



# Beta Omega News

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## *President's Message...*

Dear Beta Omega Members,

The Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon was a great success thanks to the leadership demonstrated by Past President Petey Henning (1994-96)! At the banquet, I had the honor of presenting the Pinellas County Education Foundation with a check in the amount of \$5,000 for a Doorways Scholarship in memory of Founding Member and Past Chapter President Flo Davis (1978-80) and Past President Betty Dickson (1982-84). In addition to providing college tuition funds, a Doorways scholarship connects each student with a mentor to provide guidance, encourage them to maintain good grades, and remain crime-free and drug-free.

Beta Omega's sixth Doorways Scholar is currently unassigned, and the chapter will receive an invitation to meet the young lady at her proposed signing on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Our first Doorways Scholar is Rodrica Dixon, a 17-year-old senior at St. Petersburg Collegiate High School who signed on May 27, 1998. Leah Robinson, a 16-year-old sophomore at Palm Harbor University High, signed on May 19, 1999. Katharina Boyd, a 15-year-old student at Dixie Hollins High, signed on March 8, 2001. Courtney Allen, a 13-year-old at Southside Fundamental, signed on December 5, 2001. On February 27, 2002, William Heres, a 14-year-old at Meadowlawn Middle, replaced Oriana Fernandez who unfortunately exited from the program.

Beta Omega and XI are the only Mu State chapters that have a direct link from the Delta Kappa Gamma International's official website. Special thanks to new member Diana Holden for sharing her talents in designing the Beta Omega website and meeting the guidelines specified by International for approval! To check it out, visit the following to link to all chapter websites:

<http://www.deltakappagamma.org/International/links/chaptersites/index.htm>

April 8th is the District III Meeting at Pasco/Hernando Community College organized by our District Director Gerry Hacker. This is an opportunity for our incoming officers to receive training to prepare for their biennium, and for chapter members to attend concurrent sessions of interest to all. In keeping with the theme of "Planting, Watering and Growing our Chapters in District III," Beta Omega donated a huge planter as a door prize for the raffle titled "Forever Growing."

The last regular meeting of Beta Omega will be held on Saturday, April 29, at Freedom Square's Auditorium. New member Judy Cook, Treasurer Bonnie Lehlbach, and myself are the three winners of this year's Beta Omega's Educational Grants who will present their projects. Scholarship Chair Kim Denman provided leadership of this committee. If you are staying for lunch, complete the enclosed form and return it along with \$5 per person to Bonnie Lehlbach, Treasurer. I look forward to recognizing all those who helped make my biennium a success.

Don't miss it!

Bonnie Kelley, President  
Beta Omega Chapter  
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International



## **Chapter officers**

2004-2006

### **President**

Bonnie Kelley

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### **First Vice President**

JoAnn Stowers

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### **Second Vice President**

Patricia Williams

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### **Recording Secretary**

Mary O'Brian

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### **Corresponding Secretary**

Bobbie Khoury

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### **Treasurer**

Bonnie Lehlbach

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### **Parliamentarian**

Irma Norman



*Next Meeting*  
*April 29th @ 9:00*  
*Freedom Square*

### Upcoming Events

- April 8 District III Meeting (Pasco Hernando CC, New Port Richey)  
April 29 Meeting #4  
July 18-22, 2006 International Convention (San Diego, CA)  
June 25-30, 2007 Southeast Regional (New Orleans, LA)

### *Happy Birthday!*

#### April

- 9 Ann Stang  
14 Bobbie Khoury  
25 Linda Whitley  
27 Vesta Compton

#### May

- 19 Linda Gregg  
21 Joan Herndon  
22 Muriel Miller  
27 Marge Howell

#### June

- 7 Eileen Gutzman  
16 Graycie Cameron  
18 Bonnie Kelley  
23 Joyce Bourgholtzer

#### July

- 3 Joanne Baumgartner  
8 Edie Larson  
27 Jenny Furlott  
31 Doris Howell



### *April 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting*

Join us for a great meeting planned for April 29<sup>th</sup>. Members who received grants from Beta Omega will be presenting their projects to the group. Looking forward to seeing you all at our final general meeting of the year!



### *News from our Treasurer!*

If you would like to pre-pay your dues for 2006-2007, please bring your check to the meeting on April 29th, or mail your check to:

Bonnie Lehlbach  
7720 Hampton Hills Loop  
New Port Richey, FL 34654  
Phone: 727-842-5226  
e-mail: [larbon2gogators@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:larbon2gogators@tampabay.rr.com)

Active Membership Dues-\$54.00  
Reserve Membership Dues-\$21.00

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA  
BETA OMEGA CHAPTER  
MINUTES  
January 21, 2006**

**MEMBER INITIATION**

Bonnie Kelley presided over the installation of new members before the business meeting. Pat Williams, Membership Committee Chair, organized the initiation and presented the new members. Bonnie presided over the presentation and JoAnn Stowers and Mary O'Brian were readers for the initiation. Our new members are: Diane Holden, Debbie Entreken, and Beth Griffin.

**MEETING**

President, Bonnie Kelley, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

**MINUTES**

Mary O'Brian, Recording Secretary, asked the members if there were any changes, corrections in the Minutes. As there were none, the Minutes stand. Bonnie Kelley moved that the members approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded and the Minutes were approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Bonnie K received information regarding scholarships that were available to further members' education. Anyone interested may contact Carol Ann Casey by calling her or by e-mail. Bonnie will put this information in the next newsletter. Bonnie also informed us about a Society fundraiser that is a metal label ribbon holder that is held on by a magnet instead of a pin. This item sells for \$25 and ordering information will be in the next newsletter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FASHION SHOW**

Petey Henning said that the fashion show will be February 18 at the Wine Cellar. The clothes are by Patchingtons. Reservation forms will be made available during the meeting and can be given to Bonnie Lehlbach today. Jackie Thornton will be creating the program and Jackie husband's band, "Memories" will provide music for the event. The contents of the door prize baskets are: coffees, Jams and Jellies, Wine and Cheese, Tea for Two, Life after FCAT, and elementary, middle and high school books. Petey stated that instead of having a book raffle at our meeting, she felt that we could benefit more from the raffle if we raffle it at the Fashion Show. The book to be raffled is, A is for Abigail, by Lynn Cheney, the wife of our Vice President, Dick Cheney.

Bonnie asked for any other committee reports. Irma Norman reminded members that there is \$125 available in the budget to cover registration for the Leadership Seminar. Bonnie Lehlbach and Bonnie Khoury spoke about how wonderful the seminar was and how much they learned at the meeting. They both felt that it was a very worthwhile seminar.

Pat Williams, Chair of the Membership Committee, presented the 2006-2008 Biennium slate of officers: JoAnn Stowers, President, Pat Williams, First Vice President, Bobbie Khoury, Second Vice President, Mary O'Brian, Recording Secretary, and Linda Sussens, Corresponding Secretary. Fern Cleary moved that we elect our new slate of officers. Bonnie Kelley asked if there are any questions or comments regarding the new officers. There were none, and she moved that we accept the new biennium officers. The motion was seconded and the officers were approved. Pat told the members that she has membership applications available for members to use.

Bonnie K informed the group that she, Bonnie Lehlbach, and Judy Cook have received the Chapter grants to use on programs that they will implement. They will report their findings/results of the programs at the next meeting.

The Holiday Boutique was a great success. The boutique brought in \$841.50 which will be applied to the Doorway Scholarship.

Bonnie Kelley reminded the group that the District III Meeting will be held at Pasco/Hernando Community College on April 8. The theme of the meeting is, "planting, watering, and growing." She encouraged us to bring items for the chapter door prize basket. Fern Cleary reported that our chapter is responsible for the table centerpieces. She currently has various sizes and colors watering cans that need to be decorated and filled. She asked that any members who are interested in decorating the cans to see her at the end of our meeting.

**Minutes (con't)**

**TREASURER REPORT**

Bonnie Lehlbach reported that the balance brought forward was \$9,086.43. Receipts included dues, luncheon and other miscellaneous reimbursements of \$1,646.50. Disbursements include Freedom Square, grants, postage and dues totaling \$3,116.88. Therefore, the balance as of January 21, 2006 was \$7,616.05.

Bonnie Kelley asked the members for clarification regarding reinstatement or continuance of membership of members who wish to re-join the chapter. Bonnie Lehlbach confirmed that members can still be reinstated. Bonnie Kelley presented to the group the resignations of Pam Fisher and Kris Lowry. The motion was made to accept the resignations. It was seconded and approved by the members.

**PROGRAM**

Jake Stowers, one of the Assistant County Administrators for Pinellas County Government, gave an interesting presentation on all the various environmental programs, projects, and educational facilities that exists in Pinellas County. He showed us the various locations of parks and educational programs throughout the county via a PowerPoint presentation. He also supplied us with brochures and website printout of these programs. He informed us on how we can become involved in the projects he mentioned in his presentation as an educator and a volunteer.

We sang, "Weave" with Jackie Thornton accompanying us on the piano.

Fern Cleary led us in meditation. At the end of Fern's meditation, Bonnie Kelley adjourned the meeting at 11:30 and we enjoyed lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary O'Brian  
Recording Secretary

**Luncheon Reservation Form**

**Bonnie Lehlbach**

**7720 Hampton Hills Loop**

**New Port Richey, FL 34654**

**#727-842-5226**

Regrets, reservations and checks (payable to **Beta Omega**) must be received by April 15th.

Member's name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending the April meeting, but won't be staying for lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is a check for the April meeting luncheon.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please reserve an additional meal for the following guest(s):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REMEMBER: RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN April 15th!**



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