



Beta Kappa Chatter

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Happy Thanksgiving DKG Sisters!

I hope this message finds you well and in good health. If not, send us an email so that we may pray for you. I encourage you to spend some extra time this month giving thanks for all your blessings. There are many in this world that would change places with you in a heartbeat. We are truly blessed in Shelby County, Ohio!

Thank you to all who attended our November meeting and contributed to the Brown Bag Auction! If you couldn't attend, but contributed, thank you as well! What an admirable service we provide to emerging and new teachers! Your generosity is most appreciated!!

Our next meeting will be at Sidney Methodist Church with the Blanche Wilhide Circle preparing a delicious meal for us. Don't forget to bring hats and mittens for winter recess needs of our local children. Your officers recently met to plan a fun evening of Christmas games and prizes. Hopefully, you're looking as forward to it as we are!

My thought of the month comes from the movie Ferris Bueller's Day Off:

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around, you might miss it!"

So *please*, stop, look around, and give thanks for your blessed life!

See you in December!

Melissa



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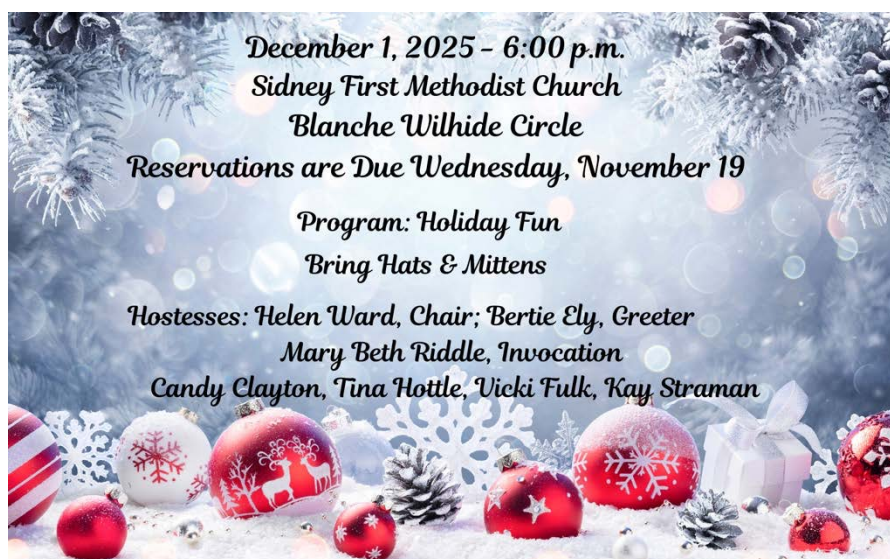
Member Email Address Change:

Coleen Lumpkin's email address is coleenlumpkin@gmail.com

Thoughts & Prayers:

Helen Ward's mother-in-law, Janice, passed away on November 5. Visitation and services will be held on Monday, November 10 at Cromes Edwards Funeral Home beginning at 10 a.m.

Tina Hottle's mother, Wilma "June", passed away on November 6. Visitation and services will be held on Tuesday, November 11 at Cromes Edwards Funeral Home beginning at 10 a.m.



Beta Kappa Chapter Minutes
November 3, 2025

Beta Kappa Chapter President Melissa Bowers welcomed 34 members to the November meeting.

Molly Helmlinger gave the invocation. Melissa thanked the hostesses, Janet Nufrio, chair; Kathy DeVelvis, Barri Grandey, Margie Heitbrink, Mary Lou Holly and Faye Spangler.

There were no additions or corrections to the October 6, 2025, minutes, and they are approved.

Kim Jordan gave the treasurer's report. We have \$6, 283.33 in checking. The designated amount for the Scholarship Fund is \$1,787.00 as of October 31, 2025, which is included in the checking account balance. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Unfinished Business

At the October meeting a donation to the Historical Society was tabled for further discussion. It has been decided that we will have an envelope at future meetings for members to donate as they wish.

Announcements:

Melissa announced the appointment of Kay Straman as Corresponding Secretary to fill the vacancy created with Bonnie Banks stepping down.

Barri Grandey was appointed at the chair of the Early Career Grants Committee since Bonnie Banks has stepped down as chair. The Early Career Grant application will go live in March with voting taking place in May.

On November 19 at 9:30 a.m. members will be helping to make gingerbread houses at the Historical Society. All are welcome to come and help. Lunch will be provided.

Our February 2026 meeting will be at Sidney Methodist Church with guest speaker, Robin Yocum, Ohio author of *The Essay* which everyone is encouraged to read. Alpha Upsilon and Beta Upsilon have been invited to attend the meeting. Robin will have his books available to purchase at the meeting.

Birthdays: November birthdays are Tina Hottle and Bonnie Banks.

Melissa reminded everyone to be sure to read *The Voice* as well as the *Beta Kappa Chatter*.

Concerns

Tina Hottle's mother is in hospice care and not doing well. Kay Straman will be having knee replacement surgery November 18.

Praises

Gwen Shoemaker's fourth granddaughter was recently born. Ernestine Daughtery has completed her chemo treatments, doing well and is back in the classroom.

Door prizes were awarded.

The next meeting is December 1, 2025, at Sidney First Methodist with the meal prepared by the Blanche Wilhide Circle. The hostess committee for December is Helen Ward, Chair; Bertie Ely, Greeter; Mary Beth Riddle, Invocation; Candy Clayton, Tina Hottle, Vicki Fulk, and Kay Straman. Reminder, the hostess checklist is the last page of your program book.

The meeting was adjourned.

Cathy Tenney, Recording Secretary

Brown Bag Auction



Total raised as of 11/9/25 is \$1,298

Card Making



With Marily



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FUNDRAISING UPDATES

November 2025

Colors of Hope: A **huge thank you** to the **Beta Lambda Chapter** for their generous donation of \$20,000 in honor and in memory of member DeLane Kittel. Since the money was not actively being used, the chapter donated the money to be invested and used for “active” teacher projects and grants. A big thank you to the Beta Lambda members who made individual donations totaling \$425.79. July 1 - October 31, 2025 total: \$23,158.64!! The unexpected gift from Beta Lambda Chapter is not slowing down the committee from continuing to fundraise. Based on other donations, \$10,842.24 is necessary to reach our goal of \$14,000.88!

FALL FUNDRAISING APPEAL NOVEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 2, 2025



National Philanthropy Day (November 15) is celebrated annually to recognize the contribution of philanthropy. The day is a time to reflect on the meaning of giving and the impact it has on the world. Giving Tuesday (December 2) is a global movement that releases the power of radical generosity around the world. The purpose is to invite people to give what they can to create change.

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 in New York City. The purpose of this day is to encourage people to do good. Over the past thirteen years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Mark your calendar to remember to send a donation to ADSOEF by going to our website www.adsoef.org

Our appeal will begin on National Philanthropy Day and continue through Giving Tuesday. Please note your donations are accepted year-round.

Fall paints a beautiful picture for all of us to enjoy. Thank you for your generosity to help paint a beautiful picture for educators and students!!

NOVEMBER FOCUS



Lifelong Learning Fund:

Provides support to members for expenses related to Lifelong Learning which encourages the ongoing, voluntary, and self-motivated pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons. This is the fund that will help cover expenses related to professional development and continuing education. Is there a class, workshop, or conference that would improve your skills professionally? Applications can be submitted anytime. After May 1, the application will be considered for the next fiscal year. Go to www.adsoef.org Click applications and forms.

The Fundraising Committee:

Charlene Greene, Delta Mu,
Annie Zahradnik, Gamma Theta,
Holly Buente, Gamma Pi, Co-Chair,
Barb Zirke, Alpha Psi, Co-Chair



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GIVE TODAY"**