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Rowell Receives Achievement Award

Past State President 2005-2007

Dr. Eunice Amerson Rowell, immediate past president of Alpha Eta State, received the 28th State Achievement Award at the State Executive Board meeting in March.

A member of the Society for 27 years, she has been first vice president and president of the chapter three times. She has also served on and chaired numerous committees.

She has served as treasurer and president at the state level. Currently, she is chairman of the Nominations and Expansion committees and a member of the Auld- Murdock Headquarters Board of Trustees. She was the recipient of the Alpha Eta State Mary Eva Hite Scholarship.

She held membership on the Scholarship Committee for two years and an additional two years as chairman at the international level. She was a member of World Fellowships Committee for two years and chairman for another two years. During the biennium that she served as chairman of the Finance Committee, she defended the budget at the International Convention. She has conducted many workshops at regional and international conventions. She has attended every international convention since becoming a member of the Society in 1980. She was also the recipient of the Ola B. Hiller International Scholarship.

She taught for 17 years at Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood, beginning as an instructor in the Business Administration Department and retiring in 1991 as chairman of the Business Education Department. She was a five-time recipient of the "Outstanding Teacher" award.

She also taught for many years at the G. Frank Russell Career Center (Greenwood School District 50). After she retired, she returned to work, teaching for the Departments of Corrections in Greenwood and was honored by Channel 4 as a "Golden Apple" recipient. Currently, she is working in the Braille program for the South Carolina School of the Deaf and Blind in what she calls a "labor of love."

Her leadership extends throughout the community where she has been a member of the Greenwood County Board of Education for four years and has served as chairman. She is active in Northside Baptist Church.



Dr. Eunice Rowell receives the coveted Achievement Award from Executive Secretary Linda Heckle.

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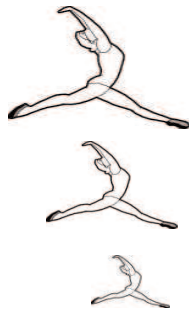
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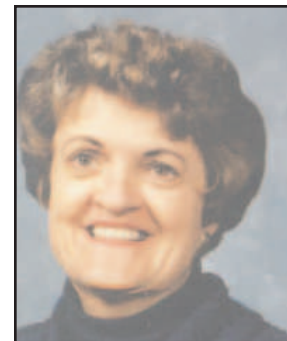
It's not too late to register for the International Convention July 22-26 at Rosemont, Illinois (near Chicago). You can fly into O'Hare and take the free shuttle to the hotel. You will have a few days packed with workshops, inspiring speakers, and shopping. Let's make this the largest convention ever!



**Dance!
Sing!
Rejoice!**

with

SIMS



As the first year of the 2007-2009 biennium hastens to an end, I wish to thank you for allowing me the privilege of visiting chapters and affording me the opportunity to meet some wonderful sisters. Thank you, chapters, for your warm hospitality.

DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

HUMOR, friendship, and fellowship are being used to inspire harmony between Society members as we emphasize the Seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. MUSIC has launched active participation and contributions by chapter members as they have been singing along with me the words and music expressing the biennium theme: **DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

The Alpha Eta State Executive Board Meeting was held March 15 at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church on Old Bush River Road in Columbia. Music notes were table decorations, and theme pens and confetti were favors for the members present. Many thanks to Regina Spell for the effort she took in making the meeting arrangements and planning the meal. The Columbia chapters served as hostesses under the leadership of Mari Frye, Hostess Committee Chairman. Marsha Johnson and Molly Bain provided the meeting place, Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, and Amanda Cruse was in charge of the registration. Thank you. **DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

CONGRATULATIONS to Eunice Rowell, who received the state's highest honor, the Alpha Eta State Achievement Award. Harriet Davis, Linda Heckle, and Anna Lee Barnes were inducted into the Order of the Rose.

The Alpha Eta State Board of Trustees announced that the Alpha Eta State Headquarters Board Room is to be named the Dr. Ruby Matthews Alpha Eta State Headquarters Board Room in honor of South Carolina's only international president. In Dr. Matthews' absence, her sister, Dr. Eunice Rowell, accepted a copy of this announcement. The Board of Trustees made a second announcement naming the meeting room the Gertrude Chavis Alpha Eta State Headquarters Meeting Room in honor of her many years of service as Alpha Eta State Treasurer. **DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

CONGRATULATIONS to Mary Kate Glasser, one of our past Alpha Eta State presidents, who is THE 2008 South Carolina Mother of the Year. A tea in her honor took place at the Governor's Mansion on March 11. **DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

State officers, committee chairmen, district directors, new chapter officers, and committee chairmen are quite busy. Please keep in mind the value of the District Workshops. Each district director has planned a workshop to provide training for those who have the privilege of serving during the 2008-2010 biennium. Therefore, it is important to attend one of the workshops. If unable to attend your district's workshop, please select a date from one of the other districts, and notify that district director that you plan to attend. **DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

International and chapter officers and committees serve during the same biennium. If you have never been to an International Convention, consider going this year to Chicago, July 22 - 26. It is to be held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois. You will learn the structure and methods of conducting Society business and have a wonderful opportunity to meet Society sisters from all over the world! If unable to stay the entire time, consider a day or two. Check the International website for information. **DANCE! SING! REJOICE!**

Alpha Eta State Convention: March 20-21, 2009, Embassy Suites, Columbia.
DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

From your treasurer . . .

Your state officers and district directors are in the midst of planning for and attending the District Workshops. Valuable information is being shared; if a chapter treasurer is not able to attend, we are trying to send packets by another chapter member.

International plans to send all chapter treasurers a new *Guidelines for Chapter Treasurers* booklet in July.

Please remember that Form 15, the annual chapter treasurer report, is due to me on July 15.

Information about the new IRS requirement to file by November 15, 2008, will be shared after the Chicago convention in July.



STATE GIFTS

The Auld-Murdock Headquarters Building Fund
Gamma, Omicron, Pi, Mu, Lambda, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Upsilon, Beta Delta, Beta Epsilon, Alpha Pi (honored Perla Belle Stowe with Order of the Rose) and Linda Heckle (Order of Rose from voluntary contributions)

The Florence Steele Travel and Study Scholarship
Chi, Pi, Lambda, Alpha Xi, Alpha Zeta, Beta Theta

The Mary Eva Hite Scholarship
Alpha Tau (in memory of Elizabeth Truluck)

The State Scholarship Fund
Alpha Delta

INTERNATIONAL GIFTS

The Golden Gift
Lambda, Alpha Upsilon

The Educational Foundation
Lambda

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From your executive secretary. . .

Congratulations to all of the new chapter officers and committees for the 2008-2010 biennium.

The district directors planned the workshops to train the new chapter officers and committees. Hopefully, you took advantage of them for the valuable information and fellowship with others in your district. Thank you to the directors and state officers and committees.



The State Executive Board meeting in March was well attended. It was a special time to honor the State Achievement Award winner, Dr. Eunice Rowell, past Alpha Eta State president.

Congratulations to the scholarship winners, Leigh Ann Osborne for the Marguerite G. Thompson Scholarship and Tracy Garrett for the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship.

Congratulations to the newest members of the Order of the Rose recognized at the Executive Board meeting: Harriett Davis, Linda Heckle, and Anna Lee Barnes, whose daughter and granddaughter attended to accept the certificate and rose pin for her.

There is much to do before July 1. Chapter presidents, before your biennium ends, please remember:

1. Send your chapter achievement award report to President Sims Lynn by June 1, 2008.
2. Be sure your president's file is organized and ready to give to your new chapter president. If possible, plan a time to meet to go over the items in the file with her.
3. Send a picture and a short write-up about your new chapter president to Linda Heckle by July 1 for publication of the new presidents in the fall issue of the *Digest*. (You will receive information with suggested format for write-up).
4. If you have not sent names of your chapter committee chairmen to me, please do so promptly.

For all members, give some thought to serving on an international committee. The time to take that opportunity is now. Contact State President Sims Lynn or Executive Secretary Linda Heckle by June 1. South Carolina has many able and qualified members who should be representing our state at the international level.

If you are planning to attend the international convention this summer in Chicago, let me know.

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THANK YOU from Linda. . . I still cannot find words to express my appreciation and thanks to Alpha Eta State members for what you did for me at the Executive Board meeting in March. It was one of the highest moments of my life. I will always treasure it. Since I was speechless when the honor was announced, I do want to express my gratitude to members, chapters, and the Headquarters Board of Trustees for affording me the opportunity to join the group of members who comprise the Order of the Rose. It is an honor of which I am truly proud. It is so rewarding to work with members across our state. You are wonderful, beautiful people and indeed the heart of our work together in Alpha Eta State and in Delta Kappa Gamma. Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to be your executive secretary.

ORDER OF THE ROSE



RUBY MATTHEWS has been a member of Beta since 1969, after having been a member of PI since 1961. Holding B.S., S.Ed., and Ed.D. degrees, Dr Matthews taught business education and served as guidance counselor at Hanahan High School. She was professor of Education and director of Teacher Training at the Baptist College at Charleston.

Hanahan Teacher of the Year, president of Berkeley County Classroom Association, chairman of the State Professional Standards Committee, School Board Trustee, Who's Who of American Women and Personalities of the South, S.C. Board of Education representative for Berkeley and Charleston counties are among her honors.

A chapter, regional, and international leader of the Society, she was chapter president for four years, recipient of the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship in 1975, leader of the chapter presidents workshop at the Golden Anniversary Convention in Dallas and at the Detroit International Convention in 1980. She has either been a member or served as chairman of numerous committees or seminars for the past 25 years. She was the 25th Alpha Eta State President, the State Achievement Award recipient, the 1992-94 International President, and 1995 International Achievement Award recipient.

Dr. Matthews is an active member of the Highland Baptist Church in Hanahan. She has one daughter and one son and her special granddaughter Victoria. When she's not busy with Delta Kappa Gamma, community, or church activities, she enjoys playing bridge and traveling.

HARRIETT DAVIS was initiated into the Society in 1980. She owes much to the members and leaders because "their inspiration, guidance, and encouragement enabled me to grow professionally and personally," she said. Now that she is retired, she continues to stay actively involved in Beta Beta where she serves as chairman of the Professional Growth and Services Committee.

With a B.A. degree in Elementary Education from St. Andrews Presbyterian College and a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from USC, she has held positions at Greenwood Elementary, Briggs Elementary, Byrnes Academy in Florence, Hammond School, and Midway Elementary. Upon her retirement in 2005, she had spent 34 years in the classroom, 30 of them in first grade.

She served as chairman of the planning committee for the Southeast Regional Conference held in Charleston in 1995. She is a former chairman of the Auld-Murdock Board of Trustees, a past president of Alpha Delta, a US Forum representative, and former chairman of the Coordinating Council for the Columbia area. She has served on numerous state committees and was awarded the Alpha Eta Achievement Award in 1997.



Active in her community, she serves as president of Kappa Kappa Iota. At Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church, she serves as a member of the Council on Ministries and as the four-year-old Sunday School teacher. She and her husband Tom, a retired USC Professor Emeritus, have two grown children and two grandchildren. Caring for her grandchildren, reading, playing bridge, traveling, and following the Gamecocks are her leisure time activities.



ANNA LEE BARNES is the 22nd inductee into the Order of the Rose. A charter member of Beta Alpha, she was initiated into Iota in 1973. She transferred her membership into the newly formed Beta Alpha in 1988.

After receiving a degree in elementary education from Limestone College in 1940, she pursued graduate study at Peabody, Vanderbilt, Western Carolina, and USC. She taught primary grades and music for many years in the state, including schools in Latta, Conway, and Manning.

She is a member of the United Methodist Church in Manning, where in earlier years she taught Sunday School, played piano, and served on church boards.

She has a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren. Her daughter Anna Polston and granddaughter Leanna Polston accepted the certificate honoring Mrs. Barnes in Columbia in March.

Currently, Mrs. Barnes is a resident at Morningside Assisted Living in Manning and is recovering from a fractured hip. She enjoys the mail especially when it includes the *Digest* and looks forward to celebrating her 90th birthday on July 28.

ORDER OF THE ROSE



LINDA HECKLE, executive secretary, was honored with the Order of the Rose by the Alpha Eta State chapters and individual members. Linda's interest in and enthusiasm for Delta Kappa Gamma is contagious. Her wisdom as executive secretary has been invaluable in assisting members in carrying out the business of the Society.

With a BA from FSU and a master's degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in counseling and guidance, she worked in high school/middle school either as a math teacher or counselor for 35 years before retiring in 2000. She began her career in Jacksonville, Florida, and ended it in Lexington, South Carolina.

Initiated into Alpha Chapter in 1973, she became a charter member of Beta Beta in 1988. She served as president of both chapters and served on most of the chapter committees and other offices. At the state level, she served as District II Director when districts were first begun in 1985-87. She was a member of the Communications Committee before becoming chairman. She edited the *Digest* from 1987-2001. She received the State Achievement Award in 1995. At the national level, she served on the International Communications Committee and attended the Golden Gift Leadership Management Seminar.

An active member of Northside Baptist Church in West Columbia, she teaches a ladies Sunday School class and participates in the weekly ministry at Jenni Lynn Assisted Living Facility.

She and husband Bill of 40 years have one daughter, who lives in Carrboro, North Carolina, and plans to attend graduate school at UNC-Chapel Hill.



PERLA BELLE STOWE, organizer of Alpha Pi, was inducted posthumously into the Order of the Rose at the district meeting in May through the generosity and love of Alpha Pi members.

She cherished Delta Kappa Gamma. Few members can say that they organized or helped organize four chapters. Perla Belle did. In 1958 she organized Tau Chapter and was a charter member. She served that chapter as treasurer for 18 years. In 1965, she and Elfrieda Cole, with the help of others, organized Alpha Alpha. In 1969, she organized Alpha Gamma. The final expansion was Alpha Pi, where she was a faithful member until her death in 2006. From her initiation into Delta in 1949 until her death marked 58 years of membership.

As long as her health permitted, she represented the chapter at state, regional, and international meetings and conventions. Her philosophy was that with the honor of membership came duty and responsibility. She honored that tradition as long as she lived. Her legacy will live on through the chapters that she helped create.

ORDER OF THE ROSE Members

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| Frances Murdock | Sybil Bagwell |
| Hester Medlen | Lillian Jenkins |
| Gertrude Chavis | Marvella Easterling |
| Darlene Hyman | Sims Lynn |
| Hermie Gaston | Janis Blocker |
| Helen Millikin | Hazel Dowling |
| Margaret Edwards | Susan Dowling |
| Janie Gaskin | Ruby Matthews |
| Julia Wood | Harriett Davis |
| Ann Salter | Anna Lee Barnes |
| Nell Cannon | Linda Heckle |
| Ellen Walker | Perla Belle Stowe |

AULD-MURDOCK HEADQUARTERS HOUSE

By Catherine Spragins, chairman

It is wonderful to have an Alpha Eta State Headquarters "House" in Columbia instead of renting office space in a commercial building with no personality in the midst of the capital city. Many chapters and committees hold meetings at the House. Others are encouraged to do that.

The Board of Trustees announced at the State Executive Board meeting that the board room has been named the Dr. Ruby Matthews Board Room in honor of beloved and esteemed past Alpha Eta State President and South Carolina's only International President.

In addition, the meeting room opposite the kitchen has been named the Gertrude Chavis Meeting Room to honor the former Alpha Eta State Treasurer. Now deceased, she served the state for over 30 years as treasurer and faithfully attended meetings at all levels of the Society.

May the wisdom, energy, and inspiration of these two faithful leaders guide us forward in doing our best for Alpha Eta State and the International Society.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

THETA

By Jenny Trombley

The chapter held its winter meeting at the Foothills Alliance in Anderson. Since the meeting was so close to Valentine's Day, the Communicator Group decided to dress and have refreshments reflecting the holiday.

The Alliance serves as a Child Advocacy and Sexual Trauma Center as well as works to prevent child abuse. Members brought clothing items for donation as victims of sexual trauma must leave their clothing with the police for evidence.

Faye Brown and Kelli Scurry from the organization spoke about their programs and what is offered to women and children of abusive situations. One of the sad facts is that South Carolina is becoming a haven for Sex Offenders as this state does not aggressively prosecute them.

In addition, Scurry gave a short presentation about the RAD Program (Rape Aggression Defense). She provided the following safety tips and preventive measures for women to take to protect themselves from attack:

1. Have an ICE (in case of emergency) number programmed into your cell phone so that someone can be contacted by the police or emergency personnel if you are a victim of a crime and are unconscious.
2. Dial *57 if you receive harassing phone calls so that the number can be traced.
3. Don't walk between cars in parking lots.
4. Don't park near vans or large trucks.
5. Use your work address rather than your home address when filling out information for checks, luggage tags, etc., so that your home cannot be staked out by an attacker.
6. Use motion detectors, dog barking machines, and timers for lights at your house as deterrents.
7. Contact your local police and request a security survey provided free by law enforcement.



Caroline Brock, always dressed in just the right outfit; Mary Beacham; Ruby Wooten; and Vicki Seawright-Hall carry out the Valentine's Day theme.

PSI

By Janet Kittrell

The chapter hosted Beta Gamma, sister chapter, at a luncheon in April. State President Sims Lynn was special guest and speaker. President Lynn installed the officers for both chapters. She also assisted in the initiation of Mary Cagle and Mary Godwin, two new members.

Miss Alice Thomy was honored for having been a member of the chapter for 30 years.



Alice Thomy, Psi Chapter member for 30 years, is congratulated by President Janet Kittrell.

ALPHA MU

By Margaret Dunn

Dr. Laura Jones, past president of the chapter, was taped to the school hall wall at a February kick-off activity for a fundraising event. The Dorman High School Medical Society sold strips of tape to students so that they could stick their assistant principal to the wall.

In partnership with Olive Garden Restaurant in the Pennies for Pasta Activity, the Medical Society raised over \$5,700 in one week for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by collecting donations from every classroom.

The two rooms donating the most were rewarded with a complete spaghetti dinner at Olive Garden. The Medical Society is co-sponsored by Lesa Banks, chapter treasurer and science teacher.

Barbie Bordogna, elementary art teacher for nearly 30 years and a member of the chapter, shared recent kindergarten art work at the March meeting. She offered an example of successful cross-curriculum planning. Children first studied characteristics of fish in science class and then drew the fish in art, making sure they showed those characteristics.

"I have a passion for making art a part of a child's life," said Bordogna.



Assistant Principal Laura Jones is taped to the wall in the fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

TAU

By Jan Tyson

The chapter donated a set of parian 17-inch dolls to the headquarters building. These dolls represent the Founders of the Society.

Frances Rish has written 15 books, including two that include short stories and poetry. She gave a copy of *Meet the First Ladies* to the chapter. It is dedicated to Tau and especially to Ellen Walker, who helped edit the work. First Lady Laura Bush wrote to Frances, congratulating her.

Rish appeared on the the Peggy Denny TV Show to talk about her writing, working on a master's degree in Christian Ministry at North Greenville University, speaking to senior citizens groups, and buying and selling antiques.

The chapter has had some interesting and informative programs during the year. The Greenville Hospital System Center for Success in Aging presented a program with Dr. Bill Logan speaking on "Growing Old Gracefully."

ALPHA SIGMA

By Mary Williams

The chapter began the year with a salad/potluck dinner in the Loft of Cathedral Academy. Donna Lewis, chapter president, arranged for pictures to be taken of each member for the handbooks.

For the October meeting, Robin Boehler and Alice Baughman shared their experiences while traveling abroad. Robin went on a mission trip to the Bavuma Islands off Lake Victoria in Africa, and Alice was a visiting educator on a trip to China.

The annual Christmas auction and Country Store provided the money to fund the Frances Muckenfuss Scholarship, given annually to a high school senior entering college in the field of education.

The quad-county luncheon was well attended by chapter members. Donna Lewis provided an overview of the endeavors for the year. New members were inducted in April and new officers were installed.

CHI

By Kim Dempsey & Teena Dee

Danisha Smith, district representative for the SC Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, presented a program at the March meeting. The annual White Elephant sale brought in funds to support the chapter's scholarship fund. President Sims Lynn was a special guest and brought greetings from Alpha Eta State.

An ongoing service project has been the collection of sample-size personal care items for women at the CODA shelter. The chapter assembled gift bags of these at the April meeting to distribute to CODA.

Two members who are administrators will share personal reflections during a book talk at a later meeting. Before adjourning for the summer, newly elected officers will be installed and the members will share a book swap.

ALPHA PI

By Mary Kay Rose

The chapter in Greenville recently awarded the Blair Heath award to Sarah Marita Rose to study abroad. Sarah is a 2005 graduate of Riverside High School. She is a junior at the College of Charleston, majoring in anthropology and gender studies.

This semester, Sarah is sailing around the world while taking 12 hours of undergraduate credit offered by the University of Virginia. As she circumnavigates the globe aboard the MV Explorer, she will stop in 12 different ports for a field experience in each country.

The Blair Heath Award was established by the chapter to commemorate two outstanding past presidents, Margaret Blair and Ethel Heath. The grant is awarded to an undergraduate student to help further her education.

EPSILON

By Amy Gillion

Students at Mathews and Ninety-Six Elementary School participated in a special Valentine's writing assignment to create cards for recipients of Meals on Wheels. The chapter sponsored the project of over 500 cards.

Three \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to local college students from the funds donated from the estate of Mildred Huggins. A \$400 scholarship will be given from the chapter.

This summer the chapter will give much needed school supplies to a school in Romania. These supplies collected throughout the year will be delivered by an Epsilon sister during a summer mission trip.



CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

BETA

By Linda Gooding

The chapter was host to the quad-chapter meeting in Charleston in January. The meeting was held at the Charleston Country Club. The guest speaker was Dr. David Naylor, chair of the Sociology and Psychology Department at Charleston Southern University. He spoke about carrying students to Romania for the last five years and the effect these trips had on the students and the orphanages they visited.

The chapter presented President Sims Lynn with a picture of Dr. Ruby Matthews, Past International President, to be hung at the state headquarters building in Columbia. Dr. Eunice Rowell, Dr. Matthews' s sister, was a special guest along with several professors from Charleston Southern where Dr. Matthews taught for many years.

The chapter awarded \$500 to Kathryn Pedings, the Grant-in-Aid recipient. Kathryn is a senior at the College of Charleston, majoring in math. She was on the Dean's List in 2005, 2006, and 2007. She received the Susan Prazak Award for Future Teachers and the Eva Wojicka Mathematics Award in 2007. She participated in the Notre Dame Research Experience of undergraduates last summer. From St. Matthews, she plans to teach in the public school.

Chapter President Linda Gooding presented a check for \$500 to Amanda Smith and Stephanie Knipping, two first-year teachers at Midland Park Elementary School. Amanda teaches first grade, and Stephanie teaches kindergarten. They will use the money to purchase materials for their classrooms.



President Sims Lynn and Dr. Carol Drowota with Dr. Ruby Matthews, Past International and State President.



Kathryn Pedings, Grant-in-Aid recipient



Donna Lewis, Alpha Sigma; Linda Gooding, Beta; Dr. David Naylor, Charleston Southern University; Marilyn Muckenfuss, Alpha Rho



Principal Candrell, Amanda Smith, Linda Gooding, Stephanie Knipping

BETA BETA

By Margaret B. Mitchum

The chapter collected school supplies to fill 18 backpacks for students leaving Juvenile Justice and returning to school or starting college. Many of these students do not have the financial means to get supplies. The chapter's mission is to reach out to all students.

The backpacks were supplied by the chapter, the Christmas Giving Tree of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, and Snelling Temporary Services. Juveniles from DJJ and Director Stacey Atkinson helped to assemble the backpacks.

CHAPTER NEWS

Alpha Eta Awards Two Scholarships

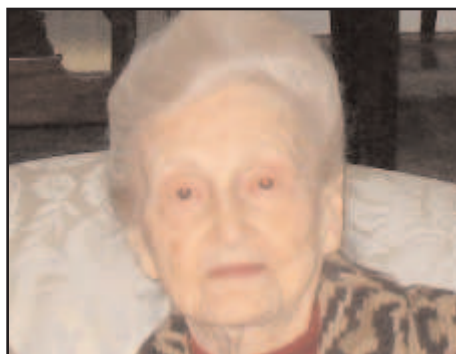
By Amelia Stone

ZETA

By Janis Blocker

The chapter gave pins and certificates to four members who have been members of Delta Kappa Gamma for a total of 189 years.

Marguerite Tuten was recognized for 58 years membership. Inducted in 1950, she was a language arts and music teacher before her retirement in 1977. For years, she served as the pianist for the chapter. She still lives in the country home she and her late husband shared near Jacksonboro. One of her two daughters lives with her.



Marguerite Williams Tuten

Marguerite Bessenger was recognized for 46 years as a member. A Coker College alumna with graduate work at USC and the Citadel, she taught English, reading, and math and retired as a guidance counselor from Walterboro High School in 1986. She and her husband live at Jacksonboro. Her only daughter and granddaughter live in Charleston.



Marguerite Kiser Bessenger

Carroll Godwin was honored for 45 years membership. A Columbia College graduate, she was an elementary school librarian before becoming media specialist at Walterboro High School for 37 years. She served Zeta as a past president and as long-time chairman of the Initiation Ceremony. A former "Teacher of the Year," she served as president of the County Education Association. She and her husband and Cedar, their dog, live in Walterboro. Her only daughter resides in Charlotte.



Carroll Bennett Godwin

Joan Benton was honored for 40 years as a member. The UNC graduate taught English, journalism, and the gifted and talented for 40 years and retired in 1997. She has served the chapter as past president and committee member and the state as a member of several committees. She and her husband live near Walterboro. Their sons and three grandchildren live in Greenville and Asheville, N.C.



Joan Roberts Benton

Tracy Garrett, Epsilon, received the Mary Eva Hite Scholarship to pursue a doctoral degree. Committed to improving the literary skills of students with learning disabilities, she will study teacher leadership with the dissertation *Readers' Theater with Rural Special Education Classrooms*.

She has served the chapter as 2nd vice president and is currently 1st vice president. She has also served on the Scholarship and Scrapbook committees.

After her doctoral study, Tracy plans to share her findings locally and nationally through publication. She plans to submit articles for *The Reading Teacher* and *Teaching Exceptional Children*.

Leigh Ann Osborn, the recording secretary of Alpha Nu, was awarded the Margaret G. Thompson Scholarship to use in completing studies in Elementary Counselor Education. A teacher at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, she is involved in professional and community activities, including the S.C. Science Council, the S.C. School Counselors Association, and The American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

She is also on the board of directors for the Edisto Clemson Club, which provides scholarships to local high school students.

It is through the Society that she has come to realize the importance of the need for women to continue their personal and professional growth. She is a believer in the importance of lifelong learning.



Leigh Ann Osborne and Tracy Garrett

SC MOTHER OF THE YEAR

Mary Kate Brearley Glasser was named the 2008 South Carolina Mother of the Year by Governor Mark Sanford in a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion on March 11.

Mary Kate, a past state president of Alpha Eta State and a member of Beta Beta, was nominated for the prestigious award by her chapter and endorsed by the Women's Ministries Board of the Arsenal Hill ARP Church.

All four of Mary Kate's children and the ten grandchildren were present for this occasion.

Governor and Mrs. Sanford hosted a tea in her honor in the afternoon after the presentation. Many members of Beta Beta attended to show their love and support.

Mary Kate was humbled and gratified with what she called the "greatest honor that I have ever had." Her acceptance speech reflected the values that make her deserving of the honor. Following are excerpts from her speech:

"Let me pay tribute to the mothers who have meant so much in my life: to my two saintly grandmothers who lived by the Word of God; to my own dear mother who taught that God made me and loved me and that I was to glorify Him with my life; to my husband's mother who loved me like a daughter and taught me what it was like to be a minister's wife; and to the mothers of my ten wonderful grandchildren.

"My children had a very intelligent father who was a man of Christian conviction, integrity, and discipline. He could say with Joshua, 'As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.'

". . . All four of our children are capable, energetic, patriotic, and compassionate leaders. . . . I thank the Lord for my children.

"Parenting is an awesome responsibility. . . .When children learn honor, respect, and responsibility at home, they will become good citizens.

"Our children are truly a product of the church, the schools, sports, scouts, colleges, neighbors, and friends. God bless the mothers of America."





*White Roses
In Memory of
Alpha Eta State Sisters*

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Membership Committee

By Kaye Young

Names in White Roses were obtained from chapter necrology reports received in March. Forty-two of the fifty-eight chapters sent reports. The committee asks each chapter to review the names to be sure that the names of the deceased in each chapter are included. The deceased members are memorialized at the Ceremony of Remembrance at the Alpha Eta State Convention in odd-numbered years. The names of these members are printed in the *Digest*. If any member's name is missing, the chapter president will need to send Form 6 so that proper tribute can be made.

Chapter presidents are reminded that Form 6 (Report of Death of a Member) should be sent immediately after a member's death. Copies are to be sent to the international executive coordinator, state president, state treasurer, and state membership chairman. Each chapter should retain a copy in the chapter records.

In addition, chapter presidents are to send a one-page biography for inclusion in the *State Memory Book* displayed at each state convention prior to the Ceremony of Remembrance. The biography should include information about personal background, contributions to education, participation in and contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma at chapter, state, and international levels. The one-page, unfolded biography should be mailed to Kaye Young, 115 Avalon Circle, Easley 29640-3607 or e-mailed as an attachment to ladybugjkg@yahoo.com

Leadership Challenge

By Jenny Trombley, chairman



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

Ann Marie Taylor, the 2007-08 SC Teacher of the Year, has agreed to be the keynote speaker. From Kershaw County, she is also a member of the Society.

Jim Rex, SC Superintendent of Education, has been invited to speak about educational legislation. Since the last Leadership Challenge Legislation mail-in was such a success, that will be duplicated with updates and another write-in during Saturday's session. Other topics will be the SC Reading Initiative and brain research in Brain Gyms.

Participants are asked to bring nonfiction books and supplies for headquarters. Since many committee meetings are held there, liquid soap, napkins, toilet tissue, paper plates, coffee, etc., are always needed.

All classroom, school, chapter and district leaders should make plans to attend. More details will be in the next issue.

After the clouds, the sunshine,
after the winter, the spring,
after the shower, the rainbow,
for life is a changeable thing.

After the night, the morning,
bidding all darkness cease,
after life's cares and sorrows,
the comfort and sweetness of peace.

--Helen Steiner Rice

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2006-2008 Membership Explosion Report

The chairman of the Membership Committee is to complete and mail the report to
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Chapters that have initiated at least eight new members during the biennium will be honored at the International Convention in July. If at least four of the initiates have three to ten years experience, there will be additional recognition.

This is a very short form that can be completed quickly. It is extremely important that **ALL** chapters submit these reports by **May 30**. Without a report from every chapter, it is impossible to know that all chapters meeting the criteria will be included in the state report. If reports have not been received by June 1, Steelman will call chapter presidents to get the information.

It is an expectation that all initiations will be conducted by May 30. If not, please call the chairman so that a decision can be made about how to complete the form.

ORDER OF THE ROSE

By Catherine Spragins, chairman

The **Order of the Rose** continues to be an important and meaningful way to honor individuals in Alpha Eta State. A chapter may recognize one of its members for extraordinary service with an honorarium or a deceased member with a memorial. To become a member of the Order of the Rose requires a contribution of \$1000. Contribution checks need to be made payable to:

Alpha Eta State
Donna Wiles, treasurer
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