

Beta Tau NEWSLETTER



Aspire to create positive change through collaboration, service, and leadership opportunities.

Cultivate growth of members and chapters.

Thrive together by fostering a sense of belonging and celebrating success.

Teressa's Message

Dear Sisters,

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, I am reminded of the genuine spiritual fellowship that unites us as women educators. Just as the red rose reflects the beauty of mind and spirit, your dedication to our profession brings a unique light and growth to our community. Today is a perfect moment to pause and appreciate the sisterhood we share, rooted in mutual respect and a common mission to impact education here, and worldwide.

Our journey is paved with the courage and loyalty symbolized by our colors of crimson and gold. I am continually inspired by the way you uphold your commitment to stimulate the personal and professional growth of those around you. Your work ensures that the cup of knowledge is always held high for the next generation of learners.

This Valentine's Day, I want to honor you for being a key woman whose distinctive service and friendship make Beta Tau a place of true belonging. Thank you for your unwavering support and for the heart you pour into every initiative you take on in life. I look forward to moving forward hand in hand as we move forward in this journey we are called to serve in together.

Love,
Your sister,
Teressa

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Notes from the 90th Birthday Celebration

Carolyn Dahlgren's devotional:

Happy 90th birthday, Beta Tau. Being part of this lovely group of ladies for the past 31 years has been such a joy and blessing. I have gained friendships that have sustained and embellished my life. Our chapter has included teachers (of all levels), counselors, VP's, and principals, college professors, heads of educational agencies, depts and school districts.

Being a kindergarten teacher for 32 of my 37 year career, I could not help but use the alphabet to list qualities and characteristics of our special group of ladies/sisters. This list could easily have had many more words per each letter. Acceptance. Bonding. Cooperation. Creativity. Discussion. Empathy. Fairness. Giving. Happiness. Interest. Joking. Knowledge. Love. Memories. Nurturing. Opposition. Praise. Quality. Respect. Sisterhood. Sympathy. Thoughtfulness. Unity. Virtue. Wealth. Yearning & Zeal.

Sisters, you. Are special and make this birthday even more meaningful with your presence. Please hold your neighbor's hand for the prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you today for all of the friendships DKG & Beta Tau have brought into our lives. We celebrate our 90th Beta Tau birthday with gratitude and love. Please continue to bring more special women educators into our lives. We thank you for all the gifts you have bestowed on us this day. In your heavenly name we pray.

From Dorothy Warras:

Congratulations Beta Tau on being 90! That's my age - or as I tell my friends, "We're thirty X's three." Just like that still-young 30 year-old teacher, you all have stayed just as creative, vivacious and knowledgeable. My world has gotten smaller, due to my lack of vision. However, I get to hear the exciting things you women continue to accomplish when my friend, Kathy Moran, reads your wonderful newsletter to me. Happy birthday, Beta Tau!



Cathy Criner
Former Area 6 Coordinator
Music Chair of Beta Tau



My dear Beta Tau sisters,

Our chapter is celebrating a milestone this month! It is so exciting to be a part of a chapter that has flourished and where so many women have been an integral part of this chapter. As we move forward into the next decade may we continue to shine as a leader in Area 6, Alpha State Organization, and the international organization we call Delta Kappa Gamma. We can also look back at all those who led us to this point in our history. I hope that each one of us will continue to carry on with the foundation they laid for us. Happy Birthday to Beta Tau! Celebrate our 90 years and the years ahead! Ever moving forward.....women teachers to the calling....firmly rally and keep your eyes on the future of our chapter.

Jeannette Ferguson
Former President

As Amelia Earhart said “The Most effective way to Do it is to do it!
Welcome to COVID 2019! What a wild ride we had my beginning year as President 2020. For me it was a fantastic learning experience. We all learned to Zoom and have our meetings. I learned so much about all of you through Zoom. As we moved into 2021-2022, we were finally able to meet together and have our Red Bowl auction , celebrated inductions, birthdays, 2022 Beta Tau Birthday luncheons and our New Induction of President Myrna Burkes! What a ride from 2020-2022! We did it! Love and miss you all! Your Beta Tau sister Jeannette



Mary Alice Barrow

I miss all of you and value all the years I have been in Beta Tau Chapter.

My initiation was held at the former Municipal Auditorium—before it burned down.

I really enjoyed my biennium as chapter President, 1978-1980.

I have celebrated my 96th birthday and will be moving from my small cottage at Independence Hill into the Assisted Living section of the facility soon. My sons are having to deal with the downsizing! I'd love to have a visit from my chapter members after the move is complete. You can even have lunch as my guests in our dining room.

To my Beta Tau Sisters:

Hopefully all of Beta Tau's members know how special their chapter is. I was originally installed into membership at Alpha Delta in Paris, Texas. It was a fine little chapter but I really didn't understand what Delta Kappa Gamma was until I transferred into Beta Tau. In fact, I thought it was something isolated to the Lamar and Delta county regions.

Then while attending an UIL practice meet, hanging out with Jeanette during competition events and waiting for results, she told me about the Beta Tau chapter of DKG. I realized the expanse of DKG, agreed to go to a meeting and transferred my membership.

When I transferred into Beta Tau, Paula Moore was the Beta Tau president. At the end of the meeting we all held hands and sang the DKG song. I was totally surprised. I didn't know there was a song (one not so easy to sing) and it must have shown on my face because Paula came up afterwards and said, "It sure is good to see a big smile on your face!" LOL

The chapter I originally joined in Paris has pretty much dried up and I will not be transferring my membership and I hope to attend at least one meeting this year.

Love and Big Hugs to all my BT sisters and thanks for the lovely memories.
Rose Bradley



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 14, 2026 10:00 a.m. Social-Business Meeting Sharing talents/giftedness among Members	MacArthur Park Lutheran Church 2903 Nacogdoches Rd. San Antonio, TX 78217
Saturday, March 21, 2026 11:00 a.m. Social Meeting Regional Area Workshop Plans	TBD
Type to Saturday, April 11, 2026 10:00 a.m. Health-Mind, Body, Wallet Co-presenters	MacArthur Park Lutheran Church 2903 Nacogdoches Rd. San Antonio, TX 78217

Dear chapter members.

Our February meeting originally had an arts focus with Cathy Criner presenting on our state organization’s arts retreat. She is still healing after her injury so we will shift the program to one that shines a light on you. A display area will be set up so you can place an example of an art or craft you enjoy making. We will get the chance to learn more about you and your interests as you spend a few minutes sharing about your piece. Please send a message to Jeanette Pierce if you would like to participate and present your work or if you have questions.

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<http://deltakappagamma.org/TX-betatau/>

Beta Tau chapter meeting
January 17, 2025
Silo Elevated Cuisine



Our Beta Tau chapter met together at the Silo Restaurant in San Antonio, TX on January 17, 2026. A warm welcome and introductions were given by President Teressa Lowrance. Our Area 6 coordinator, Beverly LaFrance, Mu Chi chapter in Floresville, greeted us and discussed our Beta Tau chapter as being the 67th chapter to be formed in 1936, 90 years ago, and encouraged us to bring new life with a statewide membership challenge of 100 new members.

A devotion was given by Carolyn Dahlgren with letters of the alphabet describing teacher qualities. Several members gave messages sent by past presidents and other members who could not attend. Paul Moore, one of the past presidents attending, shared her experience as president and teacher.

Jeanette Pierce and Scotta Williams gave a slide presentation of interesting events during the 90 years from 1936 to the present. Kathy Moran and Kay Aguilar presented songs from each decade as a sing-along with the group.

We had a luncheon followed by the “Birthday Song” and all present were given a red candle with their dessert.

Carolyn Smith led us in a “Recommitment Ceremony”, which was followed with a closing by singing the DKG song. Everyone received a red rose as they left the gathering.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Aguilar
Recording secretary

MEETING PICTURES



Kathy Moran, Ann Carter and Bel Rocha smile for our photographer, Suzanne Price.

Lynda Haile, Myrna Burkes, Cindy Parisher, and Carol Burket visit before the meeting begins.





Paula Moore and Carolyn Dahlgren surround our visitor, Joanna Lujan (Liz Lujan's sister-in-law), before the meeting.



Area 6 coordinator, Beverly La France, is greeted by President Teresa Lowrance.



Myrna Burkes, Ruby Lopez and Liz Lujan catch up at our 90th birthday meeting.

Two computer savvy members, Paula Moore and Ann Carter pause for a picture.





The ladies who worked tirelessly on the January meeting are Kay Aguilar, Scotta Williams and Jeanette Pierce.

The pretty ladies ready to party are Carolyn Dahlgren, Liz Lujan, Evie Montemayor, Ruby Lopez and Laura Lopez.





Scotta Williams greets Jane Kernaghan and Cindy Kosub. We were so happy to see Jane again!



Area 6 coordinator, Beverly La France, speaks at our 90th birthday celebration.



Ginny Stowell and Brenda Krueger enjoyed the 90th birthday party for Beta Tau.

One of the tables in the back held Ruby Lopez, Paula Moore, Kay Aguilar, Kathy Moran and Ann Carter.



MEMBER NEWS

Dear Beta Tau sisters,

I hope all of you are doing well.

I am so sorry I have not been able to attend meetings lately.

On Tuesday, December 23rd I fell in our garage. I feel that I blacked out for some unknown reason. When I came to, I saw blood on the garage floor, blood on my jeans and my glasses and headband had flown off. I truly believe that the Lord cushioned my fall. He was getting my attention for sure. I am having to slow down and let myself heal.

I was at University Hospital for 2 1/2 days. I came home on Christmas Day. The grandkids and our son were able to break away from their fireworks business and fix Christmas dinner, and we opened presents. Then off they went to make their money!

I plan right now to take some time off and hopefully come back in September. Yes, I am still very much apart of what Beta Tau and DKG are doing. I am keeping up with everyone and love reading our newsletter. Kathy does a great job! Thank you, Kathy!

As of November, we have help with Larry and his needs. We are working with Magnolia Hospice and they have been great. A CNA comes out twice a week to bathe him. We have nurses and LVNS that come each week to see him. I still call on our son and our LVN friend to help me get him to appointments. He has another endoscopy this month and will also have Moh's surgery in March for a spot on his chin. If he could walk and move his legs he would be a healthy man, but that is not the case. We praise the Lord that Larry has a sense of humor and his brain to keep me in tow!

May all of you continue to do well, stay healthy, and I will see you in September.

Love and prayers,

Your Beta Tau sister,

Cathy Criner



Charlotte Gates reports that she has begun a 12 week Zen art class. Her teacher is 98 years old and as sharp as a tack. ALIR (Advanced Learning in Retirement) group offers many different learning opportunities and is open to anyone over 50. Charlotte, you are an inspiration!



Please remember to send prayer requests and good news to the editor, Kathy Moran, president, Teresa Lowrance, and corresponding secretary, Ginny Stowell.



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!

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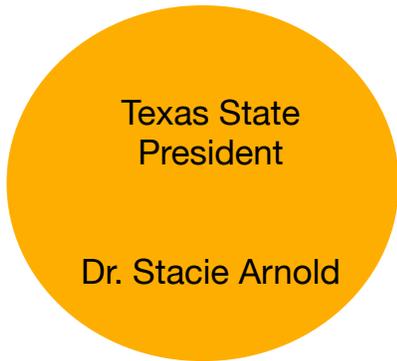
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