



Beta Pi News

GREETINGS! FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Sisters,

Our March meeting is going to be so much fun, and there is much business to conduct. We'll be voting on the women who have submitted an application for membership as well as receiving a report from the Nominations Committee. They have been working diligently to secure officers for the next biennium, and I am excited to hear about the women who'll be leading us for the next two years. Lastly, Linda Coley and Vickie Teasley-Preddy and the Programs Committee have planned a fabulous program for us! You do not want to miss it.

Plans for the NC DKG Convention are being made, and it's time to register if you want to attend. Just visit the NCDKG website for the information. I hope that you'll consider attending.

Until then,

Donna Wilkins-Preddy
President

Plan to join us at the Senior Center on March 3, 2022 for a night Just For Us! As well as a delicious meal from the Family Diner and our important business meeting, our program is guaranteed to enhance your beauty and well-being. See you there!



Special Notice from Recruitment Committee

Sisters ~ Please send names for our Recruitment Grant Scholarship. Recruitment Grant Scholarship Committee shall be responsible for presenting the female name who meets one of the following criteria:
~ rising Junior or Senior female college student from Granville County pursuing a degree in the field of education OR
~ recent college graduate from Granville County who has been employed by the Granville County School System.

Angela Cogdill

REMINDERS

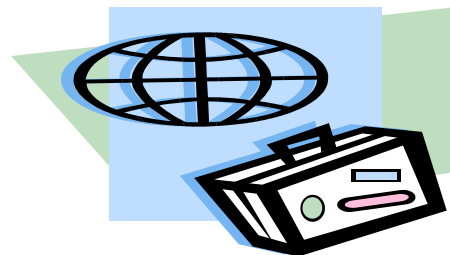
- Golden Books
- We will meet at Granville County Senior Center on March 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m..
- Executive board will be contacted by President as to meeting time.
- Bring money for the raffle which will be provided by Recruitment Grant and Communications Committees.

Officers 2020-2022

President Donna Wilkins-Preddy
V-President Majeau Hackett
Treasurer Patricia Burnette
Recording Sec. Lori Puckett
Corresponding Sec. Jenny Bailey
Parliamentarian Jannie Preddy

Journeys of the Traveling Sisterhood and Personal News

I have received no personal news at this time. As spring arises and our attempts to keep safe by maintaining social distancing continues, I hope we will soon be planning beach trips and meeting with families. What a time we all have had! I know you, along with me, dream of sunnier, healthier days!



Spring Chicks

- Megan Belshaw March 3
- Marsha Currin March 24
- Karen Honeycutt March 11
- Donna Wilkins-Preddy March 8
- Vickie Preddy March 12
- Jeffri Weir April 17



Sisters in the Spotlight

Majeane Hackett is our Spotlight Sister for March. Majeane joined Beta Pi September 18, 2020 and she has not slowed down in work for our chapter.

She currently is serving as vice-president which keeps her very busy with inductions, ceremonies for rededication, and general dogsbody duties for our President Wilkins-Preddy. All of her duties are performed with a quiet grace that is reflective of her gentle spirit.

This good soul teaches second grade at West Oxford Elementary. She, like all of her co-workers, found virtual teaching trying and tiring but again, like all of her co-workers, she was there at 7:30 a.m. until all hours p.m., planning and delivering her expertise to her virtual students. Getting back to the classroom had more challenges but this lady is not a quitter and she pushes on.

Because she has been so important in the field of education, she was awarded Teacher of the Year for 2018, and was Student Teacher of the Year at LBU 1981.

Majeane attended Pensacola Christian College and Liberty University.

When not teaching, Majeane enjoys gardening, swimming, scrapbooking, singing and crafting of many different kinds.

When asked to tell something that would surprise us, Majeane is proud to state that she has over 14,000 followers on Pinterest. We'll have to check her out. Majeane, you are truly a special sister to us!



Made 4 Me Visits Beta Pi

At our November meeting, we met John Meany and his amazing company **Made 4 Me**. Mr. Meany and his co-owner, Jim McAgy use reinforced cardboard to build desks, chairs, computer stations for special needs children in the classroom.

Member Vickie Preddy asked **Made 4 Me** to create a chair/desk for one of her special needs student. The team came up with a chair that could allow the student to move about the room to stations all the while being able to use a feeding tube twice a day. This freed up the teacher and student to be able to interact with classmates. Preddy asked Meany to come to our meeting and demonstrate some of his creations.

Meany explained how his company designs, builds and distributes these classroom aids at no charge. He builds items that parents of special needs children cannot afford on their own.

Located in Raleigh, NC, Meany and McAgy started the company in 2016 and at the end of 2021, they have served 51 families, three schools and one facility with their amazing furniture. **Made 4 Me** became incorporated in 2017 and has continued using volunteers to produce their merchandise. They partner with schools, churches and individuals to continue their work. Here is their website if you want to contact them. www.Made4Me.org.



Above: A tractor like his grandpa's thrilled one little boy.
Right: Meany talks about his ventures into Made4Me.



Above: A purpose for all children and available for all children.

Down in the Trenches

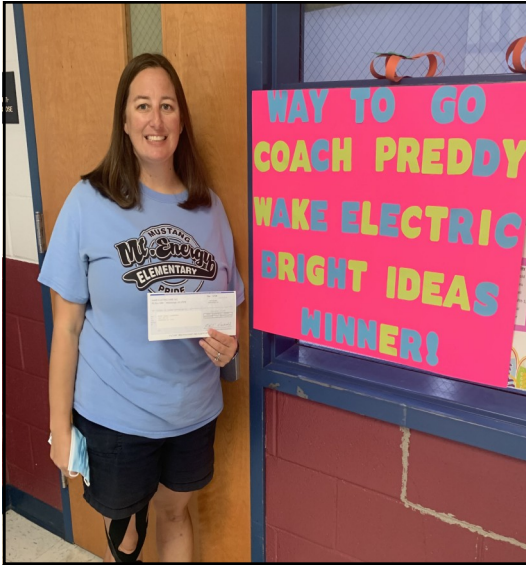
(Take a look at what is happening in our members' classrooms!)

Farrah Preddy writes...

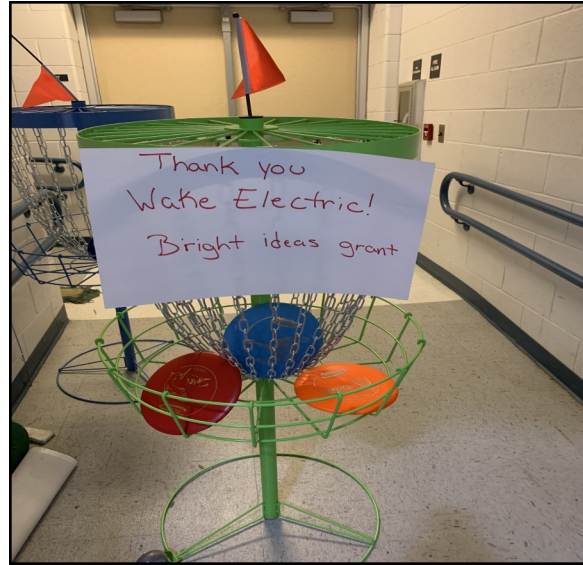
“I was able to get my grant **"Developing Integrity, Sportsmanship and Confidence! (DISC)** “ approved through the Wake Electric - Bright Idea Grant program. I am excited to introduce my students to the sport of Disc Golf while working on our character traits of Integrity and Sportsmanship. The students will learn which disc to use to make different shots, much like a golfer picks their club. Once students have the opportunity to practice their skill at school, they will have the confidence to participate in the activity outside of school.

With the grant I was able to purchase 9 targets and a class size of discs. My students will learn the game the month of April and be able to teach their parents on field day.”

(See pictures on next page. Congratulations to Farrah for her efforts to expand her students learning as well as continuing to provide healthy and creative activities.)



Bright Ideas program rewards Coach Farrah Preddy with equipment for Disc Golf . Let the games begin!



Golf Discs provided through Wake Electric and skills taught by Preddy will be displayed for parents on Field Day at Mount Energy Elementary.

State News

This year at Convention, Chapters and/or members are invited to support the Manna FoodBank of Western Carolina with donations. Manna Foodbank distributes more than 50,000 pounds of food every day to over 200 partner pantries and other human service organizations. Checks from individuals can be mailed to MANNA FoodBank at 627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville, NC 28805

The NCDKG Convention will convene at the Asheville Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort on April 29-May 1 2022. This is the first in person convention that has been held in nearly three years! Volunteers are being accepted to help with all phases of the events. **Check the website for information on volunteering.** Group rates are available through March 29. The rate for two queen beds or one king bed is \$155.

International News

- NC DKG **Immediate Past President Dr. Teresa H. Cowan** has been nominated as the Southeast Regional Director for The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. These directors are responsible for organizing and planning the International Conference schedule and program held in odd-numbered years.
- **DKG News** is only available online. Sign in on **www.dkg.org**.
- July 12-16 are the dates for 2022 International Convention to be held in New Orleans, LA.
- Sign on to the DKG website-www.dkg.org to update your profile.