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Alpha Eta State Convention

International Member-at-Large to be Guest Speaker

Alpha Eta State Convention "Stars Aglow in Excellence"

March 16 – 17, 2007
Embassy Suites Hotel
Columbia, South Carolina

Friday, March 16

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. REGISTRATION
(Bring Silent Auction Items to table)

6:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE BOARD
DINNER/ MEETING

Saturday, March 17

8:00 - 12:45 p.m. REGISTRATION

8:00 - 11:45 a.m. SILENT AUCTION OPEN

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. CEREMONY
OF REMEMBRANCE

9:45 - 10:15 a.m. BREAK/ CHECK-OUT

10:15 - 11:30 a.m. GENERAL SESSION

11:45 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. WORKSHOPS

11:45 a.m. SILENT AUCTION CLOSES

12:45 - 3:45 p.m. BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
SPECIAL AWARDS

Registration forms on Pages 10 & 11
Clip these or make copies.

Dr. Beverly Helms, was elected as international member-at-large at the International Convention at San Diego in July.

A resident of Florida, she was initiated into Phi in 1972. After serving in every office and on most committees, she became a charter member of Delta Theta in 1994. She has served that chapter as president, first vice president, second vice president, parliamentarian, and chairman of several committees.

At the state level, she has served as president, first vice president, second vice president, parliamentarian, and corresponding secretary. She has served as state editor of *Florida Rays* since 2001. A recipient of the Eunah Temple Holden Scholarship, she conducts workshops at many of the state meetings. Mu State honored her in 1999 by awarding her with the State Achievement Award. Then in 2001, she was inducted into the Mu State Hall of Fame.

At the regional level, she was Southeast Regional Director 2002 - 2004. She has attended 12 regional conferences and conducted workshops at most of them.

At the international level, she has served as a member of the Leadership Development Committee, Executive Board, and Administrative Board. She has served on special committees to review and update the Strategic Plan, to develop and implement the process for awarding Professional Development credits, and to study the committee structure of the Society. When she was completing doctoral studies, she was awarded the "Outstanding Dissertation in Education Award" in 1983.

Professionally, she has bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Florida State University. She retired in 2003 as director of Administrative Services of the Washington County School Board. She still works as a consultant and speech pathologist.

Besides her work in the field of education and in Delta Kappa Gamma, she has made an impact on her community. The Chamber of Commerce named her Volunteer of the Year in 2004. She has served on statewide committees and was appointed by the governor to serve on the Board of Correctional Education School Authority.

A member of First Baptist Church, she has taught Sunday School and served on the Membership and Stewardship committees.

"I am honored to be able to come to South Carolina again. I loved being there in 2003," said Dr. Helms.



Dr. Beverly Helms, 2006-2008 international member-at-large, will be guest speaker in March at the state convention.

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NOTES from EUNICE

in 2007



President Eunice Rowell

HAPPY 2007 ! Let me begin by wishing each member a new year filled with good health, happiness, hope, love, and learning.

The New Year promises to be an exciting year for Alpha Eta State. Great things are happening in our state and the "key to our success is YOU."

As I travel around our state attending chapter meetings, I am so pleased to see so much enthusiasm among the members. Your chapter projects are awesome. You are doing a great job spreading the word about Delta Kappa Gamma and the work of your chapter, and I thank you for this.

Membership is still a very important issue. Dr. Barbara Day, president of Delta Kappa Gamma International, has challenged each chapter to initiate a minimum of five members. Please, let's meet her challenge.

I must remind you of the Leadership Challenge Seminar scheduled for February 9-10, 2007. It will be a week-end full of fun, fellowship and learning. It is a workshop for current and future leaders, and I urge each chapter to send a minimum of two members. I hope you have already sent your registration in while space is still available.

STARS AGLOW IN EXCELLENCE is the theme of the Alpha Eta State Convention March 16-17, 2007, at the Embassy Suites in Columbia. We hope to see a record number of "stars" in attendance at this convention. The Executive Board Dinner and Meeting will be on Friday evening and all chapter presidents are expected to attend. Future leaders are invited to attend as observers. If a chapter president cannot attend, she should send a representative from her chapter with prior written notice sent to the state president.

Saturday at the convention will be a very busy day beginning at 9 a.m. with the Ceremony of Remembrance. The membership committee chairman requests that the chapter president of any chapter that has lost a member plan to attend this event in memory of the deceased member or members.

Also, the Silent Auction members will be on site on Friday evening and Saturday morning to accept the "theme baskets." Four excellent workshops are planned for Saturday, and the presenters are all Delta Kappa Gamma members.

The International Guest and Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Beverly Helms, member-at-large of the Board of Trustees of Delta Kappa Gamma International. Please mark your calendar today and make plans to attend.

A brief reminder is in order for the Regional Conference in New Orleans. The dates of this conference are June 27 - 30, 2007. It will be great to have a large representation from South Carolina.

It is a pleasure to serve as your president. Please call on me at any time.

REMINDER

MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW FOR THE STATE CONVENTION WHILE ROOMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. THE NUMBER FOR EMBASSY SUITES IS 803-252-8700. RESERVATION CODE: AEC

**ALPHA ETA STATE
CHAPTER VISIT SCHEDULE
JANUARY 2007 - JUNE 30, 2007**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>State Representative</u>
Thursday, January 11	Lambda	Sims Lynn (803-385-6770)
Saturday, January 20	Kappa	Donna Wiles (803-796-1529)
Saturday, February 10	Epsilon	Eunice Rowell (864-223-8921)
	Alpha Iota	
	Alpha Omega	
Tuesday, February 13	Alpha Rho	Eunice Rowell (864-223-8921)
Thursday, February 15	Beta Zeta	Linda Heckle (803-796-0892)
Thursday, February 15	Beta Alpha	Donna Wiles (803-796-1529)
Thursday, February 22	Beta Gamma	Eunice Rowell (864-223-8921)
Monday, March 26	Sigma	Sims Lynn (803-385-6770)
Saturday, March 31	Gamma	Eunice Rowell (864-223-8921)
	Omega	
Tuesday, April 17	Alpha Eta	Linda Heckle (803-796-0892)
Monday, April 23	Omicron	Joyce Moore (843-662-7667)
Monday, April 23	Tau	Martha Horton (864-583-8841)
Friday, April 27	Pi	Eunice Rowell (864-223-8921)
Saturday, May 5	Chi	Eunice Rowell (864-223-8921)

From your treasurer

Donna Bull Wiles

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and was able to spend some time with fellow Delta Kappa Gamma sisters at meetings or in fellowship. I have enjoyed the chapter meetings that I have visited and look forward to seeing more of you in the spring.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to chapter treasurers who sent in dues and forms in a timely manner. Processing forms for 57 chapters is a monumental task, so I truly depend on the hard-working treasurers for their neat and accurate reports.

SILENT AUCTION

By Patricia Bouknight

The Silent Auction Baskets were such a great success at the last convention that we are having them again. The proceeds will go to the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship Fund. The committee asks that each chapter donate one or more baskets of their choice and bring them to the state convention. The basket can be small, medium, or large and of all values. The container does not have to be a basket. There were all sorts of containers last time - buckets, suitcases, picnic baskets, gift wrap containers, etc. Be creative!

There will be a designated area Friday evening and Saturday morning for the receiving of the baskets. Please attach the following information on the outside of the basket: the basket theme, a list of the items in the basket, a suggested opening bid, the chapter donating the basket.

For any questions, contact Patricia Bouknight at 803-781-1243 or dpat@bell south.net.

From your

executive secretary....

Linda Heckle

By the time you read this, we will have enjoyed the season of Thanksgiving and the wonderful and always marvelous time of Christmas. And we have greeted another New Year! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could carry the feelings generated by these special times all through the year? I do hope you are excited about 2007 and plan to live it with energy, enthusiasm and excellence!

We have much to accomplish. The State Convention is just ahead—March 16-17. Take time to read the convention information printed in this issue and register to attend. The last state convention was in 2005. District meetings were last year in 2006. It is very important to mark this 2007 convention date AND make plans to attend. Carpool and share a room to cut down on expense.

Presidents, remember that completed Chapter Achievement Award forms should be sent to President Eunice by June 1.

The Southeast Regional Conference is in New Orleans this summer, June 27-30. We have heard that the area of the conference site recovered very quickly from Katrina since it did not get any of the flooding, and it is alive and well with typical New Orleans activity. Watch your *Delta Kappa Gamma News* issues for more conference information. I hope we can have a large group from South Carolina in attendance.

A workshop for new state officers and committees and chapter presidents will be held this fall. Watch for the date and details in the May/June issue of *Digest*.

One of the goals for this biennium is to increase membership. This is a good time to consider those outstanding, qualified educators whom you know and invite them to join the Society.

If you or your chapter would like to schedule a meeting or a visit to the Auld-Murdock State Headquarters, just contact me. I would love to greet you there.

If I can ever help, call me at 803-796-0892 or e-mail me at linda@heck.com.



IN MEMORIAM

"They loved and brought a bit of beauty, love, and faith; and now their lives will ever be reflected in our hearts."

--Anonymous

Mary Clary Austin
Sybil Bagwell
Margaret Elaine Blair
Mary Catherine Cabbage Barry
Tris Teal Burgess
Mary Kathryn Byars
Rebecca Kilgo Clayton
Katie T. Culp
Eva W. Durant
Hazel Gibson
Virginia Elizabeth Goude-lock
Saundra Kay Ground
Jean Hamer
Ethel Heath
Mary Cheatham Henline
Rachel Hicks Jones
Victoria Howie Kerr
Lucy Elizabeth McDavid
Katherine Rebecca Heard McGraw
St. Clair Walker Macnillan, Jr.
Emily Martin
Louise McLeod
Betty Prince Miley
Elizabeth Montgomery
Deloris McCain Prosser
Frances E. Rogers
Martha Barton Rooke
Maude Brazelle Simpson
Ann Bruce Tatum
Ethel LeMaster Thompson
Eleanor Bergdahl Townsend
Doris Ayers Truluck
Elizabeth Burns Utsey
Josephine Williams Wilder
Virginia Williamson
Wildred Willis
Louise Bailey Wykes

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Alpha Kappa
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Kappa
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Delta

Ceremony of Remembrance

By Dianne Steelman

Our deceased sisters will be remembered during the Ceremony of Remembrance at the State Convention in March. Presidents are urged to check to see that their members are listed. If not, call 803-359-4560.

Chapter presidents need to send a one-page biography to be included in the State Memory Book to be displayed at the ceremony. The biography should include personal, professional, and Society information. Mail the biography (unfolded) to Dianne Steelman, 1242 Roscoe Road, Lexington 29073-8597 or e-mailed to dsteelman@lexington1.net.

Tips for writing the one-page biography:

- * Center the deceased's full name at top of the page
- * Get a copy of the obituary with personal information to include
- * Include information about the member's professional career (jobs, schools, awards, etc.)
- * Include information about the member's involvement in the levels of the Society

Presidents are reminded to send copies of Form 6, Report of the Death of a Member, to the international executive coordinator, state president, state treasurer, state Membership chairman and retain one copy in the chapter files. This needs to be done as soon as possible following the death of a member.

PERSONNEL

By Marianne Holland, chairman

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that the name of Linda Heckle will be placed in nomination for the position of executive secretary for the 2007 - 2011 term at the meeting of the Executive Board in March.

EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR TO BE HIRED AT HEADQUARTERS

The International Personnel Committee is beginning a search for a new executive coordinator to be employed at Headquarters in Austin, Texas. The Administrative Board will interview candidates in May for the position with a tentative start date in early summer. Any member interested in applying should request an application as well as specifics relating to the position and the salary from International Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 1589, Austin, Texas 78767; e-mail: anitaw@deltakappagamma.org; phone: 1-888-762-4685

Membership Update and Review

By Dianne Steelman, chairman

While individual members make final decisions about who is to join their chapter, international guidelines must be followed. At the 2006 International Convention, the *Constitution* was amended to allow certain retired educators to be considered for membership. Article III, B.1 now reads:

“Active members shall be women who are employed in educational work at the time of their election and have three or more years of experience as professional educators **or have been retired from an educational position no more than two years.** They shall participate in the activities of the Society.”

The *International Standing Rules* explains that “teaching” shall be interpreted to include one-to-one as well as group instruction and “employed” shall mean currently hired by an employer and/or paid a salary or fee for specific education services.

Can we invite . . .

Classroom teachers? Administrators? College or trade school instructors? Instructional aides? Paraprofessionals? Private or charter school teachers? Educational program administrators? Private tutors? Librarians in the public library? Church school education department leaders? Business employees responsible for employee training? Pre-school and nursery school teachers? Registered nurses who present educational programs? State or countywide teacher training educators? State Department of Education employees who provide educational services? Corporate trainers and seminar leaders?

YES, if they are professional educators.

But what about . . . PTA presidents? Volunteer readers? Parents home schooling? School secretaries? Unpaid docents? Retired educators?

If they are NOT professional educators employed to provide educational services, they are NOT eligible for active membership in the Society.

Questions? Reread the official documents of the Society International and/or contact a member of the state Membership Committee.

Gaffney High Wins Award

By Carol Gallman

Since 1978, S.C. Association of School Administrators has recognized a few schools offering excellent instruction and outstanding leaders, augmented by strong family and community involvement and a supportive business community. Initially presented only to elementary schools and middle schools, the award was expanded with the support of Carolina First Bank to include a high school. The selection process includes a comprehensive review of a school's program, focusing on the key question: “What impact is this school making on the lives of students and the community?”

Gaffney High School, calling itself the “School of Champions,” was named “Carolina First Palmetto’s Finest.” Faculty, staff, and students worked hard to prove themselves academically and athletically. The school has chosen “Failure is not an option” as the theme for the year.

Faculty members of Gaffney High who are members of Mu chapter are Dr. Quincie Moore, principal; Melanie Cook, assistant principal; Stephanie Bettis, teacher; Dollie Blanton, teacher; and Carol Gallman, teacher.

Blocker Inducted into Order of the Rose

Janis Blocker, a member of Zeta in Walterboro since 1979, was recently honored when the chapter inducted her into the Order of Rose with \$1000 given in her name. In making the presentation, President Barbara Steele told Blocker that she was being recognized for extraordinary service in the Society, the community, politics, and church. “‘Excellence’ is the word I would use to describe Janis,” said Steele.

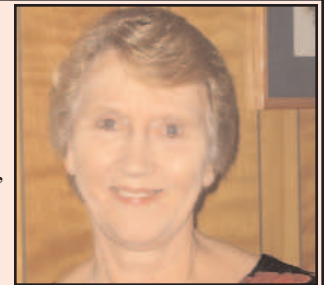
A graduate of the Baptist College at Charleston and a master's from the Citadel, she taught Honors, AP English, and journalism for 25 years. She retired in 1999 but continues to teach AP and Honors English during the spring semester each year, 1/2 day at the private school and 1/2 day at the public school. Each June she works as an assessor for the National Board of Teacher Certification and as an AP Reader for the College Board.

She has served as chapter president, vice president, and parliamentarian for seven presidents. At the state, she has served as parliamentarian for four presidents and has served as a member or chairman of several committees. She has been the *Digest* editor since 2001. She has attended seven regional conferences and six international conventions.

In the community, the Chamber of Commerce presented her with the Excellence in Education Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. She is secretary of the Library Board and as a board member and mentor of the Colleton Christian Women's Job Corps. Politically, she served two terms on County Council in the 90's and has been chairman of the Colleton County Republican Party since 2000.

A Presbyterian, she is clerk of Session for her church and has been recording clerk of the Presbytery for the past 20 years. A graduate of the S.C. Lay School of Theology, she serves as registrar for the school.

She and her husband David enjoy traveling and have been to all 48 contiguous states and Canada in their motorhome since 1999. They have three adult children and six grandchildren.



NOMINATIONS FOR ALPHA ETA STATE OFFICERS 2007-2009



PRESIDENT
Sims Lynn



**FIRST
VICE PRESIDENT**
Frances Wannamaker



**SECOND
VICE PRESIDENT**
Martha Horton



SECRETARY
Linda Navorska

Sims Lynn was initiated into **Gamma** in 1986. She has served as president of the chapter for six biennia. At the state, she has served on the World Fellowship and Achievement Award committees, the executive board, District II Director, 2nd vice president, and District Council chairman.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Georgia State University, a master's from U.S.C., and a specialist degree from Winthrop. Certified in nine areas, she has taught, been an assistant principal, and served as an evaluator. She served on countywide committees in the districts of Chester and Sumter counties before retiring in 2001.

Community service includes serving as chair of the Chester/Lancaster Disabilities and Special Needs Board, and committees on state level. She is immediate past chair of the S.C. chapter of the American Association on Mental Retardation. She has held every office in the Variety Study Club and holds membership in the Chester County Livestock Association.

Active in the Chester Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, she has served regularly as president, vice president, and secretary of the Women of the Church. She sings in the choir, teaches Sunday School and participates in Bible studies.

She had Bob, her husband of 46 years, have two adult children and two grandchildren..

Martha Horton, a member of **Eta** since 1981, has served as second vice president, first vice president, and president of the chapter. As president, she initiated and developed the first chapter directory, new member notebooks, and a mentoring program.

At state, she has served as District I director, participated in the Leadership Challenge Seminar, and on Silent Auction, Professional Affairs, and Finance committees. She has attended all conferences and conventions since 2000.

She has a BA from Converse, a MA in Education from Furman, and 30 hours beyond the master's at Converse and U.S.C. Before retirement, she taught first and second grades. She presently serves as adjunct professor at Converse.

She and husband Michael are members of Spartanburg First Baptist, where she has taught first grade since 1987.

Frances Wannamaker was initiated into **Lambda** in 1975. When Alpha Xi came into being as an expansion of Lambda, she became a charter member and has served as president for four biennia and is currently chapter president.

At the State she has served as District I director, second vice president, chairman of Membership Committee, chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, and currently as chairman of the Auld-Murdock Headquarters Building Fund Committee and Board of Trustees.

A Pickens High School graduate, she earned a bachelor's degree from Columbia College. She retired in 1998 after 38 years as an elementary and middle-school teacher.

Active in the community, she serves on the city of Pickens Planning Commission. She is president of the Pickens County Historical Society and a board member of the Chamber of Commerce.

A lover of sports, she received the "Gene Hooper Fan Appreciation Award" for 2006 from the Pickens High School Athletic Association.

She is a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Linda Navorska became a member of **Chi** in 1991. She has served the chapter in several offices, including president and currently as parliamentarian. At state, she has served as chairman of the Technology and Bylaws committees. She is the outgoing District IV director.

She has a bachelor's degree from Ashland University and a master's degree from Cambridge College in Boston and U.S.C.

An employee of the Beaufort County schools for 20 years, she has taught music, gifted and talented, and second grade. For the past five years, she has been an assistant principal, currently at Michael C. Riley Elementary.

A member of Community Bible Church, she sings in the choir, which she has directed, and serves on the Awana program. She and her husband served as short-term missionaries in Ukraine.

A member of the Exchange Club, she served as president in 2004.

She and husband Don have two children who reside in Florida and Atlanta.

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS

DISTRICT I



Sandy Bryson, initiated into Alpha Gamma in 1996, served as president in 2004 - 2006. Currently serving as first vice president, she was a participant in the 2005 Leadership Challenge Seminar and is on the planning committee for the 2007 event.

A graduate of Lander College, she received a master's degree from Clemson. Although she retired in 2000, she continues to work as media clerk at Thomas E. Kerns Elementary School in Greenville.

She and her husband are active in Disciples United Methodist Church. They have two sons, Jon and Matt.

DISTRICT IV



Janet Weathers, a member of Alpha Rho since 1994, has a bachelor's from Stetson University and a master's from the University of Charleston. With more than 20 years in the classroom, she has taught first grade at Stiles Point Elementary for the past 17 years.

A former Teacher of the Year, she has been vice president and president of the chapter. At state, she has served on committees and as a state committee chairman.

Active in the Church of Latter Day Saints, she has taught children and adults. She and her husband have five children and four grandchildren.

DISTRICT II



Karen Faulkenberry, initiated into Upsilon in 1996, has served as secretary, president, and currently as parliamentarian. At the state level, she has served on the Membership Committee and now serves on the Personal Growth and Services Committee.

With two degrees from Winthrop and certification as library media specialist, she is in her 15th year as the library media specialist at Lugoff-Elgin High School in a 34-year career..

She was named Teacher of the Year in 2002 at Lugoff-Elgin and was first alternate for the county.

She and husband Ben have one daughter and two grandchildren.

DISTRICT V



Nancy Amundson, a member of Alpha Upsilon, has bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees. Formerly a first - grade teacher and a principal, she is now coordinator of Recruitment and Retention in Lexington District 5.

As a member of the State Department of Education External Review Team, she was a member of the S.C. Education Delegation to China in 2002. In the 90s, she was a finalist for Outstanding Assistant Principal and served as interim district superintendent of schools.

She is organist/choir director at Providence Lutheran Church. She and her husband, a Lutheran minister, have three adult children.

DISTRICT III



Lynn Covington, initiated into Alpha Beta in 1996, has just completed a second biennium as president of the chapter. At state, she serves on the Scholarship Committee.

A graduate of East Carolina University with a B.S. in Special Ed. and of Francis Marion with a master's, she has completed an additional 30 hours in Visual Impairments from USC.

A teacher for 27 years in the Carolinas, she teaches a self-contained TMD class at Hartsville High School and serves on the Council for Exceptional Children.

She and husband Ricky are active members of Hebron United Methodist where she serves as lay leader and church pianist.

NOMINATIONS FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Eunice Rowell, Alpha Omega, chair

Pat Huggins, Dist. I, Alpha Psi

Marsha Plyler, Dist. II, Gamma

Claire Langston, Dist. III, Beta Gamma

Linda Lentz, District IV, Beta

Diane Taylor, District V, Alpha Theta

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

ALPHA PSI

By Joyce Christenbury

Members have been busy this fall with interesting programs, exciting projects and wonderful Christmas cheer. First vice-president Margaret Miller's programs have been outstanding. Cathy English presented a program on "Smartboard in the Classroom" in September. In addition, Alpha Eta Second Vice-President Sims Lynn attended the meeting and assisted with the initiation. Dr. Rocky Nation, associate professor of biology at Southern Wesleyan University, Central, presented an informative program, "Beetles and Snails and Conservation Tales – Ecological Research from the Jocassee Gorges of South Carolina in November. Both programs brought new information to our membership helping to keep us current on research and developments affecting our children and our environment.

Projects have been designed to help others as well as the organization. Each month is an identified project. In September, Anne Rauton, president, planned a social gathering with music, singing, and snacks at the nursing home where her mother resides. Forty five residents joined in the food, fun and fellowship. The next week when Anne arrived at the nursing home, 50 residents were waiting for a repeat event!! It seems eating and singing might be the key to getting nursing home residents out of their rooms. Another nursing home became the December project. The nursing home administrator gave us a wish list and members brought items to our Holiday Drop-In. Items collected included 240 bottles of water, 48 bars of bath soap, 32 pairs of gloves, 22 tubes of lip gloss, 10 bottles of nail polish, along with emery boards, tissues, toothpaste, hand cream, a fleece, candy, and Christmas decorations including a motorized Hallmark table decoration. The items were delivered to the 19-patient facility in Walhalla by Linda Redmann, secretary.

In November members brought baked goods, plants, and handmade cards to the

Alpha Psi County Store. With a price tag of \$5.00 on each item, members did some early Christmas shopping. This shopping extravaganza netted over \$75, earmarked for Headquarters Fund.

The December drop-In at President Rauton's home was a highlight for the 17 members who attended. Julia Wood, our oldest member, joined her sisters for the afternoon. Julia has been active since her initiation in 1955. She has served at all levels, including serving as the first president of Alpha Psi when it was established in 1986.

ALPHA EPSILON

By Barbara Price

The executive board of the chapter made the following decisions at the planning meeting in August:

- * Chapter programs will follow the international theme on Excellence.
- * Chapter will hold four regular chapter meetings
- * Chapter will encourage attendance at state convention in March
- * Chapter will continue support of an international student through World Fellowship. The latest student will be returning home soon, so the chapter will choose a new one.

The December meeting was held at Nancy Perry Children's Shelter where members made crafts, sang carols, and shared pizza.

Some of the retired members will mentor or tutor in other members' classrooms after Christmas.

Donna Wiles, state treasurer, was guest of the chapter. She encouraged members to contact those who have dropped out and urge them to consider reinstatement.

The chapter voted to make a contribution to the Headquarters Fund in memory of Susan and Hazel Dowling.

DELTA

By Barbara Rodal

After long careers in education, retirees are often unable to leave their major interests. Jane Satterfield, social studies teacher and consultant at the district office, retired several years ago but has continued to work with Adult Ed.

Virginia Atkinson has served as president and as a member of the Executive Board of S.C. Association of School Counselors since her retirement as high school counselor.

Diane Reynolds served as "Hospital Teacher" for patients of school age at Greenville Memorial Hospital and Shriners' Hospital and now helps as a consultant.

Barbara Lentz, former president of the chapter, retired from teaching science at Hillcrest Middle but continues to work as short and long-term substitute.

Brenda Britt was not happy with retirement from teaching language arts at Hillcrest Middle and has now accepted a position at Greenville Tech Charter School.

Debrah Williams left her position as reading teacher at Bell Crossing Elementary and now is employed at Eastside High School

Linda Mills, president of the chapter, retired last year as counselor at Mauldin Middle and has completed a long-term assignment as counselor at Greenville Middle.

Judy Lemmons loved her job as media specialist at Hillcrest Middle and has returned to that school as substitute administrative assistant.

Yvette Kinlaw retired a few years ago as counselor at Mauldin Middle but continues there as half-time counselor.

Carroll Luck, after a varied career in English classrooms, vocational centers, and guidance departments, has retired and accepted a mentoring position with the Teacher-to-Teacher Program, a joint enterprise of the school district and Furman University. All Furman grads hired by the district must participate. Each new teacher has a mentor and faculty supervisor.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

BETA ETA

By Diana Wright

The chapter has children at heart as do all of the chapters. Aware of the benefit from the devotional thought at each meeting, chapter members set their educators' minds to work: How could Beta Eta supply encouraging words to children who need the most support in local society, those whose circumstances send them to agencies for help in Spartanburg county? Aha! Supply them with age-appropriate, emotion-packed literature (and art)!

From this idea arose a plan to enable children who most need to find their own voices, a means to find them. Cash gifts from Beta Eta members, friends, and colleagues covered the printing cost for nearly 100 copies in 2005 and more than 50 copies in 2006 of the annual anthology of literature and art produced by students of a local middle school. Diana Wright, the school's literary magazine faculty-advisor/compiler/publisher, managed securing and delivering the materials. Once the anthologies were donated to help agencies, directors of the organizations determined procedures for distributing the booklets among their constituents.

The project ended up reaching far beyond the intended bounds during its first year. Dr. Jill Branyon, who teaches at North Greenville University, is a former missionary to Africa who remains involved in teacher-education and support there; hence, anthologies traversed the Atlantic to an educational foundation in Kenya, as a model. Two members ordered copies to show classes of future educators. A media specialist from another region of South Carolina and an educator from a Spartanburg-area middle school requested copies as samples for start-up student anthology plans, as well.

Because youth tend to listen to words of other youth in ways that they rarely hear adult speech, members believe these anthologies will encourage young people referred to help agencies as they search for safe ways to express what they feel.

Members hope to touch the hearts of children snared in life struggles beyond their control, to reach them through thoughts that will help them mature into

thoughts that will help them mature into adults who will enrich society.

Thanks to young authors and artists willing to share joys, heartaches, questions, opinions, concerns, humor, angst, imaginations -- to share themselves with a larger audience. These young anthology-contributors likely never will know how their poems, stories, essays, or art soothe or sustained another soul. Bless them and bless those on the receiving end of their words!



Diana Wright shows the anthologies distributed to agencies for children in Spartanburg.

GAMMA

By Sims Lynn

Martha Dial has been recognized as the John Morton Excellence in the Teaching of Economics Global Association of Teachers of Economics "Teacher of the Year." This award was presented by the National Council on Economic Education's Annual Conference in New York City.

Members enjoyed a silver, china, and crystal sit-down dinner at the home of Agnes Love in McConnells at the October meeting. Susan Wright from Clover was initiated.

Libby Reese read "The Lonely Scarecrow" to the members at the November meeting with Sims Lynn. Members brought books to be given to a new teacher at one of the schools.

The chapter was saddened by the death of Elizabeth Beaty, 94, in November. She had been a member since 1967.

ALPHA MU

By Margaret Dunn

Dr. Kathleen Allen and Lesa Banks were part of an award-winning team featured on a recent state-wide PBS presentation. The SC Dept. of Education produced a video "In Our Schools" of examples of excellence in state education. It included scenes from three of the state Red Carpet Award winners. Gadsden Elementary, Richland One; Mitchell Road Elementary, Greenville; and Dorman High School, Spartanburg County. The Red Carpet Award recognizes excellent communication and public relations within a community.

The Dorman portion of the video featured Dr. Allen and Banks. Margaret Dunn, also of Alpha Mu, contributed to the actual composition of the DHS award application.

The chapter is in the second year of the Arcadia Project, a special support project through its Personal Growth and Development Committee. Arcadia Elementary is working hard to meet the needs of its highly diverse community. the chapter is offering donations at each meeting to help the teachers, students, and families of these hard-working community members. After enjoying the musical performance of member Kelly Moore's chorus, members at the November meeting filled plastic supply bags, called "Gator Bags" for the Gators of Arcadia, with many supplies that teachers and students might use. The March meeting donations will be reading material.



Kelly Moore and her chorus at Arcadia entertained the chapter at the November meeting.

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MAR. 16 - 17:

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Leading the Way

Nell Cannon and Darlene Hyman, past state presidents, serve on two international committees. In October Hyman attended the International Leadership Development Committee meeting while Cannon attended the International Membership Committee in November. Both Hyman and Cannon will lead workshops at the Southeast Regional in New Orleans in June.

Mary Ellen Greene, Beta Epsilon, was tapped by State Superintendent of Education-elect Jim Rex to serve on his transition team. She is on Horry County School Board.

A REMINDER that Feb. 16 is the DEADLINE for meeting the challenge for 2006-07 of the biennium for the **Headquarters Building Fund**. Send \$200 or a contribution to Donna Wiles, treasurer. **THANK YOU, THANK YOU** for helping with the operating budget of Headquarters.