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International Convention 2008

Twenty-three represent Alpha Eta

By Janis Blocker, Zeta

“Leading with Wisdom and Passion” was reflected in all activities at the 2008 International Convention at the Hyatt Regency O’Hare at Rosemont, Illinois. Lambda State thought of everything in preparing for this week-long event. The many workshops, business sessions, and tours were right on schedule. Of the nearly 2000 members registered from the 16 member countries, 23 were from Alpha Eta State, with four of them being first-timers.

To get the members fired up, Illinois Night featured “All That Jazz” with the Blooze Brothers, America’s #1 Blues Brothers Tribute Band, and Banjo Buddies, specializing in Dixieland Jazz and popular standards. Copying the World’s Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893, the host state offered the Midway Plaisance featuring characters from the past and midway acts. What an exciting night!

Following the fun and fellowship of Illinois Night, the members settled in to five days of workshops and biennial business sessions. International President Dr. Barbara Day conducted the business sessions with “wisdom and passion.” The spirit of sisterhood was realized as reports were given from committee chairs or members from all of the countries now constituting the Society. The various accents reminded the members of the merging of cultures and languages into a “society of sisters” all with similar hopes, goals, and ideals.

Prior to each day’s 10 a.m. business session, the members could attend the “Distinguished Lecture” series, starting at 8:30 a.m. Lecturers included Vigdis Finnbogadottir, the fourth President of Iceland and the first woman in the world to be elected a constitutional Head of State; Dr. Ursula Franklin, a native of Germany and now a resident of Canada and for whom the Ursula Franklin Academy in Toronto is named; Linda Lear, author of the biography of Rachel Carson and Beatrix Potter; Gillian Sorensen, senior advisor at the United Nations Foundation and former assistant secretary-general to Secretary General Kofi Annan of the United Nations; and Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson, North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the first woman elected to the post. These were but a few of the women of “wisdom and passion,” who inspired the Convention with their work and vision.

As always the Convention culminated with the Presidents’ Banquet Saturday night at which time past international presidents and current state presidents were honored. The Banquet concluded with the installation of the new international officers for the 2009-2011 biennium. Dr. Carolyn Rants of Iowa will serve as president, and the Southeast’s own Dr. Jensi Souders of Tennessee will serve as first vice president.

After Dr. Rants introduced “From Vision to Action: Advancing the Society” as the theme for the new biennium, the international sisters joined hands to sing the “Delta Kappa Song” with a promise to reunite at the 2010 International Convention in Spokane, Washington.



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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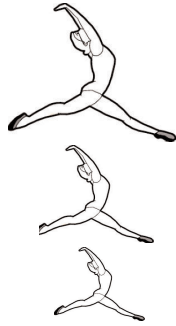
Janis Blocker

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
to read it online.



**Dance!
Sing!
Rejoice!**

with

SIMS



Alpha Eta State was well represented at the International Convention in Chicago! International Finance Committee Chairman Lora Nell Spence of Indiana gave an extensive financial report on the Available Fund, which is the operating fund for the Society. In 2002, dues were increased from \$14 to \$20. Since then, a decline in membership has been experienced, and the cost of doing business has increased.

In the interim months (beginning with the July 1 fiscal year and dues not starting to come into International until October) the Society has had to borrow from the Scholarship Fund to meet operating expenses. Auditors of the last audit explained that this practice could not continue. Balloting took place after much discussion and debate. It was determined that International active dues shall be \$40.00, and International reserve dues shall be \$20.00. Voting members considered the increase necessary for the Society to continue its commitment to the purposes of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Congratulations to the 2008-2010 chapter presidents! Your journey is commencing with the new International President Dr. Carolyn Rants. She has chosen "FROM VISION TO ACTION: ADVANCING THE SOCIETY" as her theme for the biennium. The 2007 - 2009 Alpha Eta State THEME continues:

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!

You are in for a wonderful journey on which you will cross paths with Delta Kappa Gamma sisters whom, otherwise, you may not have had a chance to meet! Enjoy the journey!

The Alpha Eta State Convention will be held March 20 - 21, 2009 at Embassy Suites in Columbia. Convention committees are in the planning process. If you have never been to a state convention, take this opportunity to attend. A Silent Auction is planned with theme baskets donated by the chapters. More information will be forthcoming. The Executive Board will meet Friday night, March 20, 2009. The business meeting, Birthday Luncheon, and workshops will be held Saturday, March 21, 2009. Please keep in mind that the Convention is open to all members. The following committees will hold workshops:

Communications, Margaret Dunn, chairman

Professional Affairs, Marvella Easterling, chairman

Leadership Development, Rae Beth Fultz, chairman

WISDOM AND PASSION FOR THE JOURNEY

DANCE! SING! REJOICE!

From your treasurer . . .

Reminders for chapter treasurers:

OCTOBER 31: Last day to collect dues from chapter members

NOVEMBER 10: Chapter treasurers send Form 18 to state treasurer (Because of the increase in International dues, send in \$50 per ACTIVE member and \$23 per RESERVE member plus scholarship fees for each member)

NOVEMBER 15: Deadline to complete NEW IRS Form 990 ONLINE (there is no paper form). Instructions were included in spring packets at district meetings; many treasurers have said it was an easy process.

Many thanks to all you hard-working chapter treasurers. I appreciate so much your accuracy and efficiency in mailing in your reports. If there is ever a question, contact me.

Contributions since last issue:

AULD-MURDOCK STATE HEADQUARTERS FUND

Alpha, Beta, Eta, Iota, Kappa, Nu, Phi, Xi, Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Mu, Alpha Omega, Alpha Tau, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma, Beta Theta

ORDER OF THE ROSE

Mary Kate Brearley Glasser by Margaret Mitchum & family
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From your executive secretary...

The 2008-2010 biennium has begun! New chapter officers and committees have met for planning.

A few important things:

1. Chapter yearbooks are due to 1st VP Frances Wannamaker, by October 1. (You may send her just the inside pages rather than the notebook to cut down on postage.)
2. Pay your dues no later than October 31. International dues have increased, but state dues remain the same.
3. Recommendations for nominations for state officers for the 2009-2011 biennium due to Dr. Eunice Rowell, chair of Nominations, by November 1. Recommendations may be made by individual members or chapters.
4. Send in your nominations for the state's highest award, the Alpha Eta State Achievement Award to Dr. Carolyn Briscoe, chairman, by December 1.
5. The Leadership Challenge Seminar is February 6-7, 2009. Consider participating.
6. Chapter presidents, keep up with your Alpha Eta State calendar and use the Chapter Achievement Award form as a guide as you plan programs and activities.
7. It is not too early to think of the Alpha Eta State Convention, March 20-21, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Columbia and the Southeast Regional Conference, July 15-18, 2009 in Little Rock and make plans to attend.

Alpha Eta State is 70 years young. We were founded March 5, 1938 in Columbia. Our 58th chapter was chartered last fall. Could we strive to have 60 active chapters when we reach our 75th birthday in 2013?

Use the international website (www.deltakappagamma.net) and the state website (www.geocities.com/scalphaeta) to find information for chapter and personal use. New sites have been added at international.

If I can help, please contact me.

Linda Heckle
linda@heck.com
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THANK YOU

to Lambda and Alpha Psi chapters for the "gifts" to Headquarters. These chapters have "showered" our house with items of necessity like paper products for kitchen and bath, soaps, trash bags, cleaning supplies, light bulbs and other items. It cuts down on the cost of replenishing these kinds of household needs. A big thank you to these members .

Convention Highlights



New International President Dr. Carolyn Rants (4th from left) and the officers accept the leadership for the next two years.



Dr. Barbara Day of North Carolina is the retiring International President.



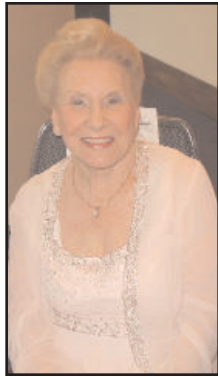
President Lynn makes a purchase from "storekeeper" Catherine Spraggins.



Linda Heckle and President Lynn host a social in their room.



SC President Sims Lynn is presented at the Presidents' Banquet on Saturday night.



Past International President Dr. Ruby Matthews and past Alpha Rho President Marilyn Muckenfuss



Claire Langston and Naomi Palmer



Nell Cannon, past state president, and her international committee members

Convention Highlights

First-Timer's Perspective

By Camille Reynolds

You've heard the expression that someone "never met a stranger." Imagine a group of almost 2,000 women who "never met a stranger." That was one of my first impressions at the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Convention in Chicago. My second impression was one of awe and inspiration. Women of intelligence, integrity, compassion, and activism gathered to share experiences and knowledge for the benefit of educators all over the world. From the opening session to the all-important forum, women networked to make an impact in the field of education.

The presentation of flags of the 16-member countries was moving. The remarks of the newest members from Denmark and Estonia demonstrated the influence of and appreciation for Delta Kappa Gamma around the world.

The Forum made it clear that Delta Kappa Gamma members continue to be actively involved in legislation that has an impact on women as educators and as citizens. Issues such as retirement pay, social security benefits, insurance, and equal pay/treatment on the job were discussed.

Each member of Delta Kappa Gamma should attend at least one International so that she can observe first-hand the significance of belonging to our Society.



Kathryn Fritz, Amy Kinard, Camille Reynolds, and Jenny Trombley attend their first International Convention.



Toulia Williams and Barbara Keefe



State Editors Lynn Carson (VA) and Janis Blocker (SC)



Marvella Easterlin and Executive Secretary Linda Heckle



Past state president Hermie Gaston and daughters Arlene O'Dell and Kate Jenkins



Alice Kirkland, Dr. Muriel O'Tuel, and Trish Owens



SC members at business session

NOMINATIONS - NOMINATIONS - NOMINATIONS

All members of Alpha Eta State are urged and encouraged to submit recommendations for the following Alpha Eta State officers for the 2009-2011 biennium:

President
First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
Secretary
District Directors
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) or from Linda Heckle, executive secretary (linda@heck.com), or by calling 803-796-0892.

Completed nomination forms must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2008 and should be mailed to:

Dr. Eunice A. Rowell
136 Orchard Park Drive
Greenwood, SC 29649

Committee Members:

Eunice Rowell, Chairman(5) (864-223-8921)
Pat Huggins, Alpha Psi(1) (864-882-0978)
Marsha Plyler, Gamma(2) (803-684-7234)
Claire Langston, Beta Gamma(3) (843-665-1176)
Linda Lentz, Beta(5) (843-469-1065)
Diane Taylor, Alpha Theta(5) (803-957-8177)

Position Open

Alpha Eta State Webmaster

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DON'T FORGET DEADLINES

OCTOBER 31: DUES
NOVEMBER 1: NOMINATIONS FOR STATE OFFICERS FOR 2009-2011
DECEMBER 1: NOMINATIONS FOR STATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS
FEBRUARY 1: 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 candidates 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) or request a form from the state Scholarship Committee.

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

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The Distinguished Service Awards Program

By Hermie Gaston, chairman

Is there someone in your chapter who is always willing to serve as an officer or on a committee? She is special. Do you have a member who has made contributions to both her chapter and Alpha Eta State in some way during the past six years? She is special. Do you have a member who has contributed to education by writing an important article related to education? She is special. Is there someone (not necessarily a member of Delta Kappa Gamma) who has done something to benefit education by her contributions to and love for learning? She is special.

Alpha Eta State Personal Growth and Services Committee offers some suggestions for you to honor these special and outstanding educators. The chairman of each local Personal Growth and Services Committee has (should have) up-dated material on these awards. Contact any member of the state committee if you have questions.

As you consider the **Distinguished Service to Chapter Award**, note first that we are looking for members who have served in recent years: 2004-2008. You need to fill out only the top part of the form, but information at the bottom of the form will be of interest, also. At the very bottom you will total the points for service at the chapter level.

The **Distinguished Service to Alpha Eta State** form is much the same. Notice the dates for service on this form: 2005-2009. At the bottom of Page 2, enter the total of all four levels of service.

Remember that the **Distinguished Career/Professional Award** is for members only, and this form is very different. Question 1 is most important. Then be sure to attach a resume or vita for the nominee. The last question is also important to us. The state committee will complete the Career/Professional Award Rubric based on the information you provide us.

The **Distinguished Public Service Award** is the one that can be received by a person who is or is not a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. Again, a resume or vita is required.

Once your chapter members have decided whom they wish to nominate for these awards, you need to submit your nominees. The address for submission is on the top of each form:

- District 1 - Amy Kinard
- District 2 - Christine Haff
- District 3 - Anna Louise Inabinet
- District 4 - Hermie Gaston
- District 5 - Arlene O'Dell

The deadline is December 1, 2008!!

How are these nominees awarded? Each local chapter should honor all four (or 3 or 2 or 1) of their nominees in an appropriate manner left to the discretion of the chapter. At the 2009 Alpha Eta State Convention every member will receive a booklet with names of all nominees in all categories. Each nominee will also receive a certificate. At the convention the state level winners of each award will be recognized and receive a very special pendant.

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 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.
3. **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.
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.

BETA



Retired(30yrs) dean, The Learning Center, Trident Tech. College, Charleston.

Patricia Gibson

Initiated 1991.

DELTA



Retired(37 yrs) Guid. Counselor, Mauldin Middle. Part-time mentor for Alliance for Quality Education. Initiated 1988.

Carroll Luck

ZETA



Retired (37 yrs) elementary school principal, Colleton County. Initiated 1990.

Gloria Valentine

ETA



Teacher at Spartanburg Day School. Educator for 32 years. Initiated 1996.

Janna Mikutowicz

THETA



Computer facilitator, Special Ed. Dept., Anderson Dist. 5. Educator for 20 years. Initiated 2001.

Rhonda Arnold

IOTA



Retired (39 yrs) curriculum facilitator. Consultant for Title I schools, State Dept. Initiated 2000.

Jane Embler

KAPPA



Teacher, Cross Elem. Educator for 24 years. Initiated 2004.

Rae Beth Fultz

LAMBDA



K5 teacher, Wellford Elem. Educator for 29 years. Initiated 1997.

Amy Kinard

NU



Special Ed. teacher, Green Sea Floyds Elem. Educator for 25 years. Initiated 1990.

Linda Williamson

XI



Retired (26 yrs) 7/8th lang.arts/English, Saulding Jr. High. Initiated 1989.

Janie Howell

OMICRON



Retired (32 yrs) K4 - 1st grade. Initiated 1973.

Mary Redfearn

PI



Music teacher, Gifted & Talented, McDonald Elem. Educator for 28 years. Initiated 2000.

Olivia Huggins

RHO



3rd grade teacher, Little Mt. Elem. Educator for 20 years.

Nancy Riggin

UPSILON



Teacher, Kershaw Co. School Dist. Educator for 36 years. Initiated 1982.

Linda Shaylor

CHI



Retired (35 yrs) 3rd grade teacher, McRiley Elem. School. Initiated 1977.

Elizabeth Duncan

PSI



Teacher, Kingstree Jr. High. Educator for 28 years. Initiated 2001.

Fontaine Knox

ALPHA BETA



Teacher-in-Residence, CERRA. Educator for 32 years.

Jo Ann Sherbine

ALPHA GAMMA



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

June Shealy

ALPHA EPSILON



Coordinator, early childhood ed., OC Tech. College. Educator for 18 years. Initiated 1995.

Dr. Suzanne Switzer

ALPHA ZETA



8th grade math teacher, Johnakin Middle School, Marion. Educator for 32 years. Initiated 2000.

Jean Allman

ALPHA THETA



Retired (30 yrs) 1st grade teacher, Pelion Elem., Lexington. Initiated 1979.

Debbie Shealy

ALPHA LAMBDA



Teacher, Latta High School. Educator for 10 years. Initiated 2005.

Laura Gasque

ALPHA XI



Retired (31 yrs) teacher. Pickens Co. Schools. Initiated 1991.

Kaye G. Young

ALPHA PI



Retired (30 yrs) teacher, Eastside High, Greenville Co. Initiated 1993.

Sandra Carroll

ALPHA RHO



Retired (36 yrs) speech pathologist, Stiles Pt. Elem. Initiated 2008.

Camille Reynolds

ALPHA TAU



Math teacher, Saluda Middle. Educator for 31 years. Initiated 1999.

Carol DuRant

ALPHA CHI



Retired elem. teacher, Varnville. 3rd biennium as president. Initiated 2000.

Martha Platts

ALPHA PSI



Retired (30 yrs) GT teacher, OrchardPark Elem., Westminster. Initiated 1980.

Patricia Huggins

ALPHA OMEGA



Math teacher, Wright Middle School. Educator for 24 years. Initiated 2003.

Lynn Grice

BETA BETA



1st grade teacher, Pleasant Hill Elem. Educator for 25 years. Initiated 2002.

Grace Ann Taylor

BETA GAMMA



Teacher. Educator for 8 years. Initiated 2004.

Lisa Johnson

BETA ETA



Part-time, Spartanburg Writing Project, USC. Educator for 27 years. Initiated 1997.

Diana Wright

BETA IOTA



English teacher, Hartsville High School. Educator for 20 years. Initiated 2003.

Ashley Burchfield

BETA KAPPA



Chair/Professor, Music Ed., North Greenville University. Educator for 30+ years. Initiated 1966.

Dr. Marianne Holland

ALPHA

Linda Smith
Teacher, A.C. Flora High School. Educator for 22 years. Initiated 2002.

PHI

Linda Longe

Retired (31 yrs) teacher, Paul Knox Middle School. Initiated 1998.

ALPHA DELTA

Michelle Schmoltze

Teacher, AC Flora High School. Educator for 15 years. Initiated 1999.

BETA ZETA

Trudy Ranges

Curriculum Coach. Educator for 29 years.

BETA THETA

Nancy Goodroe

ESOL itinerant teacher, Spartanburg Dist. 7. Educator for 30 years. Initiated 2007.

GAMMA

Dianne Carpenter

EPSILON

Tracy Garrett

MU

Dollie Blanton

SIGMA

Lucille Cody

TAU

Kim Higdon

OMEGA

Lisa Willis

ALPHA ALPHA

Jane Rhodes

ALPHA ETA

Barbara Guzior

ALPHA IOTA

Susie Epps

ALPHA KAPPA

Renee Matthews

ALPHA MU

Ada Welch

ALPHA NU

Lisa Thomas

ALPHA OMICRON

Patricia Owens

ALPHA SIGMA

Marcie Anne Walters

ALPHA UPSILON

Katherine Weeks

ALPHA PHI

Carolyn Price

BETA ALPHA

Arlene Ham

BETA DELTA

Alice Kirkland

BETA EPSILON

Charyl Banks

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

ALPHA BETA

By Sharon Beaty

The chapter will begin its new year with a salad supper meeting September 25. Members will bring supplies such as stickers, incentive charts, notepads, and poster for new teachers.

New officers are Jo Ann Sherbine, president; Patricia Scoles, 1st vice president; Marlowe Harrington, 2nd vice president; Sharon Beaty, recording secretary; Kathryn Jackson, corresponding secretary; Victoria Armes, Treasurer; and Janice Henson, past president. President Sherbine is a teacher-in-residence with CERRA (Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement). A resident of Bennettsville, she has 32 years experience in education.

ALPHA MU

By Margaret Dunn

Joe Ann Lever has been named 2008 Spartanburg's "Altrusan of the Year." Joe Ann is president-elect for the Altrusa Club, which has "adopted" Park Hills Elementary, a local grade school, to support the school community with academic aid and encouragement.

Banna Maloney, sister of longtime Alpha Mu treasurer Emily L. Martin, was a member of the 1988 committee which selected the incentive grant as a major project of the chapter.

The Emily L. Martin Incentive Grant was presented to Gabrielle Angelina Cloonan, a Byrnes High School senior, and Carolina Adele Haney and Teal Meredith Rosenlund, Dorman High School seniors.



ETA

By Janna Mikutowicz

The chapter celebrated the annual birthday meeting May 12, at Central United Methodist Church in Spartanburg, where the chapter was founded in 1944. State officers attended for the initiation of new members and the installation of officers. Marth Horton devised and conducted a Jeopardy-style game about the society. Sandy Bryson, director of District 1, was a special guest in September.



State officers 1st VP Frances Wannamaker, 2nd VP Martha Horton, Secretary Linda Navorska, Treasurer Donna Wiles, and Executive Secretary Linda Heckle participate in a district meeting.



Malinda Willard of Eta completes a Communications workshop activity as Carla Shaw observes.

ALPHA PSI

By Joyce Christenbury

The chapter year ended with the reinstatement of the local scholarship program. Gloria Bell, chapter scholarship chair, announced the recipient at the April meeting. April Ackerman from Daniel High School in Central received the award of \$300. She will attend Clemson University to seek a degree in education.

During the summer, Alpha Psi members enjoyed a lovely picnic at the Keowee Sail Club on Lake Keowee and made plans for the coming biennium. In addition, member Cathy Spragins attended the International Convention in Chicago in July.

New chapter officers were installed in September. They are Patricia Huggins, president; Margaret Miller, first vice-president; Carolyn Briscoe, second vice-president; and Lynn Sheffield, secretary.

The members will engage in four projects for the coming year. The September meeting will honor members who are active teachers. Other projects include signing petitions to address the Corridor of Shame; providing household items for Safe Harbor, shelter for abused women; collecting used medicine bottles, which will be given to a local church in mission efforts.

Margaret Miller as program chairman has planned outstanding programs designed to advance the Society from vision to action.

As one biennium ends and another begins, the members extend appreciation to all those who served so well during the past two years. Special thanks go to Immediate Past President Anne Rauton. Anne served the chapter well by honoring members, promoting the achievements of members, encouraging members, and supporting the Society in numerous ways.

CHAPTER NEWS and TIDBITS

ZETA

By Janis Blocker

At the April meeting, the chapter initiated Jane McRoy, Mickie Reynolds, and Sheri Lemacks. At the May meeting, Ashlyn Miller, a senior at Colleton County High School, was awarded a \$1000 Grant-in-Aid to attend Columbia College. She plans to become an English teacher.

To close out the year, the chapter had a cookout at the home of Janis Blocker at which time the new officers were installed. They are Gloria Valentine, president; Tracy McDonald, 1st vice president; Stacy Kennedy, 2nd vice president; Sally Williams, secretary. Rebecca Strickland was re-appointed as treasurer, and Janis Blocker will continue as parliamentarian.

The first meeting of the new biennium was held September 15. Janis Blocker, chapter and state parliamentarian and *Digest* editor, presented a slide presentation of the International Convention held at Rosemont, Illinois, in July.



Jane McRoy, Mickie Reynolds, and Sheri Lemacks are initiates.



Ashlyn Miller, an honor graduate, is the recipient of a \$1000 Grant-in-Aid.

MU

By Carol Gallman

Two members recently won state educator awards.

Renee Love, a Spanish teacher at Gaffney High School, won the South Carolina Spanish Teacher of the Year by the Citadel's Chapter of Sigma Delta Phi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding Spanish teachers across the Palmetto State. While being an educator for twenty-eight years, Renee has taught Spanish at Gaffney High School since 1985 and has served as sponsor of the Spanish Club. Under her direction as the department chairperson, she has assisted student travel to Spain and has written a grant to fund a foreign language computer lab.

Carol Gallman, a special educator at Gaffney High School, was named the South Carolina Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. In her honor, the school received a \$10,000 grant from Wal-Mart. Representatives from Phi Delta Kappa International, a professional education association and Wal-Mart's partner in the State Teacher of the Year programs, selected Gallman from among teachers throughout South Carolina for her contributions to the field of education and to her school. Carol has been a teacher of special needs and at-risk students in Cherokee County for twenty-two years. She is National Board Certified as an Exceptional Needs Specialist and has been certified in many researched-based instructional strategies to assist students with the general curriculum. A member of the South Carolina Council for Exceptional Children, she was a 2007 presenter at the state conference while also initiating the Gaffney High School Parent Teacher Organization and continuing to be the school liaison.

Both members have been recognized by both the Gaffney City Council and the Cherokee County Council.



Carol Galmann is the S.C. Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, and Renee Love is the S.C. Spanish Teacher of the Year.

STARS of the SOUTHEAST

Dr. Jensi Souders, retiring Southeastern Regional Director, announced a theme of "Stars of the Southeast." At each Southeast Regional Breakfast at the International Conventions, one "star" from each of the 11 Southeast states will be recognized by the state president and will receive a sapphire and diamond-sprinkled star pendant.

During the breakfast each state president presented the pendants to one who has provided outstanding service to the Society. State President Sims Lynn presented Editor and State Parliamentarian Janis Blocker with the pendant for Alpha Eta State.



President Sims Lynn with "Star of the Southeast" recipient Janis Blocker

WANTED: Nominations for Alpha Eta State Achievement Award

By Dr. Carolyn Brisco, chairman

The Alpha Eta State Achievement Award Committee is seeking nominations for the twenty-ninth Annual Achievement Award to be presented at the State Convention Birthday Luncheon, Saturday, March 21, 2009.

What is it? The Achievement Award is a gold medallion and chain. Alpha Eta State Achievement Award is inscribed on its face with the recipient's name and the year on the back of the medallion.

Who is eligible? You know her by these eligibility standards:

1. She is an active Delta Kappa Gamma member who has made outstanding contributions to education and is presently engaged in exceptionally fine service to the Society at the state level.
2. She has been an active member in good standing for at least five years.
3. She has not previously received the State Achievement Award.
4. She is not the current state president.

What are the criteria? The Achievement Award Committee carefully evaluates each nominee, considering her participation, leadership, and notable work at the chapter, state, regional and international levels; her professional experiences and honors; and her community and/or organizational service.

Who selects the award recipient? The Achievement Award Committee screens nominees for eligibility and presents a summary of each eligible nominee's information to the Executive Board. A written ballot is provided for board members to choose the award recipient.

Who may make a nomination? Any Alpha Eta State chapter or member may make a nomination.

Alpha Eta State is rich in leadership and has members who are eligible to receive this prestigious award. The committee encourages chapters and members to identify and nominate a deserving recipient. Nominations must be postmarked by **December 1, 2008**, and mailed to Carolyn Briscoe, Committee Chairman, PO Box 1825, Clemson, SC 29633-1825, faxed to Carolyn (864-654-6540), or emailed to Carolyn (carolynb@clemsonumc.org).

See Nomination form on the next page.

DO YOU KNOW OUR STATE FOUNDERS?

Researched and submitted by Margaret Dunn

FROM P. 4 OF INTRODUCTIONS OF FOUNDERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA ALPHA ETA STATE

Dr. Annie Webb Blanton, National Executive Secretary, and International Founder, sent a letter (September 19, 1935) to South Carolina State Superintendent of Education Honorable James H. Hope, to ask for the names of twenty of the finest South Carolina women educators from all areas, including superintendents. This was for the purpose of initiating a branch of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, "an honor fraternity for women educators. Each of these should be a leader in her line of work, a woman of professional spirit, excellent personality, and good

social qualities."

Thirteen women educators who had at least five years experience met on March 5, 1938 and were initiated by one of the National Founders, Miss Mamie Bastian, whose mother was a native South Carolinian. They formed a unique group from math, music, Latin, rural elementary, a supervisor of primary grades, a past county supervisor of education, a county supervisor, a state supervisor of home economics, education instructor, elementary school principal, and a dean of girls. Within five years, six chapters were installed from the sea to the mountains.

These remarkable women were

MARY ELIZABETH BROCK
MARY LIGON
MARY McDONALD
DR. MARY EVA HITE
EVA QUATTLEBAUM
MARTHA FITZGERALD
LILLIAN HOFFMAN
MARTHA RIVERS
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JANIE RICE

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, 2008 to: Dr. Carolyn Brisco
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TAKE THE JOURNEY

By Jenny Trombley, chairman

Get ready to take "The Journey of 21st Century Learning" at the Alpha Eta Leadership Challenge to be held February 6-7, 2009 at the Clarion Hotel in Columbia. Sandy Bryson, Alpha Gamma; Martha Platts, Alpha Chi; Tori Thomas, Alpha Eta; and Jenny Trombley, Theta have been working behind the scenes to bring you a wonderful experience for meeting other Delta Kappa Gamma leaders and to give you pertinent information for teaching in the 21st century. Even though it is early, mark your calendar now, and send in your registration before you get overwhelmed by the school year and the fast-approaching holidays!

If you are presently a leader in your chapter or would like to become a leader at the chapter or state level, in the classroom, community, or church, this conference is for you. Some chapters have such positive feelings about the contacts made and the information gained that they pay the costs of one or more of the officers.

How exciting it will be to have Ann Marie Taylor, the 2007-2008 SC Teacher of the Year, as the keynote speaker. She is also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma from the Kershaw County School District. She has been touring the state this year and will be able to share much information about the challenges with students of the 21st century.

Jim Rex, South Carolina Superintendent of Education, has been invited to speak about educational legislation but has not responded to the invitation. Since the last Leadership Challenge Legislation mail-in was such a success, that plan will be duplicated with updates and another write-in during Saturday's session led by Martha Platts. Participants will hear about the South Carolina Reading Initiative and some of the latest information about using Brain research in Brain Gyms.

Participants will also tour the Alpha Eta Headquarters Friday evening. The committee is working on activities to stimulate the right side of the brain for that evening.

Participants will be asked to bring nonfiction books as well as supplies for Headquarters. Since Headquarters hosts many committee and chapter meetings, supplies such as liquid soap, napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates (large and small), dish-washing detergent, coffee (both caffeinated and non-caffeinated, round Mr. Coffee filters, sugar packets, sweetner packs, bottled water, red or blue plastic Solo 12-ounce cups are always needed.

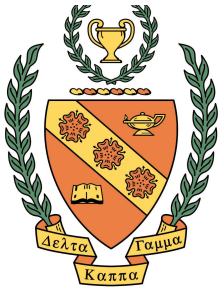
So if you are a leader in your chapter, district, classroom, school, or community; make plans to attend the Leadership Challenge Event in February, pick your roommate now, and plan for a great time of learning and fellowship.

PROJECT IDEAS

By Margaret Dunn, Communications chair

The chapters of Alpha Eta State enjoy fellowship and professional growth through a variety of projects. These are just some that reflect the seven goals of the Society. You may want to add one to your list.

- Participate in a local historic tour
- Gather books and supplies for new teachers
- Donate canned goods and school supplies to local women's shelters
- Review the history of Alpha Eta State and the Society International
- Offer monetary awards to first-year teachers for supplies
- Donate large-print crossword puzzle books to local nursing homes
- Learn about all the other countries of the Society International
- Study and discuss local published author
- Support local children's shelter with donations of school supplies and Christmas gift bags
- Donate items for a local nursing home's Christmas Gift Shop
- Create Valentine gift bags for new teachers
- Contribute to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for children
- Offer a mini-grant (\$200) to local classroom teacher
- Hear travel talks from members or local guests
- Learn about financial planning
- Donate phone cards to overseas service personnel through the USO
- Learn about current discoveries in child development such as autism
- Offer a raffled prize such as A Night on the Town (dinner and tickets for a production)
- Listen to a representative from the Department of Juvenile Justice about what young people need upon reentering regular school
- Support a girl to attend Girls' State
- Volunteer services at a variety of local community activities
- Conduct a community yard sale
- Offer a scholarship for a needy student to a local junior writing project or other summer camp



ALPha Eta State Leadership Challenge 2009 Registration

Friday, February 6 (4-6 pm registration) & Saturday, February 7, 2009

(concludes at 4:00 pm)

Clairon Townhouse and Inn, Gervais Street, Columbia, SC

Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Current Office: _____ Prior Offices: _____

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?

Hobby/Talent: _____

Roommate (if you have a preference): _____

Please send this registration form and a check for \$110 (made out to Alpha Eta State) to Jenny Trombley, 1502 Bramble Ridge Rd., Anderson, SC 29621. The deadline is Friday, December 5, 2008. Registration after Dec. 5 will be \$130. There is a limited number of single rooms that will be assigned as "first come/first serve if you would like to room by yourself. The cost for a single room is \$130 on or before December 5, 2008; or \$150 after Dec. 5.

Please encourage your chapter to help defray the cost or to pay fully for attendees. The numbers are limited, so postmark date may have to be used to determine participants. This form is your hotel reservation with dinner (Fri); breakfast(Sat); and lunch(Sat) included. Contact Jenny Trombley at 864-222-2408 or trombleyj@anderson1.k12.sc.us with any questions or suggestions.

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