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Zeta News

DKG Mission statement: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International pro-
motes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in
education.

August 2021 - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Engage, Empower, Involve

Hello Zeta Sisters!!

Welcome to another school year! As this new year begins, I'm happy to see my stu-
dents back in the building again. Like other educators, I had a significant number of
students who opted for virtual learning. For some of those students, that wasn't the
best decision. For others, it went well, and they didn't miss a beat coming back to
school. We can all agree that last year was hard, given the circumstances. I think we
will also agree that this year will again, be challenging as we work to get students
caught back up, reacclimate them to learning with their peers, and attempt to protect
the health of both our students and our coworkers.

In my building, there is still discussion about case counts, absent students and teach-
ers, and optional masking. At the same time, we're conducting business as usual.
Sports teams are practicing, and game attendance will be open availability. Clubs
will be meeting, tutoring will be happening, and assemblies have been scheduled.
Truly it's a dramatic contrast to last year.

As we go through the year, please keep us all in your thoughts and prayers. We talk
about how this will be a year of grace. I encourage us, as professionals, to exercise
that grace with our students, families, faculty members, administrators, and, most
importantly, ourselves. Grace will be more important this year than ever before. It is
always my hope to be able to be generous with it.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at our August meeting, and I hope that we
are able to enjoy our time together as an opportunity to fellowship and recharge

Warmly,

Terry

August Meeting

Date: August 23, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Retired members meet at 4:30

Meal: No meal at the August meeting.

Place: West Hills Baptist Church
409 N Winston Road - Behind Suburban Plaza (Traders Joe's, Barnes and Noble and Hobby Lobby) across from the YMCA. Take West Hills exit off the interstate. Turn right onto Kingston Pike and then turn right at the first traffic light onto Winston Road.

Program: **Welcome Back**; Ice Breaker, Kaye Williams; Convention News, Martha, Tracy, Pat, Terry; Donation of Dr. Isobe's book; Order of the Rose, La Noka Rhodes; rules

Inspiration: Wynona Dye
Please wear a mask.

Help Corner

If you would like to bring items to help different groups see the following list for each month:

August: School supplies for KIN

September: Donation to Blount Mansion

October: Items for Random Acts of Flowers

November:

December:

January: Ronald McDonald House

February:

March:

April:

May:

Calendar 2021-2022



*Chapter Meetings

2021

July 15 - Zeta Executive Board Planning Meeting 2:00 p.m. - Connie Silvey's house

August 23 - 5:00 p.m. at West Hills Baptist Church, 409 N Winston Road. Welcome Back: ice breaker, convention, presentation of Dr. Isobe's book, Order of the Rose, and rules - retired members meet at 4:30

September 27 - 5:00 p.m. tour of Mabry-Hazen House.

October 25 - 5:00 p.m. - WHBC - Dan Steinhoff, volunteer for Knoxville Botanical Gardens

October - Boo at the Zoo

November 29 - 5:00 p.m. - WHBC - Early-Career Educator Grant recipient and presentation of the slate of officers for the next biennium

December - service project

2022

January 24 - 5:00 - Central High School - catered by Sweet Peas - Service Project - Sue Beverly, director of Ronald McDonald House

February 28 - 5:00 p.m. - WHBC - Speaker - Indya Kincannon

March 28 - 5:00 p.m. - Henry's Deli - 7231 Tazewell Pike, Corryton - speaker from Wild Birds Unlimited

April 25 - 5:00 p.m. - WHBC - Initiation, Founders Day, and Installation of Officers

May 9 - 5:00 p.m. - TBA - "End-of-the-Year" and hands-on demo of scarf tying

International Convention 2022 - New Orleans, LA - July 12 - 16

International Convention 2024 - National Harbor, Maryland - Gaylord National

International Convention 2026 - Aurora, Colorado - Gaylord Rockies

Concerns

Keep in our thoughts and prayers:

Gloria Kitzke

Cecelia Rivers, back surgery

Zeta Phone List

Send changes in telephone, address, cell, work numbers to Connie Silvey
cfsilvey@bellsouth.net



Yearbook

Please send yearbook corrections to:
Tami Smith - tami.smith@knoxschools.org or
1609 Cherrybrook Dr. 37912



Scholarships and Awards

Remember: If you have received an award this past school year, please notify: Mary Brockett or Nancy Irwin.

(marybrockett@gmail.com) or
(artirwin@yahoo.com).

Next Month Meeting

Date: September 27, 2021
Time: 5:00
Place: Blount Mansion
Program: Tour



August

Kitty Pruett	2
Ann Payne	14
Sherry Walsh	19
Pat Satterfield	26
Micky Perry	28

NEWSLETTER

Articles, information etc. needed for future newsletters. Please submit to Connie Silvey at cfsilvey@bellsouth.net by the 10th of each month. Thanks, Connie



The Return by Nicholas Sparks

Disabled veteran, Dr. Trevor Benson, recovering from his injuries and struggling with PTSD, inherits his grandfather's farm in North Carolina after his grandfather dies while on a mysterious trip to Georgia. In a quest to solve the mystery about his grandfather's trip, Trevor encounters two women with secrets: Natalie, a married police officer to whom he is attracted, and a girl called Callie, who had been a friend of his grandfather. (I read that feature rights have been purchased to make the novel into a movie.)

Kaye Williams

Legislation

Lamar Alexander: alexander.senate.gov
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Web Site

Check out Zeta's Web site

dkgxizeta.weebly.com

Tennessee State Organization

www.tndkg.org

Checkout EEC Corner on the website. You will find several programs and projects completed by other chapters that may be of interest.

DKG International

dkg.org

Telephone

Members, **please return the callers' calls**, even if you are not making a reservation. A returned call lets the caller know that the message was received.

Weather Policy

The Zeta chapter meeting will be cancelled if Knox County Schools are closed for weather issues.

WANTED:

NEW-MEMBERS

I challenge each member to bring a prospective member to our next meeting. Martha

Meet Zeta Member



My name is Beth Meyer, and I came to Knoxville in 1994 to attend the University of Tennessee, transferring from Walters State Community College. I graduated in 1997 with a Bachelor's of Science in Plant and Soil Science with a minor in Biology. I worked as a lab technician for a tobacco breeder at the Tobacco Experiment Station in Greeneville, TN for a year. In 1999, I returned to Knoxville to work as a research assistant in Soybean Breeding and Genetics in the Plant Science Department at the University of Tennessee. I divided my time between the field and the lab, preparing for planting and harvest, collecting data and performing chemical analyses on different aspects of soybeans. During this time, I continued my education informally, pursuing my personal interests and learning skills for cake decorating, photography, and jewelry making. I met my husband, Lee, in 2003 and we married in 2005. We live in North Hills, and enjoy gardening and cooking. After almost 20 years with the University of Tennessee, either as a student or employee, I decided to change careers, and I wanted to do something to help people. With my science background, education seemed to be a good fit for me. I went through the VolsTeach program at UT, and received another minor in Secondary Science Education. I have taught Eighth Grade Science at Halls Middle and Clinton Middle, substituted in Knox and Anderson Counties, and have been at Powell High School since 2016. These past few years, though challenging, have shown me that I made the right decision to become a teacher.



Zeta legislative August 2021

Several new Tennessee laws went into effect on July 1. Some of these are:

Second Amendment Rights – Law-abiding Tennessee citizens who are at least 21 years old (or have served or are serving in the Armed Forces) may now carry a gun without a permit. Penalties for several gun-related crimes also were increased.

Underage Drinking – Property owners are prohibited from knowingly serving alcohol to anyone under 21. (The previous law specified minors 18-under 21.) There is a mandatory minimum \$1,000 fine for those convicted.

Teacher Pay – The State Board of Education is required to increase teacher base salary by the same percentage in which the instructional component of the BEP is increased.

Teacher Shortages – The process of getting Tennessee certification for teachers who move here from other states has been simplified.

Endorsement Pathways – Local school boards will be able to set up teacher training programs which do not require enrollment in higher education. Individuals will be required to pass an assessment to prove they are qualified.

Textbook Transparency – This act ensures that all textbooks used by Tennessee students are easily available for the public to view for the entire period the textbooks are being used, not just 90 days as previously required.

From:

<http://1057news.com/2021/06/28/07/45/33/new-laws-going-into-effect-in-tennessee-july-1-2021/#:~:text=NEW%20LAWS%20GOING%20INTO%20EFFECT%20IN%20TENNESSEE%20JULY%201%2C%202021,-%2F&text=The%20General%20Assembly%20approved%20legislation,guns%20or%20possess%20them%20illegally.>

Submitted by Tricia Jones, Legislative chair

Educational Issues

Information from: NEA Panel Focus on Extended Learning Post-COVID posted August 2021

1. "Summer learning is a combination of academic enrichment, health and fitness, social and emotional learning, but most of all it should be fun and engaging for students."
2. Start at the beginning of the year to build relationship between parents and teachers. View bealearnnghero.com for suggestions to help build relationships between parents and teachers.
3. helpkidsrecover.org is where educators can learn how states are using funding from the American Rescue Plan for extended learning,

[National School Support Accelerator](#) to help tutors to become well trained. There is a need for all students to have access to after school learning.

[Teachers in the Parks](#) - helps extend literacy progress.

Check out nea.org/summerlearning for more information.

Submitted by: Connie Silvey, Communication chair