

# Beta Tau NEWSLETTER



**A**spire to create positive change through collaboration, service, and leadership opportunities.

**C**ultivate growth of members and chapters.

**T**hrive together by fostering a sense of belonging and celebrating success.

## ***Teressa's Message***

Dear Sisters,

Somehow, I always receive October as the greeter of fall. October is a very special month. Usually, except for our second summer days this year, the month of October brings cooler weather but not quite cold which is a blessing in and of itself. Fall always for me is a reflective time. It makes me think of God's or our Creator's tapestry of nature and the natural cycles that we experience with the ebb and tide of our journeys and experiences we face. I recently had some personal issues that my family and I chose to keep private but was able to rely on my dear Sister Jeanette. She was there for me when I needed a helping hand as she put it in the last message. So, in the spirit of honoring nature's cycles, I would just like to say as I put an ending on this particular cycle, that I am so thankful to be part of an organization that doesn't have to ask questions to want to assist and help. To me, that's the true definition of sisterhood. Thank you Ladies for all of your prayers and support. It means a lot to me and my family.

## **Beta Tau Newsletter**

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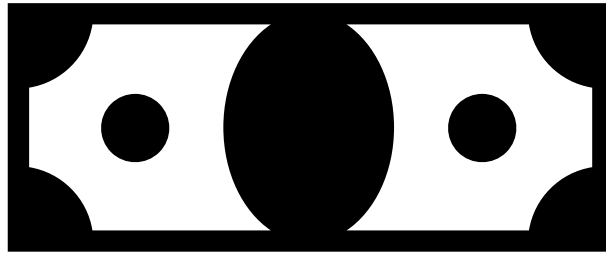
# SAVE THE DATE

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| <p>Saturday, October 11, 2025<br/>10:00 a.m.<br/>Red Bowl Auction<br/>Social-Business Meeting</p>   | <p>MacArthur Park Lutheran Church<br/>2903 Nacogdoches Rd.<br/>San Antonio, TX 78217</p> |
| <p>Saturday, November 15, 2025<br/>10:00 a.m.<br/>Scholarships<br/>ASTEF Project<br/>Work Based Learning</p>                                    | <p>MacArthur Park Lutheran Church<br/>2903 Nacogdoches Rd.<br/>San Antonio, TX 78217</p> |
| <p>Saturday, December 13, 2025<br/>10:00 a.m.<br/>Silver Scholarship Fundraiser<br/>Social Meeting<br/>Homemade Cookie Sale</p>                 | <p>MacArthur Park Lutheran Church<br/>2903 Nacogdoches Rd.<br/>San Antonio, TX 78217</p> |
| <p>Saturday, January 17, 2026<br/>“Happy 90th Birthday, Beta Tau”<br/>Speaker: Beverly La France, Area 6<br/>Coordinator<br/>Social Meeting</p> | <p>TBD</p>   |
| <p>Saturday, February 14, 2026<br/>10:00 a.m.<br/>Social-Business Meeting<br/>Presenter: Cathy Criner STAR<br/>Slate of Officers 2026-2028</p>  | <p>MacArthur Park Lutheran Church<br/>2903 Nacogdoches Rd.<br/>San Antonio, TX 78217</p> |
| <p>Saturday, March 21, 2026<br/>11:00 a.m.<br/>Social Meeting<br/>Regional Area Workshop Plans</p>  | <p>Silo Elevated Cuisine<br/>434 N. Loop 1604W<br/>San Antonio, TX. 78232</p>            |
| <p>Saturday, April 11, 2026<br/>10:00 a.m.<br/>Health-Mind, Body, Wallet<br/>Co-presenters</p>  | <p>MacArthur Park Lutheran Church<br/>2903 Nacogdoches Rd.<br/>San Antonio, TX 78217</p> |

## Calling all Gamblers!

Do you feel lucky, ladies?! During our October meeting we will be having our Red Bowl Auction. So go through good stuff that you no longer wish to possess and bring it to the October meeting. It will be displayed with a red bowl next to it. You put tickets in the bowls for the items you wish to win. Tickets are 50 cents each. To increase your chances of winning, you put in more tickets. Popular items have been Suzette's homemade bread (homebaked goodies are welcomed), unused teacher gifts from years past and jewelry. Remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure. The funds raised go into our scholarship fund.

**MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!!!**



Our chapter has enough money in our accounts to enable us to fund projects for our classroom teachers and chapter projects. Put on your thinking caps, do your research and bring a budget for your requests. The membership votes on the funding.

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

September 13, 2025  
MacArthur Park Lutheran Church  
Meeting Minutes



Our first Beta Tau chapter meeting of DKG for 2025-2026 began with a “meet n greet” time which was followed by a light brunch. Door prizes were given out. Carolyn Smith shared a devotional with a message from Bel Rocha thanking us for prayers and comfort in the loss of her sister and asking for continued prayers.

Summer Convention reports were given. Jeannette Pierce updated us on our newest DKG president Dr. Stacey Arnold whose theme is “Dare to Dream” and -Aspire, Cultivate Growth, Thrive. Kay Aguilar spoke of enjoying the convention and taking in the sessions about using “Ice Breakers” to possibly enhance meetings of each chapter. Myrna Burkes encouraged all members to attend future conventions to meet people from all over the state, making life long friends. She also asked for continued prayers for her family. Carolyn Dahlgren shared about being a cancer survivor telling about a “Tumor Bank” which results in a study of DNA of collected tumors that may report any continued problems. This shows how medicine is advancing.

Committee Reviews: President Teressa shared that we will have an active Necrology chairperson. Ann Carter is updating the Beta Tau newsletter on our website and in the process of updating logos. Kathy Moran is still doing our newsletter. Kathy Helmke gave a nominations review asking us to think about who to nominate. President Teressa, Cindy Parisher, and Ruby Lopez will meet up. We need an upcoming President and Secretary.

Legislative Update: Jeanette Pierce spoke about education with new things being cell phones being put in magnetic pouches like a locked container. Discussion on cell phones in the classroom as some changes are accepted, socialization recognized! The law says no cell phones in class and is being challenged by various sources. There is money for teacher pay increase. Rural districts? Libraries are changing as librarians are teaching all day. Budget cuts are happening, Parents need to have access. DEI rules - no more special interest groups. There was discussion on different health situations. Vouchers discussion- many public schools are closing- 15 schools in San Antonio. We need to write letters about issues of concern.

Budget Review: Scotta Williams presented the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 year. She explained the listing of income and expenses proposed in the report. A blank was left for "Chapter Projects" which could be for members who have classroom needs or chapter needs. Discussion was held on how to help teachers with funding needs. Carolyn Smith moved for \$1,000 will be set under "Chapter Projects" in the budget so that any member or committee can request funds for their classroom or the chapter. The members will approve or disapprove the request. It was seconded by Jeanette Pierce. The motion was approved as was the budget. Discussion followed regarding a potential project requested by Teresa Lowrance for the purchase of a camera, tripod, and clothing to be used in her classroom to give students. She will bring details with costs to the next meeting for chapter consideration. Another discussion was on 2 reserve members who were not present needing to pay dues. Two of our members agreed to pay their dues. Kathy Moran will note in our next newsletter about requests for classroom needs. ASTEF funding was also discussed. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Aguilar  
Recording Secretary





## MEETING PICTURES



Kay Aguilar and Carolyn Smith posing for photographer, Suzette Price.



Cathy Criner, Ruby Lopez and Kathy Helmke enjoy their brunch treats.





Ginny Stowell, Myrna Burkes, Scotta Williams, Carolyn Dahlgren, Kathy Helmke and Paula Moore are finding the brunch delightful.

Lola Hill, Carol Burket and Cindy Parisher are enjoying the September meeting.







Jeanette Pierce, Scotta Williams and Myrna Burkes pause for a picture before enjoying their brunch.

Ann Carter, Suzette Price and Cindy Parisher visit before the September meeting.



Charlotte Hains Gates, Paula Moore and Scotta Williams are catching up.



## MEMBER NEWS

The opportunity to travel is such a blessing, especially if it is for personal enjoyment. I was able to visit our beautiful, clean, magnificent capital in Washington, DC. We have free access to so many monuments and museums that tell our nation's story. It was hot and humid so this solo trip was mostly focused on air conditioned interiors at the National Gallery of Art both East and West Wings, The National Museum of the Native American and The National Museum of African American History and Culture. I also went to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and the National Cathedral for a worship service and visited the Bishop's Garden there and the garden at the Smithsonian Castle. I have been to DC several times before so I was re-visiting the National Gallery, the Holocaust Museum, and the Cathedral. I had no issues walking and taking UberX to get around and in spite of the heat (which we already know how to navigate), it was so much fun.

I then took an Amtrak train across the state to visit my sister and her family in Roanoke and Salem, Virginia. What a beautiful area and cool climate they have there! It was a joy to spend time in reunion with my two living sisters and our Virginia family members.

Jeanette Pierce



A view of the Washington National Cathedral from the Bishop's Garden from Jeanette's DC trip.



Kathy and Nathan Moran strolling in the woods in England with Emilio and Freddy, the French bulldog. Such tall trees and everything was sooooo green!



Rose Bradley is adjusting to rural life in this next chapter of her life. She's getting to hang with her adorable grandchildren pictured above. She misses her BT sisters. We look forward to you visiting us, Rose!!!!





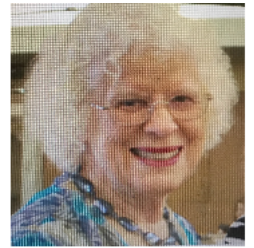
Scotta Williams is a grandmother times two!!!!



The picture is of Amaya (now 2) meeting her new sister Aaliyah (now 1 month) on the day she was born.



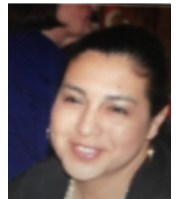
Happy Birthday to DOROTHY WARRAS, our reserve member, celebrates her 90th birthday on October 7! She still participates in Beta Tau by purchasing Christmas cookies each December. Love to our long time member!



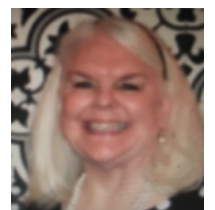
Continued prayers are requested for Myrna and her family.



Continue to remember Bel and her family in their loss of her sister, Odette.



Carolyn Dahlgren requests prayers of healing for her son, Kit. He has been hospitalized twice in the last 6 weeks due to dehydration, lack of sodium and potassium partially caused by a medication he must take. The doctors are watching his blood work carefully.



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



## Happy Birthday September & October People

September: Cindy Parisher 12  
Diana Hughes 14

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

### Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes Professional and personal Growth of women educators and Excellence in education.

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### Vision Statement

Leading Women Educators  
Impacting Education Worldwide

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We're on the Web!

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