



September 2016 Newsletter

Beta Xi Chapter

September Meeting

Thursday, 9/8/2016

First Baptist Church, Gallatin

6-6:30 Social Time

6:30-7:30 Program/Business Meeting- Sharon Walker

Discussion of prospective members, committee discussions, and fellowship

*****Bring the name and contact information for at least 1 or 2 prospective members*****

Inspiration: Darlene Hodges

Hostesses: Executive Board

*Last year's gift cards for new teachers was a HUGE success!!! We would like to continue this tradition. Please bring **one or two** \$5 gift cards for new teachers. Suggestions for cards include: Sonic, Dunkin' Doughnuts, Starbucks, Walmart, Kroger, Target, Chick-fil-A, McDonalds, etc. Gift bags and tags will be provided at the meeting.*

Looking Ahead....

October Meeting

Tuesday, 10/4/2016

First Baptist Church, Gallatin

6-6:30 Social Time

6:30-7:30 Program/Business Meeting-

Sharon Walker/Jennifer Lusk

Prospective members invited to attend.

Inspiration: Marissa Wells

Hostesses: Hospitality Committee

President's Message:

On August 18th, 1920 Tennessee became the 36th state in the union to ratify the 19th amendment giving women in this country the right to vote. As the 96th anniversary just passed and I read about the history of the 72 year long struggle of the suffragists and the close vote in Tennessee, it made me think about the young women of that time and how a new world of possibilities had opened up to them.

My grandmother was 17 in 1920, and I realize more as time goes by how much this event influenced her. She became a working mother (rare for her generation), and she always, without fail, exercised her right to vote. She and my grandfather were on opposite sides of the political spectrum, so she always reminded him as she left to vote that she was going down to "cancel" his vote. She was a huge influence in my life, and she, along with my parents, always encouraged me and made me feel that I could achieve anything with determination and hard work. I remember going through a stage when I would say I was going to be the "first woman this or the first woman that" (President & astronaut are two that come to mind 😊).

In 1929, only nine years after women won the right to vote, our DKG founders established Delta Kappa Gamma and Xi State was founded in 1935. Think about these women and the obstacles they overcame while still believing in the possibilities for future women educators. I hope we can continue their legacy, if only in some small way, as we consider the possibilities that lay ahead for this year and years to come. I am looking

forward to the possibilities of this year and the future for our chapter. I welcome and encourage your participation and your ideas. I hope to see everyone on September 8th.

-Sharon

In case you missed it...

2016-2018 Beta Xi Chapter Officers

Sharon Walker- President Janet Smith- 1 st Vice President Scotti Harris- 2 nd Vice President Vicki Heinen-Parliamentarian Jennifer Lusk-Corresponding Secretary Dianne Hunt- Treasurer Tracy Parker- Webmaster Melissa Nolen-Recording Secretary

Mark your calendars for our Chapter meetings!!!!

- ❖ November Meeting: Annual Auction 11/10/2016
 - ❖ December Social/New member initiation Meeting 12/8/2016
 - ❖ February Legislative review/Cookie exchange Meeting 2/9/2017
 - ❖ March "Girl Scouts" Meeting 3/9/2017
 - ❖ April "**Mystery**" Meeting 4/11/2017
 - ❖ May Founders' Day Program Meeting 5/11/2017
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Member News:

What is happening in your life? We want to know. Please fill out the short survey attached to this newsletter for fun game at each chapter meeting.

In other news.....

- New chapter President, Sharon Walker, welcomed a new grand baby this summer on 6/16/16. Her name is Autumn Elizabeth Raines---Sharon has pics on facebook and on her phone she will gladly share.
 - Bonnie Fussell was chosen to be delegate for the Democratic National Party and was able to attend their national convention in July. What an honor and exciting thing to do!!!
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Xi State News

- 30- October 1, 2016- Xi State Beginning Leadership Management Seminar, Henry Horton September State Park
- September 23-24, 2016- Xi State Fall Arts Retreat, Red Boiling Springs

Check out the newly, redesigned Xi State website
xistate.org