President’s Message...

Dear Beta Omega Members,

Happy New Year! Each year I think of how I can use the beginning of a new year to consider how better I can live my life. One of my mother’s sayings has been playing in my head this last week or so. She has always said, “Life is a cinch by the inch, but hard by the yard.” I remember as a child asking her what that meant. Her explanation was as follows: “Sweetie,” she said, “if you just do one thing at a time when you have a lot of things to do, you will not feel so overwhelmed, and the sense of accomplishment with the completion each task will give you the spark needed to go on to the next.” That advice is going to help me keep things in better focus as I begin 2011.

My Mom was also big on teaching us poems with a purpose. The best is below:

Once a job is first begun,
Never leave it till it’s done.
Be the labor great or small,
Do it right or not at all.

Of course not at all wasn’t an option! She made that perfectly clear.

There is evidence that our group lives by the same credo. Because of the efforts of all who brought and bought items at the Holiday Boutique, planned and participated in the ornaments we could craft, planned, conducted and welcomed our new members and also collected over $40.00 for World Fellowship, our meeting was a great success! The boutique earned over $670. That is definitely what doing it right is about. Thank you all!

As we prepare for our January 29th meeting, think of inviting prospective members. Our guest is going tell us about the “Clothes for Kids Program” and the information shared will no doubt be very informative. What a great way to “Double Our Pleasure!”

See you soon,

Bobbie Khoury
Beta Omega Chapter President
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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Next Meeting
January 29th @ 9:00
Freedom Square
Please join us on the 29th as our personal growth and research committees have planned this meeting for us!

Grant Recipients!

Congratulations to Petey Hening, Diana Holden and Paula Texel as they will be receiving grants from Beta Omega to fund various projects. We look forward to hearing about their projects at our final meeting of the year in the Spring!
Upcoming Events

January 29  Meeting #3 (Personal Growth & Research Committees)
February 26  Doorways to Fashion Show
March 19  Newsletter Deadline
April 16  Meeting #4 (Membership Activity Program, Professional Affairs & Awards and Scholarship Committees)
April 29-May 1  Mu State Convention - Orlando

Happy Birthday!

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News From Our Members!

Congratulations to the Szablewski Family
- Janice’s oldest son was married the Saturday before Thanksgiving.  Congrats to their family!

New Home
- Congratulations to Emily Kwon and family who recently moved into a new home.  We know she must have enjoyed the holidays in her new home.

Patience
- We hope that Michelle Hardy and family were able to enjoy their holidays, even after having to deal with broken pipes and flooding right before this busy time of year!

Condolences
- We want to send along our condolences to Mary O’Brian and her family after the passing of her father.  You have been in our thoughts and prayers.

Where is Merry?
- At our wonderful Beta Omega meeting on Dec. 9, Petey made a pretty Gingerbread Girl, Merry, with a red bow on the top of her head and put her in a zip lock bag.  She either escaped from the bag and ran away or some human took her home by mistake.  If you have found Petey’s “Merry” please let her know or bring her with you to the January meeting!

Initiation of New Members:
- JoAnne Wilson, Membership Committee Chair, presided over the initiation
Newsletter Information

The newsletter can only be as good as the information that is passed along to me. Please remember to send me a quick email (texelpa@pcsb.org) with any information you'd like to share. This is a great way to recognize fellow chapter members or just post some information for the group.

The deadline for Newsletter #3 is March 19th!!!!
Fashion Show Update!

The 13th Annual Doorways to Fashion will take place February 26th at The Wine Cellar beginning at 11:00. Tickets will be on sale at the January meeting and can also be purchased by sending in the order form attached to this newsletter. The price for each ticket is $25.00.

If you are donating a basket, we ask that you have an itemized tag on your basket. Last year many people asked what were in some of the baskets as they could not see all the items. You can also help sponsor a basket monetarily if you do not want to put one together. Contact Julie Whiteley-Wood to see who you might help. All baskets need to arrive by 10:30. The sign up for baskets will be at the January meeting.

Models- Time and date information for choosing your fashions at Bon Worth and Dress Barn will be given at the January meeting.

The Doorways Fashion Show is a great opportunity to be visible to the community and show all the great things we do. Hope all of you can come out and support the show and bring your friends too!

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Luncheon Reservation Form

Cost for each lunch for the January and April is $8.00. The new management of the company that caters our meals does not permit its employees to accept tips for their service, so we will no longer include the $1 gratuity. Please let Alma know if you will need a lunch – you can even email her at the address listed below!

Alma Griffith
13501 91st Avenue North
Seminole, FL 33776
727-393-9188
jagriffith@tampabay.rr.com

Regrets, reservations and checks (payable to Beta Omega) must be received by January 25th.

Member's name: ____________________________

_____ I will be attending the January meeting, but won’t be staying for lunch.

_____ Enclosed is a check for the January meeting luncheon only.

_____ Enclosed is a check for lunch for the final two meetings ($16.00).

_____ 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 January 25th!
Doorways to Fashion

Date: Saturday, February 26, 2011
Location: The Wine Cellar - 17307 Gulf Blvd., N Redington Beach
Times: 11 a.m. check in, peruse baskets, purchase drawing tickets, and sample hors d'oeuvres with wine or cocktails
11:45 Fashion show
12:30 Lunch
Cost: $25

Note: Tables of eight or ten will be available. If you wish to sit at a table with all your guests, please indicate below with your name and number of guests. List yourself and each guest that will be sitting at your table. Indicate food choice – beef, chicken, or vegetable plate.

Member's Name: ______________________  Total # guests: _______

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Send this form and your luncheon checks to Alma Griffith by February 19, 2011. Her address is 13501 91st Avenue N, Seminole, FL 33776. If you have questions, call her at 393-9188.