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Beta Beta Buzz

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Oklahoma State Organization



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth
of women educators and excellence in education.



Growing Together



Shelly's Seeds

Happy New Year! I hope each of you found time this holiday season to relax and reflect about what is important to you. Holidays are filled with traditions and one of these is making New Year's resolutions. As years have gone by, however, it seems more and more people are choosing a word to plan for the next year.

Having a single word by which to plan your goals is a powerful way to stay focused and keep your goals in sight. Our word is going to be: **EMBARK**. I want you to embark on new DKG adventures, find new leadership possibilities and avenues of participation. Don't be afraid to get out there and become involved in something new; you will be glad you did.

As I stated at the beginning of this school year, I want our chapter to grow. I then mentioned that we need to add members to continue to grow as a chapter. Another way for our chapter to grow together is to have all of us be active members that participate at the chapter, state, and international levels. I know as well as anyone that life is busy. However, you are a very important part of us. When you are not at our

meetings, you are missed. Did you know we must have a certain number of our members at each meeting in order to conduct business? If we don't meet the required quota of members attending a meeting, then no business can be discussed or voted on in an official capacity.

In addition, you can become involved at the state levels. Committee members will be changing soon, and there are numerous committees on which you can serve or chair, though being a state officer is amazing too. I have spent the last two years as our OSO Secretary. In June, I will be presented as the OSO 2nd Vice President candidate. In addition, we have several members who are active at the state level, and our very own Beth Schieber has been active on the international level. We would love to share our experiences with you.

As a reminder: Please consider nominating those outstanding educators for membership in Beta Beta this year.



January Facts

- * The name for January comes from the Roman God Janus, who is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year before and the other head to look forward to the New Year!
- * In Pasadena, California, there has been a Rose Parade held almost every year since 1890. It has since been broadcast worldwide and is typically viewed in over 100 countries around the globe.
- * One of the most influential events in the U.S. happened in January – on January 1, 1892, Ellis Island opened, allowing for the immigration of over 20 million people!
- * The first-ever Emmy Awards were held on January 25, 1949.
- * In the United Kingdom, some people practice "Dry January." This is a movement to encourage people to quit drinking alcohol for the month in order to encourage public health.
- * Originally, the Roman calendar had only 10 months, and it excluded January and February.

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Beta Beta Chapter Vision Statement
Embrace the Present, Impact the Future

Happy Birthday January



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International Conference: Phoenix

Phoenix, Arizona: July 18–22, 2023

Relax, share and learn together at The Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, which offers a truly unique experience. The conference hotel is located just outside Phoenix near Chandler in the foothills of the Sierra Estrella Mountain Range and alongside the Gila River. Stewards of the land, the Pima and Maricopa people, offer you something you will long remember — the opportunity to immerse yourself in the Gila River Community. The Sheraton Grand is designed with traditions of the native community in mind. As you enter the hotel, don't miss the symbolic door handles: talons of the eagle.

Murals adorn the lobby, depicting important elements of the two ancient tribes that make up the Gila River Community. You will be directed to your room down one of two wings that represent the wings of the eagle. The carpet is earth tones with a blue ribbon representing the Gila River running through the desert. Each guest room's décor is also in earth tones with artwork created by com-

munity artists. Wander through the hotel and view the photos on the walls and display cases filled with artifacts to learn about the Gila River Community. At every turn, you will find another reflection of the community's rich culture!

Don't miss the opportunity to experience this recreational, educational and inspirational desert oasis experience. Keep your eyes open; you may see a cloud of dust stirred up by the 1,500 wild horses that roam the land. Visit the stables for a horse ride. Rent a paddle boat to cruise the river. Take a dip in the river-shaped pool, and slide down the 111-foot water slide. Play a round of golf. Enjoy a massage at the spa...or lounge around the pool. Wild Horse Pass has something for everyone. And, of course, also make plans to attend the sessions being offered for your personal and professional growth.



Beta Beta Chapter
Embrace the Present, Impact the Future

Happy Birthday February



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INSURANCE



DKG Members Have Insurance Options Through DKG International

With the economy struggling, people are looking for ways to trim their budget expenses. Did you know that DKG offers insurance benefits through various providers?

You can do some comparison shopping for your health insurance, liability coverage, long term care, dental, identity protection and even pet insurance. DKG has partnered with several providers. To take a look at your options, [click on this link to go to the Insurance Benefits page on the International website.](#)

DKG International Vision Statement
Key Women Educators – Impacting Education Worldwide

November Meeting Review January Meeting Preview

**By Beth Schieber
Immediate Past President**

Celebrating the Christmas season with our Beta Beta sisters is always a joyous event, especially when held in the Christmas capital of Oklahoma, Neta Duke's home. Neta has opened her lovely home for several years now, and members take great delight in touring the beautifully decorated rooms. From the time you enter, you discover unique and delightful vignettes of Christmas at its most wondrous.



In addition to a wide variety of homemade dishes that were sensory delights, a visit from **Elvis Presley** made the evening a perfect occasion.

Elvis, alias **Brian Lee Dunning**, entertained his rapt audience with Christmas carols and a selection of songs that made Elvis the musical icon he was and still is. Elvis, I mean Brian, is available to entertain at your wedding, party or small group event. Simply call him at 1-405-464-9785.

Books for first year teachers in El Reno were collected and will be delivered sometime in January.

**By Shelly Hudson
President**

Lance Haggard, Executive Director of Elementary Education in Yukon and scheduled speaker for the January meeting, has had a family situation come up and cannot make our meeting.

The new program is **Food, Fun, and Fellowship**. We will spend time eating, getting to know each other better, and sorting our book donations. Each year, the books are given to teachers from schools within the districts of our chapter members, including Yukon, El Reno, Mustang and Okarche. This year, books will be donated to new teachers in El Reno.

Please bring your monetary donations for the Partner's Club or you can mail it to treasurer Vicki Bright.

Geri Hough cautions that there is construction around her church, our meeting location. She said you can still get down Sara Rd. However, you need to use the middle entrance to the parking lot.

Because of a prior commitment, I will not be at the meeting, so **Paula Walker** will preside at the meeting.

I hope you plan to come and join us.

Below: **Mrs. Ross 1st grade, Mrs. Hartzler 2nd grade, Kandy Myers Beta Beta member and Mrs. Romero kindergarten.** These first year teachers at Ranchwood in Yukon were the recipients of our book donations last year.



DKG Oklahoma State Organization Vision Statement
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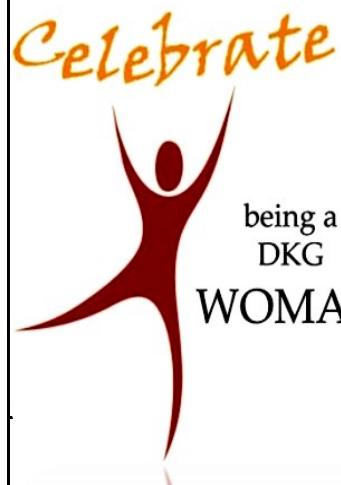


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SCHOLARSHIPS

Celebration of Membership

Year Inducted	Years of Membership	Name of Member
2002	20	Suzy Biggs Gina Ray Jackie Sheehan Debbie Yeagley
2005	17	Judy Reiff
2007	15	Kandy Myers
2009	13	Annetta Hein
2012	10	Shila Dobbins Sharon Myrick Jennie Wilmes



Beta Beta Chapter *Growing Together*

January Service Project



By Tonya
Taylor

Our January service project will be Yukon Public School's Partner's Club Prom. Partner's Club Prom is sponsored by the

Partner's Club members and advisors from Yukon High School. This wonderful night will be held in the spring at the Yukon High School cafeteria and rotunda.

The English Language Development (ELD) department of Yukon Public Schools provides the desserts for the night. Kathryn Plumb, Evelyn Hawk and Tonya

Taylor, who are also Beta Beta members, are part of that department. Several ELD members, along with their families as well as Beta Beta sisters Jennie Wilmes and Neta Duke donate their time to serve the meal, desserts and drinks for the special night. Guests typically enjoy a catered meal from Primo's or Johnny Carino's consisting of a salad, bread sticks and two types of pasta. They also have a choice of sweet or unsweetened tea, lemonade or water. Desserts usually consist of various cookies, brownie bites, Rice Krispies® Treats, cream puffs and eclairs.

It is a wonderful night to celebrate the special needs students of Yukon High School, as well as their families. We would like to take this time to say thank you to

our chapter for continuing to donate monetarily to this wonderful service project.

Thank you for helping make this night one that these students will never forget!

**Service Project Committee,
Tonya Taylor, Jennie Wilmes,
Kathryn Plumb, Roselyn Harrison and Evelyn Hawk**

*To donate by mail, write a check to Beta Beta and list the service project on the subject line. You can mail monetary donations to Beta Beta treasurer:

Vicki Bright
108 Chestnut Dr.
Yukon, Ok. 73099

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

2023 Conferences

Michigan: Detroit, July 11-16, 2023

The Westin Book Cadillac

Arizona: Phoenix, July 18-22, 2023

Sheraton Wild Horse Pass

Finland: Tampere, July 26-29, 2023

Tampere Hall

Future Conventions

2024: National Harbor, Maryland
(Gaylord National, D.C. Area)

2026: Aurora, Colorado
(Gaylord Rockies)

DEADLINES

International

Scholarship Application

February 1, 2023

DKGIEF Educational Project Application

March 1, 2023

**DKGIEF Cornetet CIPD Applications
Cornetet Individual Professional
Development**

May 1, 2023

DEADLINES

Oklahoma

Scholarship Applications

March 15, 2023

OKLAHOMA EVENTS

Oklahoma State Organization Conference

Oklahoma City
June 2—3, 2023
Embassy Suites
1815 South Meridian



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Beta Beta Chapter Member Spotlight: Debbie Stover



In addition to being a very involved member of Beta Beta, **Debbie Stover** is certainly a woman of strength and perseverance. After the death of her husband Mark, she was tasked with raising 4 sons without him.

Debbie's son Dustin is married to Tess. He is an Army veteran and served 4 tours of duty: 2 in Iraq, 1 in Afghanistan and 1 in Somalia. He graduated from SNU with a business leadership degree and also has a MBA from SNU in business. Tess is a wonderful person and is the director of the Mother's Day Out Program at Discovery Church. She graduated from UCO in Edmond with a Child Development degree. Dustin and Tess have 2 sons, eleven year old Devin and nine year old Jaxon. They are in 4th and 5th grades at Lakeview Elementary School.

Matt, Debbie's second son, is a captain at the Tulsa Airport where he works as a firefighter. He also has a construction business on the side when not at the airport. He lives in OKC. Matt graduated from OSU-OKC with a bachelor's degree in Technology, related to firefighting. He is single.

Jordan Stover, her third son, has lived the last 10 years in Alaska as a commercial fisher-

man. He came home in August and is living with her.

Dylan, her fourth son, graduated from high school in 2020 from Yukon High School. He works at Little Caesar's in Yukon.

Debbie was raised at St. John's Catholic Church and attended elementary school there. She started Yukon Public Schools in 7th grade and graduated from YHS. Debbie attended OSU her freshman year and graduated from UCO in Edmond with a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in social studies and math. She has 2 Master's degrees, one as a Reading Specialist and another in Guidance and Counseling. She taught 4th grade, 6th grade math and science, 5th grade and her last year in 3rd grade. She taught 11 years. Debbie has been a middle school counselor since 1999. She has had 6th, 7th and 8th grade at different times. She had 7th and 8th grade for 10 years by herself; she says it was difficult to have over 500 students! The past 2 years she has had 8th grade. She has her LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor) and has worked part time for 10 years at a counseling agency. This is her 34th year in education. Her mom was a special ed teacher.

She has experienced a great deal of loss in her life with losing her husband and then losing their dream home in the in 2011 Piedmont tornado.

Debbie's hobbies include yo-

ga, church and dancing. Debbie has performed country, swing and ballroom dancing. She loves going to concerts, especially country concerts. Other favorite activities include going to the movies and spending time with my grandsons and friends.

Recycling is one of Debbie's passions. She says she does drive some people crazy about it! She brought things home from school to recycle. She includes family, friends and students as passions too, especially her grandsons.

Debbie does love to travel. She took her youngest grandson to Fort Worth by train. Dylan and she went to Kentucky to experience the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. On her bucket list was the Balloon Festival, which she has now completed. Included in her travels was visiting Mexico twice and once on a mission trip. Ireland has been her farthest destination so far. Visiting all 50 states and going to Germany are still on her "to do" list.

Something people may not know about Debbie is that she worked at Safeway (now Homeland) in high school and college. She worked as a night stocker and sometimes was the only girl!

Neta Duke, her friend at church, invited Debbie to become a member of Beta Beta. She says Neta is one of her mentors.

Debbie likes being a member because of the inspirational meetings and social activities. She loves the Christmas parties at Neta's.

Beta Beta International News

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Mental Health Issues for Educational Staff

One of the U.S. Forum Resolutions is “to recognize the significance of Mental Health Issues for Educational Staff and promoting appropriate support services.” Certificated educators and classified staff were surveyed, and the results are as follows:

- 73% of teachers report frequent job-related stress compared to 40% of other working adults,
- 27% of educators have symptoms consistent with a diagnosis of clinical depression (compared to 10%) and
- 37% of educators have generalized anxiety disorder symptoms as compared to pre-pandemic levels of 12%,
- only 6% of teachers received

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counseling support from their schools and

- only 16% reported school or district mental health benefits as adequate.
- 30,000 educators surveyed report that disrespect by elected officials, parents and community, students and the media, bullying threats and assaults have contributed to increased stress and feelings of anxiety.
- 57% of educators indicate they are seriously worried about burn-out and
- 53% are thinking more about leaving the profession than they did before the pandemic.

If you fall in one or more of these categories, the following may help you! You need to establish work-life balance and

acknowledge emotional needs without judgment. Make time to exercise and have good nutrition. Take time to connect with loved ones, get involved with hobbies and interests and fight the tendency toward shame with self-compassion. Strengthen boundaries to protect self-care instead of repeatedly sacrificing your needs. Get help for unhealthy coping (addiction, behaviors that are harmful to self or others.). Utilize your support system (friends and family, book clubs or hiking groups, support groups). Reach out to a mental health profession.

If you don't fall in one or more of these categories, be a friend and support someone that does, but only in a caring and non-judgmental way. We can all help one another. This makes us all better.

Beta Beta Spotlighting

Share Your Chapter Projects

Project Spotlight

by: DKG Blogger Nov 3, 2022

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Many DKG chapters are doing great things. Members are teaching, learning, sharing and growing in their schools and communities. Incredible projects are taking place across our organization!

Once a project is well under way, chapters are encouraged to take one more step. Submit an article to DKG's Project Spotlight. Project Spotlight is found on the [DKG website](#), under the Programs/Projects tab. It serves to share information about projects done well, so that others can replicate them or be inspired to create a similar one of their own.



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Beta Beta Chapter Christmas Celebration



Pausing to capture a holiday moment with Elvis Presley are chapter members. Row 1: Neta Duke, Debbie Schimmer, Ann Hufnagel, Vicki Bonny, Shelli Selby. Row 2: Jeanne Riggs, Kathleen Smith, Trudy Capraro, Evelyn Hawk, Christine Sorrels-Alexander, Theresa Parham, Elvis Presley (Brian Lee Dunning), Shelly Hudson, Debbie Stover, Kandy Myers and Jackie Sheehan. Row 3: Beth Schieber, Paula Walker, Susan Dobry, Jennie Wilmes, Kathryn Plumb and Tonya Taylor.



Newest member Janna Connolly visits with Debbie Schimmer.



Christine Sorrels-Alexander and Susan Dobry smile as they watch the Elvis impersonator perform.

Beta Beta Chapter Service Project



Above: President Shelly Hudson and corresponding secretary Ann Hufnagel pose with a partial collection of books collected as the chapter's December Service Project. These book will be donated to teachers from schools within the districts of our chapter members, including Yukon, El Reno, Mustang and Okarche. This year, books will be donated to new teachers in El Reno.



Beta Beta Chapter Christmas Celebration



Neta Duke, the perfect hostess, always includes the most wonderful surprise entertainment. This year was no exception. **Elvis Presley** made a special appearance, and the crowd went wild with excitement. **Elvis Presley, Brian Lee Dunning**, serenades **Neta** during the Christmas celebration. **President Shelly Hudson** shows her delight, and **Theresa Parham** looks on in amazement. **Brian Lee Dunning** is available to delight your guests at your wedding, party or small group event. Simply call him at 405-464-9785.



Beta Beta Chapter Christmas Celebration



Kandy Myers absolutely loved our special guest and decided to show her delight and enthusiasm with a hug and her famous smile.



Lana McCormick and Kathleen Smith take time to celebrate the season and friendly conversation.



Teaching brings together so many wonderful people that are united with a love for education, children and service. **Evelyn Hawk, Jennie Wilmes and Vicki Bonny** are three such kindred spirits that share friendship and devotion to Beta Beta and its work.

Beta Beta Chapter Christmas Celebration



Christine Sorrels-Alexander, Theresa Parham, Shelly Hudson and Debbie Stover show their appreciation of Elvis and their enjoyment of his performance by taking a photo op after the show.



Left: **Elvis** and **Shelli Selby** pose for the camera.



Right: **Paula** and **Shelly** not only enjoy the love and support of being mother and daughter, but they also enjoy sharing the passion for and work of Beta Beta and DKG.



Beta Beta Chapter Christmas Celebration



Above Left: **Jeanne Riggs** smiles as she watches Elvis perform. Above Right: **Theresa Parham** and **Jackie Sheehan** look to the array of wonderful food being set out and wonder if it is ready to serve. Below Left: **Susan Dobry** and **Debbie Schimmer** enjoy the festive occasion and engaging conversation which the Christmas Celebration always presents.

Below right: **Cathy Stanford's** radiant smile seems to indicate her enjoyment of the festivities.



Beta Beta Chapter
OSO Leadership Seminar

Tebow-Herrington Leadership Seminar

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Tebow-Herrington Leadership Seminar at the 6400 square foot Robert's Retreat and Lodge, centrally located just north of Ada. Space will be limited to 25 participants. Applications can be found at okdkg.org on the forms protected page.



"Lead Her Ship"

Tebow-Herrington Leadership Seminar

Strengthen your professional leadership skills!

When: April 28 – 30, 2023

Check in after 4:00 pm on Friday – Check out at 11:00 am on Sunday

Where: Robert's Retreat Lodge



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Beta Beta Chapter Legislation/Education Update

Legislation/Education Update

State Impact

DECEMBER 22, 2022

BY Catherine Sweeney

"State Data Paints a Dire Picture of Oklahoma Teenagers' Mental Health"

Rates of depression and suicidality have always been higher than researchers expected. But they were even higher in the early years of the pandemic.

State data released this year showed that one in four Oklahoma teens contemplated suicide sometime between 2020 and 2021.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey is a routine report. Since 2003, state health officials have contacted 50 high schools every year, asking them to help collect data on the state's teenagers. Thad Burk, a child and adolescent health epidemiologist for the State Department of Health, heads up this survey.

"This is a very broad survey," he said. "We asked about alcohol, drug use, violent sex behaviors, diet, physical activity."

It's part of a national effort to identify behaviors tied to early death and bad health, to give researchers and health officials an idea of what's to come. The State Department of Health released its most recent survey results last month. It paints a dire picture of mental health for Oklahoma teens. It showed shocking rates of depression and suicidality.

"Those have always been high," he said. "And what I mean is higher than we want, higher

than we'd expect... But the concern was the change from 2019 to 2021."

Nearly half of the teens who participated in 2021 checked yes on the traditional depression symptom of feeling so sad or hopeless for two weeks in a row that they lost interest in usual activities. It found that in 2021, nearly one in four respondents had contemplated suicide in the past year. Among girls, that rate was closer to one in three. Overall, nearly 10 percent of the children had actually made an attempt.

"So they were high going into the pandemic," Burk said. "And then during the pandemic, when we asked these questions, we saw increases in all of these indicators as well."

It's difficult to know exactly what caused the numbers to be so high in the first place, and for them to increase in the pandemic. Of course, there's an assumption that COVID-induced isolation and fear played some role in driving those figures up more than 10 percent year over year.

It's also difficult to explain why the figures are so much worse for girls than they are for boys. Burk warns against confusing correlation and causation, but says there are inferences.

"I can refer to other indicators in the survey where females have a higher prevalence of dating violence, both physical dating violence and sexual dating violence," Burk said. "It's higher for

females than males."

The survey also contains a section on bullying. If you look only at bullying on school grounds, there isn't much of a gender difference.

"But being bullied electronically is almost twice as high for females as it is males," Burk said.

Either way, seeing that more than 43 percent of teens are experiencing depression and that a quarter of them are contemplating suicide seems shocking. Burk says it might be easy to try to write those figures off.

"The CDC, for these questions, does cognitive testing," Burk said. "And, you know, from those testings, we know that students understand what is being asked of them. So, they're answering it honestly and realistically. And even if it might appear to us as, 'Well, that seems high. Surely, they don't feel that way.' The point is enough of them are reporting it often enough and consistently. We know there's an issue."

Jeff Dismukes, the spokesman for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, says there's another source of data.

"We really noticed that in 2020, and we saw kids packing up in emergency rooms," he said. "And we just hadn't seen that as an issue before. Unfortunately, many of those individuals weren't able to access treatment even if they have insurance. There's too

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Beta Beta Chapter Legislation/Education Update

Legislation/Education Update

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many of those individuals who aren't receiving the services that they need."

A lack of mental health resources is a recurring issue here in Oklahoma. The Department of Justice announced last month it's investigating Oklahoma City area leaders for the lack of mental health services, stating it could constitute civil rights violations.

A report conducted for the state legislature found that in normal times, about 20 percent of Oklahoma's children and teens require mental health services at some point in their lives, and of those, half are never able to access them.

State Impact

DECEMBER 16, 2022

By Beth Wallis

"Oklahoma Legislator Files Bills for Teacher, Support Staff Pay Raises"

An Oklahoma lawmaker is pushing for a teacher pay raise to combat the state's teacher shortage.

Sen. Dewayne Pemberton, R-Muskogee, filed a bill for the upcoming legislative session to give Oklahoma public school teachers and support staff a raise starting in the 2023-2024 school year.

Senate Bill 28 would give teachers \$6,000 over 9 years, divided into three \$2,000 raises.

For support staff and paraprofessionals, it's a little more complicated: Senate Bill 25 would give districts \$1,200 per support staff member. Districts

can decide if they want to give staff a one-time pay increase of \$1,200 or a one-time increase in an amount based on performance or the need to retain staff.

If Pemberton's bills pass, he said it wouldn't prohibit the legislature from implementing more raises in the future.

Oklahoma teachers have been given raises over the last four years totaling more than \$7,000. But even then, Oklahoma's again fallen behind neighboring states. Pemberton said it's up to the legislature to catch Oklahoma up.

"We've slipped to number four in the region, so that means Texas and Colorado and New Mexico and a lot of these states are paying more and are drawing our teachers out of the state," Pemberton said. "We already have a teacher shortage, now the pipeline is almost empty. We're trying everything we can to get young people back involved and keep older teachers in the system."

Pemberton said he hopes measures passed last year — like the Oklahoma Future Teacher Scholarship and Employment Initiative Program — combined with more legislative efforts this year will start attracting new teachers and retaining current teachers.

The teacher pay raise would cost the state about \$110 million, but Pemberton said given the state's \$2.8 billion in revenue savings collections, it's time to "strike while the iron is hot."

"You need to put your priorities out front," Pemberton said.

"And I think education, our young people and our teachers need to be a priority."

Tulsa World

Lenzy Krehbiel-Burton December 18, 2022 (Updated January 6, 2023)

"Area School Districts Implementing Citizenship Test Requirement"

Several area districts are incorporating a new high school graduation requirement into middle school classes.

Under the terms of House Bill 2030, before they can graduate from high school, Oklahoma students are now required to take and pass a 100-item test over history and government that uses questions from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' website.

Passing is defined as correctly answering at least 60 questions, and students must be allowed to take the test as many times as necessary in order to reach that score.

Source: OSSBA

Oklahoma Education News
January 3, 2023



Beta Beta Chapter Chapter/International News

January Facts (Continued from Page 1)

- * King Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome, is responsible for adding both January and February to the Roman calendar. He did this so calendars would be equivalent to a lunar year. Even so, it only had 30 days.
- * Finally, Julius Caesar added the 31st day to the month and completed it to the full month of January that we practice now!
- * January was a monumental year for Alaska! As of January 3, 1959, Alaska officially became the 49th state of the United States.
- * January brought the end of the monarchy in Hawaii when Queen Liliuokalani was forced to abdicate on the January 24, 1895.

Beta Beta Chapter Events

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Program: Food, Fun and Fellowship
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9:30 A.M.

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Joint Meeting with Beta Nu
State President Visit
South Yukon Church of Christ Commons Area
Time: 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Program: Essay Winners
Town and Country Christian Church
9:30 A.M.

Saturday, April 2, 2023

Orientation for New Members
Kay Casper's home
3:00—4:30 P.M.

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Founders Day/Induction of New Members
Grace Church
9:30 A.M.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Summer Salad Luncheon
TBD

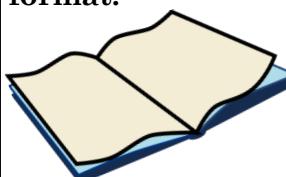


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