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Markham Receives Achievement Award

Sims Lynn Installed as 2007-2009 President

Francie Markham of Alpha Eta chapter is the recipient of the Alpha Eta State Achievement Award. The award is presented to an active member who has made outstanding contributions to education and is rendering superior service to the Society at the state level. She received this award on her birthday.

“Teaching runs in my blood,” she said as her mother, a former Alpha Eta State member, and her grandmother were teachers.

A member of the Society for 26 years, she has held all offices in the chapter. At the state level, she served on the Leadership Challenge planning team as chairman.

A retired English teacher, she spent her entire career teaching at Dreher High School for 28 years. She helped pilot the Teacher Cadet program in the state. She served on the S.C. Center for Teacher Recruitment Board (CERRA). Chairman of the English department, she was named Teacher of the Year. Always involved with students, she sponsored cheerleaders, student government, and the Young Democrats. Currently, she serves as president of the Dreher Educational Foundation.

An active member of Trenholm Road United Methodist Church, Francie has made four mission trips to Zimbabwe, working in the Old Mutare Mission Centre at Harzell High School. She collects supplies to send periodically to the school. Four years ago when the Somali Bantus came to Columbia from refugee living in Kenya, she coordinated the settlement of the Abkikadir Alis family. Then she co-chaired the Somali Bantu Resettlement Council.

She and her husband Doug, an allergist, are parents of Cassie, a young adult, and Aaron, a teenager.



Francie Markham, member of Alpha Eta chapter, receives the coveted State Achievement Award from Executive Secretary Linda Heckle and State President Eunice Rowell.



New officers for the 2007-2009 biennium are Sims Lynn, president; Frances Wannamaker, first vice president; Martha Horton, second vice president; and Linda Navorska, secretary. Past President Hermie Gaston conducted the installation service.

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ALPHA ETA STATE WORKSHOP

Saturday, August 11, 2007

Leaphart Elementary School

Piney Grove Road

Columbia, SC



Thanks from **EUNICE**

in 2007



President Eunice Rowell

Throughout the 2005-2007 biennium, I was sure my last article would be the easiest one to write. How wrong I was!! Seeing 2007-2009 officers installed at the convention did bring the reality that my biennium would soon be over. This brought a sense of joy and sadness to me. It made me feel good to know that you had selected such an outstanding slate of officers for the 2007-2009 biennium. It also brought fulfillment to know that each of you (all 57 chapters) has worked so hard to assist in the accomplishment of the goals we had set out to accomplish. However, it brought sadness to know that my service as your state president would soon end. Thanks to everyone for your support and love through the biennium. I love you and will never forget you.

The Embassy Suites in Columbia provided the venue for the Alpha Eta State Convention. Upon my mid-afternoon arrival, many members were already there and offered warm greetings. Many were already working, setting up registration tables and conference rooms, decorating tables, planning for workshops, and setting up for the Silent Auction. How exciting it was to see so many members working so hard to make the convention a success.

The workshops were outstanding and well-attended. Thanks to all who gave your time and talents to make them entertaining and educational. The Silent Auction was great. Your talents, imagination and creativity were truly evident as members made their "silent offers" for your baskets. All revenues from the auction were credited to the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship Fund.

The reports of committee chairmen were indicative of much work being accomplished within the state. I certainly hope that you've taken time to read these reports.

The Ceremony of Remembrance was well attended by family members. The ceremony was very "touching" as white roses were placed for each of our deceased members.

It really involved everyone (state officers, chapter officers, state and chapter committees and the entire membership) to make the convention a success and, for this, we thank you.

The 2005-2007 District Directors were great and are to be commended for their leadership and outstanding district meetings during the spring of 2006.

Thanks to everyone who served on a state committee. All committee meetings were held at the Alpha Eta State Headquarters. It was so wonderful for me, as your state president, to attend your committee meetings and to see how each committee set out to accomplish its goals. It truly was a learning experience for me. You did a great job.

One of the highlights of my biennium was to travel across the state, visiting with chapters. Everyone always greeted me with a smile and treated me so special. I do appreciate your "southern" hospitality and will always remember you.

Thanks to all for your help during the 2005-2007 biennium. Please know that I am your sister, I am your mentor, I am your friend. Please call on me at any time that you need my help and if you are ever in the Greenwood area, please stop by and visit with me. It has been my privilege to serve as your 2005-2007 Alpha Eta State President.

From your treasurer . . .

Donna Bull Wiles

All 2006-2007 chapter contribution should be sent no later than June 15 so that books can be closed for the fiscal year and made ready for audit by July 1. Please send Form 43 or a state form with each state contribution and continue to send all international contributions directly to Austin, Texas. Form 15 for chapter reports should be coming from International soon. Those forms have a July 15 deadline. Contact me for forms, etc. (donnabullwiles@aol.com).

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DECEMBER 2006 - MARCH 2007:

STATE GIFTS:

AULD-MURDOCK HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND

Chi	Nu	Beta (in memory of Jackie Rast)
Delta	Omega	Lambda (in honor of Sims Lynn)
Iota	Omicron	Phi (in memory of Elizabeth Rosson)
Mu	Pi	Zeta

Alpha Beta	Alpha Pi	(in memory of Perla Stowe)
Alpha Chi	Alpha Phi	
Alpha Delta	Alpha Psi	Alpha Xi
Alpha Eta	Alpha Rho	
Alpha Mu	Alpha Theta	

Beta Alpha	Beta Delta
Beta Beta	Beta Theta

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MARY EVA HITE SCHOLARSHIP

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EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Lambda, Omicron, Alpha Tau, Alpha Theta, Beta Theta

From your

executive secretary....

Linda Heckle

Stars were Aglow in Excellence at the 2007 Convention in March. Thanks to all who had a part in making it successful and to everyone who attended. We welcomed Dr. Beverly Helms from Mu State, Florida, as the international representative. She serves as one of the members-at-large on the international administrative board.

Congratulations to the newly elected 2007-2009 state officers, district directors, and to the Personal Growth and Service Award winners. So many names were added to the Order of the Rose. Many chapters and members made contributions to our Auld/Murdock Headquarters. We are proud and happy for Francie Markham, recipient of the 2007 Alpha Eta State Achievement Award.

Now for a few important reminders:

Chapter presidents, send your Chapter Achievement Award report to Dr. Eunice Rowell, state president, so that she receives it by **June 1**.

The State Workshop for new state committees, state officers, and chapter presidents will be Saturday, **August 11**, Leaphart Elementary School, Piney Grove Road, Columbia. Members are also welcome to participate in this important planning session. Additional information will be mailed to chapter presidents later in the summer and added to the state website.

Southeast Regional Conference is in New Orleans, June 27-30. Registration information is in the spring issue of the *NEWS* or online at the Society website www.deltakappagamma.net

Seriously consider serving at the state level as a committee chairman or committee member. Let President Sims Lynn or me know of your interest right away. And thank you to those who have already agreed to serve.

Have a wonderful summer. I hope to see you in New Orleans. I look forward to seeing the new state officers, district directors, state committee members, and chapter presidents at the workshop in August.

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**ALPHA ETA STATE
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2007-2009**

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District II Marsha Plyler
District III Claire Langston
District IV Linda Lentz
District V Diane Taylor

The PERSONNEL COMMITTEE announces that the position of assistant treasurer is now vacant with the resignation of Florence Steele.

The qualifications and duties for the office are listed on pages 27 & 28 of the 2003 *Standing Rules of Alpha Eta State*. The assistant treasurer "shall serve as support to the treasurer by carrying out specified duties and will assist as needed or requested by the treasurer or the state president."

The assistant treasurer has served as the registrar for the state conference and other statewide meetings.

Applications are available on the website or from Linda Heckle, executive secretary. The new Personnel Committee to be appointed by President Sims Lynn will submit a nominee from the applicants to the Executive Board for election.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 15
to Linda Heckle**

A Parting Word from

District Directors

DISTRICT I: Martha Horton

The District I meeting and Daughters of Delta birthday celebration, held on March 25, 2006 at The Piedmont Club in Spartanburg, was attended by Alpha Eta State officers, District I chapter officers and committee chairmen, and other chapter representatives and guests.

As director, I have visited 14 of the 15 chapters in the district. I have enjoyed meeting new members, renewing acquaintances, participating in programs, and learning of the many projects and activities in which each chapter is involved.

Projects have ranged from supporting a World Fellowship recipient from Trinidad with money, cards, and e-mails to promoting a county-wide spelling bee to sponsoring an annual awards tea to honor middle-school girls who have been recognized by their teachers for outstanding academics, character, leadership, and service to their school and community.

It has been an honor to serve the district. I have written reports, visited chapters in my district, and planned the district workshop for incoming officers and committee chairmen. Highlights of my biennium of service include the district workshop and each chapter visit.

DISTRICT II: Amelia Stone

The District II meeting was held at First Baptist Church in Camden on May 6. Attendance was good with 60 members from 11 chapters. Officers and committee chairmen had a choice of 14 workshops. Dr. Eunice Rowell challenged the chapters to continue growing by "reaching for the stars, one step at a time."

Several chapters have held Silent Auctions to fund scholarships while others have given items for Sister Care. Donations have been made to the Red Cross and to the Afghanistan Teaching Project.

As director, I appreciated invitations from Gamma, Beta Beta, Beta Alpha, Alpha Kappa, Iota, Upsilon, Beta Zeta.

District sisters continue to meet the needs of the schools and the communities.

DISTRICT III: Linda Navorska

The first great experience as director was attending the Southeast Regional Conference in Williamsburg as a "first-timer." Then came the opportunity to visit chapters. One meeting was held at a school, one was a tea at a member's home, another was a joint meeting at the country club.

Planning the district workshop turned out to be more worry than work. I almost wish I could do it again so that I could fix some of my mistakes. (Janet, call on me for help, really!) The workshop was a great day of helpful sessions, fellowship, and entertainment.

I am so thankful that I've had this opportunity. I can't stress enough how much I've enjoyed being involved at the state level on committees and more recently in elected positions. Please don't be afraid to put your name "in the hat" to serve on committees of interest.

To paraphrase a current commercial: *Time spent on a committee in a year: less than 12 hours. Fellowship, service, and personal growth: priceless.*

PLAN TO ATTEND

Southeast Regional Conference

June 27 - 30, 2007

New Orleans, Louisiana

It's not too late to plan to attend. Dr. Jensi Souders, regional director, awaits the support of sisters from Carolina.

If you make plans to attend, contact Linda Heckle, state executive secretary. She would like to know who is going and the travel plans and hotels where you'll be staying. If you are driving and would like some riders, let Linda know.

Contact her at 803-796-0892, linda@heck.com, or 2205 Raven Trail, W. Columbia 29169.

The Distinguished Service Awards

Hermie Gaston, chairman of the Personal Growth and Services Committee, presented the following Distinguished Service Awards:

DISTINGUISHED CHAPTER AND STATE SERVICE

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

Sandra Powell, past president of Alpha Mu chapter and a member of the Society for 27 years, is the recipient of the award. With degrees from Duke University and Converse College, she taught for 28 years in 7th-9th grade science, honors and gifted biology, Biology 101-102 at Tech college, and as adjunct professor at Converse, before retiring.

In the chapter, she served as recording secretary for three presidents and as vice president. She has been active at the state level with attendance at numerous workshops and at the regional conferences at Raleigh and Williamsburg and the San Diego International Convention last summer.

Also active in the community, she was a Girl Scout leader for over 20 years, is a member of the Garden Club, and has been lay delegate to conferences for her church.



DISTINGUISHED CAREER/PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

The 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.

Linda Shayler, a member of Upsilon for 35 years and serving as first vice president, accepted the award. As director of instructional technology, gifted education, arts and curriculum enhancement for Kershaw County, she oversees multiple education programs. Her innovative ideas and grant writing has earned over \$2 million for the schools. Her efforts were responsible for the outdoor musical instruments playground at Baron DeKalb Elementary. This musical playground has enhanced the students' knowledge of music and given them hands-on interaction with music. Some other projects she has achieved through grants are laptop carts in each school, STAR lab, and Palm Pilots for classes.



DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE



This award honors a member and/or a non-member resident of the state who has made an outstanding contribution in any public service area as a volunteer or as a professional in business, industry, government, social services, or fine arts in the community or state.

Caroline Brock, a member of Theta chapter, received the award. A graduate of Erskine College and the University of Georgia, she taught 1st, 2nd, 4th, and special reading for more than 35 years.

Immersed in community activities, she serves the Honea Path Presbyterian Church as elder, clerk of session, Sunday School teacher, mission chairman, and choir member. A cancer survivor, she has served for years as team captain for Relay for Life. She is involved in Habitat House, Meals on Wheels, Hospice, Thornwell, and Mission Fair. She is working to renovate the Watkins School into a community center and serves as trustee of the Jennie Erwin Library.



Kathy Maness, a non-member of the Society, was presented the award. A graduate of U.S.C. with both bachelor's and master's degrees, she has also earned certification in education administration.

Currently executive director of Palmetto State Teachers Association, she joined the staff of PSTA in 1993 as state president while teaching third grade at Erwin Elementary in Lancaster County.

On S.C. Superintendent of Education Jim Rex's transition team, she also serves on the School Improvement Council at Lexington High School. She was also chairman of the successful bond referendum for Lexington District I. She was awarded the Administrator of the Year by the SC Network for Women Administrators in Education in 2003.

She was elected to the Lexington Town Council in 2004. In 2006, she was elected to the board of directors of women in municipal government at the National League of Cities Convention in Reno, Nevada.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

BETA

By Pat Johnson

Members contributed \$500 to the library of Midland Park Elementary School as a community project. The money will be used to purchase books and other materials for children who need help in reading. President Linda Gooding made the presentation to the school.

Jessica Nealious and Karla Cone, \$500 grant-in-aid recipients, were honored at a Silver Tea held at the home of Theresa Johnson. Karla is completing her master's degree in math. Jessica is completing an undergraduate degree in elementary education. Both plan to teach in this state.



President Linda Gooding presents Juliann Terrell, media specialist, and Principal Candillo with a check for \$500 to purchase materials for the library.



President Linda Gooding and the chapter honor Karla Cone and Jessica Nealious as grant-in-aid recipients.

TAU

By Frances Rish

For the January program, members met at the Science Center to learn about programs planned for Greenville County students. In the marine lab the teacher said, "Some children can't go to the coast, so the coast is brought to them."

The chapter donated eleven 18-inch Paran dolls representing the founders of Delta Kappa Gamma for placement in the Headquarters House.

The dolls are dressed to show how they would have looked when attending a Society convention sixty years ago.

ALPHA GAMMA

By June Shealy

Sandy Bryson, who recently served as chapter president, will serve as District 1 Director.

Members represent sixteen different schools and eight different towns. Programs focused on "Getting to Know You" with a visit from Dr. Eunice Rowell, state president; the traditional salad supper; a brunch; etc.

Martha Horton, past district director, attended and gave helpful ideas.

PI

By Olivia Huggins

The chapter decided to hold four meetings each year. The only night meeting was held April 27 for the initiation ceremony of one new member.

The November meeting had a silent auction for the benefit of the Mannie Claire Hanah grand-in-aid. The March meeting included a program about stress led by Patricia Lee.

The chapter has increased funding for several projects. The grant-in-aid was doubled from \$500 to \$1000. The donation to Tara Hall Home for Boys increased from \$100 to \$200. Carvers Bay Public Library was added to the Friends of the Library book project.

Plans are for the executive board to discuss a new project for mentoring new teachers for possible implementation in the fall.

ALPHA UPSILON

By Jane Mueller

Barbara Courtney Thomas has had her autobiographical novel, *Just Picking up the Pieces*, published. The novel tells of her life during the time she lived at the Epworth Children's Home. Epworth provided a secure and stable environment during the time of turmoil when her mother died. Recently, she held a book signing at Epworth. The book is available in Chapin at the Happy Booksellers, Inspirations or by contacting her at 803-345-8336.

The chapter delivered apples to the entire staff and support staff of Irmo High School. The 180 apples made a hit with everyone.

Donna Wiles, state treasurer, visited the chapter for one of the meetings.



Marie Baughman, Joyce Hamilton, Susan Dickinson, Marianne Uschelbec, Kathy Weeks, Anna Ballentine, and Emma Jeanne McKenzie surround Barbara Thomas at her book signing at Epworth.



Jane Mueller, Molly Bain, Jean Cook, Gail Huckaby, Jane Sites, and Nancy Epting enjoy some of the 180 apples they gave to the staff at Irmo High School.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

EPSILON

By Amy Gillion

Members have had a busy year. Ten members were initiated at the fall meeting. One of the highlights of the ceremony was having Amy Gillion, president of the chapter, initiate Libby Minor, her mother. The program presented by Gillion and Minor challenged teachers to engage their students in lessons using technology resources such as Smartboards and PowerPoint.

Sharon Harwell presented "Balancing a Woman's Life," a program offering practical advice for improving personal and professional life.

At another meeting, Representative Gene Pinson, District 13 in Greenwood County, presented "From the Hill." He spoke about the current legislative issues in the state.

At the joint meeting with Alpha Iota, Epsilon, and Alpha Omega, Dr. Eunice Rowell presented "Working Together to Do Great Things While Reaching for the Stars."

The last program in April focused on celebrating the accomplishments of area students. During this meeting, four college students received scholarships from Epsilon, two for \$1000 and two for \$750.

Providing scholarships, donating books to a local Title I school, and supporting a World Fellowship recipient are important ways Epsilon is giving back to others.



President Amy Gillion is so pleased to initiate her mother Libby Minor as a member of the chapter.



Ten new members have been initiated into Epsilon.

ALPHA ETA

By Canisha Fletcher

The chapter had a program on South Carolina Reading Initiative and Literacy Coaching by Tori Thomas, who is in her second year as a literacy coach at Hand Middle School in Richland District 1.

South Carolina Principal of the Year Marisa Vickers presented an inspiring address for the November program.

The chapter gained insight into a current educational trend--single gender education at the February meeting. A 7th and 8th grade teacher of males at Dent Middle School in Columbia and a parent of an 8th grade female student in the Single Gender Academy at the same school presented the program.

South Carolina Teacher of the Year Jennifer "Buffy" Murphy honored the chapter with a presentation at the April meeting.

The chapter had the following service projects:

- * provided art supplies to Sandra McKellar, art teacher at Dillon High School
- * created a summer reading list for the members
- * collected books for Francie Markham to use for the library in Africa
- * donated items for Teacher Survival Baggies for Teacher Cadets from Dreher High School and Lower Richland High School
- * provided a grant-in-aid to a teacher cadet

Ellen MacLauchlin and Mary Corley were paid tribute at the Ceremony of Remembrance.

Francie Markham received the State Achievement Award.

ALPHA MU

By Margaret Dunn

Jan Francis, past chapter president and published author, has been awarded third place in poetry in the Hub City Writers Project. This writing program accepts works from adults in Spartanburg County. The winners, judged and selected by professional writers, receive scholarships to a weeklong Wildacres Writing Workshop in Little Switzerland, N.C.

Martha Tinder helped Laura Jones, Lesa Banks, Kathie Harris, and Kathleen Allen expand their creativity with the creation of more than 100 silver and gold origami stars for use as decoration at the recent Spartanburg County Council meeting of Eta, Alpha Mu, Beta Eta, and Beta Theta chapters. Their creativity was evident at the state convention in the stars, top hats, and Oscar and movie memorabilia used for decorations.



Martha Tinder helps these three Alpha Mu members learn the art of origami.

ZETA

By Janis Blocker

Ellen Fender was initiated at the April meeting. President Barbara Steele appointed Gloria Valentine to fill the office of first vice president upon the resignation of the current office holder.

The chapter awarded a \$1000 grant-in-aid to Aubry Stegall, a senior who will attend Francis Marion University.

The chapter will close out the year with an evening cookout at the home of Janis Blocker on May 31.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

ALPHA XI

By *Frances Stokes* and
William Pamplin

Fellowship was the focus in September with a program "Getting to Know You." Kaye Young, Bess Hall, and Lethea Parker conducted clever activities to strengthen the unity among members.

Mike Constance from a local police force spoke to the members about safety and self-defense in October. Members brought items for the "Make It, Bake It, Take It" event. An auction raised funds for chapter needs and the grant-in-aid program.

The key issue in January was special needs children. Dorothy Blanton, consumer education teacher at Gettys Middle School, presented the program "No Baby Left Behind."

Members held the February meeting at the Pickens County Museum. President Frances Wannamaker led a short business meeting followed by Bess Hall's introduction of Helen Hockwalt, curator of the Museum of Art and History.

Ms. Hockwalt graduated with a BA degree in History and Anthropology from Indiana University, worked in the communications industry, and retired from an executive position at Ameritech in 1994. Moving south to Table Rock brought her to Pickens County and to the history of the area. She has worked at the museum for five years and has been full-time curator for the past year.

She gave an overview of all of the areas from the earliest artifacts of the Pickens area to the present. She told of the history of the Hagood Mill and briefed the members on the long-range plans for a Rock Art Center there. These plans have come as a result of discovering drawings and carvings on the rocks and believed to have been done by indigenous people.

She told the members about the art classes held twice a week and the Saturday demonstrations given once a month.

Members also enjoyed the landscaping of the museum grounds, including a stream, forest floor, and bog garden.

The initiation of new members in April was followed by a salad supper.

Martha Horton, former District 1 Director, and newly elected second vice president of Alpha Eta State attended the meeting.

The last meeting of the year honored the grant-in-aid recipient and Pickens County outstanding eighth graders.

All during the year members supported the Personal Growth and Services Committee project for the United Christian Ministries.

Frances Wannamaker, Marianne Holland, Frances Stokes, and Kaye Young attended the state convention in March. Young served on the Hour of Remembrance Committee. Wannamaker was elected and installed as first vice president of Alpha Eta State.

The chapter was proud to be recognized for meeting the full challenge for two years for the Auld-Murdock Headquarters Building Fund.



Helen Hockwalt is curator of the Pickens County Museum of Art and History.



MONEY MATTERS

Did you know that Alpha Eta State offers scholarships from \$750 to \$2500 for members pursuing masters or doctoral degrees?

Chapter presidents, did you know that you are responsible for telling your members about these scholarships?

Did you know that you can go to the state website to download an application?

Did you know that no member applied for scholarships this year?

Chapter presidents, did you know that you can request a member of the Scholarships Committee to present a program on scholarships at your chapter meeting?

Did you know that the income from the 2007 Silent Auction was given to the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship fund?

Did you know that 2007-2008 will be a good time to apply for a scholarship?

HEADQUARTERS HOUSE

By Frances Wannamker, chairman

A special "thank you" to the chapters and individuals who supported the financial needs of the Auld-Murdock Headquarters House. Thirty-three chapters contributed with eleven chapters meeting the full challenge of \$400. Twenty-four individual members made contributions. These chapters and individuals received certificates of appreciation at the state convention. This generosity represents a successful campaign that netted approximately \$16,000 to the fund.

The Order of the Rose continues to be a meaningful way to recognize outstanding individuals. To become a member of the Order requires a contribution of \$1000.

At the convention, Marvella Easterling, Sims Lynn, Janis Blocker, Hazel Dowling, Susan Dowling, and Ruby Matthews were inducted into the Order of the Rose during the 2005-2007 biennium.

MEMORIAL

Susan and Hazel Dowling, active in the Society from their initiation in 1972, were memorialized with induction into the Order of the Rose by Alpha Epsilon, their chapter.

The sisters spent most of their lives together, even dying within four months of each other in 2000.

Both were graduates of Winthrop, elementary teachers, and taught around the area of Swansea for more than 40 years.

They were honored by *The State* newspaper for Women's History Month some years ago. One who praised the sisters was Greg Riley, principal of Frances Mack Elementary School and a former student of Hazel Dowling.

"They taught high standards, and I wanted to live up to them," he said.

Both sisters devoted their lives to encouraging and inspiring students at school and at church to be the best they could be.

ORDER OF THE ROSE

Frances Murdock	Nell Cannon
Hester Medlen	Ellen Walker
Gertrude Chavis	Sybil Bagwell
Darlene Hyman	Lillian Jenkins
Hermie Gaston	Marvella Easterling
Helen Millikin	Sims Lynn
Margaret Edwards	Janis Blocker
Janie Gaskin	Hazel Dowling
Julia Wood	Susan Dowling
Ann Salter	Ruby Matthews



Hazel and Susan Dowling are remembered by Alpha Epsilon.

I would like to thank all of you who attended the Alpha Eta State Convention for getting the applications in on time.

I especially want to thank Wanda Steele for coordinating all the applications on the computer and for the beautiful name tags. Thanks also to Jane Cauthen and Myra Soderlund for assisting Wanda and me at the registration table.

*Florence Steele,
Assistant treasurer*

Message from Editor

Please continue to send news for *The Digest* either by e-mail or by regular mail.

Some helpful reminders:

1. Please type all copy in Times New Roman font.
2. Please send all pictures as attachments, NOT imbedded in the e-mail.
3. Please write objectively (in 3rd person, not in 1st person). For example, write "The chapter" instead of "Our chapter."

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA ENTERTAINS

By the Southeast Regional States

The profit from this cookbook will go to the Emergency Fund of Delta Kappa Gamma International and to the Alpha Eta State Headquarters Fund. Make check/money order of \$20 payable to: Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Eta State Mail to **Nell Cannon, P.O. Box 73, Chapin, SC 29036**

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LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

By Patricia Huggins, Leadership Challenge Committee chairman

Twenty-two participants, three committee members, two state leaders, and one international leader had the opportunity to raise their leadership potential and “fill their cups” with ideas at the Leadership Challenge held February 9 - 10 at the Clarion Townhouse Hotel in Columbia.

The weekend began with registration on Friday followed by an icebreaker that asked the participants to identify with one of the following women of literature: Scout from *To Kill A Mockingbird*, Scarlet from *Gone With the Wind*, Laura in *The Little House on the Prairie*, Juliet of *Romeo and Juliet*, and Alice from *Through the Looking Glass*.

After dinner the group headed for the Alpha Eta State Headquarters for a tea party hosted by Alpha Eta chapter. While there they had a hands-on demonstration of soothing hand creams by Stacy Howard, a local Mary Kay consultant and a teacher.

Saturday began with the presentation “AG-Adaptability Quotient, A Key to Leadership Success” by Kathy Whitmire, executive director of Cherokee Creek Boys School, Westminster.

The second presentation was the *Corridor of Shame* video about the horrible conditions of many schools along the I-95 corridor of the state. Bud Ferillo, producer and director of the video, and Tom Truitt, former superintendent of the Florence County schools, updated the group on the lawsuit concerning these schools. Participants had brought a huge amount of school supplies to be delivered by committee member Francie Markham’s church group to schools in the Corridor of Shame.

After lunch Dr. Jensi Souders, XI State (Tennessee) executive secretary and Southeast Regional director, led the group in a rousing game of “Who Wants to be a Delta Kappa Gamma Millionaire?” Sims Lynn, state president-elect, was the big winner after five rounds of questions on the Society International and Alpha Eta State. The game can be adapted for local chapters and can be secured from Linda Heckle, Alpha Eta State executive secretary.

The Challenge weekend ended with the presentation of a certificate and medallion to the participants. President Eunice Rowell and Executive Secretary Linda Heckle were also honored for their dedication to education and to the Society.



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Thank You

Dear Friends,

I would like to express my delight and grateful thanks to all of the Alpha Eta State Executive Board members—officers and chapter presidents, as well as state committee chairmen, district directors, chapter presidents, and state membership for the exquisite gift presented to me at the Alpha Eta State Convention. I will always remember my colleagues with whom I have worked during these past two years.

There are many memories that I will cherish but none more touching than the presentation of this very special gift. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all of you for your kindness and generosity.

*Sincerely,
Eunice Rowell
2005-2007 Alpha Eta State President*