



Beta Omega News

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International – Mu State

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President's Message...

Dear Beta Omega Members,

The November 12th chapter meeting was a huge success thanks to the advance planning by Mary Jane Cartier, Cindy Gavin, Jackie Thornton, and their committee. The presentation by 4-H representatives brought warm memories back for some Beta Omega members. A big THANK YOU to all members who supported the annual Holiday Boutique with the holiday items they brought and/or bought! A grand total of \$841.50 was collected from the sale to benefit our next Doorway's Scholarship in memory of Past Presidents Flo Davis & Betty Dickson.

I guess Beta Omega selected the right person to head the Holiday Boutique! Cindy Gavin made the front page of the St. Pete Times on Saturday, November 26th with three color photos documenting her day after Thanksgiving shopping experience beginning at 5 a.m. Check out Beta Omega News' article entitled *Spotlight On...Cindy Gavin!*

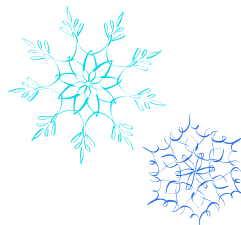
Kim Denman has announced the following as winners of the 2005-2006 Beta Omega Education Grants: new member Judy Cook, Bonnie Lehlbach, and myself. These winners will be recognized at the next meeting, and they will present their funded projects at the April 29th meeting.

As we begin a new year, it is a ritual to renew our commitments. Let's recommit ourselves to being active members supporting the leadership of Beta Omega by considering the following:

- *Attend all chapter meetings,
- *Extend fellowship to both long time and new members,
- *Bring an item for the chapter's gift basket to the January 21st meeting supporting the District Meeting's theme of "Planting, Watering and Growing our Chapters in District III",
- *Volunteer to prepare a themed basket for the Fashion Show, and
- *Bring family, friends and perspective members to the Fashion Show at the Wine Cellar on February 18th.

The next regular meeting of Beta Omega will be held on Saturday, January 21, in Freedom Square's Auditorium. JoAnn Stower's husband, Jake who is one of the Assistant Administrators for Pinellas County Government, will be our guest speaker. Come prepared to discover how your county government supports education! If you are staying for lunch, complete the enclosed form and return it along with \$5 per person to Bonnie Lehlbach, Treasurer.

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
January 21st @ 9:00
Freedom Square*



Upcoming Events

January 21	Meeting #3
February 18	Fashion Show at Wine Cellar
March 24	Newsletter Deadline
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!

January

1	Fran Hoffman
1	Valerie Barzan
2	Kate Herrington
9	Dawn Kochtan
17	Irma Norman
19	Kathee Mello
24	Trudie Johnson

February

4	Peggy Drizd
9	Rose Mary Smoot
17	Susan Murphy
20	Helen Ware
29	Helen Wilcox

March

4	Fern Cleary
6	Esther Grant
9	Ruth Brown
13	Julie Whiteley-Wood
20	Bernice Berry
21	Arlene Burrows
22	Bonnie Lehlbach
23	Carmen Sagnella



Welcome New Members!!

Judy Cook – Curriculum Specialist at Kings Highway Elementary and Curtis Fundamental Elementary.

Debbie Entreken – Literacy Success teacher at Safety Harbor Elementary School

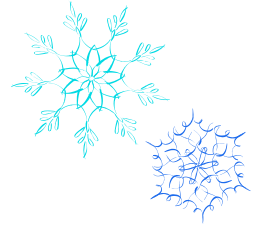
Dianna Holden – Curriculum/Technology Specialist at Frontier Elementary School

Amy Maxfield – Second grade teacher at Jamerson Elementary.

Lili Shields – Title 1 Facilitator at North Shore Elementary

Sandy Spacone – Adult education at PTEC and also trains district personnel on computer programs

Spotlight on.....Cindy Gavin!



LET THE SHOPPING BEGIN..... With resolve and a list, shopper pockets victory
Tom Zucco, St. Petersburg Times, November 26, 2005, pg. 1.A

She will not be denied. Not today.

Cindy Gavin looks at Christmas shopping this way: She can do it in bits and pieces. A few stores one day, a few another. But that could take days, weeks, years. Or she could haul herself out of bed around 4 a.m., head out in the darkness and join up with the herd. That way, she might be done with the madness by 9. There's only one day worth making that kind of a sacrifice. The day after Thanksgiving. The day the prices come down. Gavin, 52, is a guidance counselor at Southside Fundamental Middle School in St. Petersburg. But when cornered, she's also a tournament-caliber shopper. Give her a list and a credit card, and she'll deliver. "I really don't like to shop," she said Friday. "But when I'm done, it's out of the way. "This is really the only way to do it."

5 a.m.

She's 10th in line outside Target at the Gateway Mall. The line behind her will soon grow to close to 200 people. The store has set up a table with free coffee and doughnuts, but Gavin appears to be the only one who remembered the early shopper's best friend: a folding chair. A St. Petersburg police squad car and a TV news truck pull up. The game is now official. It wasn't always like this, she said. You could go to stores the night before Thanksgiving and buy items that weren't scheduled to go on sale until Friday. Then came scanners and bar codes. "I miss that," she said. But now, shoppers are better armed, too. People come in groups of twos or threes and use cell phones to coordinate their search. And besides print, TV and radio ads, there are Web sites, such as www.cairo.com, that alert shoppers to bargains in their area. That, after all, is what this is all about. Saving money. Yes, she knows what some people think. Even her husband laughs at her. But there's an exquisite method to the apparent madness. Like most people in line, she carries a list of items that will be on sale, and exactly where to go to find them. Complex battle plans that took hours to assemble. The payoff: savings of a hundred dollars or more. "And when you start doing it," she said, "it's hard to stop."

5:59 a.m.

With a click of the lock, the crowd rushes in. Waiting at empty registers, the cashiers brace themselves. Gavin quickly fills her cart with portable CD players, DVDs, an electric toothbrush and a back massager. No browsing. No idle chatter. Except when she passes a young man in the main aisle. "Good morning!" she says. "I'm impressed." The young man offers a sleepy grin before he's swept away by the river of people and carts. "One of my students," she says. There is a camaraderie among the wee-hour shoppers. Someone will notice an item in someone else's cart and ask where they found it. Or ask if there are any more left. The intelligence they get is almost always good. As Gavin hits the checkout line at 6:18, a second wave of shoppers starts piling in. They're coming from Wal-Mart, says a Target associate. It opened at 5 a.m.

6:20 a.m.

Focused like a laser beam, Gavin heads for the toy department at Sears Essentials. The shelf where the Legos should be is empty. But she spots one last box on a top shelf and somehow manages to lug it down. As Bing Crosby croons White Christmas over the intercom, Gavin searches the DVD section, more interested in *The Bourne Identity*.

7:10 a.m.

The JCPenney at Tyrone Square Mall yields a couple of sweaters (60 percent off) and a \$200 cookware set for \$89.88. Gavin turns down the \$40 cashmere wraps at Dillard's and tracks down the ones on sale for \$14.99. She buys three.

8:15 a.m.

Home. In the trunk of her Honda Accord are about \$450 worth of gifts. She bought presents for her son, her husband, her nieces, nephews, sister, brothers and godson. There was also a gift for the girl at school. The one whose mom is disabled, and whose prospects were dim for Christmas this year. The one who made getting up so early a lot less of an effort. One of those portable CD players will be hers.



News from our members....

Jerry & Jackie Thornton have sent their new email address..... jerjacthorn@verizon.net

Lori McCarley has sent us this update note....

Bonnie,

I know Beta Omega thinks I dropped off the earth but I am alive and now living in Oviedo, FL. We made the move in September and still trying to settle in. Since I have moved out of the area I no longer will be able to participate in chapter activities. Please accept my apologies for not returning your correspondence sooner.

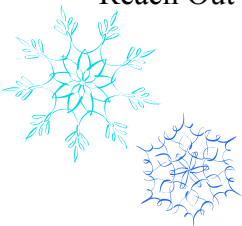
I will miss the group.

Lori McCarley

Muriel Miller, a reserve member, sent the group a card sending her best wishes to all.

Graycie Cameron spent 3 months in Sapphire, NC at her sister's cabin in the mountains. She just planned to spend the month of August. However, with a family wedding in Gastonia, NC in September and the gas hike it seemed wise to stay put. Then her nephew retired, came up with his wife for 6 weeks and wanted them to stay. They came home the day after Wilma crossed Florida. You could enjoy Transylvania County, NC. It has 600 waterfalls! Whitewater Falls is the highest falls east of the Mississippi. Her sister's cabin is surrounded by forest with a stream running through the property. The community hosts many summer residents from Florida. They got together every Friday night for a Pot Luck and cards.

Bonnie Lehlbach received a thank you note from Dr. Sharon Dabrow for our donation to the Reach Out and Read Program at the USF Ambulatory Care Center in Tampa.



THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was founded May 11, 1929, at the Faculty Women's Club at The University of Texas in Austin, Texas.

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, member of the faculty of The University of Texas and a former state superintendent of public instruction, conceived the idea of an honorary organization for women educators and selected eleven educators from Texas to help create The Delta Kappa Gamma Society.

FOUNDERS

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton (Austin, Texas)

Miss Mamie Sue Bastian (Houston, Texas)

Miss Ruby Cole (San Antonio, Texas)

Miss Mabel Grizzard (Waxahachie, Texas)

Dr. Anna Hiss (Austin, Texas)

Miss Ray King (Fort Worth, Texas)

Miss Sue King (Fort Worth, Texas)

Dr. Helen Koch (Austin, Texas)

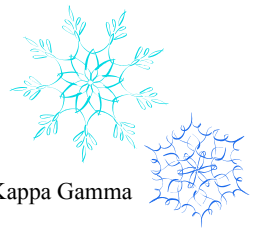
Mrs. Ruby Terrill Lomax (Austin, Texas)

Dr. Cora Martin (Austin, Texas)

Mrs. Lalla M. Odom (Austin, Texas)

Miss Lela Lee Williams (Dallas, Texas)

**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA
BETA OMEGA CHAPTER
MINUTES
November 12, 2005**



Bonnie Kelley, Beta Omega President, called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. She led us in the Pledge of the Flag, Delta Kappa Gamma Collect, and song.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes—Mary O'Brian asked the members for any corrections or discussion of the Minutes. Petey Henning asked for the correction of her reporting the Finance Committee, she was not at the meeting—Helen Wilcox was the reporter. Mary O'Brian motioned that we accept the Minutes as is and Bonnie Kelley seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report—Bonnie Lehlbach, treasurer, reported that the ending balance as of September/October, 2005, was \$7,114.61. The Receipts included lunch reservations, dues, and a donation, totaling \$2,436. Disbursements included the newsletter, Fall workshop fees, Freedom Square, postage, Starwalk, Leadership in memory of Betty Dickson, totaling \$464.18. Therefore, the balance as of November, 2005, was \$9,086.43. Bonnie Lehlbach motioned that we approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded. The Treasurer's Report was then approved.

Correspondence—Bonnie Khoury, Correspondence Secretary, received resignations from Joyce Bourgholtzer due to health issues, Chris Lowry, due to work schedule, and Laura McCarley due to moving out of the area. Laura was not sure if she was going to resign and would let us know her intentions by the end of October when dues are due. To date, she has not renewed her membership.

Committee Reports

Membership—Pat Williams reported that four new members were initiated at our last meeting. Pat has received four nominations which will be presented at the next meeting in January. Pat encouraged members to pick up nomination forms for new members.

By-Laws—Fern Cleary presented By-Law F3, stating that officers will be elected in December. As we have no meeting, she moved that we set aside the election of the new officers for the 2006-2008 biennium to the third meeting in January. She asked for discussion. Fern motioned that we have the election of the new officers at the third meeting. The motion was seconded and the majority approved the motion. The slate of new officers for the 2006-2008 biennium are: Dr. Joanne Stowers, President, Pat Williams, First Vice President, Bobbie Khoury, Second Vice President, Mary O'Brian, Recording Secretary, and Linda Susens, Correspondence Secretary.

Arts/Crafts—Cindy Gavin, chair of the arts and crafts committee stated that because the banks were closed for Veteran's Day on Friday, she could not get change. She suggested that to round down or buy another item to round the figure.

Scholarships—Paula Texel reported for Kim Denman that proposals for the scholarships be given to Eda Chappell. Also, Paula stated that she brought half sheets for newsletter information. Please use and give to her for the next newsletter.

Fashion Show—The fashion show will be held on February 18, 2006 at the Wine Cellar. The cost is \$25. Petey asked the new members to participate in the show as a model or work behind the scenes. The members are encouraged to bring baskets for door prizes.

District Meeting—Bonnie Kelley informed the members that the theme of the District meeting is "Planting, Watering, and Growing." She showed the members the items that she purchased for our chapter's door prize basket. Our chapter is also responsible for the centerpieces at the District's luncheon. Bonnie asked us to bring items for the basket at the next meeting.

Doorways Scholarship—Linda Gregg informed the group that we have enough money to sponsor a student. She will contact the Doorways Coordinator and inform her of our sponsorship. Linda proposed the question of having this sponsorship be in memory of Betty Dickson and Flo Davis. As there was no discussion, Linda motioned that we make this sponsorship in memory of Betty Dickson and Flo Davis. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

PROGRAM

Flo Hervey, regional coordinator of the project, and Janet Golden, Pinellas County 4-H coordinator made a presentation regarding 4-H Operation Kids to the group. The project is a national initiative based on the number of troops deployed in particular areas. It originally started as a partnership with the military and the 4-H Club. Operation Kids targets children and families on military installations that have parents deployed around the world. This project also supports reservist's families.

Announcements - Dianna Holden presented our chapter's new web site. She is the web master for the site and asked the group if they have any photographs to be placed on the site, that she would appreciate it if they would be sent to her at Frontier Elementary. In order to post the site, Bonnie Kelley asked the members to approve the expenditure of \$36 for the year to have the site be placed on the DKG national web site hosting service. The motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved.

Minutes (con't)

Yearbook—Bobbie Khoury offered to take over the yearbook for this year. Chris Lowry was the editor of the yearbook and has since resigned her membership.

Tour—Fran Hoffman has offered a tour of her Freedom Square home to anyone interested in a future homesite at the complex.

Guests—Amy Maxfield introduced her aunt, Carol Ydofsky, a retired educator from Ohio. Also, Dianna Holden introduced her daughter, Jennifer Long, who teaches in North Carolina.

The group sang holiday songs accompanied by Jackie Thornton on the piano.

Bonnie Kelley announced that Jackie Thornton will be having surgery on 11/14 for a heart valve repair. Also, Janet Poling and Carmen Sagnella wish us well as they are recovering from illness and surgery.

Bonnie adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m. The members were then encouraged to shop at the Holiday Boutique which will benefit our next Doorways scholarship.

At 11:30 the members came together for the meditation and enjoyed lunch.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary O'Brian

Luncheon Reservation Form

UPDATE.....You can now pay for the rest of the year's luncheons all at once! We have 2 regular meetings left at Freedom Square this year (Jan. 21 & April 29). If you choose, you can pay for both meals at once. Each meal costs \$5.00 per person. Please be sure to mark the correct line below before sending in your money to Bonnie.

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 January 7th.

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 the 2 remaining meetings luncheons. (\$10.00)

_____ 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 7th!



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