



# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR KEY WOMEN EDUCATORS DELTA KAPPA GAMMA™

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## BETA SIGMA HIGHLIGHTS

### Recognitions:




## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER

*Mannette Mosley*  
Initiation on April 2018



- Anne Cook, "The Spice and Wit of Beta Sigma"
- Carolyn Howell "The Woman with the Golden Heart";
- Mary Jim Combs "Sage and Communicator Extraordinaire"
- Diane Lutz "Vice President Supreme and Formidable Reader".



**Congratulations to Dr. Marta Patiño Douce, one of the recipients of the University System of Georgia 2018 eHero award for her work in the Georgia digital campus through eCore.**



## ***NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Dear ladies,

As this first biennium of my presidency come to a close I feel compelled to bring to your attention what your hard work and generosity helped us achieve and the vision for the future. I am particularly grateful to the Chapter Officers and Past President for their willingness to share their DKG experience and selflessly supporting a rookie president.

I also want to thank you for the trust you have put on my leadership, allowing me to continue to serve as Beta Sigma President for the 2018-2019 biennium. And, we have plans!

This past biennium we started to collaborate directly with special education teachers from Gaines School elementary. The children enjoyed readings from Diane and we made sure that each of them had a Christmas gift, towels for swimming trips, clothes, books, gift certificates to their favorite restaurants and supplies to learn and have fun during these two years.

While we will continue to collaborate with Gaines teachers, our vision for the coming biennium is to try to expand our support to Hilsman Middle School. Laura Viera, Spanish teacher at Hilsman and Beta Sigma's new Recording Secretary, is serving as our liaison with Hilsman administration and teachers. After three meetings with the principal and teachers, it appears that we can lend support to Hilsman Connections Program, which provides targeted learning beyond the structured day curriculum and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century program of Ms. Audrey Hughes, science teacher. The 21<sup>th</sup> Century program this year will focus on the science of water and its connection to energy and the environment. The program will be carried out in collaboration with UGA Office of Sustainability (Liz French in charge of this part), myself, student volunteers from my geology courses and any Beta Sigma sister who would like to help the students in their projects. Let me know if you are interested.

We have also been exploring ways to raise funds beyond our chapter circle. Two ideas will, hopefully, be put in place in the coming biennium. One is a Zumba event at Hilsman, and the other is the "No Show Tea Party" discussed at the February and March meetings.

This past year, Beta Sigma initiated two new members, Laura Viera and Nannette Mosley, carried out the first Fall Orientation picnic, and was honored with the visit of District II Director Betsy Barb; Psi State President Virginia McChesney and Psi State Recording Secretary Leslie Giraldo.

If you were paying attention to DKG lately, you probably noticed that change has been the theme that permeated the DKG website, publications, Leadership Seminars and keynote addresses at every event. Change is anticipated for DKG, embodied in the more than 140 amendments proposed for the International Society Constitution that were voted upon at the International Convention in Austin, this past July. We are asked to be open to change and it may seem hard... Although, personally, I do not like to be placed outside my comfort zone, I fully understand that change is what allows us to evolve and grow beyond our beginnings. Change is what enables us to adapt to be in harmony with the society around us.

We are living at the time to change; let's embrace it and make it the best time!

***Marta Patino-Douce***

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## 2018-2020 Beta Sigma Officers

During the meeting on April 14th the new Beta Sigma Chapter Officers were installed for the year 2018-2020.



President: Marta Patino-Douce

1st Vice -President: Diane Lutz

2nd Vice-President: Dr. Freda Giles

Corresponding Secretary: Dr. Mary Jim Combs Tate

Recording Secretary: Laura Viera

Treasurer: Carolyn Ashley

Parliamentarian: Dr. Wanda Grogan

### ***PAST EVENTS***

- ♦ August 21: Executive Board meeting
- ♦ July 16-20: 2018 DKG International Convention, Austin, TX
- ♦ April 20-21 GA (Psi) State Organization Spring Leadership Training—Macon, Ga

### ***IMPORTANT***

Pay dues of \$65 for the year 2018-2019 as an active member. Reserve is \$30.

Make the check to: Beta Sigma Chapter DKG.

Send check to Carolyn Ashley, 1061 Summit Circle, Watkinsville, GA 30677 or bring to the September meeting. **Deadline is October 15.**

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

- ♦ **September 18:** DKG meeting at Diane Lutz's home. Potluck. Program: Presentation by Books for Keeps founder, Leslie Hale— Book Share
- ♦ **September 22:** *Fall Executive Board and Membership meeting.* Macon, Ga
- ♦ **October TBD:** Fit for good. Zumba class at Hilsman Middle School.
- ♦ **October 23:** DKG meeting at ACC Library room C. Program: Dr. Lisa Renvi-Hammond "Your Changing Sleep Patterns: What to do About Aging Brains"

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