

Beta Bits



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Key Dates:

- May 1st** – DKG
Professional development
application deadline
- May 7th** – chapter
meeting
- May 15th** – DKG
Bulletin:Journal
submissions deadline
- May 19th** – Exec. Bd. &
program planning (11 am,
9745 Trilobi Drive)
- June 3rd** - International
convention hotel group
price break deadline
- June 5th** – International
convention registration
price break deadline
- June 18th or 23rd** –
chapter committee and
officers training (CCOT)
- July 5th-9th** – 2016 DKG
International convention

The President's Points

I hope you've been able to benefit from this year's activities, publications, and meaningful fellowship in Delta Kappa Gamma. Beta chapter is fortunate to have caring members with good ideas! I'd like to thank so many who helped strengthen our two chapter goals: service and membership.

Katy Smith programmed service activities for three of our six chapter meetings, as well as monthly outreach at our partner school, Crooked Creek Elementary. It wouldn't have been possible without generous Beta chapter sisters. Thirty of our members gave in some way: through dues donation check-offs to our partner in education fund or DKG causes, cooking for Crooked Creek's luncheon, book donations to Crooked Creek's library, or shopping for DKG's *Schools for Africa* fundraiser. Jane Walters, Katy Smith, Kathie King, Amy Karas, Barb King, and Roni Embry all gave extra time, talent and treasure. Well done!

Mindy Armstrong chaired our membership committee, and we had a good year. Beta chapter initiated two new members. Following our April prospective member open house, we have three who are interested in membership. Thank you, Jill Alsop, for hosting! And thanks to Katy Smith, Mindy Armstrong, Michele Lefkovitz and Elizabeth Brayton for sponsoring great educators as members.

I'd like to also thank those who are helping to retain members. I've seen the thoughtful way Beta sisters give rides to meetings, help with needs beyond meetings and reach out with cards, calls, visits and small gifts. We've all felt more connected by the membership spotlight articles in the Beta Bits newsletter. Thank you, Mindy Armstrong and Barb Moser for your help with writing some of the interviews. And for those who can't make it to most of the meetings, photos by Nancy Hoff and Michele Lefkovitz along with Barb Moser's editorial talent is essential to our connection as a chapter. I'd like to also thank Nancy Hoff for diligently keeping in contact with members at renewal time. It all seems to be making a difference.

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The President's Points continued

For the 100% who renewed their membership, we are so grateful! Eighty-nine per cent of those able to attend came to at least one meeting. That's so encouraging! And 65% stepped up and took an officer or committee position! It truly has been a good group effort. Thank you! Please consider keeping or taking on a new position as Beta chapter is guided by our next president, Karen Braeckel. We'll be in touch!

As I finish my presidency, I realize I learned a lot and grew much closer to all of you. I treasure your encouragement and support. You're still all good teachers!

Ruth

Creativity Reigned: One Piece at a Time!

Beta's March meeting was hands-on fun and fellowship as we learned to make mosaic tiles. Tanya Roberts, of Ceramic Dreams, provided good guidance and choice of materials. We enjoyed having plenty of time for conversation as we created our "masterpieces." A pitch-in with snacks and a brief business meeting rounded out the evening.



Carefully selecting her favorite tiles, Katy Smith begins to lay out a pattern for her mosaic.

Tanya Roberts shows some of the creations which can be created from simple little tiles. There are no rules – just let your imagination go to town!

Glue in hand, Jill Alsop and Karen Braeckel are prepared to make their mosaics permanent.



Lucille Mueller pauses from carefully placing her tiles to smile for the camera.



Sheila Baker and Julia Price take a break from their mosaics to sample the goodies!



President Ruth Simmons conducts the short business meeting before completing her project.



Kathie King and Maureen Murphy have fun combining food, creativity, and fellowship.

Service Opportunities at Crooked Creek Elementary

Do you have time in May to help out at Crooked Creek?
Please check your calendar and call Katy with questions.

May 12 1:45 – 3:15 pm Global Market
Help students choose items to purchase from those created
by older students.

May 16 – 20 Morning or Afternoon Summer Lending Library
(May 20 – morning only)
Help students choose books to take home for the summer.

May 18 TBA Kindy 500
Help monitor kindergarten students as they prepare to race
on the school's outside track

May 20 TBA Student Exhibition

Listen to teams of 5th grade students present their research on global
topics.
(Similar to Science Fair.)

By the way, Beta will be giving each teacher a pad of sticky notes and a pen during
Teacher Appreciation Week.

Crooked Creek Elementary is located at 2150 Kessler Boulevard, West Drive.

Attention! Attention! Attention! Attention!

Yearbook Directory Updates Due by May 31st!

Any changes for next year's directory should be sent to Jan Good, janmgood@sbcglobal.net. Our membership committee phone tree will verify current info is correct when they make the May meeting reminder calls. Jan will travel early June and the yearbook deadline for this is June 15th. Please help us be as current and correct as possible so we can communicate efficiently! Thank you!



In appreciation . . .

On an editorial personal note, I wish to thank you all for your wonderful support, letters, visits, food, and cards upon the passing of my husband, Max Moser. Although I have been a member of DKG for a relatively short period of time, it's amazing the connections we have formed. Thank you again for your comforting presence during this stressful time.

Barbara Moser

Come and meet the General!

(War Memorials, Installation of Officers, and . . . share a meal!)

When: Saturday, May 7, 11:30 AM

Where: George's Neighborhood Grill,
6935 Lake Plaza DR,
Indianapolis, 46220

Please join your Beta sisters in May for our meeting in the smaller banquet room at George's Neighborhood Grill. The restaurant is in the Avalon Crossing shopping area at 71st Street and Binford Boulevard.

We have lots planned, including a talk by General Stewart Goodwin, Director of the Indiana War Memorials Commission and the installation of new officers. Additionally, members who created a tile at the March meeting can pick up their work of art. If you can't make it to the May meeting, Ruth and Katy will deliver your mosaic tiles.

We'll be ordering off the menu that day. Sandwiches are generally \$8 - \$11, while wraps are \$8 - \$9 and salads are \$5 - \$10. You can see the complete menu at: <http://www.georgesneighborhoodgrill.com/Menu/Menus.aspx> Please note that entrees and pasta dishes are not available at lunchtime. Also note that we will be eating around 12:45.

Since we need to let George's staff know our numbers ahead of time, if you plan to attend, please email or call Katy Smith by Saturday, April 30. Email Katy at smith30333@comcast.net or call her at 317-966-8702.



Our INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL

Did you know?

- General John J. Pershing laid the cornerstone of the Indiana War Memorial on July 4, 1927.
- There are over 400 battle flags in the Indiana War Memorial collection, including more than 300 Civil War flags.
- The Indiana War Memorial Plaza Historic District contains two museums, three parks, and 24 acres of monuments, statues, sculptures, and fountains making Indiana second only to Washington D. C. in the number of monuments dedicated to veterans.