seen each other for 6 weeks. Happy smiles from both.



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The Northside School Museum (NSM) received the UNSUNG HERO AWARD from the Northside Education Foundation, March 4th, at NEF's Annual Meeting and Donor Recognition at the View at Helotes Creek. This event was attended by district personnel and members of the Education Foundation. Representing the Museum (from left to right) are Ann Cameron, Ellen Sutton, Ed Rawlinson, Carol Burket, Caroline Wernli, Melva Matkin and Maxine Bratton.

Please remember to send prayer requests and good news to the editor, Kathy Moran, president, Teressa Lowrance, and corresponding secretary, Ginny Stowell.

## MEMBER NEWS CONTINUED



Charlotte Hanes Gates and the three great grands

Prayers requested for Bel Rocha's sister, Odette, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. She has been seen by the oncologist. She needs to heal from the surgery she had and gain strength before treatments can begin at MD Anderson. Let's keep this family in our daily prayers. Bel thanks us for the prayers because her



Kathy Helmke's husband, Mark, returned to the hospital for a blood clot in his small intestine after colon surgery. Our prayers are with you both!



Texas State Organization president, Bonnie Moore, was injured in a car accident on Monday, March 24 as she was driving to a chapter meeting. She was taken to a hospital in Corpus Christi and admitted to ICU. She is not taking calls or texts. If you'd like to mail a card the address is:  
Bonnie & Greg Moore  
19215 E. Cibolo Creek Ct.  
Cypress, TX 77433.

Let's keep Bonnie lifted up.



## ASTEF needs gift cards for a convention fundraiser that will help chapters and members.

ASTEF Board Member Kimbra Bishop is requesting donations of gift cards for the 2025 Mystery Mania, a fund raiser for ASTEF at TSO convention in Denton. Cards can be for widely accessible stores like Lowe's, McDonald's, Amazon, etc. or MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover, which can be used in many stores.

Mystery Mania is a very popular fundraiser where the member buys a chance for \$10 and picks a number from the board that correlates with a card not knowing the value. The cards range in value from \$10 to \$100 so everyone will be a winner. Every year we collect over 200 cards and are sold out in the first four hours on the first morning. Members continue to visit our booth wanting to buy cards. **We need more cards.**

Chapters have been asked to send two cards of at least \$10 value in a greeting card so that it looks like regular mail. Please include your email so a thank you can be sent that your gift cards were received safely. Also please put the value on the card. We are inviting individual members to join in by sending a card or cards to assure we can stay open longer.

Please do not plan to bring your cards to convention as they need to be organized earlier.

Remember that ASTEF funds raised at convention support:

- Stipends for chapters and individual projects, and
- Grants for Aspiring Educators that are recommended by chapter members

Sending a card supports activities for your chapter and chapter members. Thanks for supporting ASTEF, Alpha State Texas Educational Foundation.

We are asking that all cards be mailed to the address below  
**no later than May 31.**

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HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

Kirby Montgomery 3

Cindy Kosub 25

Carol Burket 26

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### Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide

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We're on the Web!

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