



## New Addition to the Auction



A Gift Card Tree was added to the Scholarship Auction this year. Both card donations from businesses and member purchased gift cards were hung on the tree in an envelope so that buyers had no idea what they were purchasing. All cards were worth *at least* \$15, with some as much as \$50. Those in attendance could select any envelope and pay only \$15. The tree was bare by 6:30! The cards came from following merchants:

- 2 Bellezza Salon
- 1 Tri Bre Boutique
- 1 Wendy's
- 2 Target

- 1 Wal-Mart
- 2 River Road Coffeehouse
- 4 Kohl's
- 1 J Winston Hair Salon
- 1 Shades Restaurant
- 1 Real Deals
- 1 Watts Restaurant
- 1 Goumas Candy Confections
- 2 Kroger
- 1 Giant Eagle
- 2 I-Hop
- 2 BP Gas
- 1 Red Lobster
- 1 Cracker Barrel
- 2 Panera Bread
- 1 Lowe's
- 2 Buckeye Winery
- 1 Darden Restaurant
- 1 Regal Movies
- 1 Sweet 23 Bakery

Some Beta Delta members need a little boost from our membership. Put the following people in your thoughts and prayers. If you have a moment, drop a card in the mail.

**Louella Gwin**, (new pace maker) 15507 Township Rd. 424  
Frazesburg, OH 43822

**Jill Ehrenfried** (for her Mom) 215 N. 40th St. Newark, OH  
43055

**Joan Nickel** Autumn Health Care 17 Forry Ave. Newark,  
OH 43055

**Thelma Shriner** Autumn Health Care 17 Forry Ave.  
Newark, OH 43055

**Barb Bibler** Arlington Care Center 98 S. 30th St. Newark,  
OH 43055

**Sally Kennedy** 800 Forest Hills Rd. Heath, OH 43056

**Jacquelyn Hoover** Arlington Care Center 98 S. 30th St. Newark, OH  
43055

**Nadyne Meldahl** Apt. 212 5490 Arbor Branch Dr. Shallotte, NC 28470

Have I missed someone? Let me know and I will include them in the next newsletter.



## FAVORITE SONGS/CAROLS

One of my favorites is singing "Silent Night" on Christmas eve in our candlelit church service. I also love Mark Lowry's "Mary, Did You Know?" What an awesome responsibility God gave to young Mary to mother the savior of the world!  
Linda Mackey

### I'LL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Since going away to college in Pennsylvania, living in Maryland, Virginia, California, and now Ohio at times It was had to get home to New Jersey for the holidays. It was either schedules, finances, weather or circumstances that made it hard to get there, but always made it "in my dreams"  
Sandy Turco

My favorite Christmas carol is "We Three Kings." I can remember my paternal grandmother singing that to me when I was very young. The

music intrigued me then, and still does, I think, because it includes both minor and major chords. In addition, the slow, measured tempo makes me think of camels taking long, deliberate strides across the desert, their royal passengers in flowing robes atop them.  
Carole Koontz

My favorite is Silent Night because when I hear it brings calmness and peace to such a hectic time.  
Debbie Jones

Oh, for a favorite song. It's a tie between White Christmas sung by Bing Crosby, or Chestnuts Roasting on an open fire (The Christmas Song) by Mel Torme. If someone is really into Christmas songs, 93.3 has been all Christmas song for the last 2 weeks. Well, since Halloween.  
Sandy Stoker

While not just one song, I love Handel's Messiah when performed at this time of year. His magnificent music uses the Scriptures as lyrics and chronicles the birth and life of Christ.  
Diane Green

### What Child Is This?

It brings back memories from listening to it in church when I was a child.  
Jan Hosler

Oh Holy Night is my favorite Christmas carol. It was always played on the organ for the Christmas Eve service. I also love to sing Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer. The kids would sing that song on the way to their grandma's house on Christmas Eve. So many memories! Hope all is well with you.  
Kay Hickman

# Auction Clears \$2207

Our Scholarship Auction was a success. Many people must be thanked. The biggest thanks goes to Karen Birtcher and her committee. More thanks go out to every member who contributed items, those who attended and/or purchased items.

# Thank You!

# The Auction

It was hard to get photos of people at the auction. People were always moving around, visiting auction tables and visiting with friends. It seemed that everyone was having a good time! Here are a few. More can be seen on our website: [betadeltaoh.weebly.com](http://betadeltaoh.weebly.com)



Debbie Weber wins the iPad Air 2  
Debbie's name was drawn from the purchased tickets. CONGRATULATIONS DEBBIE!



## WILL WE SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING?

December 15, 2015

Social Hour 5:30 PM at Palumbo's/River Road Cafe on the Square

Meeting 7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church Church

Holiday music

Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for a "pass around".

We will make a craft \$4.00/each

Special Collection: Baskets of Life

## 15 Basic Words That Are Etymological Mysteries

Here are 15 basic English words that have remained etymological mysteries.

### 1. DOG

English has the word *hound*, which is clearly related to other Germanic words like *Hund*, and the word *cur*, which is related to other Germanic words for growling. But the most common term is *dog*, which looks nothing like any other language. It seems related to similar untraceable English words *pig*, *hog*, *stag*, and the *wig* of *earwig*. Are they too ancient to trace? Were they originally childish nicknames or slang? Many theories have been explored, but the answer has not been settled.

### 2. BAD

What could more basic than bad and good? We know that *good* is cognate with many other languages, from Gothic to Old Saxon to Dutch, and *evil* is from a Germanic root, but *bad* is on its own. Its earliest uses referred to food that had gone bad.

### 3. BIG

*Big* is a pretty basic concept, but it was not the word of choice in the Old English period (when the word was *mickle* or *great*) and only shows up from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Was it borrowed from a Scandinavian word for a rich, powerful man? Did it come from someone's name? The status remains "origin unknown."

### 4. GIRL

*Maiden* is from a Germanic root, and *damsel* is from a French one, but where does *girl* come from? Perhaps an old Germanic word for dress or a borrowing from another word for child. We don't know, but it used to be used for boys too. In the 1300s and 1400s, *gurles* or *gyrles* were children of either sex, and if you wanted to specifically refer to a boy child you could say "knaave girl."

### 5. BOY

*Knaave* goes back to Old English from a Germanic root, but *boy* only

shows up in the Late Middle Ages and in its earliest uses was an insulting term for slave, rogue, or wretch. Did it come from an old French word for "person in chains"? A Dutch word meaning messenger? It's unclear, but the *OED* says that for words like *girl*, *boy*, *lass*, and *lad*, "possibly most of them arose as jocular transferred uses of words that had originally a different meaning."

### 6. DONKEY

While the word *ass* can be connected to Gothic, Latin, Celtic, and Semitic languages, *donkey* is a mystery. Etymologically speaking, it's a relative newcomer, first appearing in slang dictionaries in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. It might come from the adjective *dun*, meaning dingy brown, or the name Duncan. Apparently, it used to rhyme with *monkey*.

### 7. BIRD

The more common word in Old English was *fugel*, which can be traced back to an old Germanic root for flying (and which gives us the current word *fowl*), but somehow *bird* won out. Bird was originally spelled *brid*, which gave the idea that perhaps it was related to *brood*, but what we know about historical sound change rules makes that unlikely.

### 8. SURF

*Surf*, as a noun for the breaking waves, first appears in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It might be a blend of an old word *suff*, for the inrush of the sea, with *surge*. Or it could be borrowed from an Indian language.

### 9. FUSS

*Fuss* shows up in the early 1700s as a way to describe a showy, out-of-proportion commotion. It could be from an imitation of a rustling or blowing sound, another English word like *force*, or a word from another language.

### 10. BLIGHT

*Blight* certainly looks like an old English word from an old Germanic source, with its *gh* spelling, but it's unattested until the 17<sup>th</sup> century and seems to have begun as a term among gardeners.

### 11. LOG

There is an Old Germanic root *laeg*, related to *lie*, that became the word for a felled tree in Old Norse, but etymologists have ruled out this source because due to sound change rules, that would have ended up pronounced *low* in English. It may have been borrowed from a later stage of a Scandinavian language because of the timber trade, but it could also be from an attempt to imitate the sound of something large and heavy.

### 12. TANTRUM

That outburst of anger called a *tantrum* first shows up in print in 1714. No one knows where it came from, and the usual authorities don't seem to even have made any guesses about it.

### 13. TOAD

*Toad* goes all the way back to Old English, but it has no known cognates in any of the related



languages.

### 14. CURSE

Some have proposed that the old word *curse* might have some connection with *cross*, but that connection hasn't been established. It has no known relatives in Germanic, Latin, or Celtic languages.

### 15. KICK

At first etymologists thought *kick* might come from Welsh *cicio*, but it turned out *cicio* came from English *kick*. The idea that it comes from an Old Norse word for "bend backwards, sink at the knees" is another possibility, but it hasn't been generally accepted.

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## Nominations Committee Seeks Interested Members

**The Nominations Committee will have to present a slate of officers at our March meeting. Currently we need five (5) positions filled: President, Second VP, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. Diane Ganz ([ganz@alink.com](mailto:ganz@alink.com)) is the Nominations Committee chair. Please contact her if you are interested in any of the positions. Below is a portion of a Chapter Rules which describes what we have to do and what each office entails.**

### **Article VI - Officers and Related Personnel** (*Constitution, Article VI; International Standing Rules 6.03*)

#### Section 1. Officers

1. Officers: Beta Delta Chapter officers shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary (all elected), and a treasurer and parliamentarian selected by the executive board.
2. The term of each elected officer shall be two years or until a successor is named.
3. No officer, except the treasurer, may serve in the same office longer than two terms in succession.
4. Officers shall take office on July 1st following their election.
5. The elected officers, treasurer and parliamentarian (both ex-officio) make up the Executive Board of the chapter.

#### Section 2. Procedure and Time Line for Election of Officers:

1. A slate of officers with at least one nominee per office, shall be prepared by the Nominations Committee and presented to the membership at the March meeting, with election taking place in April of even numbered years.
2. The ballot shall include names nominated by the nominations committee and spaces for write-ins.

Section 3. Time Line for Selecting the Treasurer: A treasurer shall be selected by the executive board at the May meeting for the biennium.

#### Section 4. Duties of Officers:

1. The president shall:
  - a. act as presiding officer at regular and called meetings and direct the activities of the chapter.
  - b. act as chair of the Executive Board.
  - c. appoint standing and special committees.
  - d. approve for payment all expense claims.
  - e. appoint an editor of the chapter newsletter and approve all publications.
  - f. fill by appointment all vacancies of office.
  - g. represent Beta Delta Chapter as a voting member of the Alpha Delta State Executive Board and if unable to attend appoint an official replacement.
  - h. represent the Society at meetings, conferences, and other events.
  - i. take action, with the advice and approval of the Beta Delta Chapter Executive Board, on matters which cannot be deferred until the next meeting.
  - j. serve, ex-officio, in the process of budget development and supervision of finances.
  - k. be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominations Committee.
  - l. submit necrology forms to Alpha Delta State and all other forms as required.
  - m. send names and addresses of new officers to the Alpha Delta State president and the executive coordinator at International Headquarters.
  
3. The second vice-president shall:
  - a. serve as presiding officer in the absence of the president and first vice-president
  - b. in the event of the resignation or death of either the president or first vice-president, succeed to the office of first vice-president and serve until the next regular election of officers.
  - c. perform such other duties as the president or Executive Board shall assign to her.

4. The recording secretary shall:
  - a. keep minutes of each meeting of the organization.
  - b. furnish the president and the editor of the chapter newsletter with a copy of such minutes as soon as possible and at least two weeks before the next meeting.
  - c. at or before each regular business meeting of the chapter, read and/or distribute the minutes of the previous meeting.
  - d. serve as secretary to the Executive Board.
  
6. The treasurer shall:
  - a. receive and payout all monies belonging to the chapter.
  - b. keep an accurate account of receipts and expenditures.
  - c. keep a file of receipts, bills, canceled checks, and bank statements.
  - d. present a report at each regular meeting.
  - e. keep a record of all newly installed and terminated members.
  - f. complete and file reports as required by International and Alpha Delta State.
  - g. contact members who have not paid dues by October 1st.
  - h. file required tax reports.
  - i. submit for annual audit the accounts of the chapter.
  - j. serve ex-officio in the process of budget development and supervision of finances.
  - k. follow appropriate procedures to ensure the safety and proper handling of chapter monies as established by the Beta Delta Finance Committee.
  - l. order the President's pin and make available at installation.
  - m. order members' pins and make available at initiation.
  
7. The parliamentarian shall:
  - a. act as advisor to the officers and the members of the organization in matters pertaining to interpretation of the Constitution and to parliamentary usage.

**Remember: We cannot have a chapter if we do not have officers. Step up. We need you!**

## A Piece of Pumpkin Pie?



Jolene was only 8 years old and lived with family in the country with her parents and brother. Consequently they did not often have visitors from the city. One day Jolene's mother said that father was bringing two guests home for Thanksgiving supper.

After they had enjoyed the turkey, Jolene went to the kitchen to help her mother, and proudly brought in the first piece of pumpkin pie and gave it to her father. He then passed the plate to a guest. When Jolene came in with the second piece and gave it to his father, he again gave it to a guest. This was too much for Little Jolene, who blurted out, 'It's no use, Daddy. The pieces are all the same size.'

For each new morning with its light, For rest and shelter of the night, For health and food, for love and friends, For everything Thy goodness sends. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice. ~Meister Eckhart



### Meeting Dates

December 15, 2015  
Social Hour 5:30 at  
Palumbos on square  
Meeting 7:00 at First United  
Methodist  
Holiday Music  
Craft \$4.00  
Bring a wrapped Christmas  
ornament for a "pass  
around".

February 16, 2016  
Social Hour 5:30 at  
Buckeye Winery on the  
Square  
Meeting 7:00 PM  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Program: Bundles of  
Buttons by member Carol  
Kontz

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