

Beta Tau NEWSLETTER



S *ee*k new members and opportunities

O *pen* your heart, mind, and attitude

A *ct* to serve and share

R *each* to renew, respond, and relate

MYRNA'S MEMO

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Happy Fall, y'all. This time of year is definitely my happiest (even though Spring is pretty special). I love when the cooler air arrives, and colors start changing. It is a time for pumpkins, scarecrows and lots of yellow, orange and browns.

Our September meeting was fantastic with tons of delicious food and decisions for Beta Tau. We had to make a few last minute changes to our program, but had no problem filling our time with much laughter and camaraderie. If you weren't able to attend. . . you were missed.

Scotta Williams' "Surprise" grandma shower was a definite success, and our love for her was truly overwhelming. Baby Amaya has arrived healthy and happy, and her new grandparents are carrying and sharing baby pictures!

Scotta and I attended the SACC (S.A. Coordinating Council) meeting October 7 where council by laws were reviewed and accepted. I have to say it was an impressive meeting, and several decisions for Founder's Day were made. We will continue to contribute \$2/member for the luncheon and plan to have it at Region 20 again. The date/time will be shared later. One major change was to eliminate a speaker and focus on our Founders.

Thank you to Jeanette Pierce who has arranged a wonderful experience for us at the McNay on October 21st. I hope you're all planning to attend and enjoy some French cuisine at La Madeline afterwards. As always I am so grateful for my sisters and your support is invaluable.

Hopefully this newsletter finds you healthy and happy during these trying times. Thank you again to Kathy Moran for taking it on and doing such a great job. Be sure to let her know you receive it.

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels. For the safe of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." Psalms 122:6-8

God bless my Sisters through Beta Tau. Myrna

Beta Tau Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE

<p>Saturday, October 21, 2023 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>McNay Art Museum</p>	<p>McNay Art Museum 6000 N. New Braunfels Avenue San Antonio, Texas 78209 Optional Lunch: La Madeline 4820 Broadway St San Antonio, TX. 78209</p>
<p>Saturday, November 11, 2023 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Social Business Meeting Red Bowl Auction</p>	<p>MacArthur Park Lutheran Church 2903 Nacogdoches Rd. San Antonio, TX. 78256 Optional Lunch: Julian's 6462 N. New Braunfels Ave. San Antonio, TX. 78209</p>
<p>Saturday, December 9, 2023 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Social Meeting "Silver Scholarship Social: Homemade Cookie Exchange</p>	<p>MacArthur Park Lutheran Church 2903 Nacogdoches Rd. San Antonio, TX. 78256</p>
<p>Saturday, January 20 2024 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>"Happy 88th Birthday Beta Tau" Social Meeting Presenter: Dr. Stacey Arnold Present Slate of Officer Candidates 2024-2026</p>	<p>The Silo Restaurant 434 N. Loop 1604 W San Antonio, TX. 78232 210-483-8989</p>
<p>Saturday, February 17, 2024 Social-Business Meeting Vote on Officers for 2024-2026 Gamma Upsilon Chapter Visit Presenter: Joy Hein, Artist-Illustrator</p>	<p>MacArthur Park Lutheran Church 2903 Nacogdoches Rd. San Antonio, TX. 78256</p>
<p>Saturday, March 23, 2024 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Social Meeting Induction of New Members Beta Tau Awards Ceremony</p>	<p>La Fonda at Alamo Heights 8633 Crownhill Blvd San Antonio, TX. 78209 210-824-4231</p>
<p>Saturday, April 20, 2024 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Presentation/Demonstration/Overview CPR/Heimlich Maneuver Social-Business Meeting Installation of Officers "The Big Picture"</p>	<p>MacArthur Park Lutheran Church 2903 Nacogdoches Rd. San Antonio, TX. 78256</p>

Founders' Day Luncheon, May, 2024 - date and location to be announced

October Meeting

Our October meeting will convene at the McNay Art Museum at 10:30, check in at the desk and head downstairs to the learning center classroom. Fees have been waived by the museum!!! The docent will give an hour tour at 11:00. Parking is available from both Austin Highway and New Braunfels entrances.

Afterwards some sisters will meet for lunch at La Madeline on Broadway. Hope to see you there!



John and I thank the Beta Tau sisters for the "Grandma Shower" that you blessed us with at the September meeting. We received so many nice gifts, including things we hadn't even thought about needing. They came just in time because on Friday, September 29, **Amaya Lennox Moore** was born, weighing 7# 4 oz and 19 3/4" long. We were able to meet her a few hours after she was born and again on Saturday. We plan to see her this weekend at their home because we know it may be a while before her parents take her out.

September Meeting Pictures



President Myrna Burkes and Jeanette Pierce



Cindy Howard, Roberta Carlson & Jeanette Pierce enjoying our September luncheon



Charlotte Hains checking out the books for sale!



Liz Lujan & her sponsor, Carolyn Dahlgren

*Check out Beta Tau's Website
<http://deltakappagamma.org/TX-betatau/>*



Ramen Noodle Salad

Two packages of Ramen oriental noodles broken up (save seasoning). 1 pound broccoli slaw mix, 1 1/2 cups sunflower seeds, one bunch green onions thinly sliced. Dressing: 1/2 cup vegetable oil, 1/2 Cup sugar, 1/2 Cup red wine vinegar, two seasoning packs from the Ramen noodles. Mix all salad ingredients together and toss well. Make dressing and pour over salad at least 15 to 30 minutes prior to serving. Can be put on top for up to two hours. Mix well. NOTE I use HEB Power Slaw . I use a bag and a half. It has broccoli, kohlrabi, Brussels sprouts, red cabbage, carrots and kale in. You can also use sliced almonds, or chopped pecans. Personally I like the sunflower seeds.

An excellent salad brought by Carolyn Dahlgren to our September meeting, and she was kind enough to share her recipe. I particularly enjoyed the power slaw in it.

Beta Tau Chapter
Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting Minutes
MacArthur Park Lutheran Church
2903 Nacogdoches Road
Sept. 16, 2023

President Myrna Burkes called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. and welcomed members and guests. She reported on absent members and said prayer request would be included in the newsletter. Burkes thanked everyone for coming and offered special thanks to Patty Raney for decorating for the event.

There were 17 members and two guests, Cindy Howard and Darlene Haby of Gamma Upsilon Chapter, in attendance.

Carolyn Smith gave the devotion and prayer based on Max Lucado's book "Pocket Prayers for Teachers." She passed around a signup sheet for those who would like to volunteer to do the devotions at other meetings in 2023-2024.

President Burkes provided goody bags to honor those who are active teachers. Those honored included attendees Teressa Lowrance, Bel Rocha, Ruby Lopez, Darlene Haby, Roberta Carlson and Jeanette Pierce. Others honored were Kirby Montgomery and Celina Vanrachack.

Burkes gave special thanks to chapter photographers Liz Lujan, Teressa Lowrance and Suzette Price and to Kay Aguilar who serves as greeter.

Several members received Super Stars Awards. They are Kathy Moran who is the newsletter editor; Teressa Lowrance who is in charge of media; Patty Raney who does event decor and Carolyn Smith who is in charge of inductions into Beta Tau.

Chapter officers and committee chairs were introduced.

Burkes explained that the Executive Committee had made the decision to drop the Storybook Project as a Beta Tau donation recipient in favor of providing more help to active teachers.

Aguilar, Haby, Suzette Price and Raney won the door prizes which Burkes supplied.

Treasurer Scotta Williams provided a printed proposed budget for 2023-2024 that showed a balance on hand of \$2,495.72 as of July 1, 2023, and an estimated projected balance of \$1,975.72 on July 1, 2024. Moran made and Bel Rocha seconded a motion to approve the budget as presented. All voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Legislative Committee Chair Kathy Moran asked members to get information out to their friends urging them to vote for Proposition 9 which will amend the state constitution to allow teachers to receive a cost of living raise. Also, members with photos, articles and prayer requests can send those to Moran.

Nominating Committee Chair Kathy Helmke gave a report of the committee progress on selecting nominees for the 2024-2026 terms. So far, Aguilar has agreed to serve as second vice-president; Lujan has agreed to serve as recording secretary and Virginia Stowell will take the corresponding secretary position. The presidency and the first vice-president spots are open at this point.

Scholarship Chair Pierce reported that \$500 for the past spring semester has been deposited in the tuition account of the Beta Tau scholarship recipient who attends Our Lady of the Lake University. An additional \$500 will also be deposited to her account for the fall and then for the spring semester.

Pierce also said she is working on a field trip to the McNay Art Museum for the October meeting.

She also presented Loretta Huddleston's Delta Kappa Gamma pin to Treasurer Williams for safe keeping. It is a legacy pin and will later be given to a new Beta Tau member.

Treasurer Williams gave each member a DKG, TSO & Beta Tau Biography form to be filled out by each member. To help members complete the form, she provided members with several pages of data.

After a special first-time-grandma celebration in honor of longtime Treasurer Williams, the meeting concluded at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzette Price,



A pretty shower ready for
Scotta's new
granddaughter!

Soon-to-be first time grandma, Scotta Williams, received many things that she'll need for those baby sleepovers. She is pretty well equipped for the first few months!



PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Cathy Criner's husband, Larry, is back in the hospital because of the wound above his right ankle. They will go in and surgically clean it out because it is not healing. There is a bad infection in the wound. He will be in the hospital until Friday, October 6.



Please remember to send prayer requests and good news to the editor, Kathy Moran, president, Myrna Burkes, and corresponding secretary, Kathy Helmke.

Membership News



Beta Tau members Jeanette Pierce, Brenda Krueger and Suzette Price are currently volunteering at the Place of Grace Food Pantry on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Patty Raney, Ginny Stowell and Kathy Helmke have also participated in the past.



Central Regional Area Workshop Survey

The Steering Committee for the Central Regional Area Workshop is planning an outstanding workshop to be held June 22, 2024 at McNeil High School in Round Rock. We need input from you and your chapter members to help make this a meaningful workshop.

Below is a link to a survey we need you to complete. We also ask that you forward the link to your chapter members so they have an opportunity to share ideas with us.

Please complete the survey by October 8th.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScClj_psy-eDjuPLvktUyRCYkDejCbtjnn-oYQYtQ-Hd27fYw/viewform?usp=sharing

We appreciate your participation and assistance!

Stacey Arnold, EdD

2nd Vice-President, 2023-25

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Educators! Remember to tell your friends about Proposition 9 in the November election. It is the TRS cost of living increase for retired teachers. No new taxes nor increased taxes are required - there is already funding in the budget. Let's get this needed cola passed!!!!



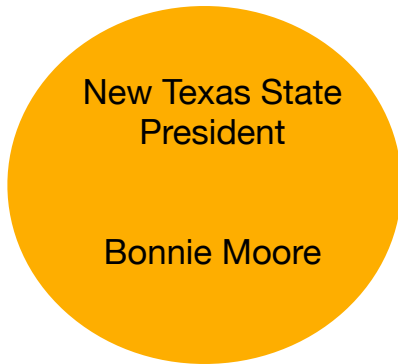
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ann Carter 16
Laura Lopez 18
Liz Lujan 20
Phyllis Malone 30

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