



# Alpha Eta State DIGEST



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

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## Alpha Eta State Convention

### Northwest Regional Director to be Guest Speaker

**Alpha Eta State Convention  
“Wisdom and Passion  
for the Journey”**

**March 20-21, 2009  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
Columbia, South Carolina**

**Friday, March 20**

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

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

**Saturday, March 21**

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

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

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 form on Page 11  
Hotel info on Page 12**

**Glenda Reynolds**, elected as

Northwest regional director at the International Convention in Illinois last July, will serve as the keynote speaker for the 2009 State Convention in March.

A resident of Cheyenne, Wyoming, she is a member of Phi chapter and is the Coordinating Council chairman for the three Cheyenne chapters. Currently the state editor, she has served as first vice president and second vice president.

She attended the Leadership/ Management Seminar at the University of Texas in Austin in 1991. She received the Alpha XI State Achievement Award in 1999. During the 2004-2006 biennium, she was chairman of the Communications Committee. She received a Diamond Jubilee special stipend in 2004. Having served on several international committees, she most recently served on the Expansion Committee 2006-2008.

A graduate of the University of Wyoming in 1970, she completed a master of early childhood education degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 1997. In 1991 she was awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Elementary Mathematics for the state of Wyoming. Most of her teaching career of 37 years was spent teaching first grade at Lehart Elementary in Cheyenne before her retirement in 2007.

Reynolds' husband Jim is also a retired educator and administrator. They have two adult sons, both educators. Todd, a resident of Colorado, teaches high school English and writing. Craig, the younger son, teaches P.E. in Laramie, Wyoming. A drummer, he has an elementary drum circle, which performs in the community.

A big supporter of the Denver Broncos and sports at the University of Wyoming, she and her husband also travel, having visited Germany, New Zealand, and Australia.

Always an admirer of the educators who were members of the Society, she can remember dreaming about becoming a member herself. Once becoming immersed in the Society, she began to assume leadership roles. With the support of mentors, she became a leader at the chapter, state, and now the national level.

“I am privileged to serve the Society,” said Reynolds, who is grateful for all the experiences she has gained as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.



**Glenda Reynolds, 2008-2010 Northwest regional director, will be guest speaker at the state convention.**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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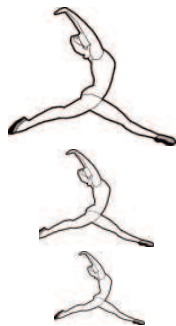
### SILENT AUCTION

CHAPTERS, AGAIN, HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE WITH BASKETS FOR AUCTION AT THE CONVENTION MARCH 20-21.

CHAPTERS ARE ASKED TO PUT NO MORE THAN \$50 IN BASKETS. THIS REQUEST IS MADE BECAUSE IN FORMER SILENT AUCTIONS, SOME CHAPTERS INVESTED MORE THAN THE BID FOR THE BASKET. A MINIMUM BID OF \$20 SHOULD BE ON ALL BASKETS. BASKETS WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE ATRIUM.

### From the editor. . .

*The Digest* is on the web. Go to [www.geocities.com/scalphaeta](http://www.geocities.com/scalphaeta) to read it online.



**Dance!  
Sing!  
Rejoice!**

with

**SIMS**



*"Thank you" goes out to each member of Alpha Eta State for all the support you have given to the officers and committee chairmen both at chapter and state levels. It is because of you that The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International exists. I urge you to take advantage of the many programs and scholarships that are offered through the Society. Get involved at the chapter, state, and international levels. You will be sure to get "Dance Fever!"*

**DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

*As we emphasize the Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, we become more cognizant of all for which the Society stands. As we teach students new material by rote, we must realize that this same process can provide a means of incorporating the Seven Purposes into life-long learning.*

**DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

*Leadership Challenge Seminar will be held February 6-7, 2009 at the Clarion Townhouse and Inn, Columbia. Any member may apply to Jenny Trombly, chairman. The Alpha Eta State Convention is to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Columbia, March 20-21, 2009, with the following workshops:*

*Communication: Margaret Dunn, chairman*

*Leadership Development: Rae Beth Fultz, chairman*

*Professional Affairs: Marvella Easterling, chairman*

*The Silent Auction will be held in the hotel Atrium. Chapters are being asked to spend a maximum of \$50 and a minimum of \$25. The limits are requested because in past Silent Auctions, many chapters invested more money in the baskets than the highest bid for the basket.*

*It is now official that Northwest Regional Director Glenda Reynolds will be the International Representative at the Alpha Eta State Convention. This will be her first visit to South Carolina! Glenda and her husband, Jim, reside in Cheyenne, Wyoming.*

**DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

*The Southeast Regional Conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 15-18, 2009. Much work is already in progress. If you have never been to a regional, you might take this opportunity to go. If you do not wish to stay for the whole conference, go part of the time.*

**DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

*As your president, I have enjoyed visiting chapters around our beautiful state. It has been a wonderful experience!*

**DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

**WISDOM AND PASSION FOR THE JOURNEY**

*Dance to the rhythm of wisdom!  
Sing with a heart full of passion!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! in the journey!  
The journey that leads you on!*

**WISDOM AND PASSION FOR THE JOURNEY  
DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

## From your treasurer . . .

Happy New Year! Thanks again to all our hard-working treasurers who again do a wonderful job getting dues and forms in on time. Despite the increase in international dues, Alpha Eta State retained 97% of the active members.

New treasurers are reminded that international gifts go directly to Austin, Texas (See address on Form 43). They send me a record of your gift later. Also, there are NO state or international reinstatement fees.

Contributions since last issue include:

### AULD-MURDOCK STATE HEADQUARTERS FUND

Psi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Rho, Alpha Tau, Beta Beta

### FLORENCE STEELE TRAVEL AND STUDY FUND

Beta Beta

### FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP

Beta Beta

### MARY EVA HITE SCHOLARSHIP

Alpha Tau

### MARGUERITE THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Marguerite Tuten (Zeta)  
by Carroll Godwin and Betty Rhode

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## Facts About Finances

By Nell Cannon, chairman

**Chapter dues:** \$40 for International, \$10 for State, plus chapter allocation for expenses, projects

**State Available Fund:** Comes from the \$10 from active and \$3 from reserve members. This fund pays *The Digest*; personnel honoraria; officers, office, and committee expenses.

**Permanent Fund:** Mandated by International, balance must be kept at 30% of income. May be used to purchase items of a permanent nature: furnishings, equipment, etc.

**Special Funds:** Mary Eva Hite, Marguerite Thompson, and Founders scholarship funds; Florence Steele Travel Fund. Funds grow only from member and chapter contributions or proceeds from special state projects.

**Headquarters Fund:** Pays expense to operate and maintain the building: insurance, utilities, security, phone, etc. Funded by member and chapter contributions and investment interest (stable now because of Order of the Rose contributions and wise management of treasurer).

### **What you can do to help:**

- Continue contributions to scholarships & Headquarters
- Encourage honoraria and memorials
- Have a special fund-raising project
- Invite more to become members of the Society

## From your executive secretary...

Happy New Year! We greet 2009 with anticipation and enthusiasm for a happy and successful year.

We have much to accomplish in this our seventy-first year in Alpha Eta State. The state convention is just ahead on March 20-21. Information about registration and the agenda are printed elsewhere in this issue. Take time to read the convention information and register to attend. The last convention was in 2007. It is very important to mark this 2009 convention date and make your plans to attend.

The Leadership Challenge is just around the corner on February 6-7. We are anticipating an exciting time of learning and fellowship.

This is a reminder to the chapter presidents, state committee chairmen, and state officers: your one-page reports for the executive board meeting at convention are due to me by March 1. You may send electronically to [linda@heck.com](mailto:linda@heck.com); put 2009 convention report in subject line.

To all members: consider offering your service at the state level this biennium. You are needed! Share your talent, ideas, and interest on a state committee. A form is elsewhere in this issue to complete and bring to convention or you can email me at above address before convention. Your new president wants you!

The Fall State Workshop for new state officers and new state committees will be held again at Leaphart Elementary School in Columbia in August.

The Peabody Hotel in Little Rock is the site for the Southeast Regional Conference July 15-18. Come watch the Peabody ducks and also enjoy the workshops and fellowship with others in our Southeast region. Do you know which states are in "our" region? Or how many?

Have a wonderful year! I look forward to seeing you during this year at a chapter meeting or at the state convention. If ever I can be of help to you, contact me.

**Linda Heckle**  
**[linda@heck.com](mailto:linda@heck.com)**  
**8030796-0892**

## WELCOME, WEBMASTER

Rae Beth Fultz has been named the new Webmaster, replacing Carol Vaughn, who resigned.

With technology certification from the SC Dept. of Education and Berkeley County, she is a Smartboard trainer and the newsletter chairman for Kappa.

She holds a B.S. in Elementary Education from Columbia College and a M.Ed. in Instructional Technology from Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ. After 21 years as an elementary teacher in Berkeley County, she moved to the central office where she works as a SOAR Reading Interventionist.

On the chapter level she is serving her second term as president of Kappa in Orangeburg. At the state level she is chair of the Leadership Development Committee.

# CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

## BETA KAPPA

By Marianne Holland

Elaine S. King, an honorary member of the chapter, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Business at the graduation exercises on December 11 at North Greenville University. She retired as vice president of business at NGU in July after 42 years of service to the University. She is also a graduate of NGU.

## TAU

By Janice Tyson

Sue Zann Norris hosted a cookout at her home in August. Each member in attendance received a copy of Frances Rish's 18th book, *Thorns*, illustrated by Janice Tyson. Both are members of Tau.

At the October meeting at Oakview Elementary, Kathy Miller gave the history and information about the Butterfly Garden at the school. Each member received an apple with a magnetic butterfly made by President Kim Higdon's twelve-year old and nine-year-old nieces.

The president honored six members with questions from their biographical information. Those honored were Ann Alewine, Marcia Barron, Judy Beard, Donna Dowling, Elayne Finkelstein, Susan Florence, and Helen Foxhall. Six will be honored at each meeting. The January honorees will be Melanie Heiling, Carol Ann Good, Sylvia Hodge, Betty Hadden, Cathy Hale, and Chappel Hughes at a meeting to be held at Bob Jones University Museum.

At the end of the 2008-2009 year, members who attend at least three meetings will receive a gift as a reminder of the honor to be a loyal member of the chapter.

## ALPHA MU

By Margaret Dunn

The November meeting took place at the new Bearden-Josey Women's Breast Center located in the Gibbs Cancer Center at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Kirsten Beeker and Radiologist Mary Mabry gave a presentation and led the members in a tour of the Center.

Amy Goodwin and the Landrum High School yearbook staff of *The Cardinal* brought home the Class I Palmetto Award and received an all-state rating for the second year in a row from the S.C. Scholastic Press Association.

Perrin Cudd Eidsen and her sister Mary Sue Cudd bequeathed educational gifts throughout Spartanburg County. Converse College graduates, their names appear on Cudd Hall on the campus. Now the recently-opened Boiling Springs Branch of the Spartanburg County Library System bears the Cudd addition.

Through properties left by this family to certain areas in the county, almost \$1 million was given to the library project. It was added to \$1.2 million arranged by state and local officials and a Spartanburg School District Two land donation. Incredibly, groundbreaking was only seven months before the opening in October.

Dianne H. Earle, treasurer of the chapter and chemistry teacher at Boiling Springs High School, was awarded the American Chemical Society Division of Chemical Education 2008 Southeast Region Award for Excellence in High School Teaching. She was one of 18 candidates nominated for the Southeast Region.



**Dianne Earle is recipient of Southeast Region Award for Excellence in High School Teaching.**

## ALPHA PSI

By Joyce Christenbury

A PowerPoint presentation on "Arts in Education" was presented at the September meeting. Cathy Olker, a teacher for homebound students is involved in a special program promoting the arts in Pickens County. Young people auditioned for the program, which highlights a variety of art-related activities.

A "Bring Your Lunch" program was held at Lyn Sheffield's home for the November meeting. Members created a wearable art pin highlighting their various teaching experiences. During the meeting each member described the significance of her pin to the group. The chapter welcomed Sims Lynn, state president, as special guest.

President Patricia Huggins presented a program showing segments of the documentary "Corridor of Shame." She gave members an opportunity to sign petitions to provide quality education for all South Carolina children. The December meeting will be a drop-in at the Huggins home.

## THETA

By Jenny Trombley

Sandra Bryson, director of District I, visited the chapter in November for the presentation by Vernon Hayes of New Foundations in Anderson. A fully accredited site and one of only a few of the boarding facilities for children, it was founded in 1974 by a group of Anderson youth judges who saw a need for boarding facilities so that children could be taken from an unsafe environment in order to grow into healthy adults.

According to their website, "New Foundations is a private nonprofit treatment agency specializing in caring for emotionally troubled children, adolescents, and families. New Foundations provides an array of programs to meet the increasing demands for quality children and family services."

Hayes shared success stories of children being returned to their homes after parents had completed child-development courses.

Leslie Michael, a member of Alpha Delta and former assistant executive secretary for Alpha Eta State, is serving in the Peace Corps in Namibia, Africa.

Her assignment is in a Teachers' Resource Centre where she is a consultant for teachers in the community.

"The aim of the Teachers' Resource Centre is 'to support quality education for all teachers and learners in the TRC community, to promote life-long learning, and to provide a neutral area where teachers can share their knowledge, skills, and experiences,'" said Leslie.

She described the library as having about 1000 books covering every subject taught, reference books, examination question papers, syllabi, and a large selection of videos. In a few months they will receive at least 15 computers.

"I would like the e-mail address of useful education websites to give to the teachers during their computer training," she said. "I need websites for all grade levels and subject matter."

Member are asked to send useful websites to Nell Cannon at 8 Southwoode Circle, Chapin 29036 or 803-345-2107 or nkavi@aol.com. She will collect the information and send in a message to Leslie. If a chapter would like to include the Teachers' Resource Centre as a project, Leslie would welcome contributions to purchase books and other resources for the teachers. The cost of mailing books to Namibia is very high, so it would be much better to send a contributions that she can order what is needed.



**Mary Kate Glasser**

**MARY KATE BREARLEY GLASSER**, member of Beta Beta chapter, has been inducted into the Order of the Rose. Glasser was initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma in 1970 and became president of Alpha Chapter. She served as president of Alpha Eta State from 1987-89 and then served as chair of Expansion Committee.

Glasser was instrumental in organizing five new chapters. She attended numerous regional conferences and international conventions. She served on the International Scholarships Committee and on International Rules Committee. Alpha Eta State honored her with the State Achievement Award in 1990.

Glasser graduated from Winthrop College and received a master's degree from U.S.C. She was principal of Fairwold Center in Richland One for 11 years. In 1977 she was named Outstanding Special Educator for South Carolina by Council for Exceptional Children. After retirement, Glasser supervised clinical students at Columbia College. She received the Distinguished Educator Emeritus Award from Kappa Kappa Iota in 1992.

An active member of Arsenal Hill A.R.P. Church, Glasser serves as president of the Women's Ministries Board. She has served as circle leader and Sunday School teacher and has also served as president of Catawba Presbyterial. Glasser has received an Honorary Life Membership from the Presbyterian Church and a Life Membership from the ARP Church.

Glasser, the mother of four children and ten grandchildren, was named South Carolina Mother of the Year 2008 and recognized in a special ceremony by Governor Mark Sanford. Her daughter Margaret Mitchum is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

**EMILY LUCY MARTIN** has been honored posthumously by her sister and fellow Alpha Mu member Banna Maloney with induction into the Order of the Rose.

She was inducted into Eta chapter in 1964 and was a charter member of Alpha Mu inn 1978. She served as treasurer in both chapters for a total of 24 years.

Her ideas helped earn incentive grant funds for local education majors. In 2000, Alpha Mu named its annual grant the Emily L. Martin Incentive Grant. Under that title over \$10,000 has been awarded to local high school seniors planning to enter the field of education.

With a B.S. from Presbyterian College and a M.A.T. from Converse College, Martin taught high school and junior high school science for 30 years.

She loved to travel with her Delta Kappa Gamma sisters all around the world. They continue to show their appreciation for her with memorial pledges to the incentive grant.



**Emily Martin**

# NOMINATIONS FOR ALPHA ETA STATE OFFICERS

2009-2011



**PRESIDENT**  
*Marvella Easterling*



**FIRST  
VICE PRESIDENT**  
*Martha Horton*



**SECOND  
VICE PRESIDENT**  
*Linda Navorska*



**SECRETARY**  
*Sandy Bryson*

**Marvella Easterling** was initiated into Alpha Beta in 1980. She has served as president for three biennia. At the state level, she has served as first vice president, District III director, secretary, and on committees.

She received a bachelor of science degree from Ball State University in 1970 and a master of arts in education in 1974. Before moving to Bennettsville, she taught two years in Garrett, Indiana. She retired from Bennettsville Primary School after 35 years as a second-grade teacher.

Active in Thomas Memorial Baptist Church, she serves as a deacon and a Sunday School teacher. She also finds time as a "backstage" helper for the Marlboro Players, a community theater group.

**Martha Horton**, a member of Eta since 1981, has served as second vice president, first vice president, and president of the chapter. At the state level, she has served as District I director and second vice president in addition to work on several committees, including Professional Affairs, Finance, and Silent Auction. She has attended all conferences and conventions since 2000 and all state conventions since the mid 1990s.

She has a bachelor of arts from Converse, a master of arts in education from Furman, and 30 hours beyond the master's degree at USC.

Before retirement, she taught first and second grades. She currently serves as an adjunct professor at Converse College.

Active in the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg, she has been director/teacher of first grade in Sunday School since 1987.

**Linda Navorska** became a member of Chi in 1991. Currently, she is a member of Xi. She has served her chapters as 2nd vice president, 1st vice president, president, and parliamentarian. At state level she has served as Bylaws Committee chairman, Technology Committee member, state secretary, and District IV director.

She has a bachelor's degree from Ashland University, a master's degree in education from Cambridge College in Boston, and a master's degree in elementary administration from USC. A teacher for 22 years, she has taught grades 1-6, elementary music, and the gifted in grades 3-5. She served as assistant principal for six years and currently works as coordinator of assessment and fine arts for Darlington County School District.

A member of Southside Baptist Church, she sings in the choir.

**Sandy Bryson**, initiated into Alpha Gamma in 1996, has served as corresponding secretary, vice president, and president of the chapter. She serves at the state level as District I director.

A participant in the 2005 Leadership Challenge Seminar, she worked on the Planning Committee for the 2007 event and is at work on the 2009 seminar. She also serves on the Auld-Murdock Building Fund Committee.

A graduate of Lander College, she received a master's degree from Clemson. After her retirement from the classroom in 2000, she continued to work at Thomas E. Kerns Elementary School as the media clerk until May 2008. She finally retired in May after a total of 40 years of service; however, she continues to volunteer weekly at the school.

She and her husband are active in Disciples United Methodist Church.

# NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS

## DISTRICT 1



**Amy Kinard**, a member of Lambda since 2004, was inducted in Georgia in 1997. She has served as president of the chapter. At the state she has served on the Professional Affairs and Personal Growth and Services committees.

A graduate of Newberry High School, she earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Newberry College. She also earned a master's degree and a specialist's degree from the University of West Georgia.

After working as an assistant principal for nine years, she taught first grade and currently teaches five-year-old kindergarten. She has been a National Board certified teacher since 1999.

## DISTRICT II



**Carol Vaughn** was initiated into Alpha in 1987. At the chapter level, she has served as president, first vice president, second vice president, corresponding secretary. At state, she has been parliamentarian, secretary, assistant treasurer, treasurer, and webmaster.

She holds a bachelor of arts and M.A.T. in History from Columbia College and a M.A.T. in Social Studies from University of SC.

She taught at Lower Richland and Spring Valley high schools in Columbia before becoming Social Studies Coordinator for Richland School District.

Though retired, she works as Project Manager for Leadership Institute at Columbia College.

## DISTRICT III



**Joyce Moore**, a member of Psi, was initiated in 1985. A past president of the chapter, she has held several positions. At the state she has served on the Membership Committee.

She served as chairman of the SC Association of School Librarians. She also chaired the organizational committee for the Picture Book Award for South Carolina.

She has taught in the Florence county schools for 35 years.

She is a past president and organizing member of Friends of the Lake City Library.

## DISTRICT IV



**Marilyn Muckenfuss** was initiated into Alpha Rho in 1998. She has served as chapter president, first vice president, and second vice president.

A graduate of Winthrop University with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education, she also earned a master's degree in the same field from the College of Charleston. A teacher for 29 years, she teaches kindergarten at Stiles Point Elementary on James Island.

## DISTRICT V



**Jane Mueller**, a member of Alpha Upsilon, was inducted into the Society in 1973 in Louisville, KY. She has held the office of president for three biennia, attended an international convention, a leadership seminar, and served on chapter and state committees in Kentucky and South Carolina.

A graduate of the University of Louisville with a BA and MA in Elementary Education, she taught for 33 years and then became director of the Homework Center for seven years following retirement.

## NOMINATIONS FOR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

### District I

**Marianne Holland, Beta Kappa  
Ann Rauton, Alpha Psi**

### District II

**Amelia Stone, Beta Zeta**

### District III

**Ann Bragdon, Psi**

### District IV

**Toula Williams, Alpha Rho**

### District V

**Dianne Steelman, Alpha Theta**

# Proposed Amendments to the Alpha Eta State Standing Rules

STANDING RULE 4.31 (P. 22)	RECOMMENDATION	RATIONALE
	<p><b>Current::</b> The state shall pay the full expenses of the president and the executive secretary, and shall pay partial expenses of the first vice president and the treasurer and the <i>Digest</i> editor to attend International Conventions and Southeastern Regional Conferences. The state shall contribute \$100 to the following standing committee chairmen or an alternate from her committee to assist with her expenses to attend the FULL Southeastern Regional Conferences: Bylaws, Communications, Leadership Challenge, Leadership Development, Membership, Music, Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs, Research, Scholarships, and World Fellowships.</p> <p><b>Change to:</b> The state shall pay the full expenses of the president and the executive secretary, and shall pay partial expenses of the first vice president, the treasurer, and the <i>Digest</i> editor to attend International Conventions and <b>Southeast</b> Regional Conferences. The state shall contribute \$100 to <b>the chairmen or her alternate from the following standing committees</b> to assist with <b>the</b> expenses to attend the FULL <b>Southeast</b> Regional Conferences: Bylaws, Communications, Leadership Challenge, Leadership Development, Membership, Music, Personal Growth and Services, Professional Affairs, Research, Scholarships, and World Fellowships. <b>If a pre- or post-conference training session or workshop is scheduled for any of the listed committees, partial expenses of the chairman or her alternate will be paid for the Southeast Regional Conference.</b></p>	<p>To revise the sentence structure in sentence one.</p> <p>To change <b>Southeastern</b> to <b>Southeast</b> throughout.</p> <p>To revise grammatical structure in sentence two.</p> <p>To add a final sentence to address the possibility of pre- or post-conference training or workshops. (Some chairmen have had sessions or workshops before the start or after the close of the Southeast Regional Conference.)</p>

## COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM

If you would be willing to serve on a state committee for the 2009-2011 biennium, please complete this form and send it in with your registration to the convention or bring it with you to the convention. You may also e-mail your interest to [linda@echeck.com](mailto:linda@echeck.com) with subject "state committees."

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in this (these) committee(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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## TAKE THE JOURNEY

By Jenny Trombley, chairman

Get ready to take "The Journey of 21st Century Learning" at the Alpha Eta Leadership Challenge to be held February 6-7, 2009 at the Clarion Hotel in Columbia. Sandy Bryson, Alpha Gamma; Martha Platts, Alpha Chi; Tori Thomas, Alpha Eta; and Jenny Trombley, Theta, have been working behind the scenes to bring you a wonderful experience for meeting other Delta Kappa Gamma leaders and to give you pertinent information for teaching in the 21st century.

We are very excited that Ann Marie Taylor, the 2007-2008 S.C. Teacher of the Year has agreed to be our keynote speaker. She is also a member of the Society and is from the Kershaw County School District. She has been touring the state this year and will be able to share much information about the challenges the 21st century brings to students.

Since the last Leadership Challenge Legislation mail-in was such a success, that plan will be duplicated with updates and another write-in during Saturday's session. Participants will hear about the South Carolina Reading Initiative and some of the latest information about using brain research in Brain Gyms. Friday evening will be set aside for touring Alpha Eta Headquarters and working on activities to stimulate the right side of our brains.

Participants will be asked to bring nonfiction books as well as supplies for Headquarters. Since Headquarters hosts many committee and chapter meetings, supplies such as liquid soap, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates (large and small), dish-washing detergent, coffee (both caffeinated and non-caffeinated), round Mr. Coffee filters, sugar packets, sweetener packs, bottled water, red or blue plastic Solo 12-ounce cups are always needed.

So if you are a leader in your chapter, district, classroom, school, or community, make plans to attend the Leadership Challenge Event in February, pick your roommate now, and plan for a great time of learning and fellowship.

## Jammie Journeys

By Catherine Spragins, Headquarter Board of Trustees

With all due respect to our esteemed Society International, sometimes we need to revert to those unforgettable experiences of teenhood and just be Delta Kappa "Jammie" sisters. On my 7th day of being wiped out since my first chemo treatment for ovarian cancer, I was reading a card from Sandy Bryson, chairman of District 1. She wrote "All across the upstate people are praying for you!" I said to my husband John, "Sandy must have lots of Delta Kappa 'Jammie' sisters in her chapter and others praying for me." Did you catch my Freudian slip - "jammie" sisters? I pondered the message and at 3:30 a.m., when I could not sleep, decided to put some thoughts on paper.

When was the last time you had a jammie party with some sisters and

stayed up way beyond bedtime, sharing stories and experiences, hopes and dreams, or frustrations and problems? For me, it was during International Convention July 2008 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, sharing a room with Janis Blocker and Marvella Easterling. We three stuck close to the hotel in preference to sightseeing in the big city (I called it "economizing."). With nightly confabs in our cozy room and comfy "jammies," we shared our life stories with one another. Little did we really know the hardships, crises, and tough times each had encountered, about wonderful trips we had taken across the U.S. and beyond, about outstanding programs in our chapters, and about our personal teaching careers. This led to why and when we decided to retire and how we are filling those hours in interesting and

productive ways.

You will soon have three opportunities for those wonderful "jammie parties": Leadership Challenge, Feb. 6-7; State Convention, March 20-21; and Southeast Regional, Little Rock, July 15-18. Begin planning now to room overnight with a not-so-well-known Delta Kappa Gamma sister. Not only can you become up to date on Society happenings during the daytime sessions, gain inspiration and skills for the year ahead in your chapter, but you will also have a priceless opportunity in the evening as you and your roommate relax in your jammies, wired from the events of the day and ready to unload thoughts, feelings, hopes and dreams of sisterhood.

Don't miss the golden opportunity.



## Alpha Eta State Leadership Challenge 2009 Registration

Friday, February 6 (4-6 pm registration) & Saturday, February 7, 2009

(concludes at 4:00 pm)

Clarion Townhouse and Inn, Gervais Street, Columbia, SC

Please print clearly.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Prior Offices: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Professional Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Educational Position and Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for attending this seminar: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you see this seminar benefiting you, your chapter, and your community?

\_\_\_\_\_

Hobby/Talent: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (if you have a preference): \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this registration form and a check for \$110 (made out to Alpha Eta State) to Jenny Trombley, 1502 Bramble Ridge Rd., Anderson, SC 29621. The deadline is Friday, December 5, 2008. Registration after Dec. 5 will be \$130. There are a limited number of single rooms that will be assigned as "first come/first serve if you would like to room by yourself. The cost for a single room is \$130 on or before December 5, 2008; or \$150 after Dec. 5.

Please encourage your chapter to help defray the cost or to pay fully for attendees. The numbers are limited, so postmark date may have to be used to determine participants. This form is your hotel reservation with dinner (Fri); breakfast(Sat); and lunch(Sat) included. Contact Jenny Trombley at 864-222-2408 or [trombleyj@anderson1.k12.sc.us](mailto:trombleyj@anderson1.k12.sc.us) with any questions or suggestions.

# ALPHA ETA STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Embassy Suites Hotel  
Columbia, South Carolina  
March 20-21, 2009

**Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel online or by toll-free phone.**

PLEASE USE ONE FORM FOR EACH PERSON WHO REGISTERS.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT 1 2 3 4 5  
Please circle.

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please check left blank for each function desired. Fill in the amount for each function in the right blank. Must be postmarked by **March 7, 2009**.

_____ Registration \$25.00 (all members must pay registration)	
_____ Late registration or on-site registration on March 20 or 21 - \$40.00	\$ _____
_____ Executive Board Dinner (Stuffed Pork Loin)	
_____ Friday, March 20, 2009. Cost \$34.00	\$ _____
_____ Birthday Luncheon (Top Round Steak)	
_____ Saturday, March 21, 2009. Cost \$27.00	\$ _____
_____ Dietary Restrictions (Explain) _____	
	TOTAL \$ _____

### I AM PRESENTLY SERVING AS:

\_\_\_\_\_ State Officer      \_\_\_\_\_ Past State President      \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter President  
\_\_\_\_\_ District Director      \_\_\_\_\_ State Committee Member      \_\_\_\_\_ State Committee Chairman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\* This is my first time to attend an Alpha Eta State Convention \_\_\_\_\_

\* I have been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Make your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice for workshops.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Workshop A:** Learn about the five areas in "The Lattice of Leadership" that encompass developing leadership and mentoring in chapters. Presenters: Leadership Development Committee, Rae Beth Fultz, chairman.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Workshop B:** Does your chapter have a scrapbook? Do you want to have one? Participants will create their own scrapbook page. Presenters: Communications Committee, Margaret Dunn, chairman.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Workshop C:** All you ever wanted to know about politics but didn't know to ask! Come and learn the proper way to contact legislators. Presenters: Professional Affairs Committee, Marvella Easterling, chairman.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission to Alpha Eta State to use my name and picture on The South Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma website, and the *Alpha Eta State Digest*.

Make check payable to **Alpha Eta State, Delta Kappa Gamma** and mail with this completed form to:

**Mrs. Amanda Cruse**  
**233 Farmington Ct.**  
**Lexington, SC 29072**

No acknowledgement or refunds will be made after **March 10, 2009**. **PLEASE REGISTER EARLY.**

\*Remember to make hotel reservations **BEFORE FEBRUARY 27**.

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### **EMBASSY SUITES**

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The Embassy Suites Hotel looks forward to welcoming the guests of the DELTA KAPPA GAMMA in March 2009. This year we invite you to reserve your accommodations online. Accommodations are available March 20-22, 2009.

Please follow these simple steps to register:

1. Go to the Embassy Suites website at [www.columbiagreystone.embassysuites.com](http://www.columbiagreystone.embassysuites.com)
2. Click on "check availability"
3. Fill in dates screen, then scroll down to "special accounts" and fill in a group/convention code(see below) and this will link you to the contracted block of rooms for the guests of DELTA KAPPA GAMMA. Group CODE: DKG
4. Choose your room type and "Continue"
5. Complete your guest information and click "Book now"
6. Print your confirmation page

To ensure that you receive the contracted rate of \$124, please reserve your room before FEBRUARY 27, 2009. If you prefer to make your reservations by phone, call (800) 362-2779 prior to FEBRUARY 27.

We look forward to welcoming you in March!

**\*\*Please note that the special group rate may not be available for dates outside the contracted block.**

**CHECKOUT TIME: 12 noon**