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# Beta Bytes

## *UA Beta Group News for Winter 2007*

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Welcome to the UA Beta Group E-mail Newsletter. You will find in this issue:

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### **President's Message – Cindy Steber**

*Hello Beta Members,*

It is a great honor to serve as the BETA Group President; I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to working with each member. I believe the essence of strong leadership is not doing the work of ten people but getting ten people to do the work. That is the kind of leader I want to be. The only way we can have a successful BETA Group is for each club member to do his or her part. To that end, I would like to see every member serve on at least one committee and/or attend the networking sessions we have scheduled.

A Challenge was issued to each of our members at the Open Enrollment Meeting to invite your colleagues to join BETA. The person who enrolls the most new members will receive a \$50.00 gift card for Target. Think of it as a new season - maybe a first season! Beta gatherings provide a chance to meet new friends, learn a new job skill, open networking branches throughout campus, and building a positive self image.

Your newly elected Executive Board worked hard in advance of the Open Enrollment meeting and it turned out to be an evening of awe! To quote BETA member Jackie Larsen “Dr. Strittmatter's enthusiasm for his subject was contagious and he presented complicated information in a way that was understandable and interesting to those of us not familiar with the technical aspects of telescope mirrors.”

As you review our modernized website, you will learn about our Group's strong commitment to the networking and personal growth. Please check out the newly redesigned website at [www.beta.arizona.edu](http://www.beta.arizona.edu). Dellina has done an incredible job as our Webmaster.

Our Holiday Dinner, Philanthropy Raffle, and Gift Exchange were delightful. We raised over \$1,000 from the raffle and provided a **trunk** full of socks and underwear. We will be receiving

an inventory of exactly what we turned over to Aviva (some items came in after December 12<sup>th</sup>), as well as a final total on the cash donations and raffle proceeds.

Thank you for your sympathy cards, prayers, emails, etc. I am truly blessed to belong to such a wonderful group. Happy holidays and all the best for the New Year!

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### **Member Announcements**



**Dellina Bergen** has been accepted into a graduate program at Fielding Graduate University in order to obtain a graduate certificate in coaching. Congratulations and we wish you tremendous success in your studies!

## *Congratulations!*

**Kendra Vossler** welcomed new addition to her family – a beautiful baby boy, Andrew Ryan Vossler, on October 5, 2007. He came into the world at 21 inches and weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces.  
CONGRATULATIONS!



**Anna Wilkinson** retired after 19 years at The University of Arizona. She was the Senior Program Coordinator in the Office of Institutional Research and Planning Support. Anna coordinated public records requests for the UA to the public and the Association of American Universities Data Exchange (AAUDE). Her duties also included heading up the team that produced the UA Fact Book and responding to national surveys such as US News and World Report. Anna has been active in our group and has chaired the program and philanthropy committees and has served as webmaster, newsletter editor, and vice president. In 2004 she received the BETA Inspiration Award for outstanding service to the University community. We wish you all the best, Anna!

### *Get well:*

**Yolanda Franco** is recuperating from a nasty fall at her home. We hope this finds you well on the road to recovery!

### *In sympathy:*

**Pam Bridgmon** – any loss is difficult, but after 100 years on this planet, Pam's father passed away. Our condolences are with you.

**Cindy Steber** – our thoughts and prayers remain with you in the loss of your Mother.

**Oh heart, if one should say to you that the soul perishes like the body,  
answer that the flower withers, but the seed remains.  
~ Kahlil Gibran**

Member updates, news, etc. – if YOU have any updates to share with your fellow Beta members, please contact me so we can include the information in future newsletters. And, Beta members, if you know of any news – happy, sad, congratulatory, etc. – on a fellow Beta member, I would also love to hear from you.

## **Upcoming Beta Meetings – Mark Your Calendars**



### **Member Appreciation Dinner**

Tuesday, April 8, 2008  
5:15 – 7:30 p.m.  
Student Union, Catalina Room  
Dinner Served



### **Business Meeting**

Tuesday, June 10, 2008  
5:15 – 7:00 p.m.  
Location TBA

This is not all that we do. The Board is working on other learning and networking opportunities. We will keep you posted.

## **Open Enrollment Meeting Highlights**

- Dr. Strittmatter provided an intriguing overview of Steward Observatory's inception and major accomplishments to date.
- His explanations of highly technical and what would normally be difficult concepts to understand were put into layman terms for all of us to be "wowed" by what our very own professors and students have been able to accomplish and will be accomplishing.
- It was a superb presentation!! If you missed it, you MISSED a lot!

On Thursday, November 29, 2007, nine of us attended "Achieving Peak Performance." Prior to attending the session, we completed an online assessment. At the meeting, the University of Phoenix presenters discussed with us the four core individual types and the behaviors and communications techniques each garners. We hope to have a similar presentation in the spring and open it up to Beta members plus other family or friends. It was a fantastic and eye-opening presentation – something YOU won't want to miss the next time around!

## **Holiday Dinner, Philanthropy Raffle & Gift Exchange**

Once again, the food was great, the company fantastic, and the evening thoroughly enjoyable! We hope next year more of our members can join us as it helps to get you in the holiday spirit.

There was a five way tie for members bringing in new members: Felicia Hermann (Becki Gerrettie), Anna Wilkinson (Carlene Hugues), Danielle Crouse (Vinetha Narasimhan); Pam Bridgmon (Cindy Cowen), and new member Carlene Hugues (Michael Vitale). The five names were put in a drawing and the winner of the \$50 Target card was DANIELLE CROUNSE! Congratulations to each of you and let's keep working to encourage MORE MEMBERS!

**The raffle winners:**

Amazon = Joy Baine

UA Presents = Tom Klein

Starbucks = Suzanne Oakola

NTIS Traffic = Dellina Bergen

Mimi's Café = Pearl Byrne

Olive Garden = Tom Klein

Blockbuster = Kimberly Heath

Beyond Bread = Nancy Rockman

I-K-I Hair = Pat St. Germain

Lottery tickets = Carlene Hugues

Pima Air Museum = Ann Cress

CONGRATULATIONS – and thank you EVERYONE for purchasing raffle tickets!!

**From Kristin Vann, Vice President and Philanthropy Chair:**

Our fundraiser for Aviva Children's Services went extremely well. Because of everyone's generosity, Beta raised \$1,124 and almost 700 undies, socks, and t-shirts. Bonnie Demorotski from Aviva was very, very appreciative of everything.

I can't thank everyone enough for all your help and contributions. I want to especially thank Anna Wilkinson, Yolanda Franco, and Marion Levy for their help in obtaining prizes for the raffle. I also want to thank Terri Sweet, Cindy Steber, Vicki Burns, and Dellina Bergen for donating prizes for the raffle.

You have greatly helped Aviva, and the children they service. Have a wonderful holiday season. Thanks!

**Tip of the Month**

**Subject: SISTERS**

A young wife sat on a sofa on a hot humid day, drinking iced tea and visiting with her Mother. As they talked about life, about marriage, about the responsibilities of life and the obligations of adulthood, the mother clinked the ice cubes in her glass thoughtfully and turned a clear, sober glance upon her daughter. "Don't forget your **Sisters**," she advised, swirling the tea leaves to the bottom of her glass." They'll be more important as you get older. No matter how much you love your husband, no matter how much you love the children you may have, you are still going to need Sisters. Remember to go places with them now and then; do things with them. And remember that "Sisters" also means your girlfriends, your daughters, and other women relatives too. You'll need other women. Women always do."



"What a funny piece of advice!" the young woman thought. 'Haven't I just gotten married? Haven't I just joined the couple-world? I'm now a married woman, for goodness sake! A grownup. Surely my husband and the family we may start will be all I need to make my life worthwhile! But she listened to her Mother. She kept in contact with her **Sisters** and made more

women friends each year. As the years tumbled by, one after another, she gradually came to understand that her Mom really knew what she was talking about. As time and nature work their changes and their mysteries upon a woman, **Sisters** are the mainstays of her life. After almost 50 years of living in this world, here is what I've learned:

Times passes.

Life happens.

Distance separates.

Children grow up.

Love waxes and wanes.

Hearts break.

Careers end.

Jobs come and go.

Parents die.

Colleagues forget favors.

Men don't call when they say they will.

**BUT Sisters** are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A **Sister** is never farther away than needing her can reach.

When you have to walk that lonesome valley, and you have to walk it for yourself, your **Sisters** will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end. Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you. Or come in and carry you out.

My mother, sister, sister-in-laws, aunts, and *girlfriends*, bless my life! The world wouldn't be the same without them, and neither would I. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other. – Author Unknown