

# About Your Beta Journal Editor

By Envoy Terry

As Editor of The Beta Journal, Karen brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this challenging position.

Before beginning private work, she was a schoolteacher. Karen taught both public and private schools, from the elementary level on up. Her love of teaching and her talented skills as an artist have been major factors in creating the Journal.

On retiring from teaching, she started her own graphic arts company, KI Services. This later changed into TIKI Services Corporation, host sponsor for The Beta Journal. Karen is the President of TIKI. Besides providing website design, startup and maintenance, the company provides services in telecommunications, real estate mortgages and office management.

Karen joined Beta Sigma Phi December, 1985. She progressed from Ritual of Jewels to Exemplar July, 1994 and from Exemplar to Preceptor May, 2007.

In past years, she served chapters and city council as President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian. In 1996, serving simultaneously as Chapter President and City Council President, both chapter and council selected her as Woman of the Year. Karen received 3 Founders Awards since 1997 and the Order of the Rose, March, 2006.

She was first and only Editor of Beta Data On Line (*The On Line Newsletter of the Richardson City Council of Beta Sigma Phi, Richardson, Texas*). The Richardson City Council voted to end support and publication of The Beta Data in December of 1996 as being a nonviable effort. Karen decided to continue; "time waits for no one. As we as a nation progress and change towards the future, we must progress as chapters and councils to meet the demands of change." The Beta Journal was a phoenix reborn.

Karen is the Founder and only Editor of The Beta Journal (*An On Line Newsletter for the On Line Sisters of Beta Sigma Phi*). First published on line January, 1997, it has since grown from the original 12 web pages into a 1,000 plus page web site with E-mail editions and RSS feed.

The Beta Journal site encompasses Beta Sigma Phi online and provides knowledge and support through The Strawberry Patch, news, links, clip art, forms, bulletin board, E-cards, convention information, beta shopping and much more.

Karen is a current and charter member of On Line Alpha (OLA), the first on line Beta Sigma Phi chapter. OLA chartered April 16, 1997 and signed by Bill Ross September 15, 1998. Karen was one of four Founders Award recipients on Founders Day that year for launching Beta Sigma Phi and OLA on the Internet. She served as 2<sup>nd</sup> President of On Line Alpha 1998 to 1999.

She is a founding co-advisor of On Line Beta (OLB), the second on line Beta Sigma Phi chapter.

Karen is the founding adviser and prior President of On Line Eta (OLETA) formed October, 1998 and officially chartered February 28, 2006. Current and charter member, she is Recording Secretary, List Administrator and Webmaster for the chapter. Also, currently serves as OLETA Representative to the Beta Sigma Phi Cyber Council and continuing Recording Secretary and Webmaster for the Cyber Council.

Seeing the need for Legacies to be part of on line Beta Sigma Phi, the Legacy Connection began April, 2003. Karen is the founding advisor and sponsor of On Line Legacy Alpha, the only on line Beta Sigma Phi chapter for Legacies.

Today, Karen continues to provide a home on the Internet for Beta Sigma Phi sisters to find the information and inspiration they need for themselves and their land and on line chapters.