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Newsletter of the Alpha Iota Chapter, Eta State, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International March/April 2011

From the President - Suzi Cabe

At our March meeting in Fontana, our chapter voted and approved six new members. These ladies will be initiated at our May meeting. After much work and consideration, the Rules Committee submitted the newly "Alpha Iota Chapter Standing Rules". These are attached to this newsletter and will be voted on in May. I would like to encourage your attendance at the Eta State Convention April 29-May 1.

Membership Information

Welcome to the following that were elected to our membership and will be initiated at our May 14 meeting.

- 1. Mrs. Iris DeRosa, Cherokee County
- 2. Ms. Barbara A. El-khouri, Graham County
- 3. Mrs. Terry Gribble, Cherokee County
- 4. Dr. Susan Griesinger, Jackson County
- 5. Mrs. Sue L. Ledford, Clay County
- 6. Mrs. Crystal White, Graham County

May Meeting Information

Date: May 14, 2011 Time: 10:00 am Location: Hinds University Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee Invocation: Dr. Sarah Madison Program: Jamaican Teacher Service Project, Initiation, and Founder's Day, Guest Speaker; Susan Phipps, ETA State 2nd Vice President Hostesses: Dr. Barbara Capps, Susan Karcher, Dr. Beth Lofquist, and Evelyn Rooks-Weir

Special Projects Committee

Once again it is time for us to pack our shoeboxes with teaching supplies for our Jamaican teachers coming to Western Carolina for Summer School. They do appreciate everything that we do for them because their supplies are very limited. Thank You to Amy Hobbs and the Future Teachers of Robbinsville High School for helping with this project! You may make your contribution of \$20 to Amy if you haven't purchased anything.



"Going Green" Moments

- Air dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Drive sensibly. Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gasoline.



Front: Julie Norcross, Dedra Davis-facilitator, Crystal White, Bay Snyder, Regina Gentry Back: Gigi Turner, Patricia Cabe, Kevin White, Suzi Cabe-Alpha Iota President, Dr. Jeanette Hedrick-facilitator, Scarlet Allison.

Teachers in the four western North Carolina counties participated in a distance learning opportunity provided at Tri-County Community College through a Delta Kappa Gamma Professional Affairs grant. The Saturday, March 26 training provided current technology information to teachers in Clay, Cherokee, Graham and Macon Counties. The daylong program was offered as an outreach effort of TCCC and Eta State of DKG. Dr. Jeanette Hedrick, Region XI Eta State Director of DKG, facilitated the event along with recent DKG International graduate scholarship recipient and Andrews art teacher Dedra Davis.

Communications Committee

It is finally here!!! The link for the Alpha Iota Website is: <u>http://deltakappagamma.org/NC-alphaiota/</u>

Our Webmaster, Dedra Davis, said we should be linked to the international and state page by the end of the week if all goes well. Thank You, Dedra, for an excellent job!



DEDRA DAVIS RECEIVES \$6,000 SCHOLARSHIP

Dedra Davis, Art teacher at Andrews Elementary and Andrews High School in Andrews, NC has received the **Blanton Centennial Scholarship from The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.** The honor society for women educators promotes excellence in education and personal and professional growth of women educators, leading in the field of graduate scholarships given to members and emphasizing leadership development for its more than 100,000 members in 17 countries. A member of the Society's Alpha Iota Chapter in Western North Carolina, Davis is enrolled in East Carolina University, where she pursing her Masters in Instructional Technology in Education.

Dr. Kathleen Harned of Tennessee, International Scholarships Committee Chairman, announced the recipients following the committee's recent meeting at International Headquarters in Austin, Texas. "We granted 26 Scholarships of \$6,000 each for 2011," Harned said.

Recipients must have earned a Bachelor's Degree, be enrolled in a recognized graduate program and have been a Society member for at least three years to qualify for scholarship consideration. Since its scholarship program began in 1940, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International has given 988 women educators \$3.9 million in scholarships. Congratulations from your Alpha Iota Sisters! We are very proud of you and for you!

Important Dates to Remember

April 28-29 Pre-convention Seminar April 29-May 1 Eta State Convention, Doubletree Hotel, Rocky Mount May 14 Alpha Iota Meeting, WCU July 13-17 Southeast Regional Conference Marriott Downtown Louisville, Kentucky

Message from our State President, Betty Marshall

We are planning to put the Membership Directory for all 107 chapters in a link on our state website. Please bring a list of your members, with email address and/or telephone numbers to the State Convention. This list may come from your yearbook or Form 18, which your treasurer has. Please have each member check "OK" beside her name, giving permission for the information to be listed on the website. Anyone who does not want her name, email or phone number on the website so that other members may contact her should be deleted from the list you bring.

Since we will not have a meeting before the convention, **please contact Suzi Cabe stating whether** <u>you do or do not</u> wish to have your information **published no later than April 20.** It is imperative that she has your permission in writing, whether email or note, or over the telephone.

The proposals for changes in the Eta State by-laws and standing rules will align them with the new international constitution and by-laws and will include a restructure of committees. We will likely wait until September to vote on the proposed chapter standing rules in order to give the Executive Board an opportunity to make a decision as to our committee structure.

Dr. Barbara Capps and Gail Debnam hosted a technology professional development seminar at Western Carolina University with several of our Alpha Iota members attending.

Please note the change of email address for Lois Fitch; loiswfitch@gmail.com