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New Orleans Hosts SE Conference

Alpha Eta State Registers 20

By Janis Blocker, editor

“Wisdom to Share: Passion to Care” was the theme of the Southeast Regional Conference held at the Riverside Hilton in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 27-30 and attended by 20 from South Carolina.

The conference got off to a rousing New Orleans-type welcome with a tour of the Mardi Gras warehouse and a mock parade with the Society sisters joining in for a gala good time.

The next day everyone got down to serious business with the first of the three general sessions. The presentation of the flags was most impressive with Marvella Easterling bearing the state flag in the absence of Alpha Eta State President Dr. Eunice Rowell, who could not attend.

The members from the 11 southeastern states were warmly welcomed by Director Jeffrey Anding of the Convention and Visitors’ Bureau. He

briefed the members on the progress in the area after Hurricane Katrina’s devastating effects.

The keynote speakers at each session provided entertainment, words of wisdom, and inspiration. Of special interest to South Carolina was the address by Dr. Terry Dozier of Virginia Commonwealth University and former S.C. Teacher of the Year in the ‘80s and later National Teacher of the Year.

International President Dr. Barbara Day shared her wisdom and demonstrated her passion as she presented the 15 initiatives she has for the Society during her biennium. Her enthusiasm for the profession is contagious.

Members could attend any of the 58 workshops offered. Dr. Muriel O’Tuel presented two workshops. Janis Blocker, Hermie Gaston, Darlene Hyman, and Linda Heckle served as facilitators.

A highlight of the conference was that through the generosity of those attending, the Emergency Fund collected \$8809. So many of the sisters from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama have been recipients of these funds after the hurricane.

The celebration banquet Saturday night was a fitting conclusion to the week of activities. Alpha Eta State members saw Sims Lynn assume the leadership for the 2007-2009 biennium. She was escorted by Nell Cannon, a past state president.

The conference will be held in 2009 in Little Rock, Arkansas. As Dr. Day reminded everyone, “We are the willing leading the unknowing” and we must do it with wisdom and passion. That determination was evident in the spirited singing of the Delta Kappa Gamma song to close out a week of enrichment in New Orleans.



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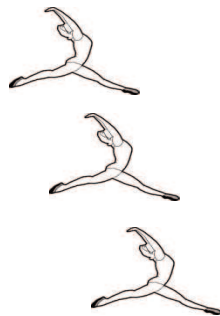
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**Dance!
Sing!
Rejoice!**
with
SIMS



Greetings to each of you! As we begin a new biennium, I trust that each of you will find a comforting and rewarding place in Delta Kappa Gamma. To those of you who have accepted the role of committee chairmen or committee members, I thank you from the bottom of my heart! You are a very important part of our society. Alpha Eta State is fortunate to have such an array of talented members.

Our theme for the 2007-2009 biennium is:

WISDOM AND PASSION FOR THE JOURNEY

DANCE! To the rhythm of wisdom!

SING! With a heart full of passion!

REJOICE! REJOICE! In the journey!

THE JOURNEY that leads you on!

Attending the Southeast Regional Conference in New Orleans, as your president, was a wonderful experience! Getting to New Orleans was another story! To make a long story short, after we sat on the plane for two hours, our flight from Atlanta to New Orleans was cancelled, and we had to remain in Atlanta overnight. The next day we were on our way to New Orleans!

The Fall Workshop was held at Leaphart Elementary School in Columbia on August 11. It was encouraging to have a large number of chapter presidents, state officers, state committee chairmen, committee members, and district directors participate. Thank you for your time and energy!

Also at the workshop, the state project was announced: MENTORING NEW TEACHERS BY PROVIDING THEM WITH SCHOOL/OFFICE SUPPLIES. Chapters wishing to participate in the project would select designated new teachers and their respective schools to provide school/office supplies to them. Chapters may choose to complete this project any way convenient for them. The project may be recorded at the end of each year on the Chapter Achievement Awards form.

The 2007-2009 GOALS are:

- . Emphasize the seven Purposes of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.
- . Promote active participation and contribution by all chapters and chapter members.
- . Encourage friendship and fellowship among Delta Kappa Gamma sisters.
- . Utilize humor to inspire harmony among members.

At the present time, I am in the midst of scheduling chapter visits. If you have not made a request at this time, please take the time and send your choice of a state representative.

Since you will be invited to sing along with me at some time, it is with a great deal of encouragement that I ask you to:

DANCE! To the rhythm of wisdom!

SING! With a heart full of passion!

REJOICE! REJOICE! In the journey!

THE JOURNEY that leads you on!

COUNCIL GOALS

2007 - 2009

1. Plan and organize district meetings and workshop sessions.
2. Support chapters within districts by contacting chapter presidents, visiting chapter meetings, disseminating Society information, and providing assistance as needed.

From your treasurer . . .

Congratulations to Mu chapter and Treasurer Ann Crotzer in Gaffney for sending in chapter dues in August! Chapter dues are due to chapter treasurers by OCTOBER 31.

Reminders for chapter treasurers:

- * International likes your summary on PAGE ONE
- * Do NOT use a check or ditto mark - the numbers should be used by EACH member's name
- * Complete the top of the form, especially the date prepared
- * Double check the math
- * NO state or international reinstatement fees

STATE GIFTS

AULD-MURDOCK HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND: Alpha, Beta, Eta, Rho, Alpha Tau, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Upsilon, Alpha Omega, Alpha Psi, Beta Alpha, Beta Iota, Beta Delta, Martha Horton, Janis Blocker; Alpha Eta State (contributed 1/2 of the cookbook profits)

FLORENCE STEELE TRAVEL AND STUDY SCHOLARSHIP: Alpha, Eta, Psi, Alpha Mu, Alpha Beta, Beta Alpha, Beta Iota, Nell Irick

MARY ETA HITE SCHOLARSHIP: Alpha Tau (in memory of Virginia Parkman), Alpha Eta State (profits from auction of baskets at convention)

MARGUERITE THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP: Psi, Alpha Mu

STATE SCHOLARSHIP: Alpha Beta

INTERNATIONAL GIFTS

WORLD FELLOWSHIP: Alpha, Beta, Epsilon, Eta, Psi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Omega, Alpha Mu, Alpha Xi, Beta Alpha, Beta Delta

GOLDEN GIFT: Alpha, Epsilon, Psi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Mu, Alpha Omega, Alpha Upsilon

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: Alpha, Eta, Epsilon, Psi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Mu, Alpha Upsilon

EMERGENCY FUND: Alpha Beta, Alpha Eta State (in honor of Dr. Beverly Helms, state convention speaker; 1/2 of cookbook profits)

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From your
executive secretary. . .

A new biennium has begun for Alpha Eta State! Congratulations to the new state officers and state committees and thanks to those who served for the past biennium.

The State Workshop was well attended by the chapter presidents, new state committees, and state officers. The presidents received information important for the year ahead.

Committees set goals and made plans.

Some things to remember:

- * Pay dues by October 31.
- * Attend chapter meetings.
- * Work to increase chapter membership. Chapters are renewed with the enthusiasm of new members.
- * Plan now to attend your district meeting in the spring. Put the dates listed in this issue on your calendar-now.
- * Consider attending the International Convention near Chicago in July 2008.

Chapter presidents need to check the Schedule of Events calendar regularly to keep up with things to be done.

Take the opportunity to find out about how Delta Kappa Gamma works around the world for children and education. Scroll to the Society website (deltakappagamma.net) to "Projects" or "United Nations" to learn how Delta Kappa Gamma is involved.

Explore the opportunities available to members at the Educator's Edge. Finally, if you are asked to name some benefits of membership, how many can you list? Scroll to the "Benefits of Membership" page to find them.

Have a wonderful year in Delta Kappa Gamma. If I can help you in any way, please let me know.

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CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

ALPHA ETA

By Canisha Fletcher

The chapter ended the year with a motivating and powerful speech from Jennifer "Buffy" Murphy, 2006-2007 State Teacher of the Year. At the same meeting the chapter initiated seven new members.

The Executive Board and the committee chairs met in July to plan the program schedule and projects for the upcoming year. The focus will be on increasing fellowship of new and veteran members. The Personal Growth and Services Committee will recognize the professional achievements and experiences of members formally and informally through the year.

The chapter will continue past service projects such as donating needed items to The Children's Garden, honoring Teacher Cadets in Richland County, collecting supplies for an art teacher in the Dillon School System, supporting an international teacher, providing books for libraries in Africa, and providing a grant-in-aid for a rising college freshman planning a major in education. Meeting topics will include researching educational documents of South Carolina at the S.C. Archives and visiting the Fast Forward Technology Center.

Canisha Fletcher received the Lucille Cornet Award, enabling her to attend the South Carolina Middle Level Summer Institute 2007 in Charleston.

The membership congratulates Ellen Parker, chapter president, on the addition to their family expected in the spring of 2008.

ALPHA RHO

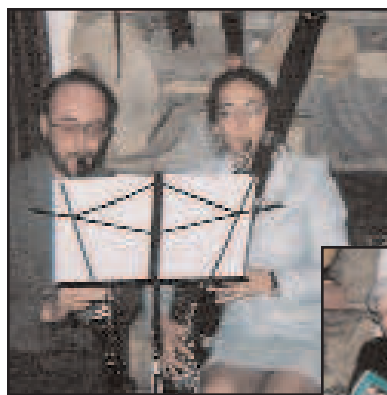
By Margie Clary

Elizabeth Castleberry, a charter member of the chapter, received a 40-year pin at the last meeting. Initiated into Beta in 1963, she helped organize Alpha Rho and is a past president. Recently she moved to Rolling Green Retirement home at 3 Hoke Smith Drive, Apt. 106D, Greenville 29615. The members will miss her and wish her well.

ALPHA PSI

By Joyce Christenbury

"Teddy Bear Concerts for Kids" was the special program concluding the previous year's work. This program was initiated by Dr. Marianne Holland, professor and chair of the music education department at North Greenville University, Tigerville, SC. Designed to raise the cultural exposure of children in the local area, the program introduces children to different types of music and musical instruments through the art of storytelling. The interactive program is a creative way to teach children about music. Dr. Holland, a member of Alpha Xi, Delta Kappa Gamma, Easley, SC, and two NGU professors shared this program with the chapter in April.



The Coppenbargers, NGU professors, present musical instruction to children through a program initiated by Music Dept. Chair Dr. Marianne Holland.



The members enjoyed a summer gathering in June at the Keowee Sail Club in Seneca. The potluck lunch was tasty and sharing with each other was enlightening. There was even time for chapter business with a board meeting.

The program lineup for the new year has members learning about WWII through the eyes of a historian, taking a guided tour of the Clemson Child Development Center, exploring the 14 member countries of Delta Kappa Gamma, and understanding the autistic student. Our lineup of projects for the year include pill bottle collection to

benefit the Clemson Free Medical Clinic, support for first-year teachers, book collection to donate to the Clemson Child Development Center, and collecting and donating items to Safe Harbor, a facility for abused women and children.

Along with learning and helping others, members will engage in several fun activities while enjoying one another's company. To celebrate the Christmas season, members will attend a holiday drop-in at President Anne Rauton's home, honor favorite valentines with a dinner in February, and enjoy summer fun in June with a picnic at the lake.

Alpha Psi says say thank you to Jewel LaTorre, who has served as chapter treasurer for the past nine years. Members welcome Donna Crader as the new treasurer.

The chapter also welcomes Lyn Sheffield as a transfer from Florida.

Cathy Spragins, immediate past president, attended the Southeast Regional Conference in New Orleans in June.

RHO

By Analisa Smith

The chapter recently had a tour of regions of Lake Murray and viewed the Purple Martin roost on Bomb Island. It was quite a spectacular sight to watch these majestic birds soar in and then out again, like the ebb and tide of waves. Bomb Island is known as the largest roost for Purple Martins in North America. Rho chapter members return to Bomb Island yearly to witness the sight of the birds flying in at dusk to roost during pre-migration season.

Two chapter members, Carlotta Chapman and Analisa Smith, will be presenting at the SE regional TESOL conference in the fall to present a workshop on grant writing ideas that will assist educators in acquiring educational tools for ESOL, special education, and at-risk learners to assist them in raising their literacy and reading achievement levels.

Three members were initiated into the chapter. The chapter plans to donate funds to sponsor a scholarship to an education major of Newberry College.

FALL WORKSHOP



SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

BETA BETA, GAMMA, THETA, LAMBDA, NU, PI, SIGMA, PSI, ALPHA GAMMA, ALPHA ETA, ALPHA MU, ALPHA XI, ALPHA UPSILON, ALPHA PSI, BETA GAMMA, BETA THETA, MU, ALPHA RHO



EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
OMEGA, ALPHA NU, ALPHA PI, ALPHA PHI



Rae Beth Fultz and Linda Navorska
register members as they arrive.



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

BETA, EPSILON, ETA, IOTA, KAPPA, OMICRON, TAU, CHI, ALPHA EPSILON, ALPHA IOTA, ALPHA KAPPA, ALPHA TAU, ALPHA OMEGA, BETA ALPHA, BETA DELTA, BETA ZETA, BETA IOTA, ALPHA THETA



Immediate Past
President Dr.
Eunice Rowell
presents the
award certi-
ficates.



Committee members and chairs participate in a workshop.

President Sims
Lynn begins the
new biennium
by presiding at
the workshop.



Reflections of a First-Timer

By Denna Sessions, Beta Delta

My first time at a regional conference was an experience I'll never forget. The conference was held in New Orleans. I had my doubts how it would be there after Katrina. I was pleasantly surprised that the French Quarter was not flooded during the hurricane and had been repaired and looked beautiful. The Hilton Riverside hosted the conference, and everyone there greeted us with a warm welcome and seemed grateful for our presence.

The first night was Louisiana Night. We were treated to a trip to Mardi Gras World, the largest parade float manufacturer in the country. We ate King Cake and even enjoyed a Mardi Gras parade inside the warehouse.

At the conference, the general sessions were inspiring and uplifting. The speakers were entertaining as well as insightful. Their thoughts will stay with me as I begin my school year and beyond.

The best part of the conference was the friendships that I renewed and the many new friends that I made. It was truly an experience of "genuine spiritual fellowship" among the women in attendance.

I want to thank Beta Delta chapter for giving me the opportunity to attend the 2007 Southeast Regional Conference.



Denna Sessions and her sidekicks Marilyn Muckenfuss and Naomi Palmer kick up their heels at the mock Mardi Gras Parade on Louisiana Night.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE GOALS for 2007 - 2009

1. To promote interest in scholarships
 - a. Publicize in the Digest
 - b. Provide information to chapter presidents
2. To encourage members to apply for scholarships
 - a. Request chapter presidents to place scholarships as an agenda item
 - b. Check link to website
3. To continue the process of establishing the Florence Steele Travel and Study Scholarship
 - a. Request each chapter to donate one dollar per member to the fund
 - b. Contact the Silent Auction Committee to have funds given to scholarships

Individual committee member responsibilities

1. Send a letter, brochure, and survey to the chapter presidents in her district; personally contact any members who respond to the survey; and report results to the chairman
2. Make scholarship presentations at chapter meetings as requested
3. Promote the Travel/Study Scholarship in each chapter in her district by encouraging donations to the fund.

Cornetet Award

The Cornetet Award is for the purpose of participating in professional seminars, workshops, lecture series, national certification, on-line courses, and other non-degree program opportunities that relate to an applicant's aspirations and/or current educational assignments. Special emphasis is placed on granting awards to early career and second-career educators. The four deadline dates are February 1, May 1, September 1, and November 1. Applications must be mailed to

Cornetet Award Committee
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CORRECTION

In the May issue, an error was made in the name of an award. Caroline Brock, who has served the Society, education, her chapter, community, and church with distinction, was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.



DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 31:

DUES Due

DECEMBER 1:

Nominations for Achievement
Award due

DECEMBER 14:

DEADLINE for January
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