

BETA PI NEWSLETTER

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*Explore - Dream - Discover
Your Adventure Awaits*

Letter from Lana

Hello sisters,

It's a new school year; fall is beginning, and a new year in Beta Pi. The new group planning of meetings is exciting for this year.

Hopefully we will attract new members as we all have taken part in the plans this year's meetings. New is full of possibilities and so are we.

See you on Monday.

~ Lana

Important Dates

Scheduled Meeting - Sept. 11
UCHS Library 5:00 p.m.
(Snacks at 4:30)

Sept. 14-15: State Committee Meetings

Oct. 1: Annual Dues must be paid

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July Planning Session was a Success!

Beta Pi members met this past July to plan out our year. Members were divided into groups and then we picked a meeting to plan. By the end of our luncheon, we had everything planned out to help us have a successful year. All of the meetings will be typed up and posted in our shared Google Team Drive. If you do not use Google, we will print you a copy. Thanks to everyone who came out and worked on our plans for the year!

September Meeting

Our first meeting will be September 11 at 5:00 in the UCHS Library. We will begin with snacks at 4:30. Cheryl and Sherrie will be in charge of the snacks and program, which will involve networking. Please invite any prospective teachers to attend the meeting with you. Don't forget, Linda will be taking up dues money, which is due by October 1st.



Sept. Hostesses: Sherrie & Cheryl

Dues

Active Dues - \$85

Reserve Dues - \$58

You can pay part of your dues at the summer session if you would like.

Attendance Drawing

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

Legislative Update:

PUBLIC BROADCASTING SYSTEM FOUNDATION FUNDING

The Public Broadcasting System Foundation (PBSF) which is funded in large part by the federal government has systematically had its funding cut over the years. There is currently a move to totally eliminate federal funding for PBSF and privatize the system. You may have noticed that your local PBS stations have been spending more and more time on fund raising activities and some popular programs have been eliminated due to funding cuts over the years. PBS provides some of the most educational preschool programs of any system. Additionally many programs are used in classroom instruction. You may want to contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives to inform them of your use of PBS programs for classroom instruction and urge them to continue federal funding of PBS programs. **You can contact your legislators either through the [1-866-327-8670](tel:1-866-327-8670) toll free switchboard or by email clicking on "members" at the top of the initial screen at Congress.gov.** You might want to mention specific programs which you use in classroom instruction.

Summer Conventions

Once again, we had a great time at our Xi State Convention in Sewanee. Lana Booker, Donna Campbell, and Sherrie Collins met with other Xi State sisters on the top of the mountain at the beginning of June. We participated in the Executive Board meeting, attended and presented workshops, networked with teachers from across the state, had wonderful meals, and enjoyed time together. Lana represented Beta Pi at the Presidents Banquet during the Presentation of Presidents. Sherrie fulfilled the last year of her duties as State Vice-President, which included the Founders' Day Celebration at the Birthday Brunch. Donna and the Finance Committee had a display at the Committee Display area on Thursday night. We all enjoyed our time together, and we hope to see more Beta Pi sisters attend next summer's convention.

SERC in Myrtle Beach - Sherrie attended the regional convention as the new EEC chairman for the state. She attended an all-day training for the state chairs. Everyone gathered on Friday night at the Sea Captain's House for the state dinner. Excellent food and company topped off a great week!

Help for Flood Victims in DKG

If you would like to make a donation to the DKG Emergency Fund, bring your donations to our meeting, and we will donate as a chapter. The fund provides \$500 immediately to members in need due to natural disasters.

