

### Seasons Greetings from Argentina

Dear Sisters,

From far away, I am thinking of you, wishing you very Happy Holidays! I am sure that the company of family and friends, will bring joy to the celebrations.

As a difference from what happens in the United States, where we start seeing Christmas decorations more than a month before the actual date, the Holidays here in Argentina are slow to settle in. People do not assemble the Christmas tree until the last minute, but then it stays on for much longer, as if they wanted to extend the good times shared in family far more than what they actually lasted— The Holidays mark the start of the summer vacations. Kids are out of school until March and parents look forward to time away from the big city. The need to unwind and take a break from the humid heat at the beach or the mountains is in everyone’s mind. These Holidays are very special for me. I will share them with my mother, brother and nephews/niece/grandniece – something I have not done in many years. Part of my heart, as you know, will be in Athens too. I certainly missed not being able to be with you at the Holiday Brunch. It must have been fun! As we approach the year’s end, I wish you a Season filled with happy memories, peace and great prospects for the New Year.

Let’s meet again in 2020 to keep building our friendship! May it be a great year for all of us!

Love, Marta

Feliz navidad y  
próspero año nuevo



### ANNE CHAPMAN COOK 1931-2019



Anne was born in Cedartown, Georgia. At age four, her family moved to the Washington, D.C. area where her father was in the intelligence community and her mother was a teacher. She graduated from Falls Church High School, Falls Church, VA. Anne was a “Triple Dawg” graduate of the University of Georgia with three degrees: bachelors, masters, and specialist in Education. She taught in the Clarke County Schools for 40 years including Alps Road and Barnett Shoals Elementary Schools. 1991 she was named *Reading Teacher of the Year* by the GA chapter of the International Reading Association; then in 1992 she was recognized as *Teacher of the Year* at Barnett Shoals. Anne loved to travel and had visited 6 continents and 49 states. She was a member of Milledge Avenue Baptist church and participated in numerous civic and professional organizations. Her longest affiliation was with Kappa Delta Sorority-Sigma Phi chapter at the University of Georgia where she served for decades on the Alumnae Advisory Board and was selected *Alumna of the Year* several times. She volunteered at the Classic Center and Morton Theatre.

Anne had been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International, Beta Sigma Chapter, Athens, GA since October 1, 1985. She served as President of the chapter 1998-2002. We will greatly miss her along with the smile and quick wit that could light up the room.

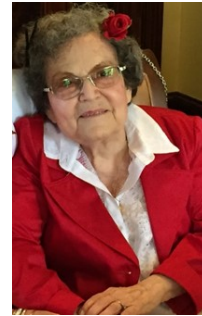
## Scholarship and Grant-in-Aid



Beta Sigma Charter  
Members 1975

Janett: Chapter  
President 1975-77

Virginia: Chapter  
President 1977-78



Janett Gibbs Scholarship

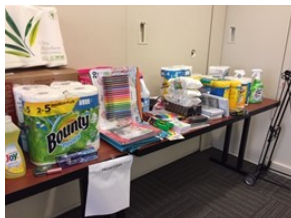
Virginia Macagnoni Grant-in-Aid

The Beta Sigma Chapter scholarship committee: Barbara McConnell, chairman, Jane Kelly, Ellen Stoll, joined by Marta PATIÑO-Douce and Diane Lutz.

Virginia Macagnoni will present the Grant-in-Aid check to Rachel Rotz, Collegiate member of Beta Sigma, when Rachel is back from UGA holiday break.

### PROJECT SAFE

The guest speaker for the Nov. 2nd meeting at Athens Library was Joan Prittie, Director of Athens Project Safe. She has been the Director for twenty years and is an attorney. Joan informed Beta Sigma members that Project Safe serves individuals as well as families. The process of keeping these victims safe is a fascinating network involving many hours given by paid employees as well as volunteers. One of their main fundraisers is the Athens Dancing with the Stars. It was a very informative presentation. Members brought many items from the request list as well as gift cards. *Evelyn Woods*



*Greetings from Laura Viera in Claremont, CA*

Laura is currently teaching Spanish at Claremont High School while working on a master's in Education at Claremont Graduate University with a concentration in teaching learning and culture. While she misses Athens, she is enjoying her new students, friends, and community.

She shared this picture of her student group, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan, doing a booth for the Day of the Dead Celebration.



Beta Sigma members attending the December holiday brunch sent her a note.

*Beta Sigma Officers will be installed at the April luncheon. If you would be willing to serve or want to nominate someone for the 2020-2022 biennium, please contact Evelyn Wood, ewteach@bellsouth.net.*

**Freda Scott Giles**  
**UGA Associate Professor**  
**Emeritus of Theatre and the**  
**Institute for African American**  
**Studies Speaks to OLLI**

*The Great Migration and Harlem Renaissance Drama* was the topic for her OLLI luncheon presentation Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at Trumps. Freda shared how the two black migrations, 1915 to 1940 and 1940-1970 influenced the African American populations of the south to shift to cities of the north. In doing this, the literary and drama cultures blossomed. New York City became the local center for an arts movement known as the Harlem Renaissance. W.E.B. DuBois and Alain Locke were movement leaders through which there was an increase in publication and exposure of African diaspora artists. She shared her love of the theatre through illustrations and pictures of famous actors, writers, and plays of that era. Freda has held small group discussions about many plays, actors, and playwrights with OLLI. OLLI is the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.



*Carolyn Howell generously shared her ticket to the luncheon when she found she was not able to attend. She wanted a Beta Sigma member there to support Freda.*

Freda has served as Beta Sigma 2nd Vice President. She will speak about W.E.B. DuBois at the February 13th chapter meeting, Oconee Library, 5 PM. She was the UGA Founders Day speaker January 28, 2018, and shared the life of DuBois, the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard.

**BETA SIGMA WEBSITE and BLOG COMING!**

Thanks to Rachel Rotz for developing the website for our chapter. She will let us know when it is available in 2020. Several GSO chapters already have websites. We're glad to be a part of the technology era and appreciate Rachel's initiative and work. Audrey Hughes and Liz French will blog about the activities of their programs, students, and our chapter involvement with them. Keep up the great work you're doing with middle school students.



Diane Lutz sponsored an outstanding teacher, Kaela Sweeney, for membership in DKG, Beta Upsilon chapter, Nashville, TN. The induction was Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Nashville. Diane was glad to be invited to attend and was able to meet DKG sisters from four Nashville chapters.



**Looking ahead Beta Sigma in 2020:**

- **Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM** - Executive Board Mtg. Barbara McConnell's home for a chili supper
- **Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM** - Chapter Meeting at Oconee Library, Freda Giles shares *W.E.B. DuBois*
- **March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3 PM** - Chapter Meeting at State Botanical Gardens/ Alice Richards Children's Garden; District Director Gwen White will join us.
- **April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30** Beta Sigma Luncheon and Installation of new officers. GSO state president, Kathy Brown will join us.

**Plan on joining us in a great New Year!**

**Newsletter Editors**

**Fall - Marta      Nov/Dec - Diane**

### Update on Anita Picas in Catalunya, Spain



I got an email from Anita telling us that she is getting used to her new routine. Fortunately, her computer has arrived and she is hoping to be able to do SKYPE with her Athens friends. She told me that she goes to the gym twice a week in the afternoon, and out for lunch on Sundays enjoying the good healthy Catalan food. As it happened here in Athens before, the winter cold has given her some trouble with her knees but proper treatment is making her feel better.

Being Anita as she is, she has already a group of lady-friends with whom she gets together every Tuesday at a restaurant to keep up with local events and have a good time. She and Arturo are growing their group of friends. They bought tickets with another couple to attend the upcoming theater season in a nearby town, just 20 minutes away from Navás. No doubt that she is adapting well to the new life. Marta

### HOLIDAY BRUNCH *Donations for Audrey's and Liz's student programs: \$900. THANK YOU!*

What a wonderfully delicious December brunch time at Mary Jim's beautifully decorated home. It was good to spend time together. Thank you to all who shared brunch dishes. We have many wonderful cooks. The chapter sent holiday greeting cards to former members, Anita Picas in Spain and Laura Viera in California. We appreciate the willingness of Mary Jim and Carolyn H. to open their homes in December, respectively, in alternating years. We missed you Marta!



*Seated L to R: Mary Jim , Virginia, Dana, Wanda.  
Standing L to R: Diane, Mary, Barbara, Carolyn A., Evelyn, Carolyn H.,  
Sandra, Freda, Beverly, Liz, Jane*

