

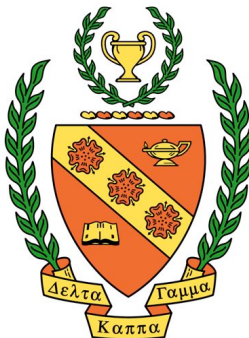
Beta Tau Dialogue

Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators
Impacting Education
Worldwide

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Rose's Reflections

by Debra Rose Bradley
Beta Tau President



Wow! What a great March meeting. Thirty-one members and guests were in attendance. Gloria Morales, Education/Achievement Awards chairman, and her committee did a wonderful job of recognizing Beta Tau's outstanding Key Women Educators. Who were Beta Tau's award winners? See pages three through six in this issue of the Dialogue.

There is an online survey for Beta Tau members on the Internet. The purpose of this survey is to help plan for next year's Beta Tau meetings. Members can share comments and information with the Executive Committee, anonymously. The link to the survey is on page 8. Please take time to complete the short survey.

At the April meeting, members can pay \$25 for the Founders' Day Luncheon held on May 4th at the Bright Shawl. If you are interested in attending the 84th TSO Convention in Austin, registration forms will be available on Saturday, too. Last year was the first time I attended a TSO Convention. The information presented was informative and fellowship with other TSO chapters' members was very uplifting. Try to attend since the convention is so close to home this year. You will not be disappointed.

This is the last newsletter until September 2013. Remember to check Beta Tau's website for information and watch your inbox for Beta Tau messages during the next few months.

Since this is the last newsletter, I need to thank Dorothy Bankhead for proofreading each and every issue of the Dialogue. Wish I could go back to school and have Dorothy as my teacher. Thank You, Dorothy!! Big Hugs and thanks to all committee chairmen and committee members. Thanks for all you do to make our Beta Tau Chapter outstanding.

See you on April 13th in Bulverde.

Upcoming Choir Practice Dates

Dawn Moreno, Music Committee Chairman

April 20	1st Baptist Bulverde 12:30pm -1:30pm (after meeting)
April 27	Dawn Moreno's Home



Be sure and attend the Founders' Day Luncheon on May 4th and hear our awesome choir perform.

April Meeting Information

April 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

"Educating Women About Domestic Violence"
by Dr. Deborah Valdez



First Baptist Church
32445 US HWY 281 - Bulverde, TX
830-438-3754



Hostesses:

Lola Hill & Scotta Williams, Co-Chair
Carolyn Smith
Cynthia Driggers
Becky Thaxton
Dorothy Waras
Jane Kernaghan
Phyllis Malone

Educating Women About Domestic Violence

At the April meeting, Beta Tau's own, Dr. Deborah Valdez, will be speaking about domestic violence. Deborah is the Executive Director of the Bexar County Family Justice Center (BCFJC). Prior to working for the BCFJC, she spent 33 years in public education as both a teacher and an administrator.

- Every 9 seconds in the US a woman is assaulted or beaten.
- Around the world, at least one in every three women has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused during her lifetime. Most often, the abuser is a member of her own family.
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women—more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.
- Studies suggest that up to 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually.
- Nearly 1 in 5 teenage girls who have been in a relationship said a boyfriend threatened violence or self-harm if presented with a breakup.
- Everyday in the US, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends.
- The costs of intimate partner violence in the US alone exceed \$5.8 billion per year: \$4.1 billion are for direct medical and health care services, while productivity losses account for nearly \$1.8 billion.
- Men who as children witnessed their parents' domestic violence were twice as likely to abuse their own wives than sons of nonviolent parents.

www.domesticviolencestatistics.org



Key Women Educator Award



Gloria Morales, Awards Committee-Chairman presents Paula Moore the Key Women in Education Award.



Paula Moore has been a member of Beta Tau Chapter for many years and has been active from even before she actually joined our chapter. Paula offered a program to our chapter members about her favorite topic, geography, back in the late 90's. Her presentation was so interesting, and many members asked her to join our chapter; which, happy for us, she did soon thereafter. Paula had a distinguished career as an educator in the South San Antonio and Alamo Heights Independent School Districts. She taught many courses, including English, but she specialized in Social Studies courses, such as, World Geography and Street Law. She was honored to be selected to serve as a presenter and liaison with the National Geographic Society, an opportunity of a lifetime for her.

Paula is a hard worker and gives everything she has to each task she undertakes. She has served on many committees within the chapter and as Beta Tau Chapter President. She has also served as the Area 6 Coordinator. She is extremely energetic...teaching water aerobics and singing in a church choir among many other things in her "retirement". One of her most innovative ideas was an educational effort intended to benefit DKG members. She created and, with assistance, carried out a Mid-Winter Conference for Area 6 chapters. Paula wanted to make sure that classroom teachers would have the opportunity to get high quality in-service training without having to spend much money for the state required professional development credits. We hope the idea is presented again in our area and in others because it enhances teaching professionalism.

As Area 6 Coordinator, Paula made sure she attended a meeting for every chapter in her area each year of her biennium. She still works hard for us in Area 6 and has served on several state committees, including Necrology and Professional Affairs. Paula continues to be very active with her participation at the state level, especially at state conventions where she has worked behind the scenes as well as in making presentations. She has offered training for teachers at each state convention in the past several years. Several of us were able to join her in an active dance session this past June in Las Colinas where we learned the original Cotton-eye Joe and a hula. This year at our 2013 convention in Austin, it will be no different, as Paula will be actively contributing to the educational experience of all her Delta Kappa Gamma sisters.

Dear Sisters,

When I attend meetings over the years, I am so elated by the wonderful, talented, and energetic women that are my sisters. I'm sure that our founders would be so very proud of each and everyone of you.

Beta Tau is so blessed by your participation in our chapter. You make us the outstanding chapter that we are, but even more importantly, you give tremendous hope to our children for a better, brighter future.

So I sincerely and gratefully thank you for bestowing such an honor upon me. Please know that I share your award of Key Woman in Education with each of you. I am proud to be known as a Beta Tau sister in DKG circles.

This is my most treasured award!

Fondly,

Paula

Key Women Educator Award



Gloria Morales presents Brenda Krueger with the KWE Community Service Award



Being a grandmother is wonderful, but grandmothers aren't what they used to be! Grandmothers don't just sit and rock in their rocking chairs. They are active and contributing members of the community! Take **Brenda Krueger**, for example.

She has been married to Merlin Krueger for 25 years and is the mother of one daughter, Jamie La Fuente, who is married to Eddie La Fuente. Her grandchildren are Eric, Jacob, Jacqueline, Brett and Andres.

Brenda is an active Beta Tau member, serving as recording secretary for the 2011-2013 biennium. She also has served on the Music Committee and the Scrapbook Committee and has sung in the Beta Tau choir. Brenda was selected as the 2010 Beta Tau Master Teacher.

Brenda enjoys reading, yoga, and gardening and is a volunteer at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens on the native trails as a Master Naturalist.

At MacArthur Park Lutheran Church, Brenda aims to fulfill the mission statement of the church—"Live the Gospel. Change the world." She is a lay reader and sings in the church choir. Brenda also has served on the church council.

As a member of the church Hunger Response Team, Brenda is the Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) representative for MacArthur Park Lutheran Church. She organizes and participates in the CROP Walk and the Bread for the World letter writing campaign. In addition, she organizes and publicizes seasonal support for the St. Pius X Food Bank.

As a member of her church Grace Group, Brenda helps conduct the Angel Tree program for the church. Wherever there is opportunity to help the poor, Brenda Krueger is at the front of the line to help.

As a teacher in the SAISD, she also had chances to help needy students. She taught second and fourth grades at Highland Hills Elementary from 1984-1996 and third, fourth and fifth grades at Inez Foster Elementary from 1996-2010. Brenda also taught for three years in Wright city, Missouri as a reading specialist from 1981-1984.

Brenda prepared for her teaching by earning a B.S. in Elementary Education from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri in 1981 and an M.A. in Reading from Incarnate Word College in 1990.

Brenda Krueger is a true community servant of whom her family and her Beta Tau sisters can be proud.

Proposed Revision of the Texas State Bylaws and Texas State Rules

The proposed revisions are now available for members to peruse. Please take time to read them carefully and especially if you are a member of the Constitution/Chapter Rules committee but all chapter members are encouraged to read them. The documents will be presented for discussion and approval at the state convention in Austin in June.

Go to: <http://alphastatetexas.org/> and look for

What's New
Proposed Revision of the Texas State Bylaws
Proposed Texas State Rules

Key Women Educator Award



Dorothy Bankhead receives her KWE Chapter Service Award from Gloria Morales

CHAPTER SERVICE

Some people never quit learning and challenging themselves to try new things. **Dorothy Bankhead** is one of those people. After all, she did survive living in Fairbanks, Alaska, where the temperature was known to fall to 60 degrees below zero!

When asked to be Beta Tau president, Dorothy accepted because she knew that she would be heading into new, exciting territory. She also knew her Beta Tau sisters would stand behind her and help.

Dorothy knew that gathering strong people around her is one of the ways a great leader works...so she enlisted her daughter Marianne, among others, to help her.

Dorothy has continued to strengthen the Beta Tau Chapter and bolster its membership by recommending her daughter for membership. Cheryl Engleka was inducted in January.

The membership always looked forward to the newsletter when Dorothy was president because one of her many talents is writing. Her column as president was interesting, frequently thought-provoking, and always beautifully written.

Dorothy earned her B. S. degree from Texas A&M International in Laredo and taught for 32 years.

Dorothy served as chair of both the Necrology and Devotional Committee and Personal Growth and Services Committee. She was selected by Beta Tau Chapter to receive its Pioneer Teacher Award in 2008.

One Beta Tau sister, Suzette Price, recalls that Dorothy was a wonderful colleague at Garner Middle School where she taught English to both Suzette's sons. Suzette remembers Dorothy to be a caring and inspiring teacher for middle school students.

Talk about challenging oneself!



Please keep our Beta Tau sister, Dixie Clark, and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Dixie's husband, Al, departed this world on March 30th, after a five-month illness. March 30th was Dixie and Al's 52nd wedding anniversary.

Isabel DeLaGarza, Beta Tau president 1982-1984, passed away this past summer on July 6, 2012. She was the recipient of Beta Tau's Master Teacher Award in 1986. Isabel was 92.

Pioneer Teacher Award



Loretta Huddleston
Pioneer Teacher 2013
with Gloria Morales

The recipient of this year's Pioneer Teacher Award received her Bachelor's degree in business education in 1965 from Mary Hardin Baylor University. She began her teaching career at East Central High School in San Antonio, Texas. The following year she transferred to Highlands High School, where she taught for two years. In 1968, she began teaching at MacArthur High School in NEISD. In 1982, she transferred to Community Education in NEISD, and for the first year in that position, she also worked part-time at Northwood Elementary and was the NIOSA chairperson. She continued working for Community Education until her retirement in 2002, taking over as an administrator after the retirement of Arline Patterson. She has been the recipient of several honors over the course of her 37-year teaching career.

If you haven't guessed already, this year's Pioneer Teacher is **Loretta Huddleston**. Loretta is currently serving on the Constitution and Chapter Rules Committee, and the Finance and Auditing Committee for Beta Tau. She was the 2003 recipient of the Beta Tau Community Service Award. Additionally, she received the 2011 Chapter Service Award for Key Women Educators.

Loretta is very interested in the historical preservation of San Antonio and is, in fact, a past president of the San Antonio Conservation Society. She continues to be active in the Society and has served on several committees in that organization.

The achievements listed here cannot tell the full impact of the contributions to education made by Loretta Huddleston, and the committee is proud to honor her with the Pioneer Teacher Award for 2013.

Master Educator Award



Marianne Bankhead
Master Teacher 2013
with Gloria Morales

Marianne Bankhead received her Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in reading from The University of Texas, San Antonio in 2000. In 2010, she received a Master of Library Science degree from Sam Houston State University. In addition, she has advanced skills in computer technology, is certified to teach Gifted and Talented students, and is a UIL Debate and Student Congress teacher and coach at her school.

She has been the Host for North East ISD's annual Middle School Student Congress District competition since its beginning in 2009. Also, because of her skills in writing curriculum, she was asked to assist in writing the scope and sequence for NEISD's new Contemporary Literacy pilot program.

Never able to ignore deserving people, she always reaches out to help others. Seeing teachers retire after 20 and 30 years of service, she wanted to do something more for them. Marianne started an annual "retirement remembrance" at her school by fund-raising among the faculty for the purchase of a James Avery charm bracelet with 6 charms that represents something from the retiring teacher's unique years of service. She regularly puts on fund-raisers for faculty members in need. Just last year, she organized and headed a fund-raiser that brought in \$18,000 for a colleague who had lost her husband to cancer and who was about to lose her home.

For the last 10 years, she has been the Chair of her school's Pride Committee, organizing two Silver Star Award ceremonies each year to recognize students who have excelled in some way.

Although she is not a native Texan, as the saying goes, "she got here as soon as possible." Her first five years of life were spent in Fairbanks, Alaska, where she was born in 1962. She finally made it to Texas when her family moved from Alaska to Laredo, Texas, in 1967. The day she left Fairbanks, it was zero degrees during the day. Nice and balmy after the wintertime minus 30-degree weather, but when she arrived in Laredo, three weeks later, it was 110 degrees in the shade! What a shock!

*You are cordially invited to attend the
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International*

**Annual Founders' Day Celebration Luncheon and Key Women Educators Awards
Necrology Service**

Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 11:00 AM

Speaker Sr. Dorothy Ettling – "Woman's Global Connection"

Regular Menu

Fresh Green Salad
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Rice Pilaf
Seasoned Vegetable Medley
Freshly Baked Rolls with Sweet Butter
Birthday Cake
Iced Tea/Coffee

The Bright Shawl
819 Augusta
San Antonio, TX. 78215
210-225-6366

\$25.00



Alternative Menu

Vegetable Lasagna
(baked in light tomato/basil sauce)



We are looking forward to having you join us.
Sponsored by: San Antonio Coordinating Council 2012-2013

NOTE: Luncheon this year is not at Oak Hills Country Club

BETA TAU MEMBERS MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS WITH SCOTTA

Send luncheon reservations to Scotta Williams, Beta Tau Treasurer
3027 Split Rock Circle, Bulverde, TX 78163

**Your Reservation
Is Required For
This Luncheon**

Deadline: April 18th, 2013

**Your Reservation
Is Required For
This Luncheon**

**Make checks payable to Beta Tau
Select Regular Menu or Alternative Menu**

**After the deadline, all reservations need to be sent to Carolyn Pffiefer, SA Coordinating Council
Secretary/Treasurer, at 8310 Magdalena Run, Helotes, TX. 78023**



Speaker

Sister Dorothy Ettling
Incarnate Word University

"Women's Global Connection"

After graduating from IWA in 1958, Sr. Dorothy entered the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX. She first felt called to ministry in social work, dealing with children and families with many social and emotional problems. This led her to service in leadership in the sisters' congregation, exploring ways to minister most effectively in our changing world.

In pursuing further education, Sr. Dorothy earned a Master's in Social Work and a Master's in Transpersonal Studies, and a Ph.D. in Transpersonal Psychology. She was named the Moody Scholar Professor at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio in 2005. She was recognized among San Antonio's Top Professors in 2006. Sr. Dorothy received the Voice and Vision Award from the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce in 2007. She was selected as the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor in the State of Texas in 2009. In 2001, Sr. Dorothy and Sr. Neomi Hayes created Women's Global Connection, an organization which focuses on sharing women's wisdom, experiences, and spirituality. At first, this website was only an information resource but has become an interactive site, connecting people in Mongu, Zambia and Bukoba, Tanzania. The women can discuss any kind of issue and have also used the site to help sell their handcrafts. WGC has other initiatives: Reach Out Africa, which includes: "Children Under Seven – Zambia," "BUWEA," Women's Economic Development – Tanzania, Hekima Secondary School – Tanzania, for teachers' and students' leadership development. The Local San Antonio Leadership Program provides leadership training to local women. Besides being very involved in WGC and all the travel to Africa it entails, Sr. Dorothy also teaches and mentors graduate students at the University of the Incarnate Word.



Did You Know?



Susie Hernandez, Iota Beta, is the Guest Book Committee co-chair for our **State Convention in Austin, June 20-22, 2013**. Susie is seeking individuals interested in helping out with the guest book. This is a fun job, meeting and greeting fellow Alpha State sisters. Everyone signs the official Alpha State Guest Book during registration. She needs to secure two (2) people per shift to serve a two-hour shift. If you are interesting in helping out with the guestbook during the TSO convention, please contact, Susie Hernandez at 210-240-2922



Beta Tau applied for a \$400.00 grant to help with the “Adopt-A-Child Back-To- School” CAM project. Last year, Beta Tau provided school supplies and uniforms to 11 San Antonio area students. Hopefully, this year with increased Beta Tau participation and, perhaps with grant monies, we can adopt 15 students for the 2013-2014 school year.

Jeanette Pierce received the following email:



Congratulations!

The Texas State Yearbook Committee has awarded your chapter yearbook the **Exemplary Award**. A printable certificate designating this honor is attached to this email. You may want to announce this honor at your next chapter meeting. Your chapter will be recognized in the program at the Austin Convention in June for producing an **Exemplary Yearbook**.

Thank you for the hard work you put into earning this honor.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Otto
TSO Yearbook Chairman 2011-2013



You can bring your gently used suits, shoes, scarves, and costume jewelry to any Beta Tau meeting to help support **Dress for Success**.



The **Change-A-Life** campaign has raised **\$349.58**. Don't forget to bring your spare change to the Beta Tau meeting on April 13th. Monies collected will be distributed among The Texas Storybook Project, Friendship Bridge, and World Fellowship.



Call-A-Sister - Call one or two of your Beta Tau sisters and remind them of the upcoming meeting on April 13th @ 10:00 a.m.



The link below goes to a short three-question survey. The purpose of this survey is to help Beta Tau's executive committee and committee chairmen help prepare for 2013-2014.

The survey is completely anonymous.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/25WMDLH>

The survey link above will be active until June 1st.

The survey can also be accessed at Beta Tau's website.

Women In Leadership March 21, 2013



Mary Hale and Marilyn Weinecke, Special Projects/Mentoring Committee Chairman, presents Nancy Wallace a \$300.00 check for the Women's Storybook Project of Texas



Marcy Meffert, San Antonio Express-News columnist, spoke of her ultimate volunteer job serving on the Leon Valley, Texas, city council



Cheryl Engleka shows off a copy of Marcy's book Madam Mayor

March Minutes

respectfully submitted by Brenda Krueger

The March meeting of the Beta Tau Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was held at the Academy of Creative Education, 3736 Perrin Central, on March 21, at 4:30 p.m. There were 31 people in attendance. All enjoyed a salad and dessert supper. Many thanks to our hostesses Martha Ramos, Kathy Jeffcoat, Frances Fair, Cindy Kosub, Sandra McClure, Sarah Fox, and Ruth Teimann. President Rose Bradley brought the meeting to order, introduced guests Marcy Meffert and Janet Smith, and led the group in a short devotional.

The Awards Committee Chairman, Gloria Morales, led the Achievement Awards Program. The following members received awards:

Loretta Huddleston-Pioneer Teacher
 Marianne Bankhead-Master Teacher
 Key Women Educators:
 Paula Moore-Education
 Brenda Krueger-Community Service
 Dorothy Bankhead-Chapter Service

Congratulations to all of those who were recognized at this year's Awards Program.

President Rose Bradley introduced the guest speaker, Marcy Meffert. Marcy is the former Mayor of Helotes and a columnist for the Express News. The theme of her talk was "Women in Leadership".

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**84th Texas State Convention
 Renaissance Hotel
 Austin, Texas
 June 20-22, 2013**

Registration for Convention is due by May 6th to get the lower registration price.

Beta Tau members attending would have the following costs: \$50 – Registration, \$35 – Birthday Luncheon, \$20 – Saturday Box Lunch, and \$43 - President's Banquet. If registering through the Chapter, the deadline is May 20th. Currently, Beta Tau should be able to provide scholarships up to \$100 for members attending the Convention. Depending on the numbers attending, the scholarship amount could possibly change.

The convention registration form is available online at the following site:

http://2013tsoconvention.weebly.com/uploads/2/8/8/7/2887763/registrationform_2013.pdf

When making hotel reservations, it is very important to ask for a reservation from the **DKG** block of rooms. Scotta Williams, Beta Tau Treasurer, currently has three room reserved for Beta Tau members.

To make hotel reservations go to:

<http://2013tsoconvention.weebly.com/convention-hotel.html>



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 Austin, Texas
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The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



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APRIL

2 – Ann Arnold
 25 – Cynthia Kosub

JUNE

2 – Charlotte Hains
 4 – Brenda Krueger
 8 – Lou Beasley
 16 – Frances Fair
 24 – Scotta Williams
 30 – Paula Moore

MAY

7 – Marianne Bankhead
 7 – Sandra McClure
 7 – Arline Patterson
 19 – Rose Bradley

JULY

23 – Dawn Moreno

AUGUST

3 – Roberta Carlson
 6 – Cynthia Driggers
 20 – Annelle McGuire

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