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**DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™**

## The Beta Epsilon *BEAT*

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Mission: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.  
Vision Statement: Key Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Thank You to our Program Committee: Pam, Linda B, Lisa and Suzanne O!! We appreciate all your creative work which enables the rest of us to enjoy informative and fun Chapter meetings on Zoom, plus Excursions outdoors and accessory contests! I also want to say Thanks to our recent presenters at our April 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting. What a treasure to have such engaging and talented women in our Beta Epsilon Chapter.

The merry month of May has already arrived, with Summer '21 close behind. In spite of the pandemic, the months have flown by, and a very unique school year is coming to a close.

In May, we celebrate Mother's Day, celebrating our own Mothers, the Mothers in our Chapter and all the teachers who daily 'mother' their students in countless ways. A while back I found this reflection on what My Mother Taught Me:

\*My mother taught me logic: "because I said so, that's why"

\*My mother taught me foresight: "make sure you wear clean underwear..in case you are in an accident"

\*My mother taught me contortionism: "Will you look at the dirt on the back of your neck"

\*My mother taught me stamina: "You'll sit there until all that spinach is finished."

\*My mother taught me the circle of life: "I brought you into this world and I can take you out."

\*My mother taught me religion: "You better pray that comes out of the carpet."

I am sure we can all add to this list the things our mothers taught us.

Thanks, MOM! Wishing all of you a wonderful Mother's Day and lovely Springtime and Summer.

Sincerely,  
Sr. Mary Elizabeth Galt



Dorla's tea set, from hubby, after celebrating Anniversary with High Tea In Victoria, Canada

### **The Rose Buddies Review MEMBERSHIP by Lindsay Hill**

-**Debbie's** group: sent/received Easter/Spring cards. They also sent cards to

Linda B's group. Debbie and Suzanne O continue to work on our Shutterfly book.

**-Judy's group:** received Easter/Spring cards from her. Judy received many cards of Get Well and Springtime, after having two surgeries. Her back is now pain-free!

**Lindsay's group:** sent out Spring/Easter cards to a buddy group and zoomed twice to check in on each other. An in person get together is in the works for June! Hallelujah!

**Bonnie B's group:** met at Barrigans Mexican Restaurant for their first in-person event since the pandemic. Kate and Susan S joined Bonnie for their favorite Mexican treat. Bonnie S will join them next time.

**-Pam's group:** She joined Sr. Mary for lunch and a walk through the tulips at Descanso; Caren and Zarik were unable to join

**Tanda's group:** Three of them met on the patio at De Bell, for lunch, to celebrate Kathy Weiser's birthday. It was lovely!

**Kathy's group:** sent Easter/Mother's Day cards with hearts full of seeds. All 3 are working teachers, maybe meet in summer.

### **Membership Trivia Corner...**

Do you know how many classifications there are for membership? There are four. Two of them are active and reserve. An active member is exactly that, actively participating in teaching and meetings. A reserve member is anyone who is a member but is unable to attend meetings due to physical limitations or a member who is geographically too far away.

### **Last Things...a poem for summer Messenger**

My work is loving the world.  
Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird...equal seekers of sweetness.  
Here the quickening yeast, there the blue plume. Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.  
Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?  
Am I no longer young, and still half-perfect?  
Let me keep my mind on what matters,

which is my work, which is mostly standing still and learning to be astonished.

The phoebe, the delphinium, the sheep in the pasture, and the pasture. Which is mostly rejoicing, since all the ingredients are here, which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart and these body-clothes, a mouth with which to give shouts of joy to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam, telling them all, over and over, how it is that we live forever.

-by Mary Oliver

**Have a wonderful Summer of renewed opportunities!! Lindsay**



Lindsay with student-created books

### **Beatrix Potter Evening Meeting**

Huge Thank You to Sister Mary and Lindsay, for their sharing at our March meeting, of this history, fun facts, and even student lessons taught around Beatrix Potter books! We enjoyed seeing your Beatrix items too. Your Beta Epsilon Sisters

### **'Beta is Back' Brunch!!**

Next Chapter Meeting In-Person  
**Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 9:45 am**  
Sister Mary's yard: 2365 Montrose Ave,  
Montrose

Please RSVP to Doreen 818-281-2094 or email at [harveywydra@yahoo.com](mailto:harveywydra@yahoo.com). The Board members will provide food!

We will be in her backyard, chairs are provided. Since we are using catering, an accurate number count is important. We hope to see many of you there!!

### Excursions

Mark your calendar for our May excursion on May 12, Wednesday, at 11:30 am. We will meet at Catalina Verdugo Park, for a picnic and scavenger hunt. We promise fun, surprises and prizes! Bring your own lunch. No chairs needed as we will be sitting at their picnic tables. You may even want a walk after lunch as it is such a beautiful area. Hope you can join us.

Linda B



We had a wonderful picnic and Easter egg hunt, at our last excursion on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This was also at Catalina Verdugo Park in Glendale. The eggs were filled with candy, chocolate and money, and Kathy found a lemon. Our egg hunt was followed by lunch. Beautiful weather, beautiful day and wonderful friends!

### Book Club

Our book club is presently reading Z, a novel of Zelda Fitzgerald by Fowler, a fascinating story of F. Scott Fitzgerald's wife and their tumultuous life together. We are in the process of selecting books for the

next several months. You are welcome to join us at any time.

Linda B



Debbie collects Easter eggs

### Service Project: Library Books

Martha and Fatima went to Miller and Providencia Elementary Schools on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and dropped off all our donated books. Both Librarians sent emails to Beta Epsilon, thanking us for our generous book donations! Each book had a sticker plate on the cover page which stated "Donated by DKG Beta Epsilon Chapter in Burbank". Thank you to Fatima, for all your work on this project, and to Martha, for help in delivering these books!

### Grant Recipients

Our Grant checks will be delivered on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, by Tanda, Doreen and Carolyn. The Grant winners are:

Denise King-Providencia 4<sup>th</sup> grade Science. She is buying 'Light Up Their Lives' Grata Chiu-Miller 1<sup>st</sup> grade Literacy. She is buying 'Teaching Early Literacy' By Carolyn Grogan



**Treasurer’s Report**

Thanks ladies, for quick responses to my requests regarding dues payment. I am waiting on only five members. I should be able to pay our International and State dues in May, which is wonderful. The program which currently needs funding is our Teacher Grants. Carolyn Grogan and her committee will be announcing the recipients of the \$500 check. We will be planning our audit meeting for early June in order to get ready to fill out the electronic paperwork for our taxes.

Before I pay all these bills, our balance as of May 26, 2021 is \$11,261.53.

A lovely get together is being planned for Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Hope that all of you will attend. Need your RSVP.

Stay safe.  
Doreen Wydra

Websites:

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Jan, Linda B, Dorla Easter Egg picnic



Sr. Mary’s Beatrix Potter collection



Debbie’s tea cup



Tanda’s coffee set: her dad sent to her mom, when stationed there in WWII

**Birthdays**

**May**

- 5 Susan Stone
- 25 Kate Farlow
- 26 Fatima Morales
- 30 Bonnie Becken

**June**

- 3 Diana Wong
- 7 Kathy Jordan
- 8 Carolyn Grogan

**July**

- 20 Doreen Wydra
- 25 Sister Mary Elizabeth Galt
- 29 Sandy Baade

