



# Alpha Eta State DIGEST



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## International Convention 2006

### Twenty-two represent Alpha Eta

By Janis Blocker, Zeta

“Reflections of Excellence” were everywhere at the 2006 International Convention at the Marriott on the Bay in beautiful San Diego, California. Chi State thought of everything in preparing for this week-long event. The “southern” California hospitality was equal to the hospitality of the South!! Of the 1840 members registered from the 14 member countries, 22 were from Alpha Eta State, with three of them being first-timers.

California Night was one to remember. As to be expected from the entertainment state, the “Fiesta Under the Stars” was first class. “Two Men with Principals,” a group comprised of a superintendent of education, a classroom teacher, and two principals, kept the convention rocking. Dressed in beach attire, they were a copy of the Beach Boys in stage presence and music. Their repertoire included every “Beach Boy” song, classic oldies, and pop chart favorites from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. As if that weren’t entertainment enough, a young theatre group of two men and two women presented “The History of Musical Theatre (in 42 minutes and 28 seconds).” They covered every genre of musical theatre from vaudeville to the present. The multi-talented foursome are much in demand all over the country with one of the highest-rated programs of touring artists.

After the fun and fellowship of California Night, the members began the serious business of the convention. The business was conducted during the five general sessions lasting from three to five hours each from Tuesday through Saturday. International President Jacklynn Cuppy kept the meetings moving with her expertise and humor. With each new report, the members would hear another accent from a sister state or another country, keeping them ever aware and appreciative of the merging of cultures and languages into a “society of sisters” all with similar hopes, goals, and ideals.

After the general sessions, members attended workshops from more than 80 choices. One of the best-attended and most popular was led by Alpha Eta State’s own Dr. Muriel O’Tuel. A standing-room-only crowd gathered for her presentation of “Five Habits of Smart Retirees.” Sims Lynn, second vice president of Alpha Eta, served as presider at that workshop.

Each region’s members gathered at 6 a.m. one morning for a breakfast. It was a proud moment for the Southeast Region, representing 11 states, when those members collected over \$7000 to contribute to the Emergency Fund, which helps members who are devastated by hurricane disasters and other crises.

A highlight of the convention was the election of officers for the 2007-2009 biennium. Dr. Barbara Day of North Carolina and former Southeast Regional Director was elected International President. Dr. Jensi Souders, Tennessee, was elected Southeast Regional Director.

After the inauguration of officers at the Saturday night banquet, the international sisters joined hands to sing the “Delta Kappa Song” with a promise to see one another again at the 2008 International Convention in Chicago.



Alpha Eta State Sisters at International Convention

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

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## **SILENT AUCTION at STATE CONVENTION**

**Begin making plans for your chapter's basket for the silent auction. Proceeds will go to the state scholarship funds.**

### **From the editor. . .**

*The Digest* is on the web.  
Go to [www.geocities.com/scalphaeta](http://www.geocities.com/scalphaeta)  
to read it online. Carol Vaughn is  
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## **NOTES from EUNICE in 2006**



I hope that everyone has enjoyed a great summer and is now ready to tackle the tasks of fall. For those returning to active duty-- the best of everything to you!! To those of you in retirement-- may your adult recess continue to be filled with joy.

“Welcome” to the 2006 - 2008 chapter presidents! Congratulations on your election and thank you for accepting this leadership position. Ahead are two years of decisions, fellowship, learning, and accomplishments. It will be an exciting experience for you, and it is my privilege to get you started on your presidential journey.

“Reflections of Excellence” was the theme of the 2007 International Convention in San Diego, California. Approximately 2,000 Delta Kappa Gamma sisters were spellbound by the programs, speakers, workshops, and other events. Twenty-two Alpha Eta State members attended, three of whom are new chapter presidents. One of them sang in the chorus. We were so proud of her.

Thanks to everyone who provided table decorations of “personal hygiene” items for the Southeast Breakfast. The tables may not have been so pretty, but I’m sure that these items were beautiful to those needy individuals at the Women’s Shelter.

New Orleans is the location for the 2007 Regional Conference next June 26 - 30. I hope that you are already making plans to attend.

On the local level, I remind you of Alpha Eta State’s “Leadership Challenge 2007” at the Clarion Townhouse and Inn in Columbia on February 9 and 10. This two-day event will emphasize the Society’s purpose to help participants RAISE their leadership potential. I challenge each chapter to identify upcoming leaders and invite them to attend. I also encourage chapters to pay expenses for these representatives.

Currently, I have the responsibility of scheduling state committee meetings, chapter visits, and making plans for the state convention to be held March 16 and 17 at the Embassy Suites (803-252-8700) in Columbia. It’s not too soon to make your reservations while choice rooms are available.

Membership is still an important issue in Delta Kappa Gamma. Let’s make it our goal in 2007 - 09 to increase membership by 25% in our state.

These are exciting times for me. With your assistance, we will have a successful year in “Reaching for the Stars, one step at a time.”

## **ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CERTIFICATES**

The Chapter Achievement Award Certificates are ready to be delivered. Those chapters that have requested a state representative will receive their certificates from the representative. All others will be mailed. A Superior rating was achieved by 18 chapters; Outstanding, by 23; Excellent, by 6. Ten chapters did not submit an Achievement Award form.



# U. S. FORUM

Protect your Heart: Save Your Life

What is the #1 killer of women?

- \* Heart disease kills almost half a million women a year (1 death every minute), while breast cancer was estimated to kill about 40,000 women in 2005

What are your risk factors for developing heart disease?

- \* Age greater than 55 years in women (greater than 45 years in men)
- \* High blood pressure
- \* High cholesterol
- \* Diabetes
- \* Smoking
- \* Family history (father or brother with heart disease before age 55, mother or sister with heart disease before age 65)
- \* Obesity
- \* Physical inactivity

What are some of the signs and symptoms of a heart attack?

- \* Chest discomfort (pain, pressure, squeezing, burning, heaviness)
- \* Arm, neck or jaw pain
- \* Trouble breathing
- \* Sweating profusely
- \* Nausea
- \* Lightheadedness
- \* Sudden fatigue
- \* Women tend to have symptoms other than classic chest discomfort

What do you do if you experience these symptoms?

- \* Call 911

Is hormone replacement therapy recommended to prevent heart disease? NO

Are anti-oxidants (vitamin E, beta-carotene) recommended to prevent heart disease? NO

How can you lower your risk of heart disease?

- \* Eat a heart healthy diet: low in fat with plenty of fruits, vegetables, fish, grains; avoid trans-fat or saturated fat: cook with olive or canola oil
- \* Exercise regularly for at least 30 minutes daily
- \* Stop smoking
- \* Control above risk factors with the help of your doctor.

Created by Kavit Kumar, MD, Board Certified Cardiologist at San Diego Center and US Forum speaker for International conference July 2006.

Reference: [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)

From Linda Heckle,  
executive secretary...

Isn't it wonderful to have the change of seasons after the heat of the summer? The 2006-2008 biennium for Alpha Eta State is already off to a busy start! By now new chapter officers and committees have met for planning, and many of you have had your first chapter meeting for this fall.

A few important reminders:

1. Pay your dues no later than October 31. A member must be dropped from chapter roll if dues are not paid by then.
2. Recommendations for nominations for state officers for the 2007-2009 biennium should be sent to Roberta Senn by November 1. Recommendations may be made by individual members or chapters.
3. Chapter yearbooks are due to First Vice President Marvella Easterling by October 1.
4. The Leadership Challenge Seminar is February 9-10, 2007. Read the information in this issue. It will be well worth your time. The deadline for application is December 1.
5. Every chapter is urged to participate in the Distinguished Service Awards Program. Information is elsewhere in this issue. Recognize those among you who are deserving of special honor. The deadline for submission is December 1.
6. Chapter presidents, keep up with your Alpha Eta State calendar to be aware of deadlines. Use the Chapter Achievement Award form (the new one due June 2007) as a guide to plan programs.
7. It is not too early to begin making plans to attend the Alpha Eta State Convention in March 2007 and the Southeast Regional Conference in New Orleans in June 2007.

If I can help you, please call me at home (803-796-0892) or email ([linda@heck.com](mailto:linda@heck.com)). I look forward to hearing from you.

# Convention Highlights



International President Jacklynn Cuppy receives certificate of welcome



Dr. Barbara Day of North Carolina is the new International President for the 2006-2008 biennium.



Sisters, past International President Dr. Ruby Matthews and Alpha Eta State President Dr. Eunice Rowell



Susan King, Marvella Easterling, and Sandra Powell at luncheon.



Dr. Rowell was escorted to the Saturday evening Founders Banquet.



Toula Williams and Barbara Keefe found time to socialize.



Presider Sims Lynn and Workshop Presenter Dr. Muriel O'Tuel. Dr. O'Tuel's workshop was the most popular one at the convention.



Dr. Ruby Matthews, Dr. Eunice Rowell, and Executive Secretary Linda Heckle take a lunch break.



Nell Cannon, past state president, and her international committee present their biennial report with a "smile."

# Convention Highlights

## First-Timers' Perspective

By Marilyn Muckenfuss and Denna Sessions

Wow! What a wonderful opportunity to experience a Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention for the first time. San Diego is a beautiful city, and we saw as much of it as time allowed. When we arrived, we realized that we had eaten breakfast on the east coast and were eating lunch on the west coast -- fabulous. To look out our hotel window and see the Pacific Ocean for the first time left us speechless.

It was so inspiring to be on the convention floor with 1800 other women educators and know that they represented 14 different countries. We are part of a great organization!

"California Night" was really entertaining and provided great fun for everyone. Throughout the entire week, we were treated to wonderful music, funny skits, and inspirational messages. (Denna even sang in the chorus.)

What a memorable opportunity to make new friends, renew old friendships, and learn about the Society. A special thanks goes to our chapters for making it possible for us to attend.



Denna Sessions, president of Beta Delta, and Marilyn Muckenfuss, president of Alpha Rho, were two of three first-timers at San Diego.



### Unique and Unusual

Hermie Gaston, a past state president of Alpha Eta, and her three daughters, all members of Delta Kappa Gamma, attended the convention. Hermie's daughters are Kate Jenkins, honorary member of Lambda; Arlene O'Dell, member of Epsilon; and Becky Whilden, member of Lambda.



Janis Blocker, editor of the *Digest*, joins three of the editors from the Southeast at the editors' workshop.

## NOMINATIONS - NOMINATIONS - NOMINATIONS

Members are urged and encouraged to submit recommendations for these officers for the 2007-2009 biennium: president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, district directors, and Nominating Committee.

For criteria and guidelines, refer to the *Alpha Eta State Standing Rules* or the state website. The official "Recommendation Form for Nominations" must be used. A form may be obtained from the state website ([www.geocities.com/scalphaeta](http://www.geocities.com/scalphaeta)) or from Linda Heckle, executive secretary ([linda@echeck.com](mailto:linda@echeck.com)) or by calling 803-796-0892.

The completed nomination forms should be mailed to

Roberta Senn  
5150 Cross Anchor Road  
Enoree, SC 29335

It is extremely important that the nominations be received by the deadline of **NOVEMBER 1**.

## PERSONNEL

By Marianne Holland, chairman

Members interested in applying for the position of **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY** can secure an application form from the website or from headquarters..

Duties of the executive secretary are printed in the Bylaws and Standing Rules of Alpha Eta State.

The deadline for receiving application is **DECEMBER 1**.

E-mail completed applications to Dr. Marianne Holland at [mholland@ngu.edu](mailto:mholland@ngu.edu).

## DID YOU SEE IT?

Did you read the *Delta Kappa Gamma Spring 2006 Bulletin*? If not, you missed an excellent article entitled "Rewards of Teaching: Concerts for Children" written by Dr. Marianne Holland

Dr. Holland is a professor for music education at North Greenville College, a 75th Anniversary Stipend recipient, a past Alpha Eta State President, and a member of Alpha Xi chapter in Easley.

Also in the same issue was a poem written by Diane Wright, president of Beta Eta, entitled "I Am the One Who Cares."

What an honor for Alpha Eta State to have the work of these members in the international publication.

## DON'T FORGET

**NOVEMBER 1:** Deadline for nominations for officers for 2007-2009

**DECEMBER 1:** Deadline for applications for Executive Secretary

**FEBRUARY 1:** Deadline for scholarship applications

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### MARY EVA HITE

For candidates pursuing a doctoral or educational specialist's degree

**\$1000 - \$2500**

### FITZGERALD-GAILLARD FOUNDERS

For candidates pursuing a master's degree or graduate work for certification and/or professional advancement

**\$750**

### MARGUERITE G. THOMPSON

For candidate pursuing a master's degree or pursuing graduate work for certification and/or professional advancement

**\$750**

**Application deadline for all scholarships is FEBRUARY 1.**

**Download the application from the website ([www.geocities.com/scalphaeta](http://www.geocities.com/scalphaeta)) or request a form from the state Scholarship Committee.**

**Mail application to the chairman of the committee before February 1.**

Mary B. Redfearn, chairman  
119 Green St.  
Chesterfield, SC 29709-1202

# The Distinguished Service Awards Program

The Personal Growth and Services Committee of Alpha Eta State established the program in 2002 to give tangible meaning to the following Delta Kappa Gamma purposes:

PURPOSE II: To honor women who have given, or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education.

PURPOSE III: To advance the professional interest and position of women in education.

PURPOSE VI: To stimulate the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in appropriate programs of action.

At the state convention in March 2005, the committee recognized Margaret Edwards, Naomi Palmer and Inez Tennenbaumas state recipients of these awards.

The program begins on the local chapter level, with each of the 57 chapters in Alpha Eta State having the opportunity to recommend one woman for each of the available awards.

The 2005-2007 committee has chosen to add one more award to the three originally recognized. The original awards were "Distinguished Service to Alpha Eta State Award," "Distinguished Career/Professional Service Award," and "Distinguished Public Service Award." The fourth award is the "Distinguished Service to Chapter Award."

In an effort to recognize women who have made outstanding contributions to their chapters, to Alpha Eta State, and to education in South Carolina, the state committee requests chapters to make local awards in one, two, three, or four of the categories. From these local recommendations, the state committee will face the difficult chore of naming state recipients.

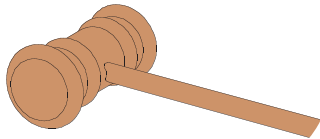
Chapter recipients of the awards will be recognized by having their names appear in a booklet to be distributed at the state convention. They will also receive certificates. The four state winners will be recognized at a convention general session and given a token gift, as well as a certificate. These awards will be presented during state convention years only.

Following are the four categories, along with necessary qualifications:

1. **Distinguished Service to Chapter Award:** This award is designed to honor a member who has served or is currently serving in a leadership role in her chapter. She must have demonstrated, through regular attendance and outstanding service, her commitment to the Society.
2. **Distinguished Career/Professional Service Award:** This award is designed to honor a member who has developed an educational project or activity that has a positive impact on the profession and is recognized as an example to other educators.
3. **Distinguished Service to Alpha Eta State Award:** This award is designed to honor a member who has had a leadership role in her chapter and has served and/or is serving in a leadership role at the state level. She must have demonstrated, through regular attendance and outstanding service, her commitment to the Society.
4. **Distinguished Public Service Award:** This award is designed to recognize and honor a member or a non-member woman resident of SC, who has made an outstanding contribution in any public service area in her community/state.

Chapter presidents have received up-dated information about the program, as well as up-dated forms to be sent to the district representative of the Personal Growth and Services Committee. Forms must be postmarked no later than **December 1, 2006**.

Let's honor those women who have made significant contributions to Delta Kappa Gamma and to education.



**BETA**



**Linda Gooding**

Faculty Merit Award professor of history at Charleston Southern U. for 39 years. Past state president.

**GAMMA**



**Sims Lynn**

5th biennium as president of chapter. Chair of Mental Retard. Board. Initiated 1986.

**EPSILON**



**Amy Gillion**

Reading & literacy intervention teacher, Mathews Elem. Initiated 2002.

**ZETA**



**Barbara Steele**

Principal, Northside Elem. Sixteen years as educator. Initiated 1995.

**ETA**



**Janna Mikutowicz**

Teacher at Spartanburg Day School. Educator for 30 years. Initiated 1996.

**THETA**



**Carla Shaw**

Teacher at New Prospect Elem., Anderson District 5. Educator for 16 years. Initiated 1998.

**IOTA**



**Mary Anne Scott**

2nd grade, Millwood Elem. Educator for 17 years. Initiated 2004.

**KAPPA**



**Rae Beth Fultz**

Teacher, Cross Elem. Educator for 22 years. Initiated 2004.

**LAMBDA**



**Amy Kinard**

First grade teacher at Wellford Elem. Initiated 1998.

**MU**



**Quincie Moore**

Principal, Gaffney High. Educator for 20 years. Initiated 1997.

**NU**



**Linda Williamson**

Special Ed. teacher, Green Sea Floyds, Horry Co. Educator for 23 years. Initiated 1990.

**OMICRON**



**Mary Redfearn**

Retired after 32 years K4 - 1st grade. Initiated 1973.

**RHO**



**Carlotta Chapman**

Teacher, Mid-Carolina High School. Educator for 17 years. Initiated 1992.

**TAU**



**Anne Alewine**

Instructional coach, Cherrydale Elem. Educator for 27 years. Initiated 2003.

**PHI**



**Angela Burkhalter**

Principal, North Augusta Elem. Educator for 31 years. Initiated 1985.

**CHI**



**Kim Dempsey**

Reading Recovery teacher, Beaufort Elem. Educator for 27 years. Initiated 2001.

**PSI**



**Janet Kittrell**

Retired. Part-time ed. consultant, Richland Co. Library. Initiated 1992.

**OMEGA**



**Carol Shute**

Retired elementary principal, Lancaster. Initiated 1994.

**ALPHA GAMMA**



**June Shealy**

Retired science teacher, Mauldin High. Volunteer for Greenville Literacy Asso. Initiated 1981.

**ALPHA EPISILON**



**Mildred Branton**

Retired, George I Pair Elem. Initiated 1970.

**ALPHA ETA**



**Ellen Parker**

On leave from Dreher High, English Dept. Educator for 3 years. Initiated 2002.

**ALPHA IOTA**



**Debbie Gardner**

Resource teacher, Pinecrest Elem. Educator. Initiated 2006.

**ALPHA KAPPA**



**Katharine Harvin**

Regional training coord., adult center. Initiated 1990.

**ALPHA XI**



**Frances Wannamaker**

Retired, Pickens Middle. Educator for 38 years. Initiated 1975.

**ALPHA OMICRON**



**Debbie Smith**

Teacher coach, Burns Elem. Educator, 15 years. Initiated 2005.

**ALPHA PI**



**Sandra Carroll**

Retired, Greenville Co. schools. Educator, 28 years. Initiated 1993.

**ALPHA RHO**



**Marilyn Muckenfuss**

Kindergarten, Stiles Point. Educator, 26 years. Initiated 1998.

**ALPHA SIGMA**



Principal, lower school, Cathedral Academy. Initiated 1974.

**Donna Lewis**

**ALPHA TAU**



Math teacher, Saluda Middle. Educator, 29 years. Initiated 1999.

**Carol DuRant**

**ALPHA UPSILON**



Retired, 33 years. Director of Homework Center. Initiated 1973.

**Jane Mueller**

**ALPHA PHI**



Teacher, Macedonia Middle. Educator, 30 years. Initiated 1988.

**Barbara Booth**

**ALPHA CHI**



Retired elem. teacher, Varnville. 2nd biennium as president. Initiated 2000.

**Martha Platts**

**ALPHA PSI**



Retired, Pickens Co. schools, 40 years. Initiated 1988.

**Anne Rauton**

**ALPHA OMEGA**



Retired elem teacher, Cherokee Trail Elem., Abbeville. Initiated 1994.

**Sandra Gettys**

**BETA ALPHA**



Retired, Prince Gorge's Co., Maryland, 33 years. Initiated 1974.

**Martha Wright**

**BETA BETA**



SC State Department of Ed. Educator, 25 years. Initiated 1981.

**Allianne Duval**

**BETA GAMMA**



Retired librarian, 32 years. Librarian, Florence Public Library. Initiated 1995.

**Margaret Cox**

**BETA DELTA**



Music teacher, Kelly Edwards Elem, Williston. Educator, 21 years. Initiated 1996.

**Denna Sessions**

**BETA ETA**



ELA & Honors Eng. teacher, Chesnee Middle. Educator, 23 years. Initiated 1993.

**Diana Wright**

**BETA THETA**



Retired, Madden Elem., 28 years. Pianist, Westside Baptist Church. Initiated 2000.

**Barbara Austin**

**UPSILON**



Media Specialist, Camden High, 29 years. Initiated 2006.

**Susan Prettyman**

**DELTA** Linda Mills

**XI** Linda Howle

**PI** Olivia Huggins  
Music specialist, McDonald Elem. Church organist. Initiated 2000.

**SIGMA** Deborah Green  
English teacher, Union High School. Initiated 1988.

**ALPHA THETA**



Retired teacher, 30 years, Lexington School District. Initiated 1979.

**Debbie Shealy**

**ALPHA MU**



Science specialist, 23 years, Union County schools. Initiated 1998.

**Kathie Harris**

**BETA ZETA**



Retired. Kershaw County schools, 25 years. Educational consultant. Initiated 2001.

**Christine Haff**

**ALPHA ZETA**

Ellen Sellars  
Teacher, Mullins Early Childhood Center, 32 years. Initiated 1987.

**ALPHA DELTA**

Judy Medlin  
Retired, Webber School, Eastover, 37 years. Part-time, SC Department of Ed. Initiated 1987.

**ALPHA NU**

Beth Clark

**BETA EPSILON**

Mary Ellen Greene

**BETA IOTA**

Ashley Burchfield

**ALPHA LAMBDA**

Christine Harris

**ALPHA ALPHA**

Betty Burch

**ALPHA BETA**

Janice Henson

**ALPHA**

No president

# CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

## ALPHA RHO

By Verna Blanton

Margie Clary has published her fifth book, *The Beacons of South Carolina*. The book is the history of the South Carolina lighthouses. Recommended for middle school - adults and using old and new photographs. Through stories and anecdotes, Clary tells the stories of the Palmetto state's remaining lighthouses. The book also includes a section on the lost lighthouses of the state.

Clary has four other books written for children, all steeped in South Carolina history. They are published by Sandlapper Publishing, Inc., of Orangeburg.

## BETA DELTA

By Bonnie Hayes

Pat Silva, Aiken County Director of Special Education, and Ioana Pop, one of the visiting teachers from Romania, presented information on the Foreign Academic and Cultural Exchange Services, Inc. (FACES). Since 1998, FACES has been promoting international educators for teaching in the U.S. and in the public schools of South Carolina, allowing both students and teachers to be enriched by the experience.

FACES is a private organization headquartered in Columbia. It helps qualified teachers obtain a J-I Cultural Exchange visa. The visiting teachers profit by learning about the United States and South Carolina through workshops, seminars, and hands-on experience in the schools and the community. They take back a wealth of information to enrich learning in their classrooms. Students broaden their knowledge of the world outside their own limited environment, thereby opening their minds to new ideas.

The visiting teachers work in foreign languages, math, sciences, arts, and special education. Aiken County had 28 FACES teachers for the 2005-06 school year. One taught French; one, Spanish, and 26 taught in different areas of Special Education.

## ALPHA ETA

By Canisha Fletcher

The Alpha Eta chapter began the summer with an outstanding showing at the District II Workshop held in Camden during May. The chapter received recognition for having the highest member attendance.

In July the Executive Board and committee chairs met to plan the program schedule and projects for the year. The chapter plans to continue past service projects such as *The Children's Garden*, *Sistercare*, and *Teacher Cadets* in Richland County.

New opportunities for service include collecting supplies for an art teacher (Society member) in the Dillon school system, supporting and international teacher, providing books for libraries in Africa, and providing a grant-in-aid for a rising college freshman planning to major in education.

Proposed meeting topics include Literacy Coaching, single-gender education, implementing a reading roundtable, and dinner with SC Teacher of the Year.

**SPOTLIGHT:** Tori Thomas is serving as second vice president for the 2006-2008 biennium. She is beginning her ninth year as a member of the faculty of Hand Middle School in Columbia. Thomas is embarking on her first year as full-time Literacy Coach at Hand. She has been "Teacher of the Year" and received National Board Certification in 2005. Her passion for teaching was ignited her senior year in high school when she discovered the living quality of literature. She has strong a passion for her students. She continues to welcome them into her life and maintains connections with them long after they leave Hand.

## ZETA

By Janis Blocker

The chapter closed out the year in June with the annual breakfast meeting held at the home of Janis Blocker with 15 in attendance.

The officers for the new biennium are Barbara Steele, president; Louise Rogers, first vice president; Christie Langdale, second vice president; and Sally Williams, secretary. Becky Strickland will continue as treasurer and Janis Blocker as parliamentarian.

Anita Gethers, a graduate of Colleton County High School in Walterboro, was the recipient of the Grant-in-Aid of \$1000. Anita will pursue a degree in elementary education at the College of Charleston.

At the first meeting of the new biennium September 25, Janis Blocker presented a PowerPoint presentation of the highlights of the international convention.

## ALPHA PSI

By Catherine Spragins

The chapter will start the fall with an excellent new executive board comprised of Anne Rauton, president; Margaret Miller, first vice-president; Carolyn Briscoe, second vice-president; Linda Redmann, secretary; Jeuel LaTorre, treasurer; and JoAnn McNatt, nominations chairman.

Susan Dooley, a kindergarten teacher at Central Elementary, was initiated April 29.

New officers will be installed at the first chapter meeting September 18 at Clemson Elementary School. Member Cathy English, media center director, will present a program on "Smartboard in the Classroom" and new technologies available to elementary students.

A relaxing lunch-by-the-lake was held in July. The outgoing and incoming executive boards met twice during the summer to map out plans for the upcoming year. Two programs will be presented by Delta Kappa Gamma sisters from neighboring chapters.

Chapter projects will include taking refreshments to a nursing home, collecting pill bottles for a free medical clinic, holding a "make it, bake it, grow it" fundraiser, and having a used book sale.

# CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

## TAU

By Frances Rish

Dr. Eunice Rowell, state president, was guest speaker at the spring meeting of the chapter.

Sue Zann Rogers presented the orientation program following a kickoff cook-out at the home of Laura Reeder.

Anne Alewine, welcomed 15 members to this first meeting. She provided cards for members to write to those not present.

Helen Foxhall, who is retiring after 22 years in the classroom, was featured in the *Greer Citizen* newspaper. She is a third-grade teacher at Chandler Creek.

Foxhall told of the changes she has witnessed in technology, class size, and discipline.

"Teachers today have to be multi-talented and open to different teaching styles and methods through research," she said.

Her colleagues spoke of her influence on them.

"Mrs. Foxhall has made so many positive changes to this community by providing solid quality learning to all those who have been fortunate to have her as a teacher," said Meghan McCall, third-grade teacher.

"As much as I love teaching, my husband and sons are more important to me than anything," she said.

She will remain in Greer and be a productive citizen.

"Even though I am retiring, I will still stay vital within this community," she said at the reception for her in May.



**Helen Foxhall, 3rd-grade teacher at Chandler Creek, leaves the classroom after 22 years.**

## ALPHA MU

By Margaret Dunn

Ada Welch, second vice president, was recognized as "Young Careerist of the Year" by the Spartanburg chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Club. Welch works with special education at Florence Chapel Middle School, Spartanburg District 5.

Drs. Debra Bishop, Laura Jones, and Kathleen Allen accepted the challenge of the Cooper River Bridge Run last spring. To prepare, they trained for several months by walking the two-mile perimeter of the Dorman High School campus in Spartanburg District 6.



**TOP: Ada Welch is "Young Careerist of the Year."**

**BOTTOM: Debra Bishop, Kathleen Allen, and Laura Jones joined the thousands for the Cooper River Bridge Run and Walk.**

## ALPHA SIGMA

By Mary Williams

The chapter is excited to be starting the new year with Ann Suarez, our outgoing president, back with us after her battle with cancer and its treatment.

Donna Lewis, president, Ann, and the committee chairs have an exciting line-up of events for 2006-07. The September meeting will feature a pot-luck supper with "getting-to-know-you and ourselves" activities planned. The October meeting will be a celebration of Delta Kappa Gamma's birthday. We will travel to Mepkin Abbey in November to view the creche exhibit in the Clare Boothe Luce Library. December's meeting will be the annual fundraiser for the Frances B. Muckenfuss Scholarship Fund. Plans are for an auction and country store of homemade and holiday items on December 2.

The chapter will focus on supporting its members this year and seeing membership grow. The new board is committed to making meetings fun and valuable.

## ALPHA GAMMA

By June Shealy

Members of Alpha Gamma and Alpha Pi enjoyed touring Madison, Georgia, during the summer. Madison is known as the town Sherman refused to burn on his march to the sea. Teachers who visit this lovely town are in awe of the graded public school and its outstanding architecture. The school was in operation from 1896 until 1957. Oliver Hardy, of Laurel and Hardy fame, attended the school. Today, the structure houses the outstanding Madison-Morgan Cultural Center.

Two members are serving Alpha Eta State. Sandy Bryson is a member of the Leadership Challenge Committee. Peggy Shealy is the state secretary.

Two on-going service projects are phone cards for service personnel and member-to-member (M&M) support. With this project, members of the chapter encourage each other with a little boost: notes, phone calls, small bouquet, fruit.

# AULD-MURDOCK HEADQUARTERS HOUSE

By Frances Wannamaker, chairman  
Headquarters Building Fund Committee

First, the committee wishes to thank chapters and individuals who have supported the financial need for the headquarters house. The need continues for regular and systematic giving to meet the costs of operation. You can "reach for the stars" by contributing to the fund.

Funds of \$200 per year from each chapter will meet the necessary challenge of operating expenses. The deadline for chapter recognition at the state convention for 2006-2007 will be February 16, 2007. This date is necessary because of the state convention March 16 & 17. Donations will still be accepted through June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

The following are Improvements and continuing services for the past year:

1. Installed an alarm system with monthly monitoring fee - includes fire alarm monitoring
2. Regular lawn maintenance which includes trimming shrubbery
3. Termite control and regular quarterly pest control
4. H/AC regular semi-annual inspections

A more detailed report will be given at the state convention.

The **Order of the Rose** continues to be an important and meaningful way to recognize individuals. A chapter may want to 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. Contributions need to be made payable to:

Alpha Eta State  
Donna Wiles, treasurer  
1328 Whippoorwill Drive  
West Columbia, SC 29189

Please indicate that it is for the Order of the Rose, Auld-Murdock Headquarters Fund.

## Sims Lynn Inducted into Order of the Rose

Sims Lynn, second vice president of Alpha Eta State, has been inducted into the Order of the Rose. A retired teacher, Lynn had varied experience as special education teacher, chair of the department, COATS evaluator for Sumter County. Named to Who's Who in American Education, she also received a certification of appreciation from the state of South Carolina in 2001 and was a Teacher of the Year.

With an Eds from Winthrop University and a masters degree from USC, she has contributed her expertise to school and community. She is a charter member and past president of the Chester County Mental Retardation Board. She chaired many committees for the SC chapter of the American Asso. on Mental Retardation.

Lynn has been an active member of Gamma chapter, serving as president for five separate terms. She has been district director and a member of the Achievement Award and World Fellowship committees. She has attended several Southeast regional conferences and International conventions, and was presider at a workshop at the San Diego convention in July.

Active in the Chester Associate Presbyterian Church, she sings in the choir and teaches Sunday school. She has served as past president of the Women of the Church.



Sims Lynn, Order of the Rose inductee

## ORDER OF THE ROSE MEMBERS

Frances Murdock  
Hester Medlen  
Gertrude Chavis  
Darlene Hyman  
Hermie Gaston  
Helen Mullikin  
Margaret Edwards  
Janie Gaskin  
Julia Wood  
Ann Salter  
Nell Cannon  
Ellen Walker  
Sybil Bagwell  
Lillian Jenkins  
Marvella Easterling  
Sims Lynn

# A REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

By Donna Bull Wiles

Many thanks to the chapter treasurers who work to get the dues in on time. Remember that dues are due OCTOBER 31 to the chapter treasurer. The form has to be completed and sent by November 10.

REMINDERS: Mark active dues as \$30 with no dittos, checks, or lines. Mark reserve dues as \$13. Give complete date at top of form. Double-check the totals. Attach Form 18A for resignations, drops, non-payment of dues. Check that summary of member totals matches member lists. Treasurer can be contacted at [donnabullwiles@aol.com](mailto:donnabullwiles@aol.com) or 1328 Whippoorwill Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169.

As I pay our phone, electricity, water and security bills for Headquarters, I would like to remind chapters of the opportunity to help support our lovely home in Columbia. Frances Wannamaker, chair of the Building Fund, has done a wonderful job of keeping us mindful of these obligations. I support her in asking each chapter to send a contribution marked for "Auld Murdock Headquarters Fund." Also a reminder that our Mary Eva Hite Scholarship Fund offers the largest award but received no contributions during this past fiscal year. Any state contribution can be made in memory or honor of someone. They or their families and you will receive an acknowledgment of your gift, if addresses are supplied.

The 39 chapters that contributed to the HEADQUARTERS FUND during the fiscal year from July 05 through June 06 (in addition to 11 members) are:

Alpha	Lambda	Alpha Beta	Alpha Rho	Beta Alpha
Beta	Mu	Alpha Gamma	Alpha Tau	Beta Beta
Delta	Xi	Alpha Delta	Alpha Upsilon	Beta Gamma
Epsilon	Omicron	Alpha Zeta	Alpha Phi	Beta Delta
Zeta	Pi	Alpha Iota	Alpha Chi	Beta Zeta
Eta	Tau	Alpha Mu	Alpha Psi	Beta Theta
Gamma	Phi	Alpha Xi	Alpha Omega	
Theta	Chi	Alpha Pi		
Kappa	Psi			

Other contributions :

KATRINA EMERGENCY	FLORENCE STEELE TRAVEL & STUDY	MARGUERITE THOMPSON
Alpha Zeta	SCHOLARSHIP	SCHOLARSHIP
Alpha Nu	Alpha	Alpha Mu
Beta Alpha	Chi	
Beta Gamma	Eta	
Theta	Pi	
Alpha Psi	Omicron	
Alpha Chi	Lambda	
	Mu	

STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND (FOUNDERS): Eta Alpha Beta (plus 19 chapters that gave \$5 with dues payment)

INTERNATIONAL GIFTS: (send these directly to Austin, Texas)

GOLDEN GIFT	EDUCATION FOUNDATION	SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Eta	Eta	Alpha
Chi	Chi	Alpha Alpha
Pi	Epsilon	Alpha Beta
Lambda	Lambda	
Omicron	Pi	
Epsilon	Xi	
	Alpha	

WORLD FELLOWSHIP	EMERGENCY FUND				
Eta	Xi	Alpha Beta	Alpha Tau	Xi	Beta Beta
Chi	Pi	Alpha Iota	Alpha Rho	Alpha Beta	Beta Delta
Beta	Nu	Alpha Theta	Alpha Zeta	Alpha Eta	Beta Gamma
Alpha	Epsilon	Alpha Phi	Beta Beta	Alpha Rho	
Omicron	Lambda	Alpha Eta	Beta Delta		
Kappa	Alpha Xi	Alpha Alpha	Beta Gamma		
			Beta Zeta		

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO BE PRESENTED IN MARCH

The 26th annual Alpha Eta State Achievement Award will be presented at the state convention in March 2006. On the face of the gold medallion is the inscription: "Alpha Eta State Achievement Award." The recipient's name and the year are on the back. The following criteria are used to determine eligibility:

1. Only active members who have made outstanding contributions to education and are presently rendering exceptionally fine service to the Society at the state level
2. A minimum of five years of active membership
3. No previous recipient
4. No state president during her term of office

All nominations will be evaluated by the committee. Summaries of eligible nominees' information will be presented to the Executive Board members, who will choose the recipient.

Please complete the form and mail it to **PAMELA WALKER** by **December 1, 2006**.

### DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

#### RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ALPHA ETA STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

1. Name of member recommended \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address of member recommended \_\_\_\_\_

3. Present professional position of person recommended \_\_\_\_\_

4. Membership in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of years \_\_\_\_\_

5. Statement of Achievements of Candidate

A. Chapter officers held: \_\_\_\_\_

Notable work: \_\_\_\_\_

B. State offices held: \_\_\_\_\_

Notable work: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Regional: \_\_\_\_\_

D International: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Professional Experiences and Honors: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Community and/or organizational service: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the nomination by December 1, 2006 to: Mrs. Pamela J. Walker  
217 Markham Rd.  
Columbia, SC 29229

**RAISE (Renew, Accentuate, Inspire, Share, Energize) Your Leadership Potential  
Attend Leadership Challenge 2007**

The Leadership Challenge Committee is planning a seminar to emphasize the purposes of the Society to help participants RAISE their leadership potential. Among the presenters is Dr. Jensi Souders (Tennessee), Southeast Regional Director. State leaders and various other speakers will be on hand to share ideas, strategies, and activities to enhance the roles as leaders in the Society.

Please identify upcoming leaders in the chapter and encourage them to attend. The registration form is below. Note deadlines and fees. If more than one form is needed, make copies of this one.

**Alpha Eta State Leadership Challenge 2007**

**REGISTRATION**

**Friday, February 9 (4 - 6 pm registration) & Saturday, February 10, 2007  
(concludes at 4 pm)**

**Clarion Townhouse and Inn, Gervais Street, Columbia**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter name : \_\_\_\_\_

Current office, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ Prior offices, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Other professional activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Current educational position and place: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for attending this seminar: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you see this seminar benefiting you, your chapter, and your community?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Hobby / talent: \_\_\_\_\_

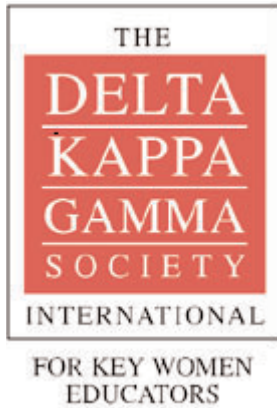
Roommate (if you have preference): \_\_\_\_\_

Send this registration form and a check for \$90 (made out to Alpha Eta State) to Patricia Huggins, 311 Valley View Drive, Seneca, SC 29672. **The deadline is Friday, December 1, 2006.** (Registration after December 1 will be \$110.) Add \$20 to the above price to room alone.

Please encourage your chapter to help defray the cost or to pay fully for all attendees. **The numbers are limited, so the postmark date may have to be used to determine participants.** This form is your hotel reservation, and all meals are included. Contact Patricia at 864-882-0978 or [phug49@yahoo.com](mailto:phug49@yahoo.com) with any questions or suggestions.

**Janis K. Blocker, editor**

20238 Augusta Hwy  
Round O, SC 29474



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**OCTOBER 31:**

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**DECEMBER 1:**

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE REGISTRATION DUE

APPLICATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DUE

ALPHA ETA STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE

**FEBRUARY 1**

DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

**FEBRUARY 9-10:**

LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE SEMINAR

**MARCH 16-17:**

ALPHA ETA STATE CONVENTION, COLUMBIA

**GET WELL**

**President Eunice Rowell has suffered a mild heart attack and undergone two surgeries, one to remove a kidney stone, in the past month. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers .**

***DIGEST***

**DEADLINE:**

**DECEMBER 7**