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Blocker Receives Achievement Award

Marvella Easterling Installed as 2009-2011 President

Janis K. Blocker of Zeta 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.

A member of the Society for 30 years, she has served as chapter president and as parliamentarian for eight presidents. At the state level she has served as parliamentarian for five presidents and served on several state committees. She has been editor of the *Digest* since October of 2001.

Zeta chapter honored her in 2006 with induction into the state Order of the Rose. At the Southeastern Regional Conference in 2007, she was named "Star of the Southeast" for South Carolina.

A *summa cum laude* graduate of Baptist College at Charleston (where she was taught by Dr. Ruby Matthews), she earned a masters degree from the Citadel and taught AP, Honors, and CP English and journalism for 25 years in the private and public schools. She was named the first High School Teacher of the Year in 1987, when the program started in Colleton County. Since her official retirement in 1999, she has continued to teach AP and Honors Senior English the spring semester of each year at Colleton County High.

Each June she works as an AP Reader for the College Board. For several summers she worked as an assessor for the National Board of Teacher Certification.

In the community the Chamber of Commerce presented her with the Excellence in Education Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. She is secretary of the Colleton Memorial Library and the S.C. Artisans Center boards.

Politically, she served two terms on County Council in the 90s and has been chairman of the Colleton County Republican Party since 2000. She was a delegate to the National Republican Convention in the fall of 2008.

A Presbyterian, she is clerk of Session at Bethel in Walterboro and has served as recording clerk of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery for the past 21 years. She has been a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) twice. A graduate of the S.C. Lay School of Theology, she serves as registrar for the school of approximately 200 students.

She and her husband David enjoy traveling and have been to all 48 contiguous states in their motor home since 1999. They have also traveled to 24 foreign countries. Married for 51 years, they have three adult children and six grandchildren.



Janis Blocker, member of Zeta chapter, receives the coveted State Achievement Award medallion from State President Sims Lynn and Achievement Award Committee Chairman Dr. Carolyn Briscoe.



Officers for the 2009-2011 biennium are Marvella Easterling, president; Martha Horton, 1st vice president; Linda Navorska, 2nd vice president; and Sandy Bryson, secretary.

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

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What? State Workshop

When? August 8, 2009

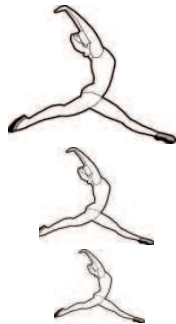
Where? Redeemer Lutheran Church
525 St. Andrews Road
Columbia, SC 29210

Who? New state officers, committee members, district directors, chapter presidents and all interested members

From the editor. . .

The Digest is on the web.

Go to www.geocities.com/scalphaeta to read it online.



**Dance!
Sing!
Rejoice!**

with

SIMS



We have had much to DANCE! SING! AND REJOICE! during the 2007-2009 biennium - wonderful chapter programs, projects, and members! As the 2009 - 2011 Alpha Eta State officers were installed at the convention in March, I was reminded that "all good things must come to an end." It has truly been a blessing to serve as your president. It will forever remain in my heart that I was allowed to DANCE! SING! and REJOICE! with you.

The Embassy Suites in Columbia afforded the place for the Alpha Eta State Convention. There was a "buzz" throughout the building as members arrived from all parts of the state. DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

The Silent Auction provided an avenue to purchase baskets for gifts or home. The talented chapter members truly gave their best! Thanks go to the Silent Auction Committee members Linda Walker, Marsha Plyler, and Dianne Carpenter. DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

There were three workshops for members to attend: (1) "Scrapbooking!" presented by Margaret Dunn, chairman of Communications, and Linda Jolley (2) "Legislation/Educational Issues" by Marvella Easterling, chairman of Professional Affairs (3) "Leadership Development" by Rae Beth Fultz, chairman of Leadership Development. It was evident that much thought and preparation went into the development of each workshop. Thanks to each of you! DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

The Ceremony of Remembrance was beautiful and elegant. Family members were appreciative of the solemnity of the occasion and the beautiful music provided by Elizabeth Wise, accompanist, and the Membership Committee.

As committee chairmen gave their reports, it became obvious that much work and energy had been put into each committee assignment. Thank you for your loyalty to Alpha Eta State. Delta Kappa Gamma Sisters, if you have never served on a state committee or chaired a committee, I suggest that you try one for the 2009 - 2011 biennium. DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

A highlight of the convention was having Glenda Reynolds, 2008-2010 Northwest Regional Director, as our International Representative. Glenda presented "Greetings from International" and was the keynote speaker at the Birthday Luncheon. DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

Congratulations to Janis Blocker, who received the state's highest honor, the Alpha Eta State Achievement Award. Emily Martin, Perla Belle Stowe, Mary Kate Brearley Glasser, Caroline Brock, and Ann Bragdan were inducted into the Order of the Rose in this biennium. DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

The Southeast Regional Conference will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 15-18. Cathy Daugherty, Southeast Regional Director, and her committees have been working hard to present the membership an informative conference. There will be much in which to participate and enjoy. DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

Again, thank you for the hospitality that has been shown to me as I have visited your chapters. Wonderful things are taking place! DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

Remember: you will be invited to sing along with me sometime:

Dance to the rhythm of wisdom!

Sing with a heart full of passion!

Rejoice! Rejoice! in the journey!

The journey that leads you on!

From your treasurer . . .

Chapter treasurers are reminded of their annual report (Form 15) that is due to me on July 15. This is important information needed for the state report that goes to International and our accountants for the financial review. You are also reminded that dues and Form 18 must be sent to me by Nov 10. The IRS filing (only online) is done by Nov 15. State Gifts have been received for:

HEADQUARTERS FUND:

Kappa, Alpha Beta, Eta, Lambda, Pi

FLORENCE STEELE FUND

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ATTENTION CHAPTER TREASURERS

SUBJECT: IRS FILING

(file between June 30 and Nov 15)

A request has come from Phyllis Hickey, Business Services Administrator at DKG International, concerning some chapters who still may have had an incorrect fiscal year. She asks that "chapter treasurers go to the filing area (they can still access this through the Delta Kappa Gamma homepage at www.deltakappagama.net) and put in their EIN (chapter employer identification number at the top of your Form 18) and see if the fiscal year is correct (should be July 1 to June 30). If it is okay, then they can just close out and file AFTER JUNE 30, 2009. If the fiscal year is wrong, please have them send the electronic information to my administrative assistant, Cheryl, at cheryls@deltakappagama.org. They will need to email their full name, address, chapter name and EIN."

From your executive secretary...

The 2009 State Convention in March was informative and inspiring. Thank you to all who had a part in making it successful. And thank you to everyone who attended.

Congratulations are in order to the newly elected 2009-2011 state officers and district directors, and the Personal Growth and Service Award winners. It was outstanding to see so many new members added to the Order of the Rose. We are proud and happy for Janis Blocker, the recipient of the 2009 Alpha Eta State Achievement Award.

A few important reminders:

1. Chapter presidents: Send your Chapter Achievement Award report to Sims Lynn, state president, so that she receives it by June 1.
2. The State Workshop for chapter presidents, new state committees, state officers, and district directors will be Saturday, August 8, at Redeemer Lutheran Church on St. Andrews Road in Columbia. The workshop is open to any member who would like to participate in this very important planning session. Additional information will be sent to chapter presidents, committees, and officers later in the summer and added to the website.
3. Southeast Regional Conference in Little Rock, July 15-18. Registration information is in the spring issue of the NEWS or online at the Society website www.deltakappagama.net
4. Seriously consider working at the state level as a committee chairman or committee member. Let Marvella Easterling 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 many of you in Little Rock in July and to see the new state officers, district directors, new state committee members, and chapter presidents in August at the state workshop.

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From your editor . . .

Please continue to send news for *The Digest* either by e-mail or by regular mail. Here are a few helpful reminders:

1. Please type all copy in Times New Roman font and in Word.doc, NOT in Word.docx.
2. Please send all pictures as attachments to the e-mail, NOT imbedded in the message.
3. Please write objectively (in 3rd person, not in 1st person). For example, write "The chapter . . ." instead of "Our chapter . . ."
4. Please include a byline (who wrote the article).



*WHITE ROSES
IN MEMORIAM
Alpha Eta State Sisters*

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Deceased Member</i>
<i>Delta</i>	<i>Jessie S. Barton Bernice Brown Florence Henderson Ann Poore Nancy Waters</i>
<i>Episilon</i>	<i>Mary Eliza McDill</i>
<i>Zeta</i>	<i>Marguerite Tuten</i>
<i>Kappa</i>	<i>Betty Jo Sloan Fersner Irene Myers Johnnie Ulmer Price</i>
<i>Omicron</i>	<i>Evelyn Wilson</i>
<i>Tau</i>	<i>Betty Sue Jordan</i>
<i>Psi</i>	<i>Ada S. Deery</i>
<i>Alpha Beta</i>	<i>Alma Manning Frances Tester Matheson Jane Chandler McIntyre Helen Cleveland Rogers Mary Eloise Corley</i>
<i>Alpha Theta</i>	<i>Mable June Adair</i>
<i>Alpha Iota</i>	<i>Elizabeth Emerson Riddle</i>
<i>Alpha Kappa</i>	<i>Joann Deaton</i>
<i>Alpha Lambda</i>	<i>Maxie Horton Lois S. Regan Marjorie W. Powell</i>
<i>Alpha Mu</i>	<i>Susan Bee King</i>
<i>Alpha Rho</i>	<i>Mary D. Wheeler</i>
<i>Alpha Tau</i>	<i>Phyllis A. Cox Huckeriebe</i>
<i>Alpha Upsilon</i>	<i>Vera Green Dennis</i>
<i>Alpha Phi</i>	<i>Edna c. Mitchell</i>
<i>Alpha Psi</i>	<i>Frances Alston</i>
<i>Beta Gamma</i>	<i>Susie F. Corley</i>
<i>Beta Delta</i>	<i>Cecile C. Cox</i>
<i>Beta Epsilon</i>	

TAKE IT UP A STEP!

ATTEND THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

WHAT IS A REGIONAL CONFERENCE? For Delta Kappa Gamma members it is the perfect blend of learning, networking, and vacationing--all with women who share your love of education and educating. Those who have attended regional conferences report that they are the most fun of all the events sponsored by The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. After only one regional conference you will be "hooked" into wanting to attend over and over again. Attending a regional conference is like going home, a reunion of sorts, even though the venue moves from one state to another.

It's not too late to plan your trip to the 2009 Southeast Regional Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, July 15-18. The meeting registration and hotel reservation forms are posted on a website specifically designed for conference participants. This is a new feature for this year's regional conferences. Be sure to check it out either at the link on the international homepage or directly at <http://deltakappagamma.org/sercar/>. In addition on the site you will find extensive materials relating to pre- and post-conference tours and special events being planned for you. There is, indeed, something for every taste and interest.

You might envision yourself touring the grounds and interior of the Marlsgate Plantation. Perhaps you want to learn more about wine through a special Saturday afternoon seminar taught by a leading expert in the field. If your interests tend toward gardening, you will not want to miss the opportunity to visit the Garden Retreat Home of television's own landscape architect, P. Allen Smith. He will be on the premises to meet the group and autograph books in the gift shop. Those into learning more about "green" issues will not want to miss touring the international headquarters of Heifer. This group works with communities world-wide to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth by helping families generate sources of food and income.

Do you want to learn more about our Society, its function at all three levels--chapter, state, international? Are you curious about the work of the international committees and how their products can enhance your local chapter meetings, membership drives, and projects. The Info Fair during the conference will showcase the committees as well as each of the eleven Southeast states. An idea gleaned from looking at one display, one brochure, or one personal contact may make all the difference when you start planning your 2009-2010 chapter or state programs. General session programs, meal-event speakers, and a variety of workshops spread out over six sessions run the gamut of personal, professional, and educational topics. The regional conferences are a wealth of information for the taking! What are you waiting for? Book your flight or map out your road trip with a car-load of "sisters." Whatever you do, make tracks to the 2009 Southeast Regional Conference. Plan now to "ROCK" in Little Rock!

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

DELTA

By Barbara Rodal

Delta Chapter has focused attention this school year on encouraging and mentoring new teachers. Twice members brought gifts of supplies, snacks, and "must-haves" for new teachers in Title One schools. Our last meeting will include writing notes of congratulations, appreciation, and re-enforcement to all of these teachers.

Our very first program invited us to consider a single defining describing word for ourselves. Once those were shared, homework assignment was to "Bring a quotation: The reason why I Teach/Taught." These were shared at the next meeting, and next homework assignment was to bring a photo of ourselves when we first began teaching to become part of a collage.

Local education speaker, Jean Dickson, using the topic: "Anecdotes of the Journey" gave us an inspirational and humorous program. New member Sara Mansbach told about Lapsits, her own original program for helping new parents give their babies the very best start with learning and development.

ALPHA XI

By William Pamplin

Frances Stokes and Frances Wannamaker were honored with the presentation of their 30-year membership pins. Stokes has 31 years and Wannamaker has 34 years. Both have served the chapter and the state in many capacities.



Frances Wannamaker and Frances Stokes received 30-year membership pins.

ALPHA MU

By Margaret Dunn

The State Communications Committee offered a lighthearted but meaningful workshop on "The Importance of Chapter Scrapbooks" at the March 21 meeting. Linda Jolley and Margaret Dunn of Alpha Mu Chapter offered the workshop with an agenda including personal experiences, economic suggestions, a showcase of sample pages and books, and a handout with ideas for scrapbook construction. Finally, participants were given the opportunity to create their own page with materials of background paper, ribbon, glue, scissors, stickers, markers, die cuts and brads. Participants were expected to share both their finished page created with a partner and one idea they had learned to take back to their chapter.

Participants also shared several ideas about the value of chapter scrapbooks such as making sure that new members know about much earlier members through stories and photos.



Linda Jolley, presenter, and Jan Mikutowicz, chapter president at the scrapbook workshop.

BETA DELTA

By Linda Brown

The Christmas meeting and silent auction was a big winner for the chapter and the community. Members provided home-baked goodies, decorations, craft items, and live plants for the auction. The auction earned \$819 for scholarships.

The money has gone for grants at USC-Aiken and Aiken Technical College. Sarah Massengale, a junior at Converse College, is a recipient the chapter has assisted for several years.

ALPHA PSI

By Joyce Christenbury

"Single Gender Education Programs in South Carolina" was the January program presented at the regular chapter meeting by Margaret Miller and Joyce Christenbury. They provided an overview of single gender education, its history and success in South Carolina, and engaged the membership in an interesting dialogue including all members present. For more information on this concept, visit the following web sites: www.ed.sc.gov/sgi and www.chadwellconsulting.com.

A very successful chapter project was conducted at the January brunch meeting held at Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson. Members brought a wide variety of household items including paper products, kitchen utensils, silverware, kitchen linens, laundry and dish detergent, and personal care items in support of Safe Harbor, a facility for abused women and children. Donated items filled two very large plastic trunk-like containers. This translated into one very full car going to Safe Harbor!

President Patricia Huggins attended the state convention in March along with Carolyn Briscoe and Catherine Spragins. Patricia assisted with the installation of new state officers, Catherine "peddled" her wares to raise funds for support of the Headquarters Building. As chair of the Achievement Award Committee, Carolyn presented the Alpha Eta State Achievement Award to Janis Blocker of Zeta chapter.

The April meeting featured President Huggins providing an overview of the March convention and members bringing pre-school-level books to share with the Clemson Child Development Center in Clemson.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

PSI

By Fontaine Knox

Debbie McAllister and Mary Godwin were selected as Teacher of the Year for their respective schools.

McAllister teachers at Scranton Elementary and Godwin is a teacher at J. Paul Truluck Middle School.

The February meeting was held at Lake City Public Library. Vice president Janice Graham was in charge of the first annual Valentine Tea Party. Linda Heckle, state executive secretary and Ouida Ott of Beta Beta were special guests.

Joyce Moore will serve as director for District Three for the new biennium. Ann Bragdon was inducted into the Order of the Rose.



State Executive Secretary Linda Heckle, Teachers of the Year Debbie McAllister and Mary Godwin, and Chapter President Fontaine Knox.

PI

By Oliva Huggins

The chapter has had an exciting year of meetings and special projects. Mannie Claire Hannah, grant-in-aid recipient, was a guest at the fall meeting. Brittany Williams, a music education major, attends Charleston Southern University with an outstanding record of academic achievement and community service. At the February meeting, Tawanna Grant, third-grade teacher at McDonald Elementary in Georgetown, shared personal and professional struggles and achievements which have shaped her positive role in the classroom.

The members contributed items for more than 100 snack baskets for the Georgetown and Williamsburg County induction classes. Each basket included a pamphlet describing the mission of the Society.

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MU

By Melanie Cook

The chapter recently held a book drive during the November meeting at the Cherokee County Public Library. The society donated all books collected to the Caldwell House Bookstore. Members brought new or gently used books. This is the second year that the chapter has participated in this project.

The 574 books more than doubles the 2007 book drive.

"We are so pleased to be able to offer this service to the Caldwell House on an annual basis because the citizens of Cherokee County reap the benefits," said Dollie Blanton, Mu president.

Donated books will be sold by The Friends of the Library, a group of volunteers who maintain the Caldwell House Bookstore. Proceeds from the book sales are used by the library to help fund library programs and for purchases of circulation materials. The Caldwell House is located adjacent to the library in Gaffney on East Rutledge Avenue.

The chapter has 47 active members representing all levels of education in Cherokee County including the public schools, college, administration, and retired educators.



President Dollie Blanton (center) looks over book donations with Donna Porter and Ashley Clary.

ALPHA UPSILON

By Gail Huckaby

Would you like to earn over \$1000 in a single evening and have fun doing it? That's exactly what Alpha Upsilon did on a recent warm spring evening. Great Italian cuisine catered by Carraba's Italian Grill along with delicious desserts provided by our members, bright spring ensembles courtesy of Coldwater Creek, and graceful modeling by some of our very own members created a winning combination. Those New York runway models might have some stiff competition! Fellowship with family, friends, and Society sisters added the final touch to make the evening a huge success.

The proceeds will be used to fund a grant-in-aid for Mary Stockman. The grant is presented annually to a deserving female high school senior who plans to major in the field of education. The recipient and her mother are invited as special guests at the final meeting of the year.



Linda Durstine, Ann Ballentine, Patricia Bouknight, Cindy Peterson model at the chapter's fashion show.

Create a Buzz

On the International website are resources and ideas to protect and nurture both new teachers and exhausted colleagues. Be reminded that 30% of new teachers leave the profession in the first year.

Members are also reminded that when searching for a chapter project, it is worthwhile to join in partnership with a local church, school, or non-profit group to offer support to community members in need.

BETA GAMMA

The chapter has honored Rebecca Smith with a 40-year membership pin. She worked as a classroom teacher and as principal of McLaurin Elementary School, also as a supervisor for student teachers at Francis Marion University.



Rebecca Smith receives the 40-year membership pin.

ALPHA OMEGA

By Margie Brady

The chapter continues to grow with the addition of four new members Margie Green, Angie Ferguson, Jean Smith, and Adrienne Padner.

Girls from Connie Maxwell Children's Home were treated to an evening of fun, food, and fellowship at the December meeting. The Wright Middle School 8th grade chorus provided entertainment.

The chapter met with Alpha Iota and Epsilon for a joint meeting in Greenwood in February. Dr. Angile of Due West presented the March program on women's health issues. The Teacher Cadets of three high schools met with the chapter in April. Betty Joe Hall, assistant superintendent of Abbeville County addressed the group.



Margie Green, Angie Ferguson, Jean Smoak, and Adrienne Padner are initiates.

BETA ETA

By Diana Wright

The chapter developed a grant for 2008-09, designed to help a first-year or a first-year-in-a-new-discipline teacher build her supply of materials directly related to instruction. Chapter members discussed ideas for the grant application, including the parameters for using the money.

The original plan was for a grant of \$300 to be awarded soon after the second semester began. Fourteen local-area educators applied. At the January meeting, chapter members voted to add three grants for \$100 each.

Three of the grant winners are first-year teachers, and the fourth is in her first year as a guidance counselor. The \$300 grant recipient is Amanda Mueller from Cannons Elementary; the \$100 recipients are Tiffany Coleman from Hendrix Elementary, Ashley Cripps from Boiling Springs Intermediate, and Megan B. Grigg from Cliffdale Elementary. The chapter hopes to involve these promising new educators in the Society in the coming years.

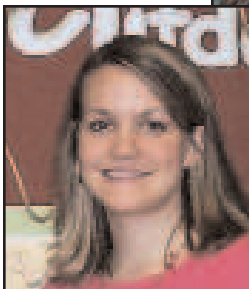


Amanda Mueller

\$300 recipient

Tiffany Coleman

\$100 recipient



Megan Grigg
\$100 recipient

LAMBDA

By Amy Kinard

Stephanie Seay, 2005-2006 Teacher of the Year in South Carolina presented the January program entitled "Stress Management." She used a format of 20 questions for each member to determine just how stressed she was. She offered several tips for reducing stress. She concluded on a special note when she revealed to the group her recent experience in trying out for *Survivor*.



Stephanie Seay, State Teacher of the Year 2005-2006, presents a program for the chapter.

ZETA

By Janis Blocker

The chapter held the initiation meeting at Bethel United Methodist Church. Sandy Stearns conducted the initiation ceremony to welcome Caroline Hooker and Angela Baker. Both are teachers at Northside Elementary School in Walterboro. The final meeting of the year will be a cookout at the home of Janis Blocker June 15 at which time the \$1000 Grant-in-Aid recipient will be honored.



Caroline Hooker and Angela Baker are initiated into Zeta.

The Distinguished Service Awards

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO CHAPTER



This award goes to a member who has served or is currently serving in a leadership role in the chapter. She must have demonstrated commitment to the Society at all levels.

Bonnie Bridges of Alpha Pi is the 2009 recipient. She is presently serving as president of the chapter. Previously, she served as first and second vice president. She has also served on Membership, Professional Affairs, Personal Growth and Services, and Scholarship committees. She has attended and reported on national, state, and district conventions and meetings.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO STATE



This award recognizes and honors a member who has served in a leadership role in the chapter and has served and or is serving in a leadership role at the state level.

Martha Horton of Eta is the recipient. She has served as director of District I, second vice president of the state, and state committee chairman. She has attended all conferences and conventions since 2000 and all state conventions since the mid-1990s.

At the chapter level she has served as second vice president, first vice president and president. In addition to these offices, she has served on various committees for the chapter and the state.

DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE



This award recognizes and honors a woman who has made or is making an outstanding professional contribution in business, industry, government, or volunteer. The nominee must reside in the state but does not have to be a member of the Society.

Wanda Fowler is the recipient. Her passion for teaching began in a traditional classroom at Boiling Springs High School where she taught for 21 years. She also taught education classes at USC Upstate and served as director of Graduate Regional Studies.

She left full-time teaching to begin service to the local community. She has successfully served as the executive director of Middle Tyger Community Center in Lyman for the past six years. In addition to her responsibilities as supervisor to 27 highly skilled staff members, she is involved in the fundraising efforts of the Center. As a result of this outstanding program, she has been asked to serve as the planning director for the Upstate Family Resource Center in Boiling Springs. Just recently she was named the Middle Tyger Area Chamber Citizen of the Year.

ORDER OF THE ROSE

by Catherine Spragins

At the state convention five new members were inducted into the Order of the Rose during the 2007-2009 biennium. Emily Lucy Martin of Alpha Mu and a member of the Society for 45 years was inducted in memoriam.

Perla Belle Stowe of Alpha Pi was also inducted in memoriam.

Mary Kate Brearley Glasser of Beta Beta, a member of the Society for 39 years and AES president from 1987-1989 was an inductee.

Caroline Brock of Theta and Ann Bragdon of Psi are the most recent inductees. Ann is the fifth from her chapter to be inducted into the Order. Caroline is the fourth from her chapter.

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..

CAROLINE BROCK, who was originally initiated into Alpha Kappa Chapter in Decatur, Georgia, in 1972 and transferred to Theta Chapter in 1978, has been inducted into the Order of the Rose.

For more than 35 years Caroline taught 1st, 2nd and 4th grades, special reading, and kindergarten. Her B.A. is from Erskine College and M.A. from University of Georgia, plus 30 hours beyond the masters.

Caroline was recognized in Who's Who Among America's Teachers and was the first AES Distinguished Service Award recipient.

In Delta Kappa Gamma, Caroline has served on chapter and state committees, including Communications, Professional Affairs, Personal Growth and Service, Expansion and Auld-Murdock Headquarters Building Fund. Also a past chapter president, she attended the purposeful Living Seminar and the AES Leadership Challenge. She represented Southeast Region on the International Travel and Study Committee and Insurance Committee, along with conducting regional and international workshops.

Retired, she actively serves in the Honea Path Presbyterian Church and Habitat House, Meals on Wheels, Partners for Healthier Honea Path and the Food Pantry. At her church, she has served as elder, clerk of session, co-moderator of Presbyterian Women, Sunday School teacher, and choir member.

Travel is a keen interest of Caroline's, on college-sponsored trips and in Delta Kappa Gamma-escorted trips, as well as to eight regional conferences and international conventions of the Society.



Caroline Brock

ORDER of the ROSE

Frances Murdock	Marvella Easterling
Hester Medlen	Sims Lynn
Gertrude Chavis	Janis Blocker
Darlene Hyman	Hazel Dowling
Hermie Gaston	Susan Dowling
Helen Millikin	Ruby Matthews
Margaret Edwards	Harriett Davis
Janie Gaskin	Anna Lee Barnes
Julia Wood	Linda Heckle
Ann Salter	Pearla Belle Stowe
Nell Cannon	Mary Kate B.Glasser
Ellen Walker	Emily Martin
Sybil Bagwell	Caroline Brock
Lillian Jenkins	Ann Bragdon



Ann Bragdon

ANN BRAGDON, who was initiated into Psi of Lake City, South Carolina, in 1996, is an inductee in the Order of the Rose.

A graduate of Coker College with a B.A. in elementary education, she earned a masters in education from Francis Marion and 30 hours beyond the masters with certification in elementary guidance and counseling.

At the chapter level, she has been secretary, vice president, president and served on many committees. The chapter has awarded her with the Service to Chapter award. At the state level, she has served on the Scholarship Committee and is presently serving a second time on the Nominations Committee. She has attended five state conventions, three regionals, and one international.

As president of the Rutledge Book Club, she chaired yearly art shows and served on the Parenting Committee of her sons' school. She served on the Coker Alumni Board and as class representative for 25 years. Her husband Bob endowed a scholarship to Coker in her name in 1999.

Active in Lake City First Baptist Church, she has served as Training Union leader for first and second graders, junior high, Girls Auxiliary, Sunday School teacher of 4's and 5's for 30 years. She now teaches the senior adults ladies. She plays in the handbell choir and is a member of the WMU Circle.

Married for 48 years, she is proud of her two sons and two grandchildren. She enjoys time with family, friends, and her 93-year-old mother. She loves to travel, especially to Europe, where she spent one summer studying at Oxford, England.

LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

By, Jenny Trombley, Leadership Challenge Committee chairman

Alpha Eta State Leadership Challenge Committee sponsored "THE JOURNEY OF 21ST CENTURY LEARNING" seminar, February 6-7 at the Clarion Hotel in Columbia. Twenty-five Alpha Eta State members from nineteen different chapters were registered participants for the seminar and received a notebook and "goody bag" made by Martha Platts and her Alpha Chi chapter. Fourteen chapters brought supplies for Headquarters, and ten brought non-fiction books for students in schools from the Corridor of Shame.

On Friday evening, Ann Marie Taylor, 2007-2008 South Carolina Teacher of the Year and a member of Upsilon Chapter, spoke about the classroom innovations that led to her being named Teacher of the Year.

After dinner, participants were treated to a Tea Party at the Auld-Murdock Headquarters. This event was organized by Tori Thomas and hosted by her chapter, Alpha Eta. A variety of teas and cookies was offered in an elegant display in the dining room. In other rooms, craft stations were set up for participants to make a variety of objects such as beaded hearts or felt bags to stimulate the right side of their brain. Linda Heckle gave a tour since many had never been to Headquarters previously.

On Saturday morning, Ann Marie Taylor continued her presentation. She modeled several of the musical activities she uses in her classroom by having participants play the role of her students as they sang and danced to learn math and other skills. To conclude, she had the Paradoxical Commandments set to music. Her presentation was informative, inspiring, and entertaining.

Doris Barnes from the South Carolina Reading Initiative spoke next and gave an update of research in literacy. She modeled several activities by having the audience actively participate.

The registrants wrote postcards to state legislators to express concern over educational issues. State President Sims Lynn then gave an update on the regional conference and state convention.

The last activity was the presentation of medallions and certificates to the participants by President Lynn and Leadership Challenge Chairman Jenny Trombley.

A review of the evaluations shows positive comments about the seminar. The chairman appreciates all the committee members who worked so hard to make this Leadership Challenge a success. Alpha Eta State Executive Secretary Linda Heckle had the medallions engraved and Sandy Bryson worked on the notebook and nametags.



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EMERGENCY FUND

One of the traditions of the Southeast Regional Conference is the Emergency Fund Collection. This year that collection will take on a new twist in that every member of the SE will be urged to participate, not just those in attendance at the conference.

At each General Session in Little Rock, three states will present their checks. States will receive certificates for their efforts. The chapter/member in each state with the highest donations will also receive a token of appreciation once the final tally has been made after the conference concludes.

Each chapter in each state is asked to collect funds to be presented at the SE Regional. President Lynn is asking each chapter treasurer to send a check payable to Alpha Eta State with "International Emergency Fund" on the FOR line and mail it to Donna Bull Wiles, state treasurer, by June 20 so that our state president can make the presentation.

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