



# 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 * Louis A. Carroll * Margaret E. Faulkner * Fay B. Finley * Kay S. Hill * Judy L. Lively * 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 *	Mary Ollie Andrews Carolyn Cox Mary Ann Kenik Nancy R. Leach Jane Ann McFarland Eunice Reynolds
*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

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

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 Committe
  - Legislative Committee
- Pam Jefferies -Special Event Committee (Chairperson) 2015-2017
  - State Organization Projects Committee 2017-2019
- Mary Ann Kenik-Rules Committee

- 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

Other awards

Gold award (Maycie Award)  
Silver award (Maycie Award)  
Apple Awards  
Highest Honors for Yearbook  
Connection Award

Current

Carolyn Cox-Area II Co-Director  
Lisa Lovely-State Awards Committee  
Sharon Schmitt-Matzen-Planning Committee