



Beta Delta News

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Dear Ladies of DKG,

I want to personally thank the committees that made our March 18th meeting possible. The snacks were very good, and the craft activity was fun.

Our meeting at Arlington was important to our members who live there. I'm voting to continue having at least one meeting per year there. THANKS to everyone who organized and participated.

My appreciation also goes to our officers. Everyone is returning, so my thoughts for the next two years are forming. Sign-up sheets for hostess committees and chapter committees were at the March meeting. They will also be at the April and the May meetings. You can also sign-up by e-mailing me your preferences. It's a first come, first serve basis. Executive Board will meet June 10th at 9:30 at the library to finalize committees. We'll also be planning for next year! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our year is flying by. I've enjoyed the meetings and really appreciate everyone's help. Enjoy the better weather! See you in April at Weathervane.

Sandy Stoker



- Jill Ehrenfried
- Sally Kennedy
- Marlene Myers 5th
- Vickie Hahn 29th
- Sandy Holcombe 28th
- Eileen McNally 10th
- Sarah Robinson 15th
- Mary Schmidt 12th

MISSION STATEMENT

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

March 18, 2014
at Arlington Care Center

Many more photos are available on our



Getting ready to make Spring Craft



Spring Craft to be given to residents of Arlington Care Center

CONVENTION BOUND

Sandy, Diane and Eileen are all signed up to attend the International Convention in Indianapolis this July. Eileen will be there all week, while Sandy and Diane will visit for two days. If you are interested in attending, contact Sandy. Our club will help defray expenses of the registration.

Common Core Controversy

The Huffington Post | by Rebecca Klein

Reactions to the Common Core Standards -- a new set of education benchmarks that have been adopted in 45 states -- have been varied, polarized and political. On the one hand, conspiracy theorists argue that the Standards are a plot designed by the federal government to gain access to the minds of children. Others oppose the Standards for emphasizing high-stakes exams. Proponents of the Standards see them as a way to make sure American students can eventually compete in a global economy.



What we know is this: The Common Core Standards were designed to make sure students around the country are being held to the same criteria. They are meant to promote critical thinking and deeper learning, and they were adopted by states in a process that was incentivized with federal cash.

But how do these Standards actually impact classrooms on a day-to-day basis?

A chart (above) from GreatSchools.org, a nonprofit that helps parents support kids' education, breaks down the impact the Standards have on everyday class work. According to the chart, some of the changes associated with the Common Core include switching to keyboarding instead of writing in cursive, and using mental math instead of calculators to complete number problems. None of the changes, however, seem akin to a government takeover.

Facts That Sound Like Huge Lies But Are Actually Completely True

If you put your finger in your ear and scratch, it sounds just like Pac-Man.

The YKK on your zipper stands for “Yoshida Kogyo Kabushikigaisha.”

Maine is the closest U.S. state to Africa.

Anne Frank, Martin Luther King Jr., and Barbara Walters were born in the same year, 1929.

The name Jessica was created by Shakespeare in the play *Merchant of Venice*.



Cleopatra lived closer to the invention of the iPhone than she did to the building of the Great Pyramid.

Russia has a larger surface area than Pluto.

Saudi Arabia imports camels from Australia.

Hippo milk is pink

The toy Barbie’s full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

Woody from *Toy Story* has a full name too — it’s Woody Pride.

And while we’re at it,

Mr. Clean’s full name is Veritably Clean.

Oh, and Cookie Monster’s real name is Sid.

Carrots were originally purple.

The heart of a blue whale is so big, a human can swim through the arteries



Vending machines are twice as likely to kill you than a shark is.

Home Alone was released closer to the moon landing than it was to today



Oxford University is older than the Aztec Empire.

Not once in the Humpty Dumpty nursery rhyme does it mention that he’s an egg.

France was still executing people with a guillotine when the first *Star Wars* film came out.

Armadillos nearly always give birth to identical quadruplets.

The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland.

PLANNING

Have you seen/heard a wonderful speaker or presentation that would make a great program for Beta Delta? Now is the time to speak up. Let Sandy know! We will be meeting in June to plan the calendar for next year.



**DELTA KAPPA
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March 18, 2014

Members gathered at the Arlington Care Center for an evening of spring crafting with our resident members, Barb Bibler and Jackie Hoover. Thanks to the Leadership Committee for bringing some springtime color and cheer into our evening.

A brief business meeting began with the approval of the February minutes as posted in the newsletter. The treasurer reported a checking balance of \$6,123 and a savings

balance of \$9,669. At our February meeting \$105 was collected for the YES club.

The Executive Board has agreed to pay \$400 of the \$490 fee for one or two middle school girls to attend the science/math technology camp at Denison the second week of June. Please inform Sandy if you know of an interested girl.

The auction committee is looking for ideas to update and revitalize our scholarship auction. Please share any thoughts, concerns, and ideas with Karen Birtcher.

The Executive Board will meet June 10th at 9:30 a.m. at the public library to plan for next year. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you have a preference for your committee assignment, please make sure you sign up at either the April or May meetings.

Our next meeting will be April 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Weathervane Playhouse for a tour conducted by Mary Kay Booher.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Mackey, Recording Secretary



Got Grit?

It's become the new buzz phrase in education: "Got grit?"

Around the nation, schools are beginning to see grit as key to students' success — and just as important to teach as reading and math.

Experts define grit as persistence, determination and resilience; it's that *je ne sais quoi* that drives one kid to practice trumpet or study Spanish for hours — or years — on end, while another quits after the first setback.

"This quality of being able to sustain your passions, and also work really hard at them, over really disappointingly long periods of time, that's grit," says Angela Duckworth, a psychology professor at the University of Pennsylvania who coined the term "grit" — and won a MacArthur "genius grant" for it.

"It's a very, I think, American idea in some ways — really pursuing something against all odds," she says.

Testing For Grit And Mindset

University of Pennsylvania psychology professor Angela Duckworth says "grit" can be a better predictor of success than IQ or other measures. You can take a "grit scale" quiz yourself here. Carol Dweck, a professor of psychology at Stanford University, has championed the notion of a "growth mindset," the belief that success comes from effort, not innate intelligence or talent. Take her "mindset" test here.

Book Talk

by Eileen

I've been busy lately....too many irons in the fire! Overall, I am not complaining. I really enjoy all the things that I am doing. But, I've not been able to read many books. My current responsibilities with ORTA involve traveling to the luncheons of retired teacher chapters of the eight central Ohio counties. This includes Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway and Union.

On my recent trip to Circleville (Pickaway), I had time to ponder all sorts of things. One was my inability to read more often.

Yes, I have two books started on my iPad, but I can't read and drive....not that I hadn't given it a millisecond of thought! In the past, audio books were a pain...all those CD's I even tried audible.com for awhile. That wasn't working for me. Paying a monthly fee didn't set well. My brother LOVES it! I started to investigate Amazon audio books, but got sidetracked.

Somewhere along the way, I ran into an article about an app for my iPad or iPhone that would allow me to borrow audio books from the library. Wow! I'd be all set for my next trip. It would work if the available books were recent releases. The old classics are not my cup of tea.

I had not visited the Licking County Library website for eons. I was impressed. The newsletter was a delight to read and had tons of information. Quite frankly, the offerings listed were amazing. Everything from a Chocolate Fiesta (including Casey Weston of *The Voice*), computer classes, events targeting

kids, teens and adults, writing contests, yoga classes, and even a tribute to our local celebrity, Jerry Mock.

But that was not what I was seeking. I wanted access to recent releases in audio format. I found what I wanted under the tab "eContent". OneClickDigital appeared to offer just what I wanted.

I checked out the offerings and found a very nice selection of recent releases. You "borrow" the audio books for 21 days. My mouth began to water.

I downloaded the app to my iPhone. I even downloaded an app for my iMac. I followed all of the directions to sign up. I was on a roll. I easily found a book and downloaded it. I chose a book by Charlene Harris titled *Dead Ever After*. I've read several books from the series and was looking forward to "hearing" this one.

Well, I was dumbfounded. Neither app, iPhone nor iMac worked properly. Every time I would launch the app, it crashed. I mean every time. I never heard the first word. I was bummed!

I can't speak for the Windows or Android apps, but this company hadn't a clue about Apple products. I wrote to OneClickDigital and explained the situation. I have yet to hear from them.

Darn, darn, darn!

Ok, back to Amazon. Well, they offer selections from Audible...monthly fee...and Kindle books that are "Voice-ready". That means it reads the books to you. However, the voice is a robotic one. Not acceptable. Darn, darn, darn!

Meeting Dates

April 15, 2014
Tuesday 7:00 PM
Weathervane Playhouse
tour by Mary Kay Booher

May 3, 2014
Saturday, 11AM Brunch
\$15.00 (all inclusive)
Moundbuilder's Country
Club
Mary Beth Sills - Victorian
Secrets - Women's
clothing of the Civil War

Summer Planning
June 10, 2014
9:30 AM
Newark Library

Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever

Mahatma Gandhi



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