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Two Receive State Achievement Award

Hermie Gaston and Carol Vaughn Tie For Coveted Award

Hermie Gaston, a member of Alpha Eta State for 26 years, has held the offices of president of Lambda chapter and president, first vice-president, and membership chairman of Alpha Alpha chapter. She organized the Greenville Area Coordinating Council in 1992.

Before serving as state president in 2001-2003, she was second vice-president, membership committee chairman, and a district director. She led in the formation of Lambda chapter, participated in the Leadership Challenge Seminar in 1994, and received the Order of the Rose in 1998.

Besides attending many regional and international conventions, she has also attended five pre-convention Golden Gift seminars. A member of the International Executive Board, she attended the Seminar in Purposeful Living in 2002, and was seated at the head table at the General Session of the Southeast Regional Convention in Raleigh in 2003.

During her career as English teacher and chairman of the department, she prepared three English curriculum guides for Greenville County and wrote numerous course guides for the Piedmont Schools Project. She is a lifetime member of Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity.

Since retirement she has served as a volunteer at Reidville Elementary School. She is an active member of Liberty Hill United Methodist Church.



Chairman Molly Bain, Hermie Gaston, Carol Vaughn, and President Nell Cannon

Carol Vaughn, a member of Alpha Chapter and Alpha Eta State for 16 years, has held the offices of president and first and second vice-president and has served as chairman of several committees and as editor of the chapter newsletter. She was also the chairman and secretary of the Columbia Coordinating Council.

Her past service to Alpha Eta State has included treasurer, secretary, parliamentarian, and communications chairman. Currently, she is the webmaster for the state website. Her PowerPoint presentations have been used at district workshops, Leadership Challenge seminars, and state conventions.

She has been a member of the Auld-Murdock Board of Trustees and participated in the Leadership Challenge Seminar in 1992. In attendance at both regional and international conventions, she served on the 2000 Elections Committee at the International Convention in Toronto.

Retired from Spring Valley High School, she was coordinator of both the Tutoring and Testing and social studies. She was selected as one of six teachers to serve on the GEMS (Guaranteeing Excellence Manifesting Success) Board in Richland District Two. The Carol S. Vaughn Scholarship Fund has been established in her honor at Columbia College.

A member of the US Tennis Association, she serves as captain of the seniors team in the Lexington Association.

She is an active member of Shandon United Methodist Church.



Two generations of Delta Kappa Gamma. Arlene O'Dell and her mother Hermie Gaston, recipient; Carol Vaughn, recipient, and her mother Mildred Vaughn.

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ATTENTION:

IF YOU ARE GOING to the International Convention, please let me know.

Would you pack a finger food for the South Carolina reception and get it to me when you arrive?

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KEY NOTES

from
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PROUD OF THE PAST . . . COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE

As the end of the chapter biennium approaches, I would like to thank the officers and committee chairmen who have so generously given their time and talents in service to their chapters. Your dedication to the Society is greatly appreciated.

At the Executive Board meeting on March 13, the business of the state organization was conducted. The 2004-2005 budget was adopted. Approval to charter two new chapters, Alpha Omicron in the Mt. Pleasant/Charleston area and Beta Iota in the Hartsville area, was given.

For the second time in history, there was a tie for the Alpha Eta State Achievement Award. Hermie Gaston and Carol Vaughn were honored for their service to the state organization.

Three scholarships were awarded. Congratulations to Karen Pack (Eta), Cathy Hale (Tau), and Anne Peden (Alpha Gamma). We wish them much success in their academic endeavors.

The district workshops give new chapter officers and committee chairmen the opportunity to learn more about the work of the Society. Attendance has been good at the meetings. State committees planned sessions emphasizing the work of each committee. Sharing information and ideas with members from other chapters is one of the most helpful activities during these sessions.

A member really doesn't understand the depth and scope of the Society if she attends only her chapter meetings. Every member who has ever attended a meeting beyond the chapter level will tell you about the different view she now has of the Society. When one attends meetings other than at the chapter level, she has a chance to meet, to talk to, and to see the most marvelous women and to hear firsthand about the work of the Society and its individual members. Seeing and hearing firsthand is a much more powerful experience than just reading about and seeing pictures of something. Moving experiences happen when one actually attends a district, state, regional, or international meetings as opposed to reading about them and seeing pictures in the state or international newsletters.

Yes, this a pitch to attend the International Convention in Minneapolis this summer. International conventions are always wonderful experiences. Many special activities are planned for the Diamond Jubilee, so this convention promises to be especially exciting.

This is also a reminder to make plans now to attend the Alpha Eta State Leadership Challenge Seminar and the Alpha Eta State Convention next year. The Southeast Regional Conference will be in Williamsburg, Virginia, in July 2005. Take advantage of these opportunities to unite with women educators of the world in genuine spiritual fellowship.

ALPHA ETA GOALS

2004 - 2005

1. Strengthen chapters by providing assistance, direction, and re-direction. Assistance for chapters is available from state officers, committee chairmen, and district directors.
2. Promote visibility and credibility of Delta Kappa Gamma chapters and individual members as ambassadors for education and true experts in educational issues by recognizing accomplishments of chapter members and community contributors to education and by engaging in chapter projects that will make a positive impact on the community.
3. Keep members informed of current pending legislation and be proactive to affect legislation through involvement by creating a network to inform chapters of state and federal legislative issues.
4. Emphasize attracting and keeping outstanding young women, both in the Society and in the profession, by mentoring new teachers and new chapter members.

Proud of the Past---Committed to the Future

The key to the future is YOU!

THANK YOU

I want to express my appreciation to Alpha Eta State for the special recognition I received at the Executive Board meeting on March 13. I am honored to be a recipient of the State Achievement Award and delighted to join the circle of South Carolina ladies who have received this award and worn the medallion. Be assured that I shall wear it proudly as I remember the members who have encouraged me and urged me on in the work of Delta Kappa Gamma. I thank you for your support and look forward to our continued work together in Alpha Eta State.

With thanks,
Hermie

It is such an honor to receive the Alpha Eta State Achievement Award. I want you to know how much I will always treasure it. Tying with Hermie made it even more special since I was able to work with her so much during her biennium as president.

I must share this honor all of the wonderful women who helped me along the way. When I was initiated in 1987, my mother Mildred Vaughn and Sara Auld pushed me to become involved at the state level and were the first who taught me that a Delta Kappa Gamma sister "never says no."

I will always wear the medallion with the pride that goes with belonging to such an outstanding organization.

With love and gratitude,
Carol

From your
executive secretary....

Linda Heckle

Are you CELEBRATING? This is the Diamond Jubilee Year, the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Society. All during 2004 we should celebrate this very special year with moments of reflection about our heritage and of vision for our future.

Congratulations to all of the new chapter officers and committees for the 2004-2006 biennium. The district directors have planned the district workshops along with the state committees to train the new chapter officers and committees. Hopefully, you have taken advantage of the workshops for the valuable information and delightful fellowship.

The State Executive Board meeting in March was a special time to honor two Achievement Award winners. Congratulations to Hermie Gaston, past Alpha Eta State president, and to Carol Vaughn, webmaster, for receiving the state's highest honor.

Chapter presidents need to check these things before the end of the biennium:

1. Send your chapter achievement award report to President Nell Cannon by the deadline of June 1.
2. Review your calendar for reports due to international.
3. Send a picture and short write-up about the new chapter president to me by June 1.
4. Be sure that the president's file is ready to pass to the new president.

Give some thought to serving on an international committee. Contact President Cannon or me by June 1.

Unfortunately, the plans for a bus to the international convention did not materialize. Remember the goal is for one member of each chapter of every state organization to be there for the 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

If I can help you, please call me at home (803--796-0892) or e-mail me (linda @echeck.com) for a timely response.



*You are invited to the
South Carolina Drop-In
Room of
Nell Cannon, President
Alpha Eta State
Millennium Hotel
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Wednesday, July 28, 2004
8:30 pm*

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Members are encouraged to submit recommendations for these officers for the 2005-2007 biennium: president, first vice-president, second vice-president, district directors, and Nominating Committee. For criteria and guidelines, refer to the *Alpha Eta State Standing Rules*.

The official "Recommendation Form for Nominations" must be used and can be obtained from Margaret Mitchum, chairman, or Linda Heckle, executive secretary. Contact Mitchum at 803-772-9389 or 803-951-8770 or jmmitchum@aol.com.

Mail nominations to
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DEADLINE: November 1, 2004

What Membership Really Means

By *Hermie Gaston, chairman*

Being a member of the Society is both an honor and a privilege. We were invited to join because someone saw us as key women educators. We became members because we believe in the Mission Statement and the Seven Purposes. We also promised to support education, children, and women educators.

Along with the honor of membership, we agreed to assume responsibilities. We promised to attend chapter, regional, and international meetings as often as possible. Have we really made the effort to attend even the chapter meetings? There are acceptable reasons for missing, but petty excuses are unacceptable.

We agreed to accept responsibilities in the local chapter and beyond. I remember quite well being told that "a Delta Kappa Gamma member never says 'No.'" That day seems to have passed. Chapters report difficulty acquiring officers. Have you said "No" when asked to accept?

As in life, we have our ups and downs. Chapters have great years and some not so great. We, as responsible members, need to support the work of the Society and to be supportive of the officers and members.

Call someone to say that you enjoyed a program. E-mail someone to say that you missed her at a meeting. Write someone to say that you care and hope to see her at the next meeting. Offer an older or a new member a ride to a meeting.

A "genuine spiritual fellowship"! As members together, let us work to uphold our first purpose!

The Membership Committee is eager to assist.

Let's Communicate

By *Claire Langston, chairman*

A new brochure "Who Are We? What is Delta Kappa Gamma?" emphasizes these ten key messages.

1. The Society offers educationally sound, relevant programs.
2. The Society recognizes and celebrates achievements.
3. The Society offers opportunities to enhance leadership development.
4. The Society funds support members seeking educational advancement and diverse learning opportunities.
5. The Society is a recognized advocate for educational excellence.
6. The Society presents innovative professional development opportunities.
7. The Society gives financial support to outstanding educational/community projects.
8. The Society supports international networking.
9. The Society provides fellowship, friendship, and support.
10. The Society members mentor women educators.

The Communications Committee wants to communicate.

Darla Moore Honored

By Darlene Hyman, Beta Epsilon

Darla Moore, Alpha Eta State's Honorary Member since 1998, has been elected as International Honorary Member. Sandra Smith Bull, International Executive Coordinator, stated in part in the letter to Moore:

"We are delighted to inform you that you have been elected to International Honorary Membership in the Society; the organization currently has 135,000 members in 14 countries.

"For your information, the list of International Honorary members includes Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, New York; . . . Lieutenant General Carol A. Mutter, Indiana; . . . Judge Caroline K. Simon, New York.

President Nell Cannon will announce a recognition ceremony date in South Carolina as Moore is unable to attend the recognition ceremony at the International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Moore, for whom the business school at the University of South Carolina is named, is a former student of Darlene Hyman



Darla Moore named International Honorary Member.

Welcome to the Somali Bantu American in Columbia, SC

By Francie Brown Markham

Imagine taking your first bath in a warm bathtub, then looking into a mirror for the first time. Next, walk into Wal-Mart and wonder if this is one big store or a market with many vendors. What if you saw yourself and your family on television, a new invention unto itself? Other firsts include the English language, when you cannot read or write in your own language; picture books; a bus ride; a public park and iron, a VCR, a computer; a phone; , your children receiving the education you were never afforded, a stove/oven, instead of an open fire, and a safe apartment, belonging only to you. These experiences comprise the new world of the Somali Bantus in Columbia.

This is the adventure that I have had the privilege of witnessing as my church, Trenholm Road United Methodist church, adopted the Abkikadir Ali family the second week in March. They took their first plane flight from Nairobi, Kenya to Columbia and arrived exhausted at 6 pm on March 11. Three families came that night and were Columbia's first families with children. A few weeks earlier, Abdulkadir Mohamed, a single, 22-year-old male, landed in Columbia, speaking perfect British English.

Prior to their arrival in American, the Somali Bantu people had lived in a refugee camp in Africa for approximately 11 years. Their children were born in the Kenyan camp, and they struggled in this grim existence, extended two extra years because of the tragedy of September 11. Their beautiful smiles and greetings of "Nabad" or "hello" told the welcoming crowd that they were so happy to be in America. Though many have left behind family members, like our family's blind grandmother, they celebrated their new friends and the Midland's community.

As the weeks have progressed, we have gotten to know all the families. Our family has a 28-year-old father Abkikadir, a 25-year-old mother Rukia, a 6-year-old son Mohamud, a 3-year-old daughter Ahado, and a 1-year-old daughter Madina. They now live in a 3-bedroom apartment in the Eau Claire area of Columbia.

The initial days were filled with medical appointments, social security applications, orientations, and outings. Though the language barrier impairs us, we have found many ways to communicate and have respectfully learned each other's language. We have shopped for American clothes and foods; we have shared African and American music; we have danced, sung, and played together; and our children have met one another. This multi-cultural immersion has bettered all who are involved. Muslim and Christian backgrounds have met each other and found common ground. Of course, proselytizing is not a part of this mission, so we can celebrate their continued connection to the religion they practiced in Africa. Also, the Muslim community has welcomed all of us into their mosque, and a newfound appreciation of their faith has burgeoned.

I hope that Alpha Eta chapters will consider this project as they plan service projects for next year. We welcome contributions of money, goods, or time. We need bus-riding tickets, diapers, zoo passes, furniture, and volunteers for trips or to drive family members to appointments. Approximately 30 families will be here in the next year.

Please contact Francie Brown Markham (803-771-9988) (britlit@ss.rr.com) if you are interested in this project.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

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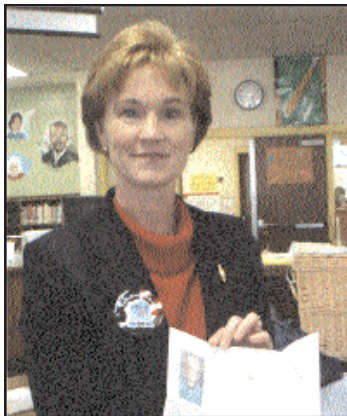
By Margaret Dunn

Colleen Gilmore, Coordinator of Women's Services for Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, and Susan Alexander, a certified nurse midwife shared their expertise at the March meeting. Chapter members Linda Powell and Lesa Banks facilitated the presentation, which included a packet of information about women's illnesses, symptoms, specific medicinal concerns, developments in recent tests and processes, and many sources of information.

Ms. Gilmore gave an overview of the program, and Nurse Alexander fielded questions about osteoporosis, combined hormone replacement for menopause, heart disease in women, and new concepts in testing for different cancers.

Recent experiences with many of these illnesses by chapter members made the presentation not only informative but also possibly lifesaving.

The Finance Committee recently offered changes in the fundraising methods for the chapter. The first level of fundraising is a door-prize drawing at each meeting. The second level is sales through a local brochure for gift items, such as potpourri, air spray, and candles. The third level of fundraising is in the form of donations to the Emily L. Martin Incentive Grant fund as memorials or honoraria. The brochures were designed to include a commemorative letter to the memorialized person's family.



Lesa Banks, chair of the Finance Committee, presents the fundraising brochure.

LAMBDA

By Anne Brewer

On a cold winter evening in November, members of the newly formed chapter gathered for a unique program. Members Anne Brewer and Barbara Joyce-Dobson, informed members of methods used in their classrooms to enhance the writing process and engaged all those in attendance in the writing process.

Quotes, old books, apples, and other symbols of teachers provided a backdrop to evoke memories of former school days.

After Brewer and Joyce-Dobson shared experiences with students and their personal stories of educators who influenced them to enter the field of education, each member wrote a tribute to those who had influenced them to become involved in education.

As each member shared her writing, the group reflected on the impact a teacher can have on students. Although many began with "I'm not a writer, but," everyone had a story to tell and a memory to treasure.

Many of the members' most influential teachers were someone within their own family.

BETA ZETA

By Amelia Stone

Christi McCollum, the 2003 State Teacher of the Year, was guest speaker at the January meeting. She encouraged the members to become aware of the retention of new teachers in the state and community. She also emphasized importance of staying informed on the educational issues being considered by the legislators.

Mary Ann Pineau, a recruiter of new teachers for Kershaw County and a trainer of new teachers in the district, will be guest speaker at the March meeting.

The members also received information on the TERI program and the current teacher shortage. Members signed and sent letters to the state representatives asking them to support educational needs in the county and state.

ALPHA LAMBDA

By Melissa Price

The chapter under the leadership of President Becky Lyell has had a productive year. Fall meetings included health and fitness through a local fitness training group. Designated committees had the opportunity to meet and discuss ideas for the year to increase educational values through communication and collaboration among the members.

Spring meetings included presentations of the "No Child Left Behind Act," "Performing Arts in Our Schools," "Technology in the Classroom." During the "No Child Left Behind Act" program, Lynn Leibenrood of Dillon District 2 discussed the different titles of the act using a PowerPoint presentation.

In April, members enjoyed a meal together while summarizing and evaluating programs for the year. New members were inducted.

Monica Rappe received the Excellence in School-to-Work Award. Chris Harris was re-elected Southeast Regional Director of the National Science Teachers Association. Phyllis Richardson, a third-grade teacher at Stewart Heights Elementary, has been the instructor for the Induction Year Seminar for new teachers for the past 16 years in Dillon District 2.

Special projects included bookbags and school supplies for migrant students, school supplies and resource materials for first-year teachers, grant-in-aid to a prospective teacher.

IOTA

By Ann Booth

Six members of the chapter have been members of the Society for over 40 years each. The three who are still active are Lillian Shiver Chappell (42 years), Betty Nash Dinkins Smith (40 years), and Josephine Williams Wilder (44 years). The three reserve members are Ola Mae DeBerry (40 years), Mary Glenn Chewning (44 years), and Rosa Schuler (43 years). The three active members attend every meeting. The chapter appreciates their insights, dedication, and loyalty to the Society and the chapter.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

TAU

By Ruth Power

Laura Reeder, a teacher at Sara Collins Elementary, has received National Board certification.

Sue Florence and Becky Lauder presented a program on Technology. Sue Zann Norris presented on Identity Theft.

Frances Rish was interviewed by the fifth graders at Cone Elementary. They are writing a book on the Great Depression and World World II, topics included in Rish's first book.

THETA

By Kathy Browning

At the annual covered dish dinner at Concord Elementary School, the chapter initiated Wendy Ashley-Bobo, who was honored as Teacher of the Year for District 2. She and the District 5 Teacher of the Year addressed the chapter.

The chapter joined Alpha Psi for a joint meeting in November. The program was "Identity Theft: When Bad Things Happen to Your good Name." Executive Secretary Linda Heckle, Assistant Executive Secretary Leslie Michael, and District Chairman Margaret Blair were special guests.

Members were taken on a "learning safari" through the new Anderson County mobile library in February. Kathleen Egger-Price, a member of the chapter, works at the library and conducted the tour, giving members a chance to sign up for a time to have the mobile library come to their school.

Sarah Sprague, a professor at Anderson College, applied for a \$1000 scholarship to fund a reading project at one of the elementary schools

Cornelia Shaimemanya is the World Fellowship adoptee. Her home country is Namibia. She attends the Florida Institute of Technology and is pursuing a PhD in Science Education.

Pat Mulligan has returned home after serving as a teacher in Kazan, Tatarsta, Russia for four years.

ALPHA BETA

By Betty Souther

Marilyn McLeod traveled to "the lost city of the Incas" in South America.

District 3 Workshop was held at Thomas Memorial Baptist Church in Bennettsville in March. President Lynn Covington welcomed the participants and District Three Director Marvella Easterling presided.

The Girl Scout Council of the Pee Dee recognized Millie Baker as a 2004 Mary Dean Brewer Women of Achievement recipient at the Florence Country Club. She is executive director for Curriculum and Instruction for Marlboro County School District.

For the second year, the chapter has donated gifts to the Induction Program of the school district. Pat Scoles, class instructor, conducts a drawing each month for the tablets, books, bulletin board border, etc. The new teachers look forward to the drawings and really appreciate getting these items for their classrooms.

ETA

By Myra Soderlund

The chapter celebrated its 59th birthday in November. The January meeting was a joint one with the other three Spartanburg County chapters for a luncheon and fashion show. Beta Eta hosted the gathering to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Society.

CHI

By Linda Keene

The chapter provided scrapbooks for all first-year teachers in schools represented by chapter members. Cash donations were made to support the new early childhood media center at a local school. Over \$200 was raised for the scholarship fund at the "White Elephant Sale." The chapter helped supply a local women's shelter and sent support for 10 teachers in Afghanistan through the international project.

Members Donna Winne and Cely Johnson recently received their masters degrees. Johnson attended NASA resource training in Virginia and presented at the National School Reform Conference at Disney world.

ALPHA PSI

By Joyce Christenbury

The January meeting was at the new home of Pat Huggins near Lake Keowee with 16 members and one guest.

Catherine Spragins, president, presented "Education in the Third World." relating her travels as a member of a medical mission team to Haiti and Ghana. All personal possessions for the three-week trip had to be carried in a backpack. Clothes were limited to two changes of underwear, a couple of T-shirts and pants, a long skirt and top for church, an extra pair of shoes, and two sets of scrubs for work in the clinic.

Her workday began at 8 am with no real lunch break, just grab and go until 5:30 pm. Sleep was difficult as it was so hot. And the next day was just like the day before.

Catherine endured such an existence because she could give back to others.

She tried to help members understand the diversity of cultures and see the great poverty. She related how appreciative the people were for any little thing done for them.

Many of the travels have been with an ophthalmologist, so many of the clients receive the gift of sight. Since the people have little or no money, they show their appreciation with a chicken or fresh produce.

A new elementary school has a designated library space but no materials to put in the space. When Spragins returns to Ghana in the summer, she hopes to take a suitcase full of books, flash cards, puzzles, and educational games. The chapter will make this a spring project.

In February, 14 members and 13 guests enjoyed a Valentine Dinner at Season's on the Clemson campus. Donn Crader, first vice-president, decorated with garlands and candy kisses. District 1 Chairman Margaret Blair and her husband were the special guests.

The April meeting was at the newly remodeled home of President Spragins with a celebration of the 75th birthday of the Society.

K U D O S

Delta Sisters Set Amazing Records

By Barbara Rodal

Together Bobbie Moon Green and Elisabeth Moon Tripp have provided classroom instruction in Greenville area schools for more than a century. Together they have been members of Delta Kappa Gamma for ninety years: Elisabeth 54 years and Bobbie 36 years.

When Bobbie Green retired this past June, after spending twelve additional years as an aide at Fork Shoals Elementary, she had completed exactly fifty years as a teacher or an aide in Greenville County Schools, a record unmatched in this school district.

Bobbie was born, raised, married, and now lives in the "Moon Homeplace" on Augusta Road in Moonville. Bobbie graduated from Furman University and began teaching second grade at West Gantt Elementary; later she taught at Piedmont, at Overbrook-Eastover for twenty-two years, and at East North Street Elementary for thirteen years before retiring in 1983.

Bobbie was initiated into Alpha Gamma Chapter in 1968 and later transferred to Delta so she and her sister Elisabeth could attend meetings together. Besides being active with committee work in Delta Kappa Gamma chapters, Bobbie has been active professionally in SCEA and GCEA and the Classroom Teachers Association, as well as in local PTA groups.

Elisabeth Moon Tripp, who celebrated her 95th birthday on March 2, 2004, was also born and raised in the Moonville area where her parents ran the Moonville Mercantile. She attended local schools, graduating from East Gantt High School. She earned a B.S. degree and later a masters from Furman University, and an additional thirty-six hours of graduate work, including summers at Converse and Winthrop.

Elisabeth started teaching grades 4-5-6 at West Dunklin Elementary; later she taught at Chandler and also at East Gantt, all now closed. She taught French, math, and music at West Gantt High, where her girls' chorus took First Place in Greenville County. Later she was principal there, and then West Gantt High was also closed.

She taught biology and chemistry for twenty-nine years at Greenville Senior High School, where two yearbooks were dedicated to her, and the science lab she had organized was named for her. She was an organizer and first president of the SC Biology Teachers Association and president of the Greenville County Biology Teachers Association.

Elisabeth was President of Greenville County Classroom Teachers Association, served on state textbook selection committees, and represented Southeast Region for the National Science Association. She was runner-up for SC Teacher-of-the-Year, selected Outstanding Biology Teacher in SC and in the SE Region.

She retired from Greenville County Schools, but unable to resist the lure of the classroom, she taught an additional six years at Greenville Tech and another ten years at Washington Avenue Christian School, where she received another yearbook dedication, was voted Teacher-of-the-Year, and retired after more than fifty years of teaching.

Elisabeth was initiated into Delta Chapter in 1950, served as president 1962-1964, has held every other office except treasurer, and has served on almost every committee. She has attended five international conventions, several regional ones, and until health made it not possible, attended almost every state convention. She has been an extremely devoted and dynamic member with no task too small for attention and none too formidable for her to tackle.

She has taught Sunday School for over thirty years at Bethuel Baptist Church Sunday School and played piano and second organ there for over twenty years.

Weber Published in *Bulletin*

Gretchen Weber's manuscript "Must We Love Our Students?" was selected for inclusion in the Winter 2004 issue of The Delta Kappa Gamma *Bulletin*.

The Society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators through the publication of members' research and writing. Many manuscripts are submitted, so only the most excellent ones are chosen for publication.

Weber, a resident of Myrtle Beach and a member of Beta Epsilon, is professor of speech at Horry-Georgetown-Technical College.

Palmer's Project Funded

Naomi Palmer has been awarded \$1,328.40 by the Educational Foundation Board of Trustees of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Palmer is project director for The Turn Around Program (TAP) at Colleton County High School in Walterboro. The program is designed to increase student attendance and academic learning time in class and decrease out-of-class time because of discipline problems.

If the project receives a positive review, funding can be renewed for the next year.

Palmer, a resident of Summerville, is school psychologist in Colleton County.

Alpha Beta Receives Funds

By Ann Souther

The Rotary Club of Bennettsville donated \$1000 to Alpha Beta for the purchase of dictionaries and thesauri for the libraries in the Marlboro County School District. Chapter members place donation stickers in each book. The chapter and Rotary have collaborated for four years to further literacy projects.

IN MEMORIAM



JANIE GREEN GASKIN

Janie Green Gaskin, 87, was born August 5, 1916, to Daniel Luther and Janie Pauline Green of Turbeville. She died December 28, 2003. Surviving is a daughter, Kaye G. Young, Easley; a son, David Lowell Gaskin, Jr., Mt. Pleasant; and a sister, Virginia Green, Sumter.

She graduated from Turbeville High School and Winthrop College with an AB degree in mathematics and minors in biology and English. She did graduate work at USC in education and guidance and at the Citadel in the MAT program.

An educator for 33 years, she began at Hemingway High School and finally at Walterboro High School where she spent most of her teaching career. For the first 15 years she taught math and science and spent the last 18 years in guidance.

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Easley, she was a member of the Wesley Bible Class and Chancel Choir,

Mrs. Gaskin was initiated into Zeta Chapter on April 8, 1961. She was corresponding secretary, vice president, scholarship chairman, photographer, and membership chairman. She served as president in 1968-70. She was appointed treasurer in 1978, a position she held for 12 years.

She moved from Walterboro and transferred to Alpha Xi Chapter in 1989 and served as treasurer from 1990 - 21000. She also served as chairman of Standing Rules and chairman of Finance.

On the state level, she served on the Scholarship Committee from 1975-77, Professional Affairs Committee from 1987-1989. She also chaired the World Fellowship Committee and the Finance Committee. She received the Order of The Rose in 1999 when \$1000 was contributed by members of Alpha Xi to honor her outstanding service to the Society. Her name is engraved on a plaque at headquarters in Columbia.

Mrs. Gaskin's dedication to the purposes of the Society and to education is evidenced by the years of contributions. One of her favorite sayings was "You get credit for what you finish, not what you start." She finished everything she ever started. She was an inspiration to all who crossed her path.

Chapter member William Pamplin wrote a poem to honor Janie when she received the Order of the Rose. One of the stanzas of that poem sums up Janie's philosophy of service:

The Constitution and Handbook have been her guide,
Our questions and problems in her we could confide.
It may be that she worked mostly with the "dough,"
But the lesson learned is that Delta Kappa Gamma members never say "No."

China English Exchange

Darlene Hyman recently returned from a 16-day trip to China where she participated in an English exchange in a high school in a remote area with 4,000 students. She, along with two friends, had many opportunities to minister one-on-one during the stay.

She also served as a judge for the first English-Speaking competition for seniors with an overwhelmingly large audience.

"The trip was beyond belief," said Hyman. She is making plans to go back to China in a few months and then on to Athens, Greece, for the Olympics in August.

Recruitment Advice

By Virginia Ward,
Teacher-in Residence of CERRA

Many chapters raise funds to provide grants-in-aid to future teachers. Chapters may want to consider the following to identify future educators:

1. The state has about 250 Teacher Cadet classes. To be a Cadet, one must be recommended by five faculty members and have an overall B or better average in CP classes.
2. Eleven colleges sponsor Teaching Fellows. Students in this program are education majors and participate in competitions to be selected for the honor of being a Teaching Fellow.
3. Hundreds of new teachers are enrolled in the Program for Accelerated Certification of Educators (PACE). In addition to passing the Praxis and completing two summers of coursework, these teachers have to take three graduate course to earn their certification.

The dedicated and committed participants in the programs need and deserve financial assistance.

To learn more about the Teacher Cadet Program or Teaching Fellows, go to www.cerra.org. For PACE, go to www.scteac.org.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

IN THE PRESENT

By *Mary Redfearn*

Anne C. Peden, Alpha Gamma Chapter, received the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship to complete the dissertation hours required for her Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction, English, from Clemson University. Currently, she is an instructional coach at Greenville Middle School.

Peden was a Teacher of the Year and a successful grant writer, receiving support for ESL students at Greenville Middle Academy; professional development, Mapping the Curriculum Vertically and Horizontally at GMA; and Teacher Incentive Grants three years in a row.

She is a member of SC Middle School Association, National Middle School Association, Greenville Co. Teachers of English, SC Teachers of English, National Council of Teachers of English, SC Association for the Gifted and Talented, and Bread Loaf Teacher Network.

Initiated into Alpha Gamma Chapter in 1979, Peden, a faithful attendee, served as chair and member of several committees over the years.

A widow with one grown daughter, she is active in Piedmont First Baptist Church, serving as deacon, Adult Sunday School Teacher, head usher, and WMU Circle Program Chairman. She is an active member of Bonnes Amies Club; Piedmont Book Club; SIC at Greenville Middle School; Critical Friends Group of Instructional Coaches, Middle Level; Critical Friends Group for Vertical Teaming, Elementary and Middle; and Breadnet Exchange Teacher/Leader.

She feels that by acquiring this degree, she will be in a better position to share her experiences and support the work of implementing teacher research and leadership in the Society. Her publication in a juried journal will benefit Delta Kappa Gamma through publicity and recognition of support.

Cathy T. Hale, Tau Chapter, Greenville, received the Marguerite Thompson Scholarship to achieve her Master's degree in elementary education from Furman University. She is in her seventeenth year of teaching at Sara Collins IB Elementary School in Greenville and is currently teaching the fifth grade math/science classes.

She serves on the Leadership Team at her school and is a Village Green teacher.

A member of Greenville County Council of Teachers of Mathematics, she has served as vice-president of Primary Teachers and as president of the organization.

She was instrumental in the writing of "Unpacking the Standards" documents and curriculum guides for math and science for Greenville County School District. Hale has conducted numerous workshops within the district.

Initiated into Tau Chapter in 1999, she has served as chairman of Professional Affairs Committee and chairman of Scholarships/World Fellowships Committee.

Hale has two children: Candace, 15, and Jimmy, 12. She enjoys jet skiing, reading and scrapbooking.

In the community, she is a member of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, a member of the Junior League of Greenville, and a member of Greenville County Science Teachers Association.

Hale believes that teachers must continue to grow professionally in order to keep abreast of current trends and strategies in education. As a recipient of the scholarship, she plans to share her knowledge of current educational trends and issues and to mentor novice teachers in Tau chapter.

Karen Pack, Eta Chapter, received the Founders Scholarship. She will be attending Furman University to continue working on her Master's degree in School Leadership/Administration.

She has 14 years in education; 10 of those have been as a full-time teacher. She currently teaches mathematics to seventh and eighth grade students at Carver Junior High School, in Spartanburg District 7.

A member of the SC Council of Teachers of Mathematics, she has presented at a state convention.

In the summer of 2002, she assisted in the development of an Alternative Education Program in Polk County, NC. She developed the curriculum guidelines and established operating procedures, wrote job descriptions for lead teachers, teachers, and teaching assistant. The program, implemented in 2002-2003, has continued to grow.

Initiated into Eta Chapter in 2001, she has served on the Professional Affairs Committee, Communications Committee, and as Eta Chapter Newsletter editor and publisher. In 2003, she received the Eta Chapter Scholarship.

Married to Joel Pack, Jr, they are the parents of two children: Chris, 24, and Ashley, 11. She enjoys reading, visiting family who live out of town and getting together with a few close friends.

Active in the community, Pack is assistant teacher for the fifth and sixth-grade classes at Campobello First Baptist Church and teaches the third-grade class during Bible School. She is a member and past president of the GFWC Palmetto Junior Woman's Club and was chairman of the Spartanburg International Festival.

Pack received the Spartanburg Jaycees "Outstanding Young Educator" Award and the Whitlock Junior High School "Teacher of the Year" Award in 2000.

Currently working on improving communication between chapter members, she feels her leadership qualities will assist other chapter members.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

FROM THE PAST

By Marianne Holland

Margaret Brearley Mitchum, Beta Beta, received the Marguerite Thompson Scholarship in 1990. Funds were used to complete the Masters plus 30 hours in Administration. An active Alpha Eta State member, she stated that the additional degree work allowed her to obtain the position of Elementary Principal at Midway Elementary School, Lexington School District 1.

"The application is easy to complete; the rewards are great," Mitchum said.

Linda Navorska, Chi Chapter, received the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship in 1999 and used the funds to earn a Masters in Administration. She has been a second-grade teacher, an elementary school music teacher, a teacher of the gifted and talented, and presently serves as Assistant Principal at Whale Branch Elementary School in Beaufort County.

Funds from the scholarship assisted her in securing the degree without going deep into debt.

"Apply early!" Navorska advised.

Nancy T. Amundson of Alpha Upsilon Chapter received the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship in 1993. She has been a first-grade teacher, elementary assistant principal, coordinator of the Teacher's Principal Incentive Programs, Coordinator of Strategic Planning, and Coordinator of Parent and Early Childhood Education. She is now the Coordinator of Recruitment and Retention, Lexington/Richland School District 5.

Funds were used to complete the Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, and she used the scholarship funds for research and writing expenses for the doctoral dissertation. Some funds were used for post-doctoral courses.

"I will always be grateful to Delta Kappa Gamma members for providing this scholarship support," said Amundson. It enabled me to fulfill a life-long dream and provided much relief at a time when I was strapped with expenses related to my doctoral work and raising two growing children."

Marianne Holland, Alpha Xi Chapter, received the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship in 1984 and used the funds to complete the Ph.D. degree in Music Education at the University of South Carolina. These funds not only assisted with course work required for the degree but were also used for completion of the dissertation and all the requirements of that task.

"I am grateful that Alpha Eta State has provided scholarship assistance to many, many members since 1954," said Holland.

She is chair/professor for Music Education, Fine Arts Division, North Greenville College, Tigerville, SC.

"Teaching at the college level has been a great joy to me, and having completed the Ph.D. degree provided me with this opportunity for college teaching," she said. "Many thanks to Alpha Eta State!"

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

By Marianne Holland, chairman

While 2005 seems a long time in the future, members need to be thinking about the election of a treasurer in 2005. The term of the present treasurer expires in 2005.

Applications for the 2005-2009 term for a state treasurer will be accepted until December 1, 2004. The forms may be downloaded from the Alpha Eta State website or secured from the office of Linda Heckle, executive secretary, or from Marianne Holland, 622 E. Cedar Rock St., Pickens 29671.

Qualifications for this position include the ability to manage Alpha Eta State budget/funds and generally oversee the investments of the state organization, working with the Finance Committee.

TO THE RESCUE

By Carolyn Briscoe

Your Auld-Murdock Headquarters Building needs you! In this Diamond Anniversary (75th) of the Society International, our "gem" located at 607 Maple Street in Columbia has definite needs for attention. The number one priority is the renovation of the bathroom. Other needs include replacement of the fence, installation of gutters, replacement of the storage-room door, and inside painting.

As all homeowners know, continuous maintenance and improvements require adequate funding. Perhaps a review of the headquarters history will be helpful. In the 1970s, a group of visionary leaders including the late Sara Auld, the executive secretary, and Frances Murdock, a past-president of Alpha Eta State, recognizing the need for space where records and memorabilia could be stored suggested that serious consideration be given to the acquisition of a building for Alpha Eta State. In September 1978, a fund drive began. Members worked until they were able to pay cash for the present property purchased in March 1986.

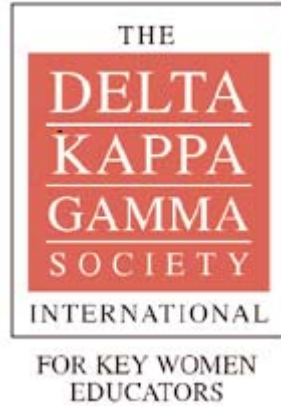
Following the purchase, fund-raising efforts continued with a goal of raising \$100,000 to be invested. With the efforts of dedicated members, that goal was reached. The objective was that the interest from that investment would be used for maintenance and improvements.

However, a major problem has been the unstable economy. For a time the interest rates were sufficient. In recent years, the return from the low-interest rates has not been sufficient to cover the cost of maintenance. It has become necessary to use approximately \$3,000 from the principal, reducing it to \$96,916.

Approximately, \$5,000 is needed to restore the principal to \$100,000 and to make the needed repairs. All chapters are urged to make significant contributions to the Auld-Murdock Headquarters Fund. An average contribution of \$100 per chapter would meet this goal!

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Things to do in Minneapolis

View the Mississippi River waterfront
Visit the Museum of Art
Explore the Walker Museum of Modern Art
Stroll Nicollet Mall, a pedestrian walkway with shopping outlets,
and more than a dozen places to wine and dine
See live theater at Guthrie and Pantages
Walk Lake Calhoun, Lake of the Isles, and Lake Harriet
Hike and bike the trails in the city
Enjoy the city parks
Experience the Mall of America at Bloomington
Try Lady Luck at the Grand Casino at Hinckley
Take a river cruise on the Mississippi

LATE-BREAKING GREAT NEWS

Marianne Holland of Alpha Xi and Sarah Sprague of Theta have been notified that they are among the international recipients for the 75th Diamond Jubilee anniversary stipends.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 1:

**Chapter achievement award
report to state president**

**Picture and bio of new
chapter presidents to exec-
utive secretary**

JULY 27 - 31:

**International Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota**

SEPTEMBER 10:

***The Digest* deadline for the
October issue**