

Mu State: Beta Alpha Banner

Possibilities for the Chapter

Literacy Project: Storybooks for Students will continue during the 2011-2012 school year. Please continue to bring your books to chapter meetings

Toot Our Own Horn at the 2012 District V Meeting Please send your information ,including photos to *Judy Zelinski* about your individual awards, achievements , and community service **ASAP** Thanks to all of you who have done so to-date.

Happy Dollars give members the vehicle to support the new DKG International Project: **School for Africa.**

Strategic Action Plan. The first draft is complete and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at their meeting in January after which the plan will be emailed to all members for

a final review prior to the District V Meeting. Thanks to all the members who filled out the SAP survey in October.

Possibilities for Members

Biographical Sketches Needed Please send your sketches to *Peg ASAP*. Your sketches will be showcased on the chapter website, in the chapter newsletter, and on the chapter display board at the District V Meeting next spring.

Arts in Education Members will have an opportunity to showcase their artistic talent and creativity this year in the chapter newsletter, in recognition of DKG support for the Arts in Education

Professional Development Credits. Members can earn in-service points by attending state meetings

Beta Alpha Birthdays

December

- 2 Glenda Lubiner
- 10 Mary Cavaioli
- 20 Charlene Kushner

January

- 4 Marti McLean
- 11 July Zelinski
- 15 Betty Hamilton

February

- 13 Nancy Wengren
- 19 Barbara Wells
- 25 Jane Barcelo

March

- 14 Dr. Sonia Rodriguez
- 26 Jeri Jo Florez

Thank you Elaine for the beautiful hand-made cards



Up-coming Meetings and Programs

December 5, 2011

Holiday Meeting
Peg Dunn-Snow 's Home

January 9, 2012

2nd Annual Executive Committee Meeting
Nancy Wengren's Home

January 28, 2012

Third Annual Mystery Murder Meeting
Mythos Restaurant

Please RSVP to the Evite for these meetings

February 20, 2012

Annual Craft Meeting
Nancy Wengren's Home

March 24, 2012

Annual Birthday Meeting
Susan Teller's Home

April 28, 2012

District V Meeting
Safe Schools Institute
Boca Raton

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President's Message



Adapted from the new reorientation Guide for all DKG Members

We all have different motivations for being a part of a group or community. If one or more of these questions fits your needs, DKG is the right fit for you.

DKG can help each of us...

1. Grow personally and professionally;
2. Make a difference in your community and in the world;
3. Be recognized as a leader in your field; and
4. Help increase pride in the field of education.

If any of these goals fits your needs....you have come to the right place. We are glad you are here!

Developing personal relationships among members is also critical for a chapter to gain exemplary status in the DKG Society.

*Please bring your storybooks to the chapter meetings during this biennium and support the chapter literacy project : **Storybooks for Students***

*Thanks go to **Susan Teller** for her 5 boxes of books*

DKG International World Fellowship Fund Raffle Baskets

Please continue to donate your items to Sally (baskets too) for the raffle baskets , supporting our chapter contribution to the **DKG International World Fellowship Fund .**

Marti Mc Lean won the basket at the Back to School Dinner & *Susan Teller* won the basket at the Joint Initiation Meeting.



Beta Alpha Goals for 2011– 2012

Beta Alpha Chapter has two goals for 2011-2012

1. Increase membership to 40 members by the end of 2012.
2. Develop the first chapter Strategic Action Plan to go into effect during the next chapter biennium (2012-2014)

2011 November Meeting: Autism: A Global Crisis



Host, Nancy Wengren and presenter Dr. Agnes Shine are pictured above. Nine members of Beta Alpha

Chapter and guest Carrie Cerrato attended the November business meeting and lecture by *Dr. Agnes Shine* on Autism in connection to her travels last summer to India and Bangladesh where she presented with colleagues at the conference focused on autism in Dhaka the capitol of Bangladesh. In addition to the lecture we were treated to a wonderful slide presentation of photos from that region of the world. Prior to Dr Shine's presentation a 2nd annual business meeting was held. Dates for the next Executive Committee Meeting in January 2012 and the Arts and Crafts meeting in February 2012 were selected. Both meetings

will be held at Nancy Wengren's home that is centrally located in the county. In lieu of a basket raffle at the meeting Nancy raffled off a second pumpkin roll (the first was served as refreshments) Marti Mc Lean won the raffle and the chapter collected \$20 toward the Mu State Emergency Fund. Our Happy Dollars that evening totaled \$15 toward the chapter donation this year for the DKG International Project, Schools for Africa. We look forward to having Carrie and other guests attend our 3rd annual Murder Mystery Lunch on January 28, 2012 in which all DKG Broward Chapters will be invited to attend.

SERVICE is the lifeblood of any organization. Everything flows from it and is nourished by it.

Anonymous

Toys for Tots

Again this year Beta Alpha members will be supporting Toys for Tots during the holiday season. Please bring a new, unwrapped gift (priced between \$15- \$20 dollars) for a boy or girl ages 3- 12 to the December Holiday Meeting next month. Beta Alpha Vice-President, *Nancy Wengren* will again

deliver the toys to her local fire station in Wilton Manors.

New and gently used story-books for our literacy project will also be collected at the December Meeting.



An Invitation to the Holiday Meeting

Don't miss the fun and fellowship at the annual Beta Alpha Holiday meeting this year on Monday, December 5, 2011 at the home of *President Peg Dunn-Snow*.

Beta Alpha Member *Marti McLean* has a special activity planned for us that evening in addition to our traditional Chinese auction gift

exchange. If you would like to participate in the auction this year please bring a wrapped gift (priced between \$15- \$20 dollars) to the meeting.

Please respond to the Evite you will receive soon so the program committee for this meeting can plan a special evening for all



Dr. Sonia Rodriguez



Life is a journey and this brief biographical sketch is a snapshot of that journey. I grew up in NYC and graduated from the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, NY where I received my Bachelor of Arts Degree. After my marriage and having a family, I moved to Florida. In 1991, I graduated from the University of Miami with my Master's Degree in Education and in 2008, I completed and defended my PhD dissertation in Educational Leadership at Florida Atlantic University. I have had the privilege of working in various school settings as an administrator and teacher but I find that teaching is still my passion. I am looking forward to my active participation in the DKG Beta Alpha Chapter and exploring this new path on my journey.

***Meet Some
of Our
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Members***

Marti McLean



Marti Milberg Mc Lean is a Miami Beach native and a product of the Miami-Dade County Public School System. Teaching since 1985, she has taught all grades including university teaching. For 11 years she taught Adult-Vocational and Education and Childhood Education as the Director of Childhood Programs at Miami Lakes Educational Center. In 1998 she was selected as Runner-Up for Miami-Dade Teacher of the Year. She is also a Board of Trustee for Kidco Childcare Center, which serves over 500 children in the Wynwood area in Miami. Marti is currently teaching 2nd grade at Palm Cove Elementary School in Broward County.

Kathy Henderson

I taught 35 years in Florida, in St Lucie, Miami-Dade, & Broward Counties. I spent the last 25 years at Bayview Elementary School and taught all grades & many multiage class combinations. I am also endorsed to teach gifted students. I have two sons and 4 grandchildren, 2 boys and 2 girls, ages 1-31/2. I do a lot of baby-sitting. What a joy! Today I tutor, volunteer at my church, & now have time to redecorate my home. I love teaching & was fortunate to have taught for so long many years.



Mary Cavaoli



I have been teaching for 32 years: in Japan, Iowan and Florida. My certifications are in K-12 Visual Arts, ESE, Gifted, and General Education K-6. and I have a Master's Degree in Integrated Arts Leadership from Nova University. I am presently teaching in Conniston Middle IB World School in West Palm Beach. The school has a partnership with the Kravis Center and the Norton Museum. I have written three courses for online teacher re-certification, assisted with writing and reviewing art textbooks, and have been awarded grants from CITI Bank, and Broward Education Foundation,. Most recently I received a National Endowment for the Arts grant with the Morikami Museum for an Artist-in Residence from Japan to work with my students in February 2012. I have also taught for the Boca Museum of Art. I have been honored as the Broward County Arts Teacher of the Year, 2003, Florida Art Teacher of the Year, 2003, and a finalist for the National Teachers Halls of Fame, 2009. Teaching through ther arts is a passion for me and I can see the positive results of how the arts impact children. They achieve, learn, grow, and become problem solvers.

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Barbara Wells



I am a native Floridian, born and raised in Miami. I graduated from Florida International University with a Master's in Reading Education and have been teaching for 23 years, 14 years in Dade County and nine years in Broward County. I have taught Pre-K –3 and have been the Reading Resource Specialist at Dolphin Bay Elementary School for the past two years.

I have been married to Perry for 27 years and have two beautiful children. Perry Junior who graduated from the University of Central Florida this past May and Nina who is a senior at Everglades High School. During my leisure time I love to read and travel.

Adrienne Michele Khan

I was born in Alabama but grew up in Fort Lauderdale. I attended Lutheran Central School K-8 and Lutheran High School in Davie, and graduated from Dillard High School in Fort Lauderdale in 1987. I graduated from the University of Florida, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Education Degree in 1993. I started my teaching career at Rock Island Elementary. After two years I transferred to Bayview Elementary and have been there ever since. I am married and have one son, Mohammad Khaleel who is four years and will be attending Kindergarten at Bayview next year. I live in Fort Lauderdale



Lenora Walkes



I was born and raised in Brooklyn New York. I went to Brooklyn College and earned a degree in Early Childhood Education. I later received a Masters degree in Special Education at Brooklyn College and a third degree in School Administration and

Supervision from City College of New York. I married and had three children (two girls and one boy) all of whom are now adults. Upon the death of my husband we all moved to Florida. In Florida I became certified in Gifted. I started my doctorate at Florida International University and have finished all but my dissertation. I worked in education for ten years in New York and fifteen years in Florida.

I love to travel and when my children were young we traveled and saw most of the world. Now that they are adults and I am retired (four years) I have renewed my love of travel. In the last four years I have traveled around the whole world for a second time. I love to meet new people and explore their new and different cultures. At the present time I am president of an organization called *Simunye* (Zulu for " We are one."). We travel with the purpose to trace the African Diaspora and to bring school supplies to those in need

Meet Some of Our Fantastic DKG Beta Alpha Chapter Members



Alice Schmidlin

In 1994 I moved with my parents and older sister from Gainesville, Florida to Fort Lauderdale because my father had been asked to establish an agriculture program at the two Broward County high schools, Fort Lauderdale and Pompano Beach (How the county has grown since then !). I am a graduate of Fort Lauderdale High School and Stetson University where I was a member of Alpha Xi Delta. I taught nine years at Bayview Elementary Schools until my three children, Cynthia, David , and Jeffrey were born. I now have four grandchildren.

I am a 60-year member of the First Baptist Church and serve on the history committee. I am a 45 year member of DKG International Society of Key Women Educators and past-president of Beta Alpha Chapter, District V. I love to play and sing gospel music and study Scripture. I enjoy scrapbooking, cross-stitching and gardening (Charlie called it "fluffing the flower beds."). Since 1995 I have worked part-time as a cashier at Publix Supermarket in the Plantation Towne Mall.

Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow

I was initiated into DKG in 1985. I am currently the president of Beta Alpha Chapter and was recently honored by DKG by being inducted into the Mu State Hall of Fame for service to the Society. I have also been active in the American Art Therapy Association serving as national president and the national conference chair. My career experiences includes being past director of the graduate art therapy program at Barry University, as an ESE teacher and supervisor, a reading specialist, school guidance counselor , and itinerant homebound teacher. I began my career as a first grade teacher and I am now in private practice www.arttherapyforchildren.com and work part-time at Bayview Elementary School in the aftercare program. I am married to Tom Snow. We have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.



Beta Alpha Chapter Women in the Arts

Newsletter Deadline Dates for submissions are:

Spring/Summer June 15

May 15

Summer/Fall September 15

August 15

Fall/Winter November 15

October 15

Winter/Spring March 15

February 15

In support of DKG's Women in the Arts initiative and efforts to recognize the importance of the arts in education, this page is dedicated to show-casing Beta Alpha Members' artistic talents and creativity.

Please consider submitting for publication any form of art or creative activity you pursue. Articles, poems, photographs, images of paintings, drawings, sculptures, mix-media, sewing or needlework, other handcrafts, or recipes are only a few examples of what can be published on this page.

Please email your submissions to Peg Dunn-Snow at this time. Text should be sent in doc files and photos should be sent as jpg files. Pegdunnsnow@bellsouth.net

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Elaine Burn's
and Sally
Finley's
Craftworks

Photos from the Southern Handcraft Society 2011 Holiday Show



Beta Alpha members, Nancy Wengren, Dr. Agnes Shine, and Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow attended the craft show this year. We encourage other chapter members to join us next year in support of our members Elaine and Sally. What a great place to begin your holiday shopping. There were items for Halloween (my favorite section of the show) Christmas, Hanukah, and for other family celebrations.



Beta Alpha Chapter Women in the Arts



Betty Bunnell has served as choir director at Saint Bartholomew's Catholic Church in Miramar for 20 years. On November 6, 2011 Betty celebrated her 20th anniversary at the church and her birthday as well.

Betty is currently the chair of the music committee for Beta Alpha Chapter and coordinated the music for the 2011 Broward Chapters Joint Initiation Breakfast last September. She has been asked by District V Director, Elizabeth Decker to coordinate the music for the District Meeting next April.

Congratulations Betty from all your Beta Alpha Sisters.

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celebrated 20
years of service
in music ministry
in 2011***

Photos from Betty's Celebration on November 6, 2011



Beta Alpha members, Marti McLean, Lenora Walkes, and Dr. Peg Dunn-Snow attended the party for Betty on November 6, 2011 at Saint Bartholomew's Catholic Church in Miramar in celebration of her 20 years of service in the music ministry of the church.

