



Where have all the flowers gone?

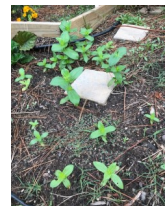
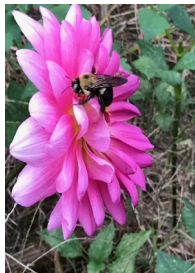


Have you noticed the colorful changes to the trees? Plants that bloomed throughout the spring and summer are now fading or gone. I love plants and flowers. I find the intricacy of their structures fascinating. The Fibonacci pattern of sunflowers or the many shapes, sizes, and colors of zinnias with tiny center flowers, that welcome bees and butterflies, demonstrate design and purpose. As I look out at my flower garden, most of the flowers are now gone along with the birds and insects that played among them. In thinking

about the yearly cycles that plants and animals experience an old song started playing in my head. Many of you might remember Peter, Paul, and Mary singing “*Where have all the flowers gone?*” For some of our members, this was popular a “*long time ago*” during another challenging season of world change. The changes that we each have endured in 2020 may have challenged us to think about times that we felt were “normal”.

As the weather changes and as we shift to long sleeves and/or flannel, we recognize the need to adjust to the changing environment. Dramatic instructional change is real for those who are now teaching both virtual and in-person classes. Acceptance and adjustment have been essential to changed classrooms and a much different student/teacher dynamic. Those of us who are retired have adjusted where and how we go, and whom we see. We have successfully navigated the turmoil of the past few months. Individually, we are moving forward through new experiences. We must!

Collectively, Beta Sigma has met in person adhering to safety guidelines, used phone buddies to listen to the meeting speakers, and, have met remotely, through Zoom. In the past two months we have inducted two collegiate candidates, Rebecca Weaver and Dr. Ny Riavo Voarintsoa. We continue to grow into the future ... just like some of my flowers that reseeded themselves.



Though bees and butterflies are not now in abundance in my garden, a few are still around. A yellow butterfly is enjoying the zinnia while a bee sleeps on a dahlia. They are making the best of what is left in the garden. Along the way we are learning new digital skills as we make the best of this season of change in our world. Beta Sigma will continue to overcome the challenges of the

seasons. All the best is ahead.

Peter, Paul and Mary gave a rhetorical answer to the question about flowers in the form of another question. “*When will they ever learn?*” In changing and challenging times, learning requires dedicated, capable, agile educators. Our society supports an essential and noble calling. Please keep up that good work individually as we seek to find safe ways to enjoy gathering as a group..

Diane (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgXNVA9ngx8> *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?*)

INDUCTIONS: A WAY TO KEEP GROWING

REBECCA WEAVER



September 26, 2020

Athens, GA

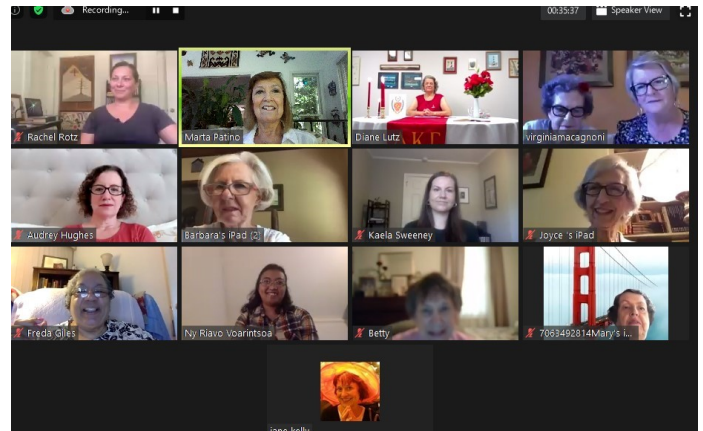
DR. NY RIVAO VOARINTSOA



October 24, 2020

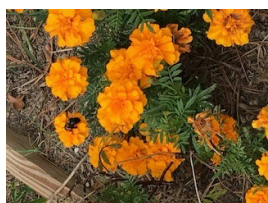
Trans-Atlantic DKG Induction Ceremony

Belgium



Beta Sigma welcomes these two outstanding educators.

Sisters, keep your candle burning brightly



Just as the bees enjoy late blooms, look for opportunities to thrive and grow.



βΣ INDUCTION NEWS ARTICLE and COMMENTS

Thank you to Kaela Sweeney for writing the great article. Thank you to all who participated in making this unique induction happen. Congratulations sisters. Please read parts of the emails from GSO and DKG International. Thanks to Betty Richardson for sharing with others.

Trans-Atlantic Delta Kappa Gamma Induction

ATHENS, GEORGIA – While meetings, projects, and other chapter events look different this year, the Beta Sigma chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International took advantage of the virtual format to conduct a member induction ceremony across continents last weekend. With 14 members present on Zoom, the Beta Sigma chapter in Georgia was pleased to formally welcome into membership, Dr. Ny Riavo Voarintsoa on Saturday, October 24th.

The mission of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. Dr. Ny Riavo Voarintsoa brings experience, passion, and a commitment to global education to the Beta Sigma chapter. She is from Madagascar, but she is currently doing her post-doctoral work in Belgium. Dr. Ny Riavo Voarintsoa founded the Geological Society of Madagascar, for which she is the current president. Under her leadership, the society organized a geology outreach course that attracted around 200 students. The society also offers a number of educational resources in Earth Sciences. Dr. Ny Riavo Voarintsoa is a Marie Curie Fellow, and she received her PhD at the University of Georgia where she worked with Dr. Marta Patiño-Douce, past president of Beta Sigma chapter of GSO.

Attendees included Betty Richardson, GSO Communications and Marketing Committee Chair. Beta Sigma chapter members present included: Diane Lutz, Beta Sigma President; Dr. Marta Patiño-Douce, Beta Sigma Past President; Mary Burton, 2nd VP; Gwen Hartman, Membership/Nominations Chair; Dr. Virginia Macagnoni, Chapter Founding member; Jane Kelly, Parliamentarian; Dr. Rachel Rotz, Webmaster; Barbara McConnell; Dr. Freda Giles, UGA Professor Emeritus; Audrey Hughes; Kaela Sweeney; and Joyce Reynolds.

District II Director Gwen White

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 2:25 PM

This induction is truly a groundbreaking event. Congratulations to Beta Sigma and to Voary on both the induction and your commitment to the Schools for Africa program.

Wishing you the best.

Gwen

Betty,

How exciting! Thanks so much for sharing this with me. I am copying International President Becky Sadowski and including Diane's article. I am sure she will be delighted to hear how members are continuing to make meaningful connections and bring new members into our fold – despite the challenges of our time.

And congratulations to Dr. Voarintsoa!

Warmly, *Nita*

Nita Scott, DKG Exec. Secretary

To Nita Scott, DKG Exec. Secretary

Nita,

I received this news article from Diane Lutz, Georgia Beta Sigma Chapter President and knew that the DKG Administration would want to know the information.

I did attend the Zoom induction and it was a very beautiful and creative virtual induction. Our new sister will definitely be an asset to the organization.

Georgia Beta Sigma is a very active chapter with delightful sisters.

Hope your week is filled with joy.

Betty Richardson

Georgia State Organization Corresponding Secretary; Communication and Publicity Chair

Betty,

I agree with Nita. This is such exciting news! I am amazed at all the creative ways DKG chapters are bringing new members into our organization.

Congratulations to Beta Sigma Chapter and "Welcome" to Dr. Voarintsoa!!!!

Sending best wishes to all!

Becky (**Becky Sadowski DKG INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**)



DR. DANA MCDOUGALD

August 9, 1942 to October 13, 2020



Dana, a DKG Beta Sigma member for over 35 years, is greatly missed. She served as chapter recording secretary for many years. Dana and her husband, Larry, returned to UGA in 1977. Larry had accepted a position at UGA in the Poultry Science Department and Dana a position as a teacher at UGA in library science. After two years, in 1979, Dana began at Cedar Shoals High School as one of the media

specialists. In 1983 she received her Doctorate degree from UGA in Adult Education with emphasis in Library Science.

Carolyn Howell says "Dana was my colleague for 22 years at Cedar Shoals High School where she was the media specialist and a longtime friend until her passing. In 1997 Dana gave a baby shower for my daughter, Felicia, at her house. In the photo, from left to right, Betsy Lubs, a longtime friend, Dana, Felicia, Carolyn, and Anita Picas. Carolyn said that Dana's and Carolyn's grandchildren enjoyed playing together for many years. Dana dearly loved her grandchildren and Cole, the oldest, was very moved at the passing of his grandmother and stated that she was the only mother that he had! Dana's hobbies included knitting and crocheting. Dana taught Sunday School at her church, Holy Cross Lutheran for many years. In addition to her husband, Larry, she is survived by two children, Charles and Tracey, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren."



Jane Kelly remembers "that for a number of years we would designate one of our Beta Sigma meetings as our book read sharing night. Dana was the recording secretary and took her job so seriously that she would collect and type up all the information needed if we wanted to order a particular book ourselves. For Dana, the recording of the infinite details was probably second-nature to her considering her long career as a librarian and media-specialist. Dana and I both loved dogs. She had 8 and I had 6. Once she invited Paul and me to visit and to meet her dogs, large and mixed breeds, and each sat poised on its own chair in their own dog-family room. It was dinner time and the dogs knew it. You could tell it in the excited eyes and the long tongues, but they were disciplined and would not move until called. Dinner was set out in 8 bowls, one for each, in a row and each bowl held a large sausage, the nightly treat. Upon cue when Dana called, they flew off their chairs in unison and devoured the sausages and with tails a-wagging. It makes a heart joyful to see happy dogs and wagging tails. At least that was so for Dana."

Betsey Lubs, a frequent $\beta\Sigma$ guest, shared "I always thought of Dana as a sister. We bonded almost immediately when she came to Cedar Shoals in '79 because of our love of animals, especially dogs. We would try to arrange our schedules so that we could eat our home brought lunch together during third period. I would go with Dana and her husband, Larry, to Antique Shows, looking for Kentucky Derby glasses from the 50's and 60's. I went to Europe with them in the early '90's and had a wonderful time, even though Dana and I were sick with colds that we had caught on the plane the entire time we were in Europe. I would run into their house, never knocking on the door, calling out "I'm here!" and be joyously greeted by their dogs every time!! My husband, Fred, and I traveled with Dana and Larry many times in the '80's and '90's, to Savannah, Charleston, Asheville, the mountains and had wonderful times. We ate hundreds of wonderful meals at their house; Dana was a fantastic cook; and they ate hundreds of meals at our house. When I heard that Dana had died, my heart broke. I loved her dearly."

May many wonderful memories, fill your heart when you think of Dana.

MEETINGS IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL

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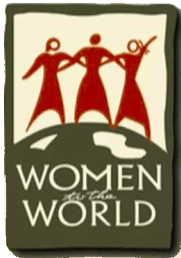
September 26 OLLI

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Tim Mehan, OLLI Executive Director, spoke to our chapter on the class opportunities still available through OLLI. Though classes have changed to the Zoom format, and the catalogue is on line, OLLI continues to have many interesting and challenging classes for those 50 years and older.



Tim is from London, England. Since $\beta\Sigma$ is a well traveled chapter, members had a little “quiz” on England to test their knowledge and set the stage for Tim. We even found a couple questions that made Tim really think. Many chapter members have enjoyed OLLI classes over the years. We keep learning.



October 24 WOMEN TO THE WORLD

Doris Aldrich, Founder *Women to the World*

Women to the World, Inc. is an international nonprofit Christian service organization committed to improving the lives of poor women and children in developing countries. The Mission of Women to the World provides the basis for freeing women and children from poverty, dependency and abuse. Projects provide assistance so that disenfranchised women may take their rightful places as contributing members of their families, communities, and nations.

Doris shared the work that is being done here in Athens, as well as programs in other countries, to educate women to be productive members in the community .

Our chapter is always researching ways to increase our community outreach and to help educate people of all ages.

We want to increase learning opportunities.



MEETINGS IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL

VIRTUAL



BETA SIGMA Chapter's 2nd ZOOM interview meeting

September 5th

Dr. Ny Rivao Voarintsoa (Voary)

GSO VIRTUAL MEETINGS

September 26th Diane and Marta attended.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Diane attended District IV meeting on Monday October 19th

BETA SIGMA DKG TRANS - ATLANTIC INDUCTION

October 24th @ 10AM

AND SUDDENLY
YOU JUST KNOW
IT'S TIME TO START
SOMETHING NEW
AND TRUST
THE MAGIC
OF BEGINNINGS

Pinterest.com



Virtual Tours and Sites

<https://geosocietymada.weebly.com/>

<https://www.gpb.org/education/georgia-studies/virtual-field-trips>

<https://www.historicathens.com/2020-virtual-history-conference>

<https://www.athenswelcomecenter.com/musichistory>

<https://www.live.ugatheatre.com>

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Books for Keeps works to improve children's reading achievement by addressing barriers related to the accessibility and appeal of reading material. We give books to children whose reading opportunities outside of school might be otherwise limited due to geography, income, or other factors.



This is an ongoing outreach for Beta Sigma. We publicize the work being done to put books into the hands of children as the pandemic required on-line sign up to distribute books to elementary children. We have donated hundreds of books for the BFK book sale. We have gone in to sort and box new books for schools. *At our October meeting, the chapter donated \$100 to BFK and some of our members also donate individually.*

Carolyn Howell was able to donate over 500 books and now has a little more room in her basement!

**Dr. Freda Giles is directing a virtual play,
BREATHE,
November 5-9 and 11-13 @8PM .
To book, go to
live.ugatheatre.com
Donations are requested.**



SCHOOLS FOR AFRICA: MADAGASCAR

Madagascar is one of the 13 Sub-Saharan African countries that DKG International and UNICEF have been in collaboration since 2010 through the Schools for Africa Program. Members of our World Fellowship/Global Impact Committee have been investigating ways that Beta Sigma members could participate, preferably to help students in Madagascar, the home of our new inductee, Vorary. The Committee plans to discuss options at the Executive Committee meeting in January.

KEEPING ACTIVE



France Boney enjoys the pretty leaves and cooler fall weather, the azaleas that bloom a second time, and her furry canine friend, Jack.



October 24th was a very special day for Beverly and Jerry Tuttle. Their daughter Elizabeth married Adam Johnson. The setting was the beautiful Georgia mountains of Dahlonega.

Congratulations!



Voary enjoying a walk and a quiet place during a shabbat at the Damascus Gate train station when she was a postdoc at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.

https://soundcloud.com/miu_zik/a-million-dreams-cover



Congratulations to Liz French! She passed her bus driving test! Now she's able to drive the BioBus rolling classroom herself.



$\beta\Sigma$'s young teachers are on a roll!

Keep up the creative teaching!

BITS AND PIECES



Mystery picture: Who is this?

Answer revealed at the Walking Tour.



24 Hour Salad

Line a 13x9x12 inch pan with bite-sized torn lettuce. Over this sprinkle 1/2 green pepper, chopped, then red pepper or the rest of the green.

Layer 1/2 cup chopped celery; 1/2 cup of red Spanish Onion; 1 package of frozen green peas.

Spread 1 1/2 cup mayonnaise to which 2 tablespoons sugar has been added, then 4 ounces grated cheddar cheese.

Top with 8 pieces of crumbled crisp bacon.

Refrigerate overnight. Toss and serve.

Recipe from Dana's collection. Shared by Betsy Lubs.



βΣ Committees Wrap up

Scholarship: Audrey Hughes Raffle increased funds by \$50. Researching other ways to support funding

Communications: Liz French Emails, phone buddies, phone tree, cards

Membership/Nominations: Gwen Hartman Increase membership plan shared

Leadership Development: Carolyn Howell Program speakers and related "quizzes", virtual meetings

Global Outreach/ World Fellowship: Jane Kelly Madagascar education plight shared; continue discussion with Voary

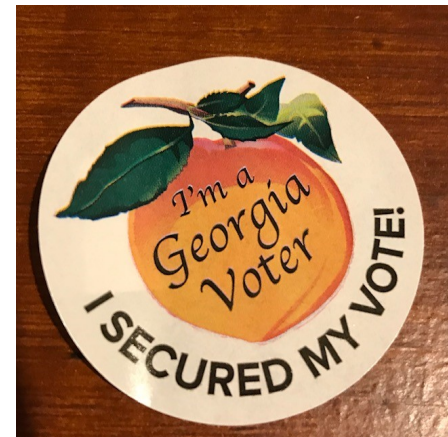
Chapter Community Outreach September/October: Books For Keeps \$100

What's up next?



**Daylight Savings time ends
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st.
FALL BACK ONE HOUR.**

VOTE NOVEMBER 3rd



**NEXT $\beta\Sigma$ CHAPTER MEETING
ATHENS MUSIC HISTORY WALKING TOUR
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14 @ 10:30 AM
MEET IN FRONT OF CLASSIC CENTER BOX
OFFICE**

Wear comfortable shoes!

**BE SAFE!
STAY HEALTHY!
CHECK ON EACH OTHER.**



Even the smallest act of kindness matters. It's like a ripple in a pond flowing positive energy forever outward to infinity...

