



Beta Delta News

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Hello Beta Delta sisters,



As our year comes to the end, I look back and remember so many kindness this group has been involved with this year. The Y.E.S. club has received nearly \$500 from us. Two young girls are attending a science camp due to our generosity. We've provided two young ladies with scholarships to help with their first year of college. New teachers at the Newark Digital Academy and Licking Valley Schools have been welcomed to our profession. And, we've had chapter members share their interests and skills in presentations and auction items. I'm proud of our accomplishments, and I'm proud to be a member of this organization. Next year will bring us new challenges. If you're interested in selecting these activities, please meet the Executive Board on June 10th at 9:30 at the Newark Public Library.

I do want to take this time to thank Jean Hovland for her interesting presentation on aprons on May 3rd. Jean replaced a scheduled speaker who was unable to attend, and I thoroughly enjoyed her talk. I think everyone related to the variety and history of aprons in some way. So Thanks, Jean.

We didn't install officers for the next biennium at our May meeting. This is because all of our present officers have agreed to continue for the next two years. So a BIG THANKS goes to our present officers who will serve for two more years!!! We will need some new people in two years, so start thinking about how you'd like to participate in our Executive Board. I also thank everyone who has participated in our chapter activities. You've made my first two years as President enjoyable. I know we have two more great years to come.

Thanks, Sandy

- Jodi Gwin
- Carole Koontz 11th
- Joan Nickel
- Sandy Stoker 21st
- Debby Green 3rd
- Kayla Hughes
- Nadyne Meldahl
- Sharon Spahr 31st
- Sharon Wheeler 10th

MISSION STATEMENT

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



May 3, 2014

Moundbuilders Country Club

Many more photos are available on our website: <http://www.BetaDeltaOh.weebly.com>



Our speaker, Jean Hovland



Jean's topic was "Aprons Through History"

OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Our two scholarship winners
Jaiwen Chen and Leslie Smith

Jaiwen Chen is a senior at Newark High School. She is the only English speaking member of her household. She is in the honor society and plans to attend Bowling Green to major in elementary education.

Leslie Smith is a senior at Heath High School. She has been on the honor roll for four years. Leslie has been an Sunday School teacher for over four years. She will attend school in Mt. Vernon and will major in elementary education.

STRS NEWS

Proposed Changes to STRS Ohio's Health Care Program for 2015

Reducing the subsidy multiplier by 0.1% to 2.2% per year of service — continues the phased-in reduction that the board began in 2012. A retiree with 30 or more years of service would receive a subsidy in 2015 of 66% of the total cost of the plan. The 2014 subsidy for a retiree with 30 years of service is 69%.

Aetna Medicare Plan changes

In-network coverage changes include: reducing deductible to \$300 from \$500; reducing primary care physician office visit copay to \$15 from \$20; increasing specialist physician office visit copay to \$25 from \$20.

Out-of-network coverage changes include: increasing out-of-pocket limit to \$2,000 from \$1,500; increasing specialist physician office visit copay to \$50 from \$40; and increasing coinsurance percentage to 6% from 4%.

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Book Talk

by Eileen

Where do I get most of my books to read? I use either Amazon or the iBooks from Apple. Both have similar selections and prices, but I believe that Amazon is better overall. I have an older Kindle, but prefer to use my iPad.

Every genre is covered from business and history, to politics and fantasy. Once you have purchased a few books from Amazon, they suggest other books for your consideration.

Books are also categorized by such topics as “Monthly Deals”, “Kindle Best Sellers”, “Editor’s Picks”, “eTextbooks”, “New York Times Best Sellers”, and even “Mother’s Day Gifts”.

Not sure about a title by its description? Well, you can download a sample of the book. A sample is usually about a chapter in length.

The prices range from free to around \$11.00. The free selection is quite large and covers every genre. The very latest releases are usually the most costly. However, they are available the same day as the hardbacks are released! In general, the longer a book is available, the lower the costs. For example, *Divergent*, the first book in the series, is now only \$4.99. It started out at \$9.99.

Although I don’t always pay attention to the reviews of books, the overall rating (how many

stars out of 5), and how many people have actually reviewed it, may sway me one way or the other. By the way, *Divergent* is rated at 4 1/2 stars by well over 14,000 people. I loved it!

So, if you have considered getting a Kindle or an iPad, know that you can have a multitude of books ready to read on a very portable device.

Tech Tip

from Alpha Delta State web site, Eileen McNally, Webmaster

Everyone should know this handy tip:

Magnifying While holding down the Ctrl button on your keyboard -- rotate the scroll wheel in the middle of your mouse. On most computers this will magnify / shrink the size of websites. Rolling the mouse wheel up will make everything bigger, while rolling the mouse wheel down will have the opposite effect. So, next time you are having trouble reading small text on a website, simply hold down control and use the scroll wheel. Very handy -- pass this on to your friends. It's the best thing since... Ctrl+c. Alternative method: hold down CTRL and tap on the + and - buttons on the keyboard for the same effect.

Editor's Note: Go to <http://AlphaDeltaState.weebly.com> for more great tech tips and help.

Ever Wonder Why?

—dimes, quarters, and half-dollars have notched edges, while pennies and nickels do not?

The U.S. Mint began putting notches on the edges of coins containing gold and silver to discourage holders of such coins from shaving off small quantities of the precious metals. Before coins were notched, shaving was a common practice, and at one point the problem was so bad that merchants refused to accept coins without first weighing them to determine their true value. Notching the coins corrected the problem since any attempt to shave a notched coin could be easily detected.

Dimes, quarters and half-dollars are notched because they contain silver. There is not need to notch pennies and nickels since the metals they contain are not valuable enough to make shaving worth the effort.

13 Little-Known Punctuation Marks

For the teacher in us

Because sometimes periods, commas, colons, semi-colons, dashes, hyphens, apostrophes, question marks, exclamation points, quotation marks, brackets, parentheses, braces, and ellipses won't do.

1. Interrobang



You probably already know the interrobang, thanks to its excellent moniker and increasing popularity.

Though the combination exclamation point and question mark can be replaced by using one of each (*You did what!?*), it's fun to see the single glyph getting a little more love lately.

2. Percontation Point or Rhetorical Question Mark



The backward question mark was proposed by Henry Denham in 1580 as an end to a rhetorical question, and was used until the early 1600s.

3. Irony Mark



It looks a lot like the percontation point, but the irony mark's location is a bit different, as it is smaller, elevated,

and precedes a statement to indicate its intent before it is read. Alcanter de Brahm introduced the idea in the 19th century, and in 1966 French author Hervé Bazin proposed a similar glyph in his book, *Plumons l'Oiseau*, along with 5 other innovative marks.

4. Love Point



Among Bazin's proposed new punctuation was the love point, made of two

question marks, one mirrored, that share a point. The intended use, of course, was to denote a statement of affection or love, as in "Happy anniversary [love point]" or "I have warm fuzzies [love point]" If it were easier to type, I think this one might really take off.

5. Acclamation Point



Bazin described this mark as "the stylistic representation of those two little flags that float above the tour bus when a president comes to town." Acclamation is a "demonstration of goodwill or welcome," so you could use it to say "I'm so happy to see

you [acclamationpoint]" or "Viva Las Vegas [acclamationpoint]"

6. Certitude Point



Need to say something with unwavering conviction? End your declaration with the certitude

point, another of Bazin's designs.

7. Doubt Point



This is the opposite of the certitude point, and thus is used to end a sentence with a note of skepticism.

8. Authority Point



Bazin's authority point "shades your sentence" with a note of expertise, "like a parasol over a sultan." (Well, I was there and that's what happened.) Likewise, it's also used to indicate an order or advice that should be taken seriously, as it comes from a voice of authority.

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9. SarcMark



The SarcMark (short for "sarcasm mark") was invented, copyrighted and trademarked by

Paul Sak, and while it hasn't seen widespread use, Sak markets it as "The official, easy-to-use punctuation mark to emphasize a sarcastic phrase, sentence or message." Because half the fun of sarcasm is pointing it out [SarcMark].

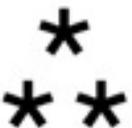
10. Snark Mark



This, like the copyrighted SarcMark, is used to indicate that a sentence should be

understood beyond the literal meaning. Unlike the SarcMark, this one is copyright free and easy to type: it's just a period followed by a tilde.

11. Asterism

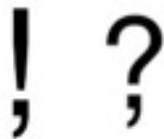


This cool-looking but little-used piece of punctuation used to be the divider

between subchapters in books or to indicate minor breaks in a long text. It's almost obsolete, since books typically now use three asterisks in a row

to break within chapters (***) or simply skip an extra line. It seems a shame to waste such a great little mark, though. Maybe we should bring this one back.

12 & 13. Exclamation Comma & Question Comma



Now you can be excited or inquisitive without having to

end a sentence! A Canadian patent was filed for these in 1992, but it lapsed in 1995, so use them freely, but not too often.

STRS NEWS CONTINUED

Medical Mutual Plus and Basic Plan changes

Include two in-network primary care visits at \$20 each in the Basic Plan. Increase deductible and coinsurance out-of-pocket limits as follows:

Plan	In-Network		Out-of-Network	
	Deductible	Out-of-Pocket	Deductible	Out-of-Pocket
Basic Plan	\$2,250	\$3,700	\$4,500	\$7,400
Plus Plan	\$2,000	\$3,400	\$4,000	\$6,800

Express Scripts Plan changes

Increase the covered brand-name deductible to \$200 from \$150.

Implement a specialty drug tier with a 10% coinsurance and maximum per prescription fill limit of \$500.

Increase the maximum annual expense per enrollee to \$4,700 from \$4,550.

Other proposed changes include:

Continue Medicare Part B premium reimbursement at 2014 levels for plan years 2015 and 2016.

Eliminate Medicare Part B reimbursement to benefit recipients who are not enrolled in an STRS Ohio Medicare plan.

Eliminate the practice of offering subsidy and providing Medicare Part B premium reimbursement for new survivors on or after Jan. 1, 2015. These survivors were not receiving a subsidy or Medicare Part B reimbursement before the benefit recipient's death.

Continue the current Delta Dental and Vision Service Plan programs for the next two-year period 2015–2016.

Dues can be paid now!

- Thanks to everyone who paid their 2014 - 2015 dues at the May meeting. Robin appreciates getting a head start on the collection. If you didn't pay yet, would you consider sending your dues to Robin?



Active members: \$60

Reserve members \$25

Send check payable to DKG:

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Meeting Dates

Summer
Planning
June 10, 2014
9:30 AM
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