**Gamma Beta Newsletter**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

January 2023

**Member News**



Deborah “Debbie” Webb Wiggins

Our sister, Debbie Wiggins, passed away on December 20, 2022 from Multiple Systems Atrophy (MSA). Debbie taught Spanish and English for more than 40 years mainly at Austin High School. She is survived by her three children, Webb, Wade, and Meredith Wiggins.



Nicholas Andrew Powell (Nic)

Please keep Valerie and Craig Powell along with their family in your thoughts and prayers after the death of their son Nic. Nic dies on Sunday, January 22, 2023, at UAB Hospital after a long battle with Kidney Disease. A funeral service for Nic will be Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 3:00 PM at Peck Funeral Home in Hartselle. Visitation will be from 1:00 – 3:00PM prior to the service. In lieu of Flowers, please consider donating in his honor to the Alabama Kidney Foundation.

[**https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/ExpressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=51-0189641&vlrStratCode=fyUod8CXrBCaRER4cf0Sf%2fFV3YiQAX%2fsVYHAGKJrjCqTs9FWFsxiAcdQ5mlrTzbg**](https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/ExpressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=51-0189641&vlrStratCode=fyUod8CXrBCaRER4cf0Sf%2fFV3YiQAX%2fsVYHAGKJrjCqTs9FWFsxiAcdQ5mlrTzbg)

**December Meeting Highlights**



Our resident artist, Bonnie Black, did the devotion and gave each of us a hand-painted Nativity.

* Members present were: Lane Hampton, Beth Milner, Corkey Vann, Brenda Berryman, Wanda Duncan, Jennie Roberts, Debbie Ferguson, Dottie Donahue, Jeanne Ellen Stroh, Bonnie Black, Beth Weinbaum, and Debby Crowell
* After Jeanne Ellen blessed the food we enjoyed a delicious brunch
* Devotion – Bonnie Black
* The strategic action plan was discussed
* Members collected money for our International World Fellowship fund and our Alabama State project, Eagles Wings, Inc.
* Three first year teachers were randomly drawn to receive Staples gift cards to help with their classroom purchases:
* Samantha Brantley – Decatur City Schools
* Dawn Zanda – Hartselle City Schools
* Leslee Hardman – Morgan County Schools
* Members brought gifts for nursing home residents. The gifts were taken to Falkville Healthcare Center
* The meeting concluded with singing the Delta Kappa Gamma song



Jeanne Ellen conduct Gamma Beta’s business meeting while Dottie, Debbie, and Beth listen

![A group of people sitting on a couch

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Lane takes notes while Beth, Jennie, and Corkey agree with our Strategic Action Plan



Brenda waits for the collection basket to be passed



Wanda, Beth and Bonnie listen as the Early Career Educator gift card recipients are chosen

![A few women holding a piece of paper in a room with a whiteboard

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Samantha Brantley, 1st year 3rd grade teacher at Walter Jackson Elementary School, receives a Early Career Educator gift card with help from principal Angie Whittington

**Gamma Beta Website**

Send photos and information to Debby at dmcrow56@gmail.com.

<http://gammabetachapter.weebly.com/>

**Alabama State**



***Proposed Slate of Elected Officers for 2023-2025***

President – Ann Jones  
First Vice President – Dawn Pettit  
Second Vice President – Gennice Burch  
Recording Secretary – Allison Hill  
Corresponding Secretary – Amy Stills

**Alabama State Convention – Hotel Capstone Tuscaloosa March 3rd – 5th. Registration form is on the Alabama State website.**



February

1st Beth Weinbaum

13th Jo Ann Sneed

March

7th Valerie Powell

14th Jeanne Ellen Stroh

26th Karen Parmer

**February Meeting**



**February 2, 2023**

**4:30 PM**

**Thursday**

**West Decatur Elementary School**

**708 Memorial Dr. SW**

**Decatur, AL 35601**

Devotion: Wanda Duncan

Business:

* Collect for World Fellowship and Eagle’s Wings

Program:

* **Team Building with Wendy Lang**

**Hostesses for this meeting**: Beth Milner (chair), Bonnie Black, Brenda Berryman, Wendy Duffy, Valerie Powell

***SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:***

* Park in the back of the school.
* Enter doors by the cafeteria.
* If you are unable to get in, knock on the cafeteria windows or text someone.



**2022-2023 Chapter Meetings and Important Dates**

* February 1, 2023 – Deadline for Alabama State’s scholarship application submission
* February 2, 2023 – Deadline to reserve a room at Hotel Capstone, Tuscaloosa
* February 3, 2023 – Gamma Beta Meeting – West Decatur Elementary School – Team Building
* March 2, 2023 – Gamma Beta Meeting – Athens State University
* March 3-5, 2023 – Alabama DKG State Convention – Tuscaloosa - MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND
* April 6, 2023 – Joint meeting with Mu Chapter – West Hartselle Baptist Church