

Beta Chapter History

A. Date of chapter charter

Beta chapter was organized in Nashville, TN on March 23, 1937. Initiation ceremonies were held in the East Parlor of the Social Religious Building at Peabody College.

B. Charter Members

Founders—The state members transferred to the Beta Chapter at this meeting were: Miss Lillian Doyle, Mrs. Irma Fenker, Miss Julia Green, Miss Julia Harris, Miss Lucille Heath, Miss Mary Hill, Miss Julia Hodgson, Miss Elizabeth Hogle, Dr. Helen Lacy, Miss Elizabeth Oehmig, Miss Nell Parkinson, Miss Elizabeth Randall, Miss Mary Regan, Mrs. Elsie Waller Sharpe, Dr. Maycie Southall

C. Original Chapter Location (county)

Beta chapter is located in Davidson County in Nashville, TN.

D. Chapter Presidents and Presidential Term

Nell Parkinson (1937), Ernestine Harlan (1939), Lillian Doyle (1941), Mary Sneed Jones (1943), Margaret Newhall (1945), Alma Phillips (1947), Alma Phillips (1949), Ruth McDonald (1952), Clara Mae Adair (1954), Mattie Sue Howell (1956), Ruth G. Thompson (1957), Winnie Ruth Currey (1958), Margaret Leonard (1960), Margaret Leonard (1962), Helen Marie Sprouse (1964), Harriett Tant (1966), Frances Ingram (1968), Evelyn Hyde Bennett (1970), Phyllis C. Shutt (1972), Nell Magee (1974), Anne Elizabeth Lokey (1978), Doris Ann Hendrix (1980), Helen Costa (1982), Anne Elizabeth Lokey (1984), Mary Jane Thompson (1986), Haroldine Miller (1988), Pat Morrow (1990), Pat Morrow (1992), Sharon Chaney (1994), Irene Archambault (1996), Kathy Kester (1998), Kathy Kester (2000), Shirley Dowell (2002), Debbie Smith (2004), Nancy Knight (2006), Janet Little (2008), Jan Brown (2010), Doris Ann Hendrix (2012), Etta C. Patterson (2014), Dovie Kimmins (2016), Fran Gregory (2018), Linda Creek (2020), Jan Brown (2022)

E. Honors or Awards Received

TNSO Achievement Award Recipients

Dr. Maycie K. Southall (1973), Mrs. Margaret Hopper (1979), Miss Doris Ann Hendrix (1991), Mrs. Lois Jones (1993), Mrs. Patricia Morrow (1995), Dr. Sharon Chaney (2013)

International Scholarship Recipients

Linda Meador (1978), Doris Ann Hendrix (1981)

Golden Gift Recipients

Lois Jones (1984, 1987), Doris Ann Hendrix (1989), Pat Morrow (1992), Dr. Sharon Chaney (1997)

Order of the Rose Recipients

Anne Elizabeth Lokey (1992), Pat Morrow (1995), Irene Archambault (2004), Leigh Workman (2006), Shirley Dowell (2007), Kathy Kester (2008), Mary Jane Thompson (2011), Janet Little (2012), Fran Gregory (2018), Dovie Kimmins (2020)

Special Awards

Doris Ann Hendrix “Woman of Vision and Action” at International Convention, 2010
Irene Archambault “Star of the Southeast” at International Convention, 2014

Recipients of Distinguished Service Awards of Beta Chapter

(given among the 4 Nashville area chapters each year)

E-Education C-Community service

Evelyn Hyde Bennett -E, Margaret Washington-C, Margaret Hopper-E, Dr. Maycie K. Southall-E, Dr. Sara Whitten-E, Arshi Nasseh-E, Anne Elizabeth Lokey-E, Doris Ann Hendrix-E, Dr. LaRue Moss-E, Anne Elizabeth Lokey-E, Fran Hewston Gregory-E, Dr. Sharon Chaney-E, Lois Jones-E, Dr. Debbie Smith-E, Jill Speering-E, Janet Little-C, Dr. Kathy Kester-E, Jan Brown-E, Irene Archambault-C, Evelyn Brown-C, Marion Couch-C, Shirley Dowell-E & C, Nancy Knight-E, Nancy Jones-E, Jackie Hill-C, Dr. Dovie Kimmins-E, Dr. Kathy Kester-C, Dr. Nina Morel-E, Dr. Etta Patterson-E, Linda Creek-E, Dr. Carla Cushman-E, Betsy Thorpe-C, Carol Crittenden-E, Teresa Schweinsberg-E, Doris Ann Hendrix-C

F. Chapter Scholarships or grants

TNSO Scholarship Recipients

Alma Phillips, Sara Whitten, Haroldine Miller, Nancy Howard, Linda Meador, Doris Ann Hendrix, Helen Costa, Marcia Hughes, Sharon Chaney, Kathy Kester, Jan Brown, Deborah Smith

G. Members served on International/State Committees or Offices

TNSO State President

Dr. Maycie K. Southall (1935), Ruth McDonald (1963), Margaret L. Hopper (1969), Lois Jones (1987), Doris Ann Hendrix (1999)