



Beta Phi Chapter

Organized March 19, 1982: LaFollette, TN

Charter Members

CHARTER MEMBERS (Initiated March 19, 1982)	CHARTER MEMBERS (Transferred from Alpha Theta Chapter)
Anne E. Beeler *	Mary Ollie Andrews
Louis A. Carroll *	Carolyn Cox
Margaret E. Faulkner *	Mary Ann Kenik
Fay B. Finley *	Nancy R. Leach
Kay S. Hill *	Jane Ann McFarland
Judy L. Lively *	Eunice Reynolds
Nina Sue McNew	
Brenda Sue Miller	
Linda F. Mundy *	
Helen S. Renfroe*	
Freda Rogers *	
Kim Seal	
Joyce B. Mears #	
Martha Wells	
Sandra L. Williams Hatmaker *	
Carolyn M. Woodward *	
*Resigned	
# Transferred to Alpha Theta Chapter	

On March 19, 1982, twenty-two women educators from Campbell and Claiborne counties met at First Baptist Church in LaFollette to organize the Beta Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. This new chapter expanded from Alpha Theta Chapter and met under the guidance of Margaret Balint, Anna Fugate, Nora Ellison, Edna Brown, and Eunice Bailey (members of Alpha Theta Executive Committee). Meetings rotated between Campbell and Claiborne County locations.

Beta Phi Chapter hosted the Area II Workshop in 1994. Many members of Beta Phi have served on state committees and have welcomed many interesting and informative speakers to chapter meetings.

Beta Phi Chapter began this with a continued commitment to the Society Purposes, community service, and to furthering the goals of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Beta Phi members are enthusiastic and will do their best to fulfill the responsibilities, policies, and programs of work of the society.



BETA PHI CHAPTER PAST PRESIDENTS

1982-1984 Eunice Reynolds
1984-1986 Joyce Mears
1986-1988 Margaret Faulkner
1988-1990 Carolyn Cox
1990-1992 Mary Ann Kenik
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1994-1996 Teresa R. Bowman
1996-1998 Martha Wells
1998-2000 Nancy Leach*
2000-2002 Nila S. McNew
2002-2004 Pam Jefferies
2004-2006 Freda Branam
2006-2008 Janice Craig
2008-2010 Melissa Edwards
2010-2012 Vickie Huddleston
2012-2014 Elaine Wilburn
2014-2016 Dixie Crouch
2016-2018 Sharon Schmitt-Matzen
2018-2020 Vickie Huddleston & Mary Sue Matlock
2020-2022 Lisa Lovely
2022-2024 Kristi Hargis

***deceased**

Awards and Recognitions
Star of the Southeast- Nancy Leach 2008

Past Beta Phi Spotlights’ Recipient-Carolyn H. Cox 1989

Gold Visionary Chapter

Gold Visionary Donor- Carolyn Cox

Past Beta Phi Order of the Rose Recipients
(2000 – Present):

- Nancy Leach – 2001
- Mary Ollie Andrews - 2006
- Martha Wells - 2007
- Mary Ann Kenik - 2011
- Nila McNew - 2013
- Freda Branam - 2016
- Pam Jefferies – 2017
- Sara Perkins – 2021 Honorable Mention Rosebud Award

Past Beta Phi TN (Xi) State Area II Directors

- Nancy Leach
- Mary Ann Kenik
- Freda Branam
- Pam Jefferies
- Carolyn Cox

Past Beta Phi TN (Xi) State Committee Members

- Freda Branam-CIEC
 - Literacy Committee
 - Arts and Personal Growth
- Carolyn Cox- Awards Committee-2017-2019
 - Scholarship Committee – 2019-2021
 - High School Essay Committee
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Legislative Committee
- Pam Jefferies -Special Event Committee (Chairperson) 2015-2017
 - State Organization Projects Committee 2017-2019

- Mary Ann Kenik-Rules Committee
Page, International Convention, Nashville 2016
- Lisa Lovely-Awards Committee 2020-2022
- Sharon Schmitt-Matzen – Educational Excellence Committee – 2019-2021
- Martha Wells-Silent Auction Committee

Other Beta Phi Recognitions

- Carolyn Cox-Maycie K. Southhall Scholarship
- Janice Craig-Liz Whorley Bradley Professional Growth Award
- Nancy Leach-Xi State Corresponding Secretary, 2001-2003
- Martha Wells-Louise Oakley Scholarship
- Freda Branam-Vision Foundation Award-2017
Doris Ann Hendrix Project Grant 2017
- Carolyn Cox- Communications for International Convention, Nashville, 1994
Page, International Convention, Nashville 2016
- Kristi Hargis- Vision Foundation Grant 2024

Other awards

Gold award (Maycie Award)

Silver award (Maycie Award)

Apple Awards

Highest Honors for Yearbook

Connection Award

Communications and Marketing Award: Carolyn Cox, Vickie Huddleston,
Kristi Hargis, Lisa Lovely, Sandra Daugherty, Dr. Billie Jo Ralston

Current State Committee Members (2023-2025)

Carolyn Cox-Area IV Director

Lisa Lovely-Historical Preservation

Sharon Schmitt-Matzen-Special Events

Pam Jefferies-Special Events

Kristi Hargis-Educational Excellence