



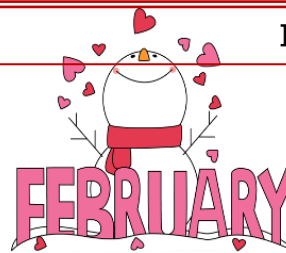
A Word from Our Co-President



Oh my, I have so many things that I should be doing but here I sit! It's just overwhelming at times to accomplish what you think you want to do and tend to things that need attention. I think that I have found a way to get ahead. The secret of getting ahead is to *get started*. Have you found yourself lacking motivation at times? While pondering my lack of motivation I have been searching for ways to uplift me, to get started, so I can get ahead. I get excited when I see what the end results could be, but I do nothing to get the project started.

Music is a way to soothe and move your body and mind to get started whether it be Bach, Country, or Pop Rock. On gloomy days, just the act of turning on many lights in my work area give me a brighter outlook. Another, way to get started, is to make a plan with another person. Inspiration from a friend to meet goals is a way to keep you on track. It's not what you do occasionally, it's what you do day in and out that makes the difference. What are some of your tricks to help you get started so you can get ahead? I would be interested to know.

Susan



February Meeting Reminder

- When:** February 27, 2025
6:30 pm
- Where:** Zoom
- Purpose:** **#2:** To HONOR women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
- Program:** Ceremony of Remembrance honoring our Beta Rho Sisters, Eleanor and June
- Contact:** Barb P/Zoom
Charlotte/Program
- Hostesses:** NA

Barb P will be sending the link.

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Susan and Margaret send a **rose** to the following for their contributions to our chapter and at the state level



...all members who facilitated a program or provided refreshments

...to those who helped revise the standing rules

...Sheryl for hosting our Christmas gathering and making the delicious soups and Linda P for helping her

...Susan H for being our auctioneer and Susan F for handing the money

Chapter Officers 2024-2026



Co-Presidents	<i>Susan H and Margaret M</i>
First Vice President	Vacant
Second Vice President	<i>Barb D</i>
Co-Recording Secretaries	<i>Beth G & Sheryl Z</i>
Corresponding Secretary	<i>Charlotte</i>
Treasurer	<i>Susan F</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>Leslie R</i>
Historian	<i>Sheryl Z</i>



Our Scholarship fund is now a part of the Community Foundation of Monroe County and the Lenawee Community Foundation.

You can contribute to one or both funds to help support our scholarship program. Make out the check to the Foundation. Write the *name of the scholarship on the memo line. These contributions may be of any amount and may be made at any time.

Community Foundation of Monroe County
9 Washington St.
Monroe, MI 48161

**Women Educators Endowed Scholarship Fund*

Lenawee Community Foundation
1440 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221

**Scholarship Program for Women Educators*

Any questions please contact Linda P or Sheryl Z



Birthdays

Sheryl Z	February 26
Susan H	March 27
Barb D	March 28
Sue G	April 3
Diane S	April 11

"Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle."
- Abraham Lincoln



Visit the chapter website: <https://betarhomi.org>

Chapter News



Business Meeting was held. Charlotte shared a booklet that contained examples of our writing with her through the years. She gave us each a journal to write “My 100 Moments”. If you did not receive a journal please contact Charlotte. Writing your life story is a way to honor your journey, preserve your personal legacy, and connect deeply with others.

Vicky Loveland from the Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition educated us on the dangers of vaping. She explained the different types, shared examples, and described how prevalent it is in high schools today. Visit their Facebook Page at <https://facebook.com/substance.abuse.Monroe.County/> for more information. A business meeting was held.



An afternoon meeting was held to accommodate the representatives from CASA. CASA of Monroe County is to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children who are under the protection of the family court. Using court-appointed, community volunteers, CASA seeks to assure safe, permanent families for these children as quickly as possible. Volunteers are needed. For info click [here](#). No business meeting was held.

Members enjoyed a delicious soup and salad lunch. Sheryl made the soup and members brought salad and dessert. Fellowship was enjoyed by all. The gift auction raised money for the scholarship endowment. \$280 was raised and divided between the Monroe and Lenawee Foundations.



Six members gathered on Zoom. Several members had technical difficulties, and the scholarships recipients were unable to attend. Linda P invited us to discuss what we observe about education today that is good and bad. A thoughtful discussion followed.

The executive board met last Tuesday and worked on updating the Beta Rho Standing Rules. To review this working document, see Margaret’s email attachment 2/12/25



Ceremony of Remembrance for



June Hopkins

June 25, 1925 – February 3, 2024

Eleanor Russell

April 9, 1929 – July 12, 2024

This *Ceremony of Remembrance* gives fellow members, friends and family the opportunity to celebrate the lives of these outstanding educators and Charter Beta Rho members.

Thursday, February 27, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

If you are unable to attend and want to write something to be read at the ceremony, please email to Charlotte at woelmer@sbcglobal.net

June Hopkins

Dr. June Hopkins was initiated in 1973, a charter member. She was the 1992 Chapter Women of Distinction.

She served as the Monroe County Intermediate School District Assistant Superintendent.

Eleanor Russell

Eleanor was initiated in 1973, a charter member. She was an active member of her chapter for 50 years. She served as the President of the chapter from 1978 to 1980 and again from 1994 to 1996. She was the chapter Women of Distinction in 1985 and 2002. Along with this she was Chairperson of Personal Growth and Services. Lastly, she helped serve lunch at Holiday Camp. Eleanor was an elementary teacher for Monroe Public Schools for 25 years, utilizing the bachelor's and master's degrees in education she earned from Eastern Michigan University.

Her love for her community extended beyond education. Eleanor stayed active by volunteering for over 25 years with Mobile Meals where she served as the director and driver. She also volunteered with the Salvation Army, Monroe Council of Churches, and Church Women United.

Eleanor received numerous awards including a Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel, the Wilfred E. Simpson "Church Person of the Year" Award by the Monroe Council of Churches, and the Michigan Week "Minute Man" Award.

As a long-standing member of Christ Lutheran Church, Eleanor served in numerous roles including church council Vice President, Sunday School teacher, and VBS Director. For many years she oversaw funeral luncheons, Easter and pancake breakfasts and Lenten suppers. In recognition of her dedication and service, the church honored her in 2014 by naming the fellowship hall after her. Eleanor will be missed by her family and friends.



Michigan State DKG
2023-2025 Biennium Theme
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Karen Lessnau-Scott
2023-2025 State President

*Two peninsulas, fifty-five chapters,
countless key women educators*
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Dates to Remember

March 22, 2025
PAC Meeting
Howell UMC
Howell, MI

May 2-4, 2025
Executive Board and State Convention
Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort
6800 Soaring Eagle Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Online registration is available

June 21, 2025
PAC and Officer Training
Howell UMC
Howell, MI

July 30 - August 2, 2025
International Conference
New Orleans, LA

Fall 2025
Executive Board and Fall Conference
Location and Date TBD

CONGRATULATIONS !

Congratulations to Margaret and Barb D.
Their photos were selected for International
Fall Art Gallery 2024. You may view them in
the Winter 2025 Wolverine.

State Convention Preview

Exciting Topics will be presented in Mt. Pleasant! The excitement is building for our upcoming spring convention at Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant! While the schedule has not yet been firmed up, we would like to give you a peek at some of the sessions and other great activities we have planned.

Friday night we will begin with another AIM gala. Last spring our Roaring 20's party was a huge success, and we're hoping for even more fun this year. Many thanks to the AIM committee for creating an event that funds our purposes, as well as bringing us together in a relaxed, joyful event.

We are excited to have our own Laura Ruggles presenting her "Teach Like a Coach" session, sharing strategies for changing mindsets through teaching with themes. Laura's enthusiasm and energy is contagious, and we can't wait to attend her session. We will be joined by our Northeast Regional Director Eileen Little. We hope to gain insight into how our international organization is functioning now with the changes in personnel, as well as learning more about GIRLS, our service project in Africa.

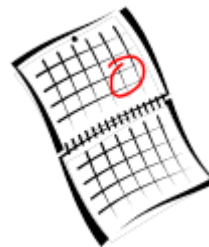
*Submitted by Colleen Retherford, Epsilon,
State 1st Vice-President
Winter 2025 Wolverine*



Mission Statement

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

**BETA RHO CALENDAR
2024 - 2025**



MARCH

Thursday, March 27, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Margaret's House

Cards for children

Contact: Margaret

Bring a luncheon dish to pass.

APRIL

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Arrive 4:45 p.m., Program 5:00 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

1500 Blissfield Hwy.,

Palmyra

Mobility and Balance

Contact: Leslie R.

Hostesses:

MAY

Thursday, May 22, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Social House

Dundee, MI

Birthday Dinner and Program

Honoring our Friend of Education

Contact: Sheryl/Venue

Music and Scholarship Committees

Sheryl will bring cupcakes

JUNE

Tuesday, June 22, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.(tentative)

Ida United Methodist Church

8124 Ida East Rd,

Ida, MI 48140

Planning for upcoming year

Bring lots of ideas, cell phones and a dish to pass.

Contacts: Sheryl/venue

Susan H. and Margaret

JULY

Holiday Camp