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## Williamson Receives Achievement Award

### Eunice Rowell Installed as 2005-2007 President

**M**argaret Beth Williamson of Alpha Chapter is the recipient of the Alpha Eta State Achievement Award. The award is presented to an active members who has made outstanding contributions to education and is rendering superior service to the Society at the state level.

A member of the Society for 40 years, she has served as chairman of the Membership Committee and the Music Committee. During this biennium she has served as second vice president and coordinator of the District Council, assisting district directors in planning and implementing district workshops.

After earning a degree from Winthrop and a master's degree from USC, she taught elementary and high school music for years before moving to the elementary classroom. Retiring with 36 years of service, she continued in education as a media assistant in an elementary school for 14 years for a grand total of 50 years in the profession.

A member of the Eau Claire Music Club since the 1950s, she served as president several times over the years. Twice president of the SC Federation of Music Clubs, she served at the regional and national levels of the Federation.

Always the teacher, she directs a group at the Shepherd's Center for performances in the Columbia area.

Washington Street United Methodist Church and North Trenholm Baptist Church have claimed her as a choir member and soloist at different times over the years.

Margaret Beth has dedicated more than 55 years to education, church music, and community service.

She and Scarlette, her beloved Yorkie, share a home in Columbia.



**Margaret Beth Williamson is elated and surprised at being named the recipient of the coveted State Achievement Award. State President Nell Cannon and Chairman Molly Bain share in her delight.**



**Dr. Ruby Matthews, past state and international president, conducts the installation of the new officers for the 2005-2007 biennium. The officers are Peggy Shealy, secretary; Sims Lynn, second vice president; Marvella Easterling, first vice president; and Eunice Rowell, president and sister of Ruby. They assume office July 1, 2005.**

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Carol Vaughn, webmaster, recently added the PowerPoint presentation, "A Sample Chapter Orientation/Reorientation," to the Alpha Eta State website. Chapters can download and revise or create one for their use. Additionally, she has added a link to download "Delta Kappa Gamma 101" from the International website.

Communications Committee chairmen can download the "Communications Is the Key" presentation. This PowerPoint presentation details the role the chapter chairman and committee responsibilities.

# KEY NOTES

from  
**NELL**



## **PROUD OF THE PAST . . . COMMITTED TO THE FUTURE**

During this biennium I have had the wonderful privilege of meeting members at chapter meetings. Many have shared the importance of Delta Kappa Gamma in their lives and the benefits they have received from membership.

Like any other endeavor in life, the benefits of membership are directly proportional to the time and effort expended. The chapter is the core unit of the Society, and the health of a chapter depends on all of its members. Your chapter depends on your active involvement. The degree of benefits received depends on your active involvement.

During my membership in the Society, I have had the joy of being associated with two outstanding chapters, first Alpha Epsilon and now Alpha Upsilon. Each has been nurturing to its members, progressive in its outlook, and challenging in its projects. It was at the chapter level, of course, that I began to learn the tremendous benefits of membership. I cherish the friendships made in each of these chapters and the personal and professional growth that I accomplished because of my involvement with chapter projects. I encourage you to reap the benefits of membership by remaining active in your chapter and contributing your time and talents to it. Give the gift of membership to key women educators in your community and reclaim former members.

As well as chapter activities, the state, regional, and international activities offer outstanding benefits for members. At these meetings, members have the opportunity to see the broader scope of the Society's work. Meetings beyond the chapter level afford members the opportunity to meet and work with key women educators from around the state, the Southeast, and the world. Moreover, personal and professional growth opportunities abound at these meetings.

I wish for each of you an outstanding network of key women educators beyond the chapter level. Foster this network by getting involved at the state level and by attending the Southeast Regional Conference in Williamsburg, VA, July 20-23, 2005.

This has been a memorable two years serving as Alpha Eta State president. It has been a pleasure and a great source of pride for me to represent you. Alpha Eta State is a strong organization because we have many strong leaders. I express my sincere thanks to the following for their outstanding efforts on behalf of Alpha Eta State.

- \* 2003-2005 officers and committee chairmen and members
- \* 2002-2004 and 2004-2006 chapter presidents
- \* Linda Heckle, Alpha Eta State executive secretary
- \* Carol Vaughn, webmaster
- \* Janis Blocker, editor of *The Digest*
- \* Roberta Ferrell, who established the chapter legislative network

Thank you for your support, encouragement and especially your friendship. Delta Kappa Gamma and Alpha Eta State are very special to me.

## 2005 Southeast Regional Conference Williamsburg, Virginia July 20-23

So many exciting activities are planned that it will be difficult to choose. The March/April issue of the *NEWS* has the "schedule at a glance" of the activities, the conference registration form, and the hotel registration form.

The conference will be at the Williamsburg Marriott. Additional rooms are available at the Courtyard at the Marriott with shuttle service between the two hotels.

The South Carolina group will have a drop-in sometime during the crowded schedule. The time and place will be announced at the conference.

Would you like to join a group from Spartanburg on a chartered bus? The bus will leave Spartanburg, Wednesday, July 20, 8 am, and leave Williamsburg, Sunday, July 24, 8 am. Cost is \$75 per person.

To reserve a place on the bus, send your name, address, phone number, email address, and chapter along with a check payable to Beta Theta Chapter to **Elaine Gilmore, PO Box 54, Glendale, SC 29346 (ph. 864.579.8769)**. The bus company must have the exact number no later than May 30. Elaine will hold all checks until she determines if enough have registered to hire the bus.

**REMINDER**

**FALL WORKSHOP**  
at  
**Leaphart Elementary School**  
**120 Piney Grove Road**  
**Columbia, SC 29210**  
**August 13, 2005**  
for  
**chapter presidents, district directors,**  
**state officers, state committees**

**The importance of this workshop cannot be overstated. It is time for committees to set goals for the biennium, plan activities, and set meeting dates. The district directors begin the process of planning for the district meetings held in the spring of 2006. Chapter presidents will receive information needed for the second year of their biennium.**

**9:00 - 11:00 Registration**

**9:30 - 10:45 Chapter presidents, program committee**

**11:00 - 11:30 General Session**

**11:45 - 1:00 State committees meet**

**Refreshments will be served during registration. Participants are on their own for lunch following the workshop.**

**From your  
executive secretary....  
Linda Heckle**

Excellence did shine at the 2005 Convention in March. It was a busy weekend but also informative and inspiring. Thanks to all who had a part in making it successful. And thanks to everyone who attended. We were happy to welcome Jean Gray, immediate past international president, as the international representative for this convention.

Congratulations are in order to the newly elected 2005-2007 state officers, district directors, scholarship winners, and personal growth and service award winners. We congratulate Darla Moore for receiving her international honorary membership. And we are proud and happy for Margaret Beth Williamson, the recipient of the Alpha Eta State Achievement Award.

A few important reminders:

1. Chapter presidents: Send your Chapter Achievement Award report to Nell Cannon so that she receives it by June 1.
2. The Fall Workshop for new state committees, state officers and chapter presidents will be August 13 at Leaphart Elementary School in Columbia.
3. Southeast Regional Conference in Williamsburg, July 20-23. Registration information is in the March/April issue of the *NEWS* or online at the Society website [www.deltakappagamma.org](http://www.deltakappagamma.org)
4. Seriously consider working at the state level as a committee chairman or committee member. Let Eunice Rowell or me know of your interest right away. And thanks to those who have already agreed to serve.

Have a wonderful summer. I hope to see many of you in Williamsburg in July.

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## Gray Delivers Keynote Address

Jean Gray, immediate past president of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, was the international representative to the Alpha Eta State convention March 18-19.

Received by state members with respect, admiration, and comradery, she spoke briefly to the Administrative Board on Friday night and was keynote speaker at the General Session on Saturday. She spoke about the importance of the local chapters and the necessity of their contributions to the growth of the international organization.

Gray, born in Georgia, grew up in Washington, D.C., graduated from Howard University, and earned a master's degree from John Hopkins University. A guru on parliamentary procedure, she has presented many seminars on the subject. She and Ardith Inman, international parliamentarian, held a seminar in Chicago with 30 participants becoming certified parliamentarians.

A member of the Society since 1973, she served her chapter and state in practically every position before being elected Northeast Regional Director and then International President. She was impressed with Alpha Eta State and spoke of the "fine memories" she would have of her visit to the Palmetto state.



Past International President Jean Gray

## Moore Named International Honorary Member

Darla Moore, Alpha Eta State honorary member, was elected to international honorary membership in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and participated in the recognition ceremony at the 58th convention of Alpha Eta State. Past International President Jean Gray, State President Nell Cannon, and Past State President Darlene Hyman conducted the ceremony and presented her with a honorary membership certificate and a Society keypin.

Moore, a partner in Rainwater, Inc., one of the largest private investment firms in the nation, is founder and chair of the Palmetto Institute, a non-profit think tank aimed at bolstering per capita income in the state. She serves on numerous boards nationwide.

The University of South Carolina's Business School, the only major business school named for a woman, bears her name. She was also the first woman profiled on the cover of Fortune magazine and was named on its top 50 Most Powerful Women in American Business. She joins the ranks of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and Lieutenant General Carol A. Mutter.

In her acceptance address, she credited teachers with influence on her success and advocated the need for all facts of society to collaborate to find ways to solve problems and improve the quality of life.

"Beyond my parents, a great deal of my life decisions have been greatly influenced by some very special teachers. Education and the need to be educated are at the very foundation of my life," she said.

"We must demand more from our students, from our administrators, from political leaders, the business leaders, and from our own communities," she said. "We must collaborate with the business community, the faith community, the higher education and technical education systems as well as our very own communities in finding solutions."



International Honorary Member Darla Moore is flanked by very her very special former teachers Darlene Hyman and Ann Bragdon.

# Three Receive Scholarships at Convention

**Julie G. Griffin**, Beta Alpha, Clarendon, received the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship to continue her work on the Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership, from Liberty University. She previously received a bachelor's degree from Winthrop University and a master's from the University of South Carolina.

A 33-year veteran teacher, she taught secondary math for 14 years and post-secondary math at Francis Marion University for 11 years. She is currently adult education instructor/technology and curriculum coordinator for Clarendon County Adult Education.

She serves on the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association for Community and Adult Education (SCAACE) and is editor of the SCAACE newsletters and its first online newsletters (<http://www.sclrc.org/whatsnew.htm>).

Past president of SC Association of Community Education (SC/ACE), she received the Distinguished Service Award in 2003. She chaired the Bi-State NC/SC Conference of the Carolinas, graduated from Leadership Clarendon Class of 2004, and facilitated at the Commission of Adult Basic Education (COABE) National Conference.

As a member of Beta Alpha, she serves as yearbook/bylaws chairman. She currently publishes yearbooks with digital pictures of members.

The mother of two adult children, she is active in Pine Grove United Methodist Church, Turbeville, serving as the financial secretary and a Ladies Bible class teacher.



**Julie Griffin is recipient of the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship to pursue a doctorate in education**

**Ranell W. Shealy**, Alpha Tau, is the recipient of the Founders Scholarship to achieve her master's degree in Elementary Education from USC.

She is currently a kindergarten teacher at Ridge Spring- Monetta Elementary School and has held several leadership roles: grade level chair, Cluster Schools Leadership participant, and Student Intervention Team Kindergarten chair.

A member of the Southern Early Childhood Association, she has presented at state conferences and at the Southern National Conference.

She is a member of the Christian Education Committee at Faith Lutheran Church where she organized Vacation Bible School and was instrumental in organizing youth activities. As a member of the Special Projects Committee at the church, she helped organize and complete service projects for the church and local community.

Initiated into Alpha Tau in 2000, she has served on committees and now is recording secretary for the 2004-2006 biennium.

Married to Tony Shealy, they are the parents of three children, ages 16, 18, and 19.

She feels she can serve her chapter by growing professionally, becoming more informed regarding issues in education, and sharing this knowledge with chapter members.



**Ranell Shealy is recipient of the Founders' Scholarship to pursue a master's degree in elementary education.**

**Angela Brown**, Upsilon, Camden, received the Marguerite Thompson Scholarship to achieve her master's degree in Instructional Accommodation from Francis Marion University.

Angela is in her eleventh year of teaching in Kershaw County School District's academic gifted/talented program, SEAGUL. She believes strongly in the goals and purposes of the gifted program.

Twice she has presented with colleagues at the National Association for Gifted Children annual convention along with multiple presentations at the South Carolina Consortium for Gifted Education.

Initiated in 2002, she currently serves as the first vice president of the chapter. Along with her fellow officers, she hopes to increase member participation, communication, and fellowship.

She is grateful for this scholarship to help advance her professional growth.



**Angela Brown is recipient of the Marguerite Thompson Scholarship to pursue a master's degree in Instructional Accommodation.**

# The Distinguished Service Awards

The Personal Growth and Services Committee presented the first Alpha Eta State Distinguished Service Awards at the State Convention. The Distinguished Service Awards were established to give tangible meaning to the following Delta Kappa Gamma purposes:

- PURPOSE II: To honor women who have given, or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.
- PURPOSE III: To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.
- PURPOSE VI: To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The award is for a member who must have served or be currently serving in a leadership role in her chapter and in two or more capacities at the state level. She must have demonstrated commitment to the Society at all levels by regular attendance.

**Margaret Edwards**, a former state president, was named the recipient of this award. Initiated in the Society in 1966, she has served in numerous capacities for over 38 years. Her commitment and dedication have been an inspiration to many members. In 1987 she was honored for her service to *The Digest* and received the State Achievement Award. She served two terms as state second vice president, as first vice president, and then as state president.

In 1993, she became the interim executive secretary to fill the void left by the death of Sarah Auld. Later, she was elected to serve two four-year terms as the executive secretary. She attended international conventions and regional conference on a regular basis. In 2002 she received membership in the "Order of the Rose."



## DISTINGUISHED CAREER/PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

This award is for a member who has developed an innovative educational activity that has impacted the profession and is recognized as an example for other educators.

**Naomi Palmer**, a school psychologist at Colleton County High School in Walterboro, was presented the award. In her capacity as school psychologist, she saw a need to support marginal high school special education students with behavior problems. She developed the Turn Around Program (TAP), an intervention for special education students, teaching them problem-solving skills, social skills, and conflict resolution.

Since the implementation of the program, school suspensions have decreased, students have earned more credits than in previous years, and attendance has improved. She has received two grants to fund the program.

An advocate for students, she maintains a clear vision about her students, about their needs, and about her role in their lives. She blends professionalism and nurturing to provide a secure environment for her students and their parents. She has been recognized by her colleagues and her professional peers for this contribution to education.



## DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD



This award is presented to one who resides in the state but does not have to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She must have made, or be making, an outstanding contribution in the public service arena as a volunteer or as a professional in business, industry, government, social service, or fine arts.

**Inez Tenenbaum**, state superintendent of education, was the recipient of the award. She expressed a sense of personal pride in being honored by the Society since her late mother was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

A former attorney for Sinkler & Boyd Law Firm, she served as director of research for the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee of the S.C. House from 1977- 1983.

Since 1999 she has served tirelessly as state superintendent of education. Her objective has been to build "a world-class public education system in South Carolina--a system through which all students will become educated, responsible, and contributing citizens."

# Meet the New Treasurer

## WANTED

The Personnel Committee of Alpha Eta State announces that the offices of assistant executive secretary and assistant treasurer must be elected by the Executive Board in 2006 for a four-year term running to 2010.

Members are urged to apply for either of these offices. The application form may be secured from the Alpha Eta State website ([www.geocities.com/scalphaeta](http://www.geocities.com/scalphaeta)), the office of the executive secretary, or from Dr. Marianne Holland, chair of the Personnel Committee. The deadline for submitting an application is December 1, 2005, to Holland.

## ALPHA ETA STATE OFFICERS 2005 - 2007

### **PRESIDENT:**

**Eunice Rowell**

### **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:**

**Marvella Easterling**

### **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:**

**Sims Lynn**

### **SECRETARY:**

**Peggy Shealy**

### **TREASURER:**

**Donna Wiles**

### **PARLIAMENTARIAN:**

**Janis Blocker**

Donna Bull Wiles, a member of Alpha Theta, was elected by the Executive Board of Alpha Eta State to serve as state treasurer 2005-2009. Wiles was initiated into Rho in 1976 and has held many offices in the chapter.

Chapter president from 1996-98, she served on membership, nominations, and World Fellowship committees. She attended the Leadership Challenge Seminar in 1997 and again in 2005.

A woman of many talents, she also sewed the rose square for the Alpha Eta state quilt while a member of Rho chapter.

While officially retired from the public school, she continues to teach under the Critical Needs Program at Brookland-Cayce High School, where she served as math department chair for 14 years.

In addition to education work, she serves on the council of Transfiguration Church in Cayce and is chair of the Worship and Music Committee.



**Out with the old, in with the new. Donna Bull Wiles, new state treasurer, assumes the office formerly held by Eunice Rowell, who has been installed as the 2005-2007 state president.**

## Notice to Chapter Treasurers

By Eunice Rowell, state treasurer

It has been a pleasure to serve as treasurer for Alpha Eta State for the past four years. Please continue to send all treasurers' information to me through June 30.

All 2004-05 chapter contributions should be sent no later than June 15, 2005, so that the books can be closed and ready for audit by July 1.

Beginning July 1, chapter treasurer information, contributions, and dues should be sent to Donna Wiles, 138 Whippoorwill Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169.

# CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

## DELTA

By *Barbara Rodal*

Former President Diane Reynolds was featured on the cover of the December issue of M.D. News. The three-page article describes her program that helps children continue learning while confined to the hospital.

She operates a modern-day version of the one-room school on the 6th floor of the hospital for students 5 - 18 years old.

She, her assistant Marian Hyslop, a clerk, and dedicated volunteers offers instruction to the children each day. It has proven to be a positive and nurturing experience for the children.

Former President Susan Allen has been selected to receive the 2005 Two-Year College Association Southeast Cowan Award for Excellence in the Teaching of English. The award is based on quality instruction, development of curriculum materials, and effective leadership. She joined educators from 10 states at the conference to accept the award.

A Greenville Technical College faculty member since 1987, she has been recognized as Faculty Member of the Year, as outstanding educator by the SC Tech Education Association, and as a Governor's Distinguished Professor.

## ALPHA

By *Carol Vaughn*

The chapter is so excited that Margaret Beth Williamson received the Alpha Eta State Achievement Award at the state convention in March.

At the final meeting of the year, the chapter will initiate three new members: Carrie Murray, Rachel Jackson, and Pam Robinson.

Creation of a chapter website has been one of the goals for this year. The website will be ready the last of April and will share news with the state membership. It will be linked to the Alpha Eta State website and with other chapter sites.

Several members plan to attend the Southeast Regional in Williamsburg in July.

## ALPHA BETA

By *Betty Souther*

Matthew Sanders, son of Martha Sanders, has been selected to represent the United States in the People to People Ambassador program in Europe this summer. He will share his experiences at a chapter meeting upon his return.

The members of the chapter are so pleased that Marvella Easterling will serve as first vice president for Alpha Eta State. She will prove to be an asset at the state level as she has done at the chapter level.

## ALPHA LAMBDA

By *Melissa Price*

The chapter under the leadership of President Nan Carmichael has had a productive year. Meetings have included a re-orientation of members, technology and literacy, health and fitness, and communication and collaboration.

The "Arts Alive" program showed members how students are able to express themselves through their personal art work.

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

Two members have made special achievement. Monica Rappe received her National Board Certification, and Ann Carlson received a Literacy Grant for the library at East Elementary.

At the final spring meeting, the members will have a dinner meeting to summarize and evaluate the work for the past year. New members will be inducted at that meeting.

## GAMMA

By *Sims Lynn*

Martha Dial received the Merrill Lynch Distinguished Advisor Award for the SC Stock Market Simulation from among the state's 4th-12th grade teachers. The award is an all-expense paid trip to New York for five days to attend a workshop at the NY Stock Exchange. In addition, she receives a \$750 stipend.

## ALPHA OMEGA

By *Zelda Oates*

The chapter entertained girls from the Abney Cottage at Connie Maxwell Children's Home in Greenwood at a Christmas party. The Music Committee, chaired by Eleanor Logan and assisted by Becky Rich, planned the music and activities for the evening.

The chapter has sponsored the cottage for years with gifts for the girls.



**These girls are residents of the Abney Cottage at Connie Maxwell Children's Home.**

## BETA DELTA

By *Scottie Moore*

The chapter has set up a scholarship fund to assist a student with voice lessons and Governor's School expenses. Sarah Massengale is a junior voice student at the SC Governor's School for Arts and Humanities. She has shared her vocal talent with numerous churches and communities. Although having studied voice for only three years, she has presented three full voice recitals. Recently, she played the lead role in the opera *Iolanta* by Peter Tchaikovsky.

She is enrolled in college prep classes and is a member of the National Honor Society.

"Music is my heart and soul," said Sarah. "I feel that through my performances, my audiences are able to overcome their focus on the fact that I am blind.."

"When I sing, I feel the music, and I want those listening to hear and feel the music as I do.. The enthusiastic response of the audience makes me want to continue to share my God-given talent with others."

# CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

## TAU

By *Frances Rish*

The chapter had two excellent programs in January and March. "The Future of Education: How Do Charter Schools Meet the Needs of Students?" showed that these schools have specialized curricula with some of the schools designed for at-risk students.

"Connecting to the Future: Math and Science Instruction Using Inquiry" gave hands-on learning experiences.

Cathy Hale, president, is one of the top ten finalists for Greenville's "Teacher of the Year."

## ALPHA RHO

By *Margie Clary*

Alma Holston, first vice president of the state, attended a meeting of the chapter in Charleston to accept a gift of a framed 1921 Texas teaching certificate, signed by Annie Webb Blanton, founder of the Society. The certificate belonged to chapter member Alice Klobukowski's father Peter Lafayette Hebel, who was an educator in Texas for many years. The certificate will be hung in the state headquarters building. Alice was president of Alpha Rho in 1996-98.

Margie W. Clary has published a new book, *Spirits & Legends*, a collection of South Carolina Sea Island tales. This is Margie's fourth book for young readers. To see other books by Margie, go to [www.bookstorytell.com](http://www.bookstorytell.com). Margie served as chapter president 1984-86.

## ALPHA PI

By *Ethel Heath*

Jennifer Bryant, Courtney Madden, and Jacqueline Weaver are new members. Jean Moon is a transfer from Mu.

Bonnie Bridges serves as president; Ruth Simons is first vice president.

Tricie Bonneme presented a program entitled "Forming Lasting Bonds Through Kindness."

The chapter has adopted an El Salvadorian student studying at Northwestern University.

## BETA ZETA

By *Jackie DeWitt*

Dr. Chris Haff was named the Southern Business Education Association's Secondary "Teacher of the Year."

Competing with other regional winners in California, she won the National Secondary Business Educator of the Year.

Her professional career has been at Camden High School, USC, and currently at the Applied Technical Education Center in Camden. She serves the chapter as first vice president.

Senator Vincent Sheheen, guest speaker for the March meeting, discussed key issues facing legislatures, including the future of the TERI program. He explained the financial impact to public education if the Put Parents in Charge bill passes. He encouraged the members to contact their legislators to express their concerns.

The upcoming initiation ceremony will add eight new members to the chapter, including six teachers and two school nurses.

## ALPHA GAMMA

By *Sandy Bryson*

Anne Peden complete her Ph.D. from Clemson in December. Earning a degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary Language Arts, she is instructional coach at Greenville Middle School. She has been a member of the Society since 1979.

Roberta Richardson celebrates 50 years as a member of the Society. Starting her career at A.C. Moore Elementary in Columbia, she also taught at Simpsonville Elementary and Trinity Lutheran Day School.

Realizing a need for a chapter in the southern part of the county, she founded Alpha Gamma in 1968. Still active in the chapter and in the Simpsonville First Baptist Church, she continues to encourage and inspire all who know her.

Projects have included contributions of money to Hillcrest Middle School toward the purchase of a defibrillator. Members donated personal items to the troops overseas. They also collected books and money for the Fork Shoals YMCA After-School Program.

## ALPHA THETA

By *Diane Taylor*

Edna Bedenbaugh, long-time member, is a storyteller, athlete, dancer, entertainer, traveler, wife, mother, and librarian.

Honored as the first Media Specialist of the Year in 1986 by the SC Association of School Librarians, she also captured the title of Miss Senior South Carolina in 1997 and participated in the Washington State Miss Granny Smith contest.

The Friends of the Lexington Main Library and the Lexington Public Library Association placed a statue in her honor on the library grounds, showing a teacher sharing books with children.



**This statue at the Lexington Public Library honors Edna Bedenbaugh, librarian at Lexington Elementary for 30 years.**

Betty Lorick, retired math teacher, has been named Mentor of the Year for elementary schools in Lexington/Richland District 5. Her mentoring started shortly after the death of her son in a plane crash in Afghanistan in 2001. Helping children is healing therapy for her.

Patience and love of children motivate her in this service to the two children being mentored. She hopes to continue mentoring the second grader until he graduates from high school.

Members have contributed items to Sistercare for three years and to the Nancy Perry Shelter this year. Also, the chapter awards two recruitment grants.

# CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

## BETA

By *Lucy Dunlap*

R. Elizabeth Thompson was honored for 65 years of active membership at the chapter's 65th year celebration.

Lucy Dunlap, recording secretary, presented the biological sketch of the only remaining charter member of the chapter.

Elizabeth was initiated April 25, 1940, and Beta was founded May 24, 1940.

A graduate of Winthrop College, she spent 35 years in the classroom as a first-grade teacher. She then acquired her library science degree from the University of South Carolina and was a librarian at Memminger Elementary School for eight years.

Active in the Charleston community, she is a former head of the primary department at First Scots Presbyterian Church and is a volunteer at the VA hospital and First Scots. She was state chairman of the Veterans Patient Committee, a member of the SCDAR Society, and member of Senior Order at Winthrop College. She has been the state and chapter representative for the DAR at the Charleston VA Medical Center.

In addition to being a founder of Beta, she served as president 1947-49 and has served as committee chairman.

She has found much joy as a member of the Society, making many friends over the years.

The person she admires most is Margot Freudenburg, an honorary member of Beta, who has served in the Charleston community as a physical therapist for many years and as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. After Margot's remarkable escape from Germany, she has devoted her entire life to helping people regain their ability to live a full life.

Among Elizabeth's favorite things are yellow roses, Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," and the 23rd Psalm. Her favorite place to visit is the mountains of NC. Winning awards in needlepoint, she has been taught by nationally recognized instructors.

## ALPHA PHI

By *Patty Fleming*

The chapter has been busy under the leadership of Maxine Tanner, president.

At the PRIDE (Program of Inducting Developing Educators) meeting sponsored by the Berkeley County Department of Education, the chapter provided drinks and cookies for over one hundred new teachers. Two won a drawing for \$50 gift certificates.

At the meeting held at the Presbyterian Home in Summerville, Sharon Thomas demonstrated the craft of making notecards, and Celeste Singletary led in a sing-along of old songs. The retired teachers living at the home total 1061 years of teaching experience.

One project is the adoption of Sarah Darkwa, a World Fellowship recipient from Ghana, attending State University of New York. Another project is the Dictionary Project. Members Gwen Bailey, Vera Dennis, and Maxine Tanner distributed dictionaries to third grades at Boulder Bluff Elementary School in Goose Creek.

A memorial service honoring Helen Norris and charter member Leone Watkins was held in March. Three have accepted the invitation to join and will be initiated at the May meeting. State President Nell Cannon and Executive Secretary Linda Heckle will attend.

Patty Fleming, Patsy Mims, and Dora Wiley attended the state convention. President Tanner was unable to attend because of surgery on a broken foot.



**Patsy Mims presents a gift certificate for school supplies to Jennifer Bagnall, first-year teacher at Berkeley Elem.**

## ZETA

By *Janis Blocker*

Michelle Bell, Jenny Bunton, Cynthia Gant, Stacey Kennedy, and Jessica Williams were inducted into the chapter at the April meeting.

Maegan Causey, a senior at Colleton County High School, was chosen as the recipient of the \$1000 Grant-in-Aid.

The chapter closes out its year with a breakfast meeting at the home of Janis Blocker June 1.

Nancy Carter, president, asked members to bring grocery items for the Little Rock Church that provides meals to the elderly and shut-ins in the Indian community. This is one of several special projects for the year.



**Zeta initiated Jessica Williams, Stacey Kennedy, Cynthia Gant, Jennifer Bunton, and Michelle Bell at the April meeting.**

## ALPHA PSI

By *Joyce Christenbury*

The chapter celebrated Julia Wood's 50th year as a member of the Society.

One project with good response was the Safe Harbor II in Anderson, a shelter for abused women and children. Many housekeeping supplies, baby care items, and clothing were collected.

The chapter initiated Mary Barron, Gloria Bell, and Nancy Linvill at the January meeting.

The final meeting of the year was a brunch at the home of Carolyn Briscoe in April.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## THETA

By Jenny Trombley

Caroline Brock has received the award for Outstanding Service to the chapter. She has held every chapter office and served on numerous committees at chapter and state levels. She taught the youngest children for many years. Since retirement, she gives more time than ever to chapter work.

Sarah Sprague eaned the award for Outstanding Career/Professional Service. She teaches at the college level but mentors elementary children. Last year, she was one of only two women to win a \$1000 Diamond Jubilee International Gran t. She used the stipend to fund the "Hats Off to Reading" celebration with children of Homeland Park Elementary.

The project gave students an opportunity to listen and interact with guest readers, to read for a sustained period of time, and to comprehend literature through discussion.

Kathryn Smith, a book reviewer, won the award for Outstanding Public Service. She helped spearhead a project that won the All-America City designation for Anderson. She embodies the ideal of life-long learning.



**Kathryn Smith, Caroline Brock, and Sarah Sprague are recipients of the Personal Growth and Services Awards in Theta.**

The chapter donated copies of *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*, *The Berenstain Bears and the Missiong Watermelon Money*, and *ToThink I Saw It on Mulberry Street* to the Anderson County Museum in honor of Sarah Sprague. Donations to the Cancer Society were made in honor of Caroline Brock and Kathryn Smith, cancer survivors.

Pat Mulligan left last October for an extended time in Turkey. She is developing conferences for personnel there. The conferences bring in participants from Russia, Turkey, Uzbek, Tatarstant, and Kaxakhstan. She was in Turkey when the government of Kyrgystan fell, and the president fled the country. She will be glad to share her experiences and give updates on her experiences.

Her work will continue through the spring of 2006. Contact her at ppmulligan@yahoo.com.



**Haydarpasa in Istanbul**



**Stores are stripped of products.**

Yum!

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Annie Webb Blanton, founder of the Society, had a favorite candy. Joy Murrah, chairman of Leadership Development, is sharing this recipe with members.

### Patience Candy (Caramels)

Yields 4 pounds

- 4 cups sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teas. salt
- 2 cups nuts, chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter

Place 1 cup of sugar in a heavy saucepan/skillet to caramelize. Place 3 cups of sugar and milk in a saucepan and cook over low heat. When the first cup is completely melted (or caramelized), add to mixture in the saucepan slowly, stirring constantly. Continue cooking until the soft ball stage is reached. (Forms a soft ball when a few drops are dropped into cold water - candy thermometer 240 degrees). Remove from fire and add salt, nuts, and butter. Beat until creamy. Pour into well-greased pan to cook and cut into squares.

# Headquarters Building Fund

Nineteen chapters in Alpha Eta State answered the challenge to contribute an average of \$5.00 per member this year. The following chapters were recognized at the State Convention in March and received a certificate of commendation for their response to the challenge:

<u>District I</u>	<u>District H</u>	<u>District III</u>	<u>District IV</u>	<u>District V</u>
Alpha Gamma	Gamma	Omicron	Chi	Alpha Upsilon
Alpha Pi	Kappa	Psi	Alpha Rho	Beta Delta
Alpha Psi	Alpha Eta	Alpha Beta		
Beta Eta	Beta Beta	Alpha Zeta		
		Beta Gamma		
		Beta Epsilon		
		Beta Iota		

In addition, one chapter from each district was selected through a drawing to receive \$100 toward expenses to the Southeast Regional Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia in July. The lucky winners are Alpha Pi (District 1), Kappa (District 2), Alpha Beta (District 3), Chi (District 4) and Beta Delta (District 5).

Alpha Chi has answered the "\$5 per member" challenge since State Convention and will receive a certificate for its contribution. Chapters may continue to make contributions through June 15. Certificates will be sent to those chapters contributing \$5 per member.

Twenty-four additional chapters made contributions to the Headquarters Building Fund. The contributions totaled approximately \$7,500.

Carolyn Briscoe serves as chairman of the Headquarters Fund Committee.

## Silent Auction Nets \$2,759

By Amelia Stone, chairman

The Silent Auction at the State Convention was quite a success with baskets from 53 chapters. Themes plugged different parts of the state with "Picnic at the Beach," "Gardening Spring Fling," "Charleston Welcome," "Carolina Gourmet at Pawleys," and "Sumter Swan Song." Members were creative using portable coolers, trunks, tubs, suitcases as "baskets" as well as traditional baskets. Bidders were most competitive right up to the final minute.



## Eidson Estate Aids Boiling Springs Library

Sisters Perrin Cudd Eidson, Eta and Alpha Mu charter member, and Mary Sue Cudd bequeathed almost one million dollars to several community projects in Boiling Springs. Because they celebrated reading, they named the Boiling Springs branch of the Spartanburg County Library as one of those recipients.

Converse College graduates, the sisters were math and Latin educators. Perrin Eidson taught math in Spartanburg District 7 and was president of the SC Association of Dean of Women and the American Association of University

Women. Married to a prominent Georgia educator, she compiled and printed a cookbook, *The Collegiate President's Wife Entertains*.

She was active in Eta chapter and the beginning of Alpha Mu before her death in 2003.

Mary Sue Cudd taught school and ran two family businesses. She died in 2001.



**Perrin Cudd Eidson**



**Mary Sue Cudd**



## IN MEMORIAM

Hester Summers Medlen, who died this past year at the age of 92, left a large legacy of property on Highway 501 in Conway to the Presbyterian Home of SC for the purpose of building retirement homes for elderly people.

Besides deeding this tract of land, she also deeded property to the Conway Christian School.

A Columbia College graduate, she spend 40 years as an educator in Florence County. She served as state president of the SC Education Association in 1954 and the SC Classroom Teachers' Association. She was also president of both the Horry County Education Association and the Retired Teachers' Association in the district.

President Eisenhower appointed her to two White House Commissions in the 1950s.

She served as president of Nu chapter and as Alpha Eta State president. A member of the Society for more than 50 years, she was honored with membership in the "Order of the Rose."

She was a leader in the Kingston Presbyterian Church and in the community. She received the Field and Herald Rod and Harold McCown Community Service Award for outstanding service to Conway and Horry counties.

## In Print



**Dr. Angela Hinton, member of Alpha Mu, has a published dissertation entitled *Teaching and Learning Strategies: A Comparison of Teachers' and Students' Perceptions***



**Jan Francis, charter member of Alpha Mu, has a book in print: *My Itinerant Youth and How I Survived It.***

# CONVENTION SCENES



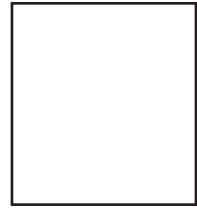
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## NEWS FLASH! NEWS FLASH!

**Stephanie Seay**, a Spartanburg kindergarten teacher, has been named the South Carolina Teacher of the Year by the state Department of Education.

Seay, a member of Lambda chapter, received the special recognition May 7 from among the 85 district teachers of the year across the state.

A teacher for 10 years, she will now have a year's release from the classroom in order to represent South Carolina teachers. She was awarded \$25,000 and the use of a BMW Z4 for a year.

"Children are always treated with equality," said Terri Pate, school secretary. "That attitude spills over into everything Stephanie does. She has a heart that enables her to give selflessly."

"Building relationships with the families has been my greatest contribution and my greatest reward," said Seay.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### **JULY 20-23**

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL  
Williamsburg, Virginia

### **AUGUST 13:**

Workshop for officers,  
committee chairmen, etc.

### **SEPTEMBER 2:**

*The Digest* deadline for the  
October issue

