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Beta Kappa Chartered

Twenty Become Charter Members of 58th Chapter

By Dr. Marianne Holland

The 58th chapter of Alpha Eta State was chartered in the Hayes Christian Fine Arts Center at North Greenville University October 20, 2007.

Thirteen initiates were inducted as state members prior to the chartering ceremony conducted by President Sims Lynn, Second Vice President Martha Horton, District One Director Sandy Bryson, and Past President Hermie Gaston, Alpha Eta State officers. Following the ceremony, these initiates became members of Beta Kappa along with six transfers and one honorary member.

The new initiates are Dean Jackie Griffin, Dean Cathy Sepko, Dr. Becky Thompson, Dr. Julia B. Drummond, Dr. Melanie Hutto, Donna Brock, Nancy Isgett, Sally Boyle, Sonja Copenbarger, Ellen Cashion, JoAnn Garrett, Dr. Robin Johnson, and Jean McManus. Elaine King, vice president for business affairs at North Greenville University, was made an honorary member of the chapter.

Transfers from existing chapters to Beta Kappa are Dr. Marianne Holland, Dr. Jill Branyon, Dr. Kathryn McColskey, Carlene Miller, Karen Branyon, and Dr. Charlotte Lindsey.

The first order of business was to install the officers. Dr. Marianne Holland was elected president; Dr. Jill Branyon, first vice president; Carlene Miller, second vice president; Bunny Isgett, secretary; Dr. Kathryn McColskey, treasurer, and Dr. Charlotte Lindsey, parliamentarian. Committees have been appointed and are at work on the *Standing Rules* and a yearbook.

Following the chartering, the installation of officers, and the program presented by Dr. Holland, a reception was held in Sullivan Gallery of the Fine Arts Center with family and friends joining the members.



These initiates are charter members of Beta Kappa.



Initiate Dr. Becky Thompson lights the candles during the Initiation Ceremony.



Officers are Dr. Kathryn McCloskey, treasurer; Bunny Isgett, secretary; Dr. Marianne Holland, president; Dr. Jill Branyon, 1st vice president; Dr. Charlotte Lindsey, parliamentarian; Carlene Miller, 2nd vice president.



Martha Horton, second vice president; Hermie Gaston, past state president; Sims Lynn, state president; and Sandy Bryson, District One director, conducted the initiation and installation.

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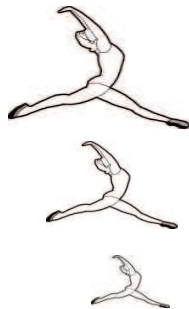
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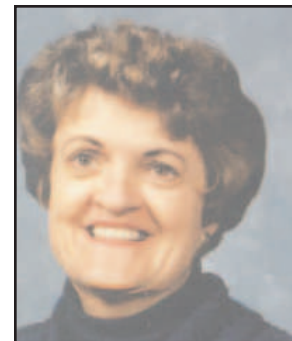
PLAN AHEAD

Make plans now to register for the International Convention July 22-26 at Rosemont, Illinois (near Chicago). You can fly into O'Hare and take the free shuttle to the hotel. You will have a few days packed with workshops, inspiring speakers, and shopping. Let's make this the largest convention ever!



Dance! Sing! Rejoice!

with
SIMS



We have much to DANCE! SING! AND REJOICE! The chartering of Beta Kappa chapter took place October 20 in the Hayes Fine Arts Center, Sullivan Gallery, North Greenville University. Martha Horton, Alpha Eta State 2nd vice president and district coordinator, Sandy Bryson, District 1 director, Hermie Gaston, past Alpha Eta State president, and I participated in the chartering of Beta Kappa chapter. Induction of the eleven new members preceded the chartering service. Officers had already been elected/appointed. Marianne Holland has taken the lead as president. **DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

Dr. Barbara Day, International President, sent chapter presidents correspondence indicating the kinds of information she wants. The Key Initiatives are to:

1. Invite Membership Explosion. Each chapter initiates eight new members in this biennium, four of whom have three to ten years experience as educators.
2. Support New Teachers in Collaborative Connections. All chapters reach out to beginning teachers with support.
3. Promote Wise and Passionate Living. Members share their experiences and resources on chapter, state, and the Society websites.
4. Expand Internationally. Denmark has completed expansion and is establishing new chapters.
5. Promote Arts and Women Artists.
6. Craft Research-Based Legislative Agendas. First drafts are in and were reported at Regional meetings with more to come.
7. Hire a Public Relations Firm to Help Define our Image. Create a Society "Brand."
8. Move into the Electronic Age Through Publications. Some publications are now online rather than in hard copy.

The Alpha Eta State Executive Board Meeting is March 15 at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church on Old Bush River Road, Columbia. Chapter presidents who are unable to attend are expected to name their representative in writing to the Alpha Eta State President. Are you aware that Alpha Eta State will be 70 years old in 2008? 1938 - 2008! Chapters may want to plan to have their own celebrations. Chapters may wish to have a visual CD or something that chapters could show at district meetings. The district director would need to be aware so that it can be incorporated into the director's agenda. I would appreciate chapter presidents e-mailing me the charter date of their chapters and the names of the first chapter president. **DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

It was, indeed, a pleasure to share in Upsilon's celebration of 50 years in December at the Cultural Arts Center in Camden. Dr. Chris Haff, president, and members of Beta Zeta were present and joined in the celebration! A two-member group played "Greensleeves" on acoustical guitars. Two charter members were present and recognized by President Susan Prettyman. **DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

Thanks for your hospitality as I have visited your chapters. Wonderful things are taking place! Collecting empty medicine bottles for medical facilities, collecting children's books to be given to new teachers, collecting household supplies for Alpha Eta State Headquarters, mentoring and supporting a girls' transition home, funding scholarships, and filling baskets with school supplies for new teachers are some of the ways chapters are contributing to their communities. **DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

From your treasurer . . .

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed some restful days with family and friends. Hope that you have included more visits with your Delta Kappa Gamma sisters as one of your new year resolutions!! We can give and receive much motivation and inspiration as fellow professionals, whether active or retired.

Thanks to all your hard-working treasurers, especially those who were able to get their dues and forms in on time (50 of 57). Treasurers, please remember that International contributions go directly to Austin, Texas (see address on Form 43). Contributions to state funds should come to me and should include the same Form 43. Please let me know if you need any forms. Also, there are NO state or international reinstatement fees.



STATE GIFTS

The Auld-Murdock Headquarters Building Fund
Omicron, Psi, Phi (in memory of Nancy Mann)
Alpha Psi (in memory of Aletha Skelley and in honor of Jeuel LaTorre)

Alpha Rho	Alpha Sigma
Alpha Tau	Beta Beta
Alpha Zeta	Beta Eta

The Order of the Rose

Harriett Davis Ann Bragdon

The Florence Steele Travel and Study Scholarship
Omicron, Alpha Zeta, Beta Beta, Beta Eta

The Mary Eva Hite Scholarship

Alpha Tau (in memory of Dr. Nelle Taylor)
Beta Eta

The State Scholarship
Beta Beta

Mileage donations from members: Marvella Easterling,
Hermie Gaston, Amelia Stone

INTERNATIONAL GIFTS

The Golden Gift
Alpha Tau

Donna Bull Wiles
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From your executive secretary . . .

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Hard to believe isn't it? 2008 is here, a time for new beginnings. And a time to celebrate! Did you know that Alpha Eta State turns 70 this year? It was on March 5, 1938, that Alpha Eta State was founded. Many activities will make 2008 a busy one, but remember to sing Happy Birthday!

The 2008 Executive Board meeting is March 15. An article and a registration form are elsewhere in this issue. Make that meeting a priority on your calendar. If someone has a request to be on the agenda, President Sims must be notified no later than February 1. Chapter presidents, state committee chairmen, district directors, and state officers are reminded to write a brief, one-page report of the year's work and send one copy to me by March 1 so that the executive board packets can be prepared. You may email the report to me (linda@echeck.com).

This is the year for new chapter officers and chapter committees to be elected and appointed. The district workshops are designed for training of these new officers and committees in their positions of leadership and responsibility. Note this: If you are unable to attend the training in your district, you are encouraged to attend one of the other meetings. Just let your district director know so that any materials for you will be at the right place.

New chapter officers must be elected by March 1, 2008. The names of the new officers and new chapter committee chairmen should be sent to me by March 10. Current chapter presidents will receive a form for this.

You may want to consider taking your vacation this summer in the windy city - Chicago, and attend the International Convention. Look for information in the Jan/Feb issue of the News or go to the Delta Kappa Gamma website www.deltakappagamma.net.

It will be a busy year. Enjoy it! If I can help, let me know.



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From your editor . . .

THANK YOU for sending articles, etc., for the *Digest*. Please follow these pointers when submitting material and photos:

1. ATTACH pictures to an e-mail. Do NOT imbed the picture as part of the e-mail text.
2. When sending photos by snail mail, do NOT put a paper clip on the picture. The clip leaves an indentation that will mar the picture when I scan it.
3. Please provide a "by line" - the name of the person writing the article or news.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

THETA

By Carla Shaw



The chapter is so proud of **Caroline Brock**, who received the Alpha Eta State Distinguished Service Award last spring. Her service to the chapter, state, and international

has been extensive. At state she has served on the Professional Affairs, Personal Growth & Service, and Expansion committees. While serving on these committees, she conducted workshops at the district level at state conventions. She has attended eight or more regional conferences and the same number of international conventions. She was the first South Carolina member not a state officer to attend the Purposeful Living Seminar. She also participated in the Leadership Challenge for Alpha Eta State. She served as the Southeast representative on the International Travel and Study Committee and the Insurance Committee. For both committees, she conducted regional and international workshops.

Holding degrees from Erskine College and the University of Georgia, she has also completed 30 hours beyond the masters. With a love for travel, she has gone to many countries on college-sponsored trips and Delta Kappa Gamma escorted tours.

When she retired in 1997, she became more active in her church, serving in numerous capacities.

ALPHA XI

By William Pamplin

President **Frances Wannamaker** welcomed members to the September meeting at the Pickens County Library.

Vickie McKinney gave the meditation and **Lethea Parker**, first vice president, gave a short orientation/ reorientation for members to remember the goals of the society. **Jan Fritz**, chairman of the Research Committee, provided an energizing activity entitled "Getting to Know You," followed by the business meeting.

The president asked **Tunkie Stokes**, chairman of the Standing Rules Committee, to present the changes that the committee and the Executive Board recommended. These changes were approved along with some other suggestions from the membership. After committee reports, the president ended the meeting by distributing a handout about the state project for study before the October meeting.

At the October meeting the president welcomed members at the Hagood Mauldin House and Irma Morris Museum of Fine Arts in Pickens.

Linda Hawkins gave the meditation and the treasurer's report. The president then introduced the Alpha Eta State Project, which sparked much discussion. The chapter voted to adopt the state project and began by planning to bring school/office supplies to the November meeting to be given to the new teachers at McKissick Elementary School. With the business completed, members enjoyed the tour of the Hagood Mauldin led by **Julie Lark**, **Peggy McClanahan**, and **Una Welborn** of the Pickens County Historical Society.

Alpha XI members arrived for the November meeting at Fatz Restaurant with food for United Christian Ministries and school/office supplies for the Alpha Eta State Project for new teachers at McKissick School. The president asked **Nell Hodge** to give the meditation. Secretary **Toni Johnson** read the minutes, and Treasurer **Kaye Young** gave the treasurer's report. The president then presented the donations to **Karen Fisher**, Alpha XI member from McKissick Elementary School, to organize the distribution of the supplies to the new teachers. After the business meeting, the members enjoyed dinner and fellowship.

UPSILON

By Susan McNair

The chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary with a reception at the Fine Arts Center of Kershaw County in Camden. President **Susan Prettyman** introduced **Sims Lynn**, Alpha Eta State President. **Betty Bingham** gave the invocation reminding us of our place in the world. Member **Phyllis David** and

Jose Soler played a beautiful classical guitar duet. First Vice-President **Linda Shaylor** recognized the two charter members in attendance, **Mary Duvall** and **Irene Gettys** with a memento of the occasion. **Nancy Ward** entertained with stories from her teaching days.

ALPHA ALPHA

By Gail Clifton

The theme of the chapter's September meeting was spreading the joy of teaching and honoring our educators.

Charlene Shealy, a retired high school teacher, provided a demonstration and workshop to guide members in flower arranging. This emphasis allows the members to carry out the theme "Dance! Sing! and Rejoice!" as members share flower arrangements with shut-ins and fellow educators.

During the October meeting, fall flower arrangements were used on the tables as the chapter invited four prospective members to a soup and salad dinner. These visitors have accepted the invitation of membership and will be inducted into the chapter during the April meeting at the Poinsett Club in Spartanburg.

During the November meeting members visited shut-in members and delivered flowers and other gifts to them.



Gail Clifton shares two flower arrangements she made with the staff of Dunbar Child Development Center. A 4K student assists as **Joni Thomas**, director, accepts the flowers.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

THETA

By Jenny Trombley

During the November meeting, the members were given a tour by the director of the newly opened library at Anderson University. During the fundraising campaign, the chapter had donated a brick, which is displayed in the front of the library. In addition, shoeboxes containing school supplies, socks, books, or small toys, were brought in by members for Samaritan's Purse to donate to underprivileged children around the world. Members also brought in canned food to donate to a local women's shelter.



Mary McGee, a past chapter president, and her granddaughter are on the tour given by Kent Millwood, director of the library.

BETA ALPHA

By Martha Wright

The chapter began by implementing the state project of providing school supplies for new teachers in Clarendon County. The surprised looks and expressions of "thanks" made the project rewarding.

Kathy Harvin, member of the state House of Representatives, attended the October meeting at "Three French Hens" restaurant in Manning. Rep. **Harvin** spoke on education issues followed by a Q/A session.

"The Monarch Movers," a dance team taught by a member, presented the November program.

Julie Griffith, a chapter member, will present the "Rewards Program" used in Carolina Tech at the F.E. DuBose Center in Manning at the next meeting.

ALPHA OMEGA

By Lynn Grice

Under the leadership of **Lynn Grice**, the chapter is off to a running start. The first project to increase membership was accomplished when nine members were initiated in October at Windows on Main in Abbeville. In addition, **Faye Raines** and **Margie Brady** were welcomed back into membership. A second project was to continue the adoption of a cottage of young ladies at the Connie Maxwell children's Home In Greenwood. These girls and their cottage mothers attended the December meeting and received gifts and gift certificates. The group was entertained by the Dixie High School Chorus.



Nine members join Alpha Omega. Seated are Gail Johnson, Lynn Veach, Kathy Bernard. Standing are Ann Mann, Rebekah Parnell, Lori Lindler, Carolyn Shirley, Shirley Crawford, Rebecca Hall.

ALPHA MU

By Margaret Dunn

Charter member **Jan Francis** is in the midst of readying her third book, *Perilous Times*, for publication. This work is an historical work based on a true family episode taking place in 1783 in the Upstate area around the Enoree River.

Hattie Haulbrook recently served as a model in a vintage fashion show held at Sartanburg's Central United Methodist Church spotlighting clothing from different 20th century decades. The proceeds support a local neighborhood aid association, The Bethlehem Center.

Linda Powell is vice-chair of the Glenn Springs Preservation Society, a group working to restore the Glenn Springs Presbyterian Church, known as "the old stone church," for use as a meeting hall and chapel for the Glenn Springs Academy, formerly known as the Spartanburg Boys' Home. The Academy will house over 30 abused and neglected boys.

Members were treated to a presentation at the November meeting by **Ann Marie Taylor**, South Carolina's 2008 Teacher of the Year. She spoke on the importance of being stewards of learning and celebrating the strengths of every student.



Linda Jolley, retiree; Michelle Dillard, science teacher; and Caroline Haney, teacher cadet, welcome Teacher of the Year Ann Marie Taylor.



ALPHA PSI members were given a tour of the Clemson Child Development Center. President Anne Rauton welcomed Sandy Bryson, director of District 1.

KUDOS



Winifred Poole as a Winthrop graduate



Winifred Poole as 100 years young.

Winifred Poole was honored recently by Alpha Mu members at a reception on her 100th birthday and 51st year of membership in Alpha Eta State.

She has been a member of Eta, Epsilon, and Alpha Mu chapters where she served in many offices including vice president and secretary.



Roberta Senn, Banna Maloney, Sara Epting, Winifred Poole (seated), Sandra Poole, Margaret Dunn, and Joe Ann Lever immediately following Sandra's presentation of a certificate to Mrs. Poole in celebration of her birthday and membership in Delta Kappa Gamma.

Sally Bethea and Frances Alston were honored with the presentation of their 40-year pins by their Beta Gamma sisters at the first meeting of the new biennium.

Sally worked as a classroom teacher, as an elementary guidance counselor, and as principal of Royall Elementary School.

Frances served as a high school math teacher and a math coordinator in North Carolina. After moving to Florence, she worked as a supervisor for student teachers at Francis Marion University.



Sally Bethea and Frances Alston proudly show their 40-year pins.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn.

--John Lubbock

Those who educate children well are more to be honored than parents, for these only gave life, those the art of living well.

--Aristotle

It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.

--Albert Einstein

Teaching is not a lost art, but the regard for it is a lost tradition.

--Jacques Barzun

What the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches.

--Karl Menninger

To me the sole hope of human salvation lies in teaching.

--George Bernard Shaw

I put the relation of a fine teacher to a student just below the relation of a mother to a son.

--Thomas Wolfe

I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teachers for living well.

--Alexander the Great

If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job.

--Donald D. Quinn

Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions.

--Author Unknown

Executive Board Meeting March 15, 2008

The Alpha Eta State Executive Board will meet March 15, 2008, at Cornerstone Church on Old Bush River Road in Columbia. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a buffet lunch at 12:30 p.m. Directions to the church are at the bottom of this column.

All Society members are welcome to attend this meeting. The voting members of the executive board, ex-officio members without vote, and state committee chairmen should attend. The voting members are the elected state officers, past state presidents, chapter presidents, and district directors. The state committee chairmen will need to attend in order to give their annual reports.

The Alpha Eta State Executive Board shall "act in the interim between state conventions upon matters requiring immediate decisions" (*Alpha Eta State Bylaws*, Article VIII, Section 1.B.8.). If any member knows of business that falls under this category, she should notify the state president immediately.

Hostess chapters for the meeting are Alpha, Alpha Delta, Alpha Eta, and Beta Beta.

The registration form is on Page 8. Please note the deadline.

DIRECTIONS TO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 5637 Old Bush River Road, Columbia

From I-26, take Piney Grove Road, Exit #104. Go west. Piney Grove ends at St. Andrews Road. Turn RIGHT on St. Andrews Road; turn LEFT at Old Bush River Road (next traffic light). Drive 2 miles. Cornerstone is on the LEFT just beyond the new Saluda Shoals Park. There is ample parking. Drive around to the back parking lot to the Fellowship Hall. Handicapped spaces are available.

GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM OF WORK COMMITTEE 2007- 2009

- A. Develop strategies that create collaboration of all programs of work
 1. Program Committee
 2. Personal Growth and Service Committee
 3. Professional Affairs Committee
 4. Research Committee
 5. Music Committee
- B. Compile a list of "Best of the Best" programs
- C. Develop a speakers bureau (list) for chapters' use

2008 District Meetings

Workshops for the purpose of training incoming chapter officers and committee chairs will be held during April and May, 2008. Chapters will need to select officers and committee chairs for the 2008-2010 biennium prior to these workshops. Attendance at the training sessions is essential for those in chapter leadership positions.

Anyone who is unable to attend her district's workshop should note the dates of the other district meetings and plan to attend one of these. It will be necessary to notify district directors or state committee chairs of plans to attend in another district in order for directors to have an accurate count for their workshops.

District I: May 24, 2008

The Piedmont Club
361 East Main St., Spartanburg
Sandy Bryson, director

District II: May 17, 2008

First Baptist Church
1201 Broad St., Camden
Karen Faulkenberry, director

District III: April 19, 2008

McColl Elementary/Middle School
701 N. Main St., McColl
Lynn Covington, director

District IV: April 26, 2008

Stiles Point Elementary School
883 Mikell Drive, Charleston
Janet Weathers, director

District V: May 3, 2008

Redeemer Lutheran Church
(Fellowship Hall)
525 St. Andrews Road, Columbia
Nancy Amundson, director

Martha Horton, district coord.
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ALPHA ETA STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING REGISTRATION

Cornerstone Church
5637 Old Bush River Road
Columbia, South Carolina
March 15, 2008

Deadline for registration is **Wednesday, March 5, 2008.** (Use one form for each person making a reservation.)

NAME _____ CHAPTER _____ DISTRICT # _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL(for sending receipt) _____

Presently serving as:

____ State Officer ____ Past State President ____ Chapter President
____ District Director ____ State Committee Chairman ____ State Committee Member
____ Other _____

EXECUTIVE BOARD LUNCHEON/MEETING - \$18

Make check payable to **Alpha Eta State, Delta Kappa Gamma.** Mail with completed form to
Mrs. Amanda Cruse
233 Farmington Court
Lexington, SC 29072

Registrations received after the deadline cannot be included in lunch count. On -site registration March 15 is \$10