

# BETA PI NEWSLETTER

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## Xi State...Growing Possibilities

### Letter from Kim

Greetings Ladies,

It has been a roller coaster of a new year, in and out of school. Hopefully the snow is over. I am ready for some Spring weather.

I am so excited for our new slate of officers. I really feel they will make a great leadership team and take us to great new heights. Congratulate them when you see them.

We have several training's coming up over the next few months. I want to encourage everyone to attend. The training's are very helpful because of our leadership responsibilities in DKG. Once again, thank you everyone for you help in all that we do to represent Beta Pi.

-Kim

Be positive  
& Move



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### Important Dates

**Scheduled Meeting – March 7**

**UCHS Library**

**Snack at 4:30/Meeting at 5:00 p.m.**

Officer Training – Knoxville April 9<sup>th</sup>

Xi State Convention – June 2-4

International Convention – July 5-9

**\*Don't forget to register early!**

Visit **Beta Pi**: [www.xibetapi.weebly.com](http://www.xibetapi.weebly.com)

**Xi State**: [www.xistate.org](http://www.xistate.org)

And **ΔΚΓ**: [www.deltakappagamma.net](http://www.deltakappagamma.net)

### Upcoming Activities:

**Silent Auction** - We will need to decide a theme for our Silent Auction item so we can bring contributions to the May meeting.

**Chapter Display** - This year the art gallery at convention will be the chapter displays. We will need to decide what we want to put on our board.

**Convention Shirts** - It is time to decide on shirts for convention. Be thinking about colors and types of shirts to discuss on Monday.

### March Meeting

We will meet at UCHS Library on Monday, March 7th, at 5:00. We will have snacks at 4:30. We will initiate Meagan and Pam. There will be a short business meeting. Then, anyone who wants to paint can stay for our Painting with Bonnie. Our theme for painting is tropical fish.  
Hostesses: Linda Baxter, Pat Baker, Patricia McKelvey

## Dues

Active Dues - \$85  
Reserve Dues - \$58

## Legislation: ESSA—and Federal Support of School Libraries

“The importance of libraries, particularly school libraries, is finally being recognized in the educational system,” notes Misty N. Jones, California Library Association president.

Over the years, the United States has seen huge budget cuts to school libraries, resulting in many being understaffed, lacking in resources, or in some cases, being forced to close. “The passing of this bill increases the chances that there will be a library with a certified librarian in every school, ensuring that students are given every opportunity to succeed,” says Jones.

To so many, those improved odds don’t come a second too soon. “What many people don’t know is that in most states, school libraries are optional,” says Vandy Pacetti-Donelson, a library media specialist in Auburndale, FL. [Our county only has certified librarians at UCHS!]

” New provisions authorize local plans to include a description of how the LEA will assist schools in developing effective school library programs, to provide students opportunities to develop digital literacy skills and improve academic achievement. [Our elementary and middle school students will hopefully benefit from the passing of this bill.]

## Beta Pi Website

Our website needs to be updated. If you have a head shot that you like, send it to [collins.sherrie@gmail.com](mailto:collins.sherrie@gmail.com), or I can take a picture at our meeting. I will also need any new members to sign a permission form to have their pictures and names on the website.

## Attendance Drawing

We will again be doing an attendance drawing this year. Each time you attend a meeting, you can enter to win.

## Summer Conventions

Don’t forget to register for our summer conventions. Xi State Convention, June 2-4, will kick off our summer. Convention consists of workshops, banquets, ceremonies, and lots of fun! Register now:

<http://www.xistate.org/forms/16xistateconreg.pdf>.

Cost will vary depending on the choices you make.

In July, all DKG members will head to Nashville for the International Convention, July 5-9. Registration is now open:

Registration Fee- \$175.00

Late Registration Fee- \$263.00

Registration Fee Host State Organization

Volunteer- \$160.00

Member One Day Fee- \$76.00

Member Two Day Fee- \$140.00

Log in to **My DKG** to access registration.

## Member Spotlight Meagan Cantrell

Meagan is one of our new teachers at UCHS. She is also going to be initiated into Beta Pi at our next meeting. Maegan went to UTK and received a BS in Ag. Ed. She did her student teaching here at UCHS with Beta Pi member, Linda Baxter. Maegan loves sports, especially basketball and soccer. She has two Australian Shepherds and is planning a wedding. Welcome, Maegan!

## Birthdays

Donna Christopher - 4/17

