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**The mission of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.**

***President’s Corner***

Dear Iota Sisters,

 I hope that you have had a wonderful summer. My summer had its highs and lows. In June I went back home to New York State for my **50th high school reunion**. Upon arriving I visited the school I taught at and found out one of my colleagues was retiring and they were having a retirement party for her that night. So not only did I get to see the people I grew up with and went to school with, I also got to see many of my old teacher friends. That was a joyous time.

 Two weeks after returning to Tennessee, I was diagnosed with **breast cancer**. Thankfully it was caught in the very early stage. Surgery is now behind me and I am on the mend. I will soon start the next phase of my treatment.

 **Our first meeting of the year will be a picnic** at Eastman/Bays Mountain Recreation Area on Thursday, September 8 at 5:00 pm. **Bring a dish to pass and school supplies for new teacher baskets.** **Hostess Group #2** will provide tablecloths, paper plates, cups, cutlery, drinks and ice, as well as the inspiration.

 Looking forward to seeing you all there.

***Debi Pelow***

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***Next meeting 5:00 PM, September 8th, at Eastman/Bays Mountain Recreation Area, Shelter 7***

 This is a covered dish picnic!

**Hostess Group #2** will provide tablecloths, paper plates, cups and cutlery, drinks and ice. The group will be responsible for the inspiration and cleaning the shelter area. **Shelter 7 is located on the left after crossing the bridge at the front.**  We can start sanitizing and setting up at 4:00 pm.

***Highlights of Our April Meeting—***

* Judy "Butterfly" Farlow was out entertaining speaker.
* Installed new officers for 2022-24.
* Donated money for Silent Auction basket at TNSO at Sewanee.

***Personal Growth and Professional Development—***

 The Kingsport City School System is encouraging teachers to obtain **Micro-credentials** as one way to demonstrate professional competencies and provide positive outcomes from professional learning. To find out more about this way to improve teaching skills or to sign up to be included in one or more of these sessions, go to [www.timesnews.net/local-news/kcs-teacherprofessional-development](http://www.timesnews.net/local-news/kcs-teacherprofessional-development) .

***Activities This Summer—***

Iota Chapter was represented this summer at the **Chapter Officer Training at Oak Ridge** and at **TNSO Convention at Sewanee**. I know that both of these events entail a long drive, and Convention is not cheap, but both are so worthwhile and will contribute so much to your involvement with Delta Kappa Gamma.

 Iota executive board met for the **Iota Chapter Planning** meeting at Meadowview in June, organizing and getting ideas for the following year. Please remember that Iota cannot be run by a few elite members—it must be run by ALL Iota sisters!

***Invitation to Prospective New Members—***

 I am extending a welcome to two ladies who we hope will join as members of Iota Chapter—

 **Sue Vaughn Otwell** is a Kingsport girl but taught in Atlanta for many years. She’s back home now and we want her with us!

 **Dawn Viles**  is currently president of Beta Pi Chapter at Maynardville, but she has begun teaching at Dobyns-Bennett and needs to be part of our local chapter! Welcome, Dawn!