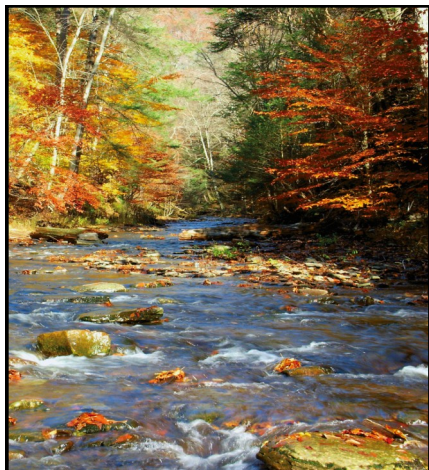




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GREETINGS! FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello, Beta Pi sisters,

Wow! Where did the summer go? I trust you all had many adventures and family times. I have moved to Tar River Elementary, so I spent a few weeks packing, moving, and unpacking in my new room!

I am so looking forward to seeing you all again and serving you in this new biennium! I am very excited for the upcoming meeting. We will be remembering a sister who has passed and celebrating a sister that will be receiving her 30 year pin. The program team has an awesome program planned for us. I cannot wait to see each of you on Thursday!

Blessings,

President Majeau Hackett

CHECK THESE OUT!

September 15 Meeting

- Senior Center
- Executive Board-5 p.m.
- Dinner 5:30
- General Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Cost of meal-\$10
- Meal provided by Family Diner
- Raffle
- Recruitment Grant Recipient

Reminders

- Golden Books
- Money for Raffle
- Committee chairmen should attend Executive Board

President Majeau Hackett
V-President Vickie Preddy
Treasurer Patricia Burnette
Recording Sec. Jenny Bailey
Corresponding Sec. Lori Puckett
Parliamentarian Megan Belshaw

Journeys of the Traveling Sisterhood and Personal News

Our Chapter was saddened to hear of Mary Ellen Thorp’s passing on June 11. She was a valued member for many years.

My mother-in-law passed on September 2. Lola Bird Falls was a dear soul and a model for all mothers-in-law. Thanks to all who sent cards for my family.

President Majejan writes : “We took our girls to Disney World and Sea World in June. It was such a blessed time of family fun. I also taught Summer Quest for 6 weeks.”

Donna Wilkins-Preddy and family attended her daughter’s, Amelia Grace, wedding to Ryan Johnson on June 25 at Crow River Winery in Hutchinson, Minn. After some difficulties with the plane **getting started**, the party was on its way and as mother reported, the bride was lovely. Congratulations and best wishes to the couple.

For his senior trip, my grandson Austin chose the island of Antigua and my husband and I accompanied him, his parents and brother, Cole, and a special friend, Christa, to a lovely resort. It was a very nice vacation. No problems except getting back through Miami airport! Nightmare!



Antigua

Bumper Crop of Birthday Girls!

Patricia Burnette November 14
 Jan Clary September 4
 Linda Coley November 26
 June Cross October 7
 Carrie Currin September 19
 Debra Gentry November 9
 Majejan Hackett October 28

Debra McNally October 31
 Vivian Overton October 16
 Donna Owen October 21
 Peggy Parrott September 5
 Susan Stewart December 25
 Sheila Vaughan December 31



Sisters in the Spotlight

This issue of our newsletter highlights Jeffri Wier. Jeffri has been a member of Beta PI Chapter since September 1990. She served as president from 1998-2000. Currently, Jeffri works in a dual role as First Reader Duke University Undergraduate Admissions/ELL Teacher-Rolesville Charter Academy.

Jeffri attended Wake Forest University and ECU. During her years of teaching, she was Teacher of the Year. She enjoys working with ESL classes for refugees who have relocated to Raleigh. Several years ago, she headed up a program that involved our chapter gathering coats, warm scarves, gloves for some refugees who had relocated from warm climates and lacked clothing that would see them through our colder winters. We all enjoyed raiding our closets for gently used winter wear. Jeffri reported that our donations helped many families in the Raleigh area have a warmer winter.

Jeffri enjoys reading and gardening. She and her husband, Paul, have two handsome sons who are in college. Empty nesters, like many of us, they enjoy summer activities with family and luring the guys home with home cooking.

Did you know that Jeffri can drive a tractor? Well, she can-on Hillridge Farms pumpkin patch!

Jeffri is a valuable member of our chapter and a good choice for our spotlight.



Down in the Trenches

(I can always depend on Lori Puckett to send me clips and information about her classes. She is teaching third grade at Oxford Prep this year. Here are some pictures from her class and as always, she creates fun activities for her students. Thanks, Lori for taking the time to share your expertise with us.)



Lori writes: “Our year started off Saving Fred, a gummy worm who capsized his boat in the water. However, his preserver (a candy life saver) fell under the boat. Students had two paper clips to get the life preserver around Fred. They worked as a team and a few teams got the life preserver on Fred. We then talked about how hard things get sometimes, but we have to push through at all times.”

She also had students build three dimensional shapes with marshmallows and toothpicks as a follow up activity after reading The Kissing Hand.

Later, the students used heavy whipping cream to make butter with their study of solids, liquids or gas.

Wouldn't you love to be a student in her class? From the smiles on the faces of these children, I would guess that these students are enjoying third grade!

State and International News

- Why not apply to be a state officer? You have until November 15 to submit applications. Go! Check out application on NCDKG website.
- NCDKG President Beth Winstead has issued a challenge to chapters. “I’m challenging each member to attend at least one NCDKG function in person before the end of June 2023 and to meet a new friend from outside your area....” Good advice for us to branch out and get ideas. (Warren County has a very active chapter and would be easy to visit.)
- **Twenty-five DKG members** attended the International Convention held in New Orleans on July 12-16! Our current president Beth Winstead was there as well as several former presidents Connie Savell, Dr. Teresa Cowen. Check out your copy of NCDKG, fall edition. I especially enjoyed reading “Convention Memories from a Newbee”. Debra Grace writes of attending a convention for the first time and how she was moved by members greeting old friends and networking with the International attendees.
- Especially worth noting was the selection of several DKG members for honorable work and as directors or committee members. **Carol Bostion, member of Nu Chapter in Region X and editor of NCDKG News was awarded the “Star of the Southeast Award.” Dr. Teresa Cowan, immediate past president of NCDKG, will serve as Southeast Regional Director. Connie Savell of Delta Tau will serve on the International World Fellowship Committee. Dr. Rhonda Hager of Delta Sigma will serve on the International Scholarship Committee and Dr. Judy Carlson will continue on the DKG International Educators Foundation Board of Directors.**

