

**To have meaning, our lives require both passion and purpose. A life without passion is like a furnace without fuel, and without purpose, like a ship without a rudder. - Mardy Grothe**

I want to begin with a shout out to Alice Harker and Carla Mavis of Beta Rho Chapter in Circleville. I was attending a Rotary Meeting with OGIL and was looking for the restroom. A lady came around the corner and was pointing me in the right direction when both of us realized we knew each other behind our face masks. Alice and I had a good laugh as it was very unexpected. Alice introduced me to Carla (they were both volunteering at the church) and I was able to give them each a cookbook with Fran DeWine and Dolly Parton's family recipes.

We had a little technology problem that we were unaware of until Ruth Scott of Alpha Chi sent an email asking about her request for a state officer visit since I had not responded. I had actually been wondering why I wasn't getting any requests for visits. Your requests were not getting to me even though the message was showing that they were sent. I contacted our webmaster, Eileen McNally, and she persevered until the problem was resolved. The forms have started coming to my email and I have been making plans to attend chapter meetings around the state. Thank you Ruth and Eileen!

I attended Beta Alpha Chapter's meeting on Friday, September 10 in Rio Grande. I was able to provide some information about our state initiatives, use of the new member kit on the DKG website and answer questions. Basketball great Jerry Lucas, a.k.a. "Dr. Memory", was the guest speaker. Mr. Lucas was a standout at Ohio State University and played for the New York Nicks before retiring to pursue endeavors in education. He is currently developing a website to help children learn by using memory techniques.

On Saturday, September 11, I made the trip to Iberia to meet with the members of Lambda Chapter. We had some excitement before the meeting and I was given the OK to share this in the newsletter. A few of the members were stuck in the elevator and had to be rescued by a member's husband. He got it working only to have two more members get stuck. After the rescues, I was able to share much of the same information as I did the evening before. After practicing on Beta Alpha the night before, I can assure you that Lambda had a much better speaker at their meeting. I thoroughly enjoyed attending both chapter meetings.

Due to the surge in the Delta Variant of COVID 19, I've had some questions, concerns and requests about the November 13 Executive Board Meeting. As of right now, the meeting will be held in person. The cost of having a hybrid meeting - the choice of

attending in person or viewing by Zoom Meeting - is not an option as the cost would be very high. If the situation declines, we will hold the board meeting with Zoom. Stay tuned.

As far as your chapter meetings go at this time, that is a decision your chapters will need to make. Please refer to your chapter rules and make decisions based on what is best for your members. Some have voiced concerns about Gold Key requirements and chapter business. That will all be taken into consideration.

Enjoy this beautiful time of year.

Debby