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From the President:

Dear Zeta Members,

Greetings from your 2006-2008 President. I feel excited and very humble as I assume the responsibilities of this office; however, with your help and encouragement, I am positive that we will have a good biennium.

I attended the Area President's Luncheon, hosted by Dorothy Stallings, in June. It was there that I met our area coordinator, Frieda Grisby, as well as the outgoing and incoming presidents from our area. Frieda is scheduled to attend our November meeting. I joined fellow Zeta officers and several committee chairmen in two very informative training sessions. Dorothy Stallings, Lou Ayers, Lilian Rathman, and Gail Herring led the sessions.

Six Zeta members and I attended the Alpha State annual convention in Beaumont. The state president, Catherine Davis, led us on a quest for Excellence with her "Roadmap to Success". The workshop for new presidents was very informative. Our chapter donated money towards the Area VIII theme basket that was raffled to raise money to help pay for our new state headquarters in Dallas.

It was my privilege, along with Barbara Rountree, Gail Herring, and Lilian Rathman, to represent you at the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International 2006 convention in San Diego, California where we witnessed the installation of Dr. Barbara Day as the new international president.

My first meeting privilege and obligation to Zeta was fulfilled by attending the Area VIII workshop in Temple on September 9th. We had 14 members registered and 13 of us attended. Alpha State First Vice-President, Rachel Gasperson, presented the workshop for area presidents. Our chapter donated a basket that was given as a door prize.

September 30th was the deadline for recommending someone for membership in Zeta Chapter. If you are completing those applications, please do so and get them to me or to Donna

Johnson as soon as possible. October 31st is dues time. Don't delay! Send your dues to Lorraine Doshier.

Our finance committee, executive board, and program committee held meetings this summer to plan the activities for the year. Our program committee, Jewel Lockridge chairman, has planned excellent programs for the year. Don't miss a meeting; come early for fellowship time for we have some exciting plans in store for you.

I am looking forward to working with each of you.

Linda Ewing



Clockwise from bottom: Gretta Fisk, Donna Johnson, Lacreata Carr, Linda Ewing, Margaret Hool, and Lorraine Doshier enjoy the Area VIII Workshop in Temple.

Below: Dorothy Stallings, Lou Ayers, & Lilian Rathman enjoy the Area VIII Workshop



Luncheon Held for Area Presidents

Dorothy Stallings hosted a June luncheon for the incoming and outgoing area VIII presidents in her home. A delicious lunch was served. Frieda Grigsby, Area VIII Coordinator, discussed upcoming area and state events. She solicited a \$5.00 donation from each chapter to pay for a movie theme, The Polar Express, basket that would be raffled off at the state convention to raise money for the new state office in Dallas. The incoming president of Lambda Chapter gave a preview of the Area VIII workshop that was to be held in Temple on September 9th. Also in attendance was Carolyn Wallace, who served as the Area VIII Coordinator for the last biennium. Assisting Dorothy with the meal was Lou Ayers and Lilian Rathman.

SUMMER TRAINING SESSIONS HELD

The members of the Zeta Training Committee held a training session on Tuesday, May 20th at the Indian Creek Clubhouse. The Zeta chapter officers and several committee chairmen were present to receive instruction on how to carry out their duties to insure a successful biennium. Each participant received a folder with pertinent information for her office or committee and the program manual and other resources were discussed. The Annie and the PACE Awards were explained and the group was challenged to meet the criteria specified in the application forms. The group then enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by the committee members. They are Dorothy Stallings-Chairman, Lou Ayers, Lilian Rathman, and Gail Herring. A second training was held in August in the home of Dorothy Stallings.

September--October Birthdays

09/02 Carolyn Wallace	10/06 Cynthia Collier
09/03 Martha H. Bunhausen	10/09 Lynette Hollingsworth
09/26 Anne Akin	10/15 Lou Ayers
09/27 Julie Covington	10/17 Corrie Logan
10/05 Hellen Yarber	10/18 Jan Hungate

Finance Committee Meets

Members of the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, August 3rd to audit the 1005-2006 books. The treasurer, Lorraine Doshier provided all the financial records for the committee members to review. The committee met again on Friday, August 5th to prepare the proposed budget for the upcoming year. Both meetings were hosted by Gretta Fisk in her McGregor home. The group enjoyed refreshments provided by Gretta and Lorraine. Attending were Treasurer-Lorraine Doshier, President-Linda Ewing, Gretta Fisk-committee chairman, Carolyn Wallace and Eula McKown. Darla Bertino and Corrie Logan were unable to attend.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Zeta Executive Committee met on Thursday, August 17th at the Hoover Library in Waco. The president, Linda Ewing, gave a brief summary of the summer meetings as well as her goals for the upcoming biennium. Gretta Fisk presented the proposed budget for approval. Those attending enjoyed refreshments of fresh fruit and cookies. Zeta officers attending were President-Linda Ewing, 1st Vice President-Jewel Lockridge, 2nd Vice President-Marsha Jaska, Recording Secretary-Laura Speegle, Corresponding Secretary-Margaret Hool, Treasurer-Lorraine Doshier, and Parliamentarian-Lynette Hollingsworth.

UPCOMING MEETINGS!

Our first meeting of the biennium will be on **Thursday, October 19 at 4:30 P.M.** in Barbara Rountree's classroom at Waco High School. A delightful program "You Can't Make Up Stuff Like This" will be presented by our very own Marsha Jaska. You will not want to miss it.

The November meeting will be on **November 18th at the Hoover Library** (across the street from the HEB on Wooded Acres in the Starbuck's parking lot) at 10:00 A.M.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Lilian Rathman was the recipient of the Alpha State Achievement Award. Congratulations, Lilian! You are most deserving. We appreciate your dedication to Delta Kappa Gamma and the leadership you have given to us in Zeta Chapter.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

More than ever before, we have the chance to change the negative attitude toward public education in the Legislature. Please take the time to review the candidates' responses to education priorities; then, vote for the candidates that will best represent us. Together we can make sure the voice of public education is heard during this election!

Important Dates

Oct. 23 – First day of early voting
Nov. 3 – Last day of early voting
Nov. 7 – Election Day

IN OUR THOUGHTS

Lorraine Doshier may have to have ankle surgery in the near future. **Treasure Malone** and **Dorothy Pool** are still having health problems.

We Need Your News!

Send News for the November-December Newsletter to Linda Ewing.

Send Information for the Web Site to Gail Herring.

Send Information for the Yearbook to Joy Pinto.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Carolyn Wallace has a new grandson. **Eula McKown** was elected to serve on the Heart of Texas Regional History Fair board. Jewel Lockridge is teaching two night classes at Baylor University. **Jan Hungate** has a new job at West ISD. **Lacreta Carr** has resumed the position of high school cheerleader sponsor at China Spring. **Lynette Hollingsworth** is planning to retire after this school year. **Linda Ewing** was elected to serve as the president for the Moody Chapter ATPE.

Programs Planned for the Year

The Program Committee met on Thursday, August 17th at the Hoover Library in Waco. The members were given printed excerpts from the new program of work, as well as a list of program suggestions. The group planned the programs and meeting places for the November, 2006 through October, 2007 Zeta meetings, with the exception of the Tri-Chapter meeting which will be planned by the Tri-chapter Coordinating Board; Lynette Hollingsworth-Chairman. The chairman of the Program Committee is Jewel Lockridge.

ZETA CHAPTER MEETINGS 2006-2007

Sept. 9, 2006—Area VIII Workshop
Temple 9th Grade Center, Temple, TX

Oct. 19, 2006—Barbara Rountree's classroom
Waco High School, 4:30 P.M.

Nov. 18, 2006—Hoover Branch Library (across from HEB, Wooded Acres) 10:00 A.M.

Dec. 16, 2006—Hamilton House, Austin Ave.
10:00 A.M. (meal will be served)

Jan. 20, 2007—Hoover Branch Library
10:00 A.M. (refreshments will be served)

Feb. 17, 2007—Hoover Branch Library
10:00 A.M. (refreshments will be served)

March 17, 2007—Greater Zion Church,
2626 S. 28th St., Waco, 10:00 A.M.
(meal will be served)

April 21, 2007—Hoover Branch Library
10:00 A.M. (refreshments will be served)

May, 2007—Tri-Chapter Meeting—(TBA)
(meal will be served)

Sept. 15, 2007—Hoover Branch Library
10:00 A.M. (refreshments will be served)

Oct. 20, 2007—Hoover Branch Library
10:00 A.M. (refreshments will be served)

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS

The member spotlight this month is on Eula McKown. Eula joined Zeta Chapter in 1999 while she was teaching at Moody High School. After teaching for 29 years, 24 of those years at Moody H. S., she retired in May, 2002.

Eula was born near Humble, Texas and attended the Aldine I.S.D., graduating from Aldine High School in 1960. After working a year in Houston, she moved to Belton to attend Mary Hardin-Baylor College (now the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor). Eula graduated from MH-BC in 1965 and began teaching 8th grade history in Belton Jr. High. From Belton, she moved to Columbus, Texas and taught high school world history.

After four years of teaching, Eula moved to Irving and began a career as an insurance office adjuster. While working in Dallas, she met her future husband, Jimmy McKown. After marrying him, she moved to McGregor and worked as an insurance adjuster in Waco for one year. The opportunity opened for Eula to return to teaching and she taught homebound for one year through the county school district, teaching in McGregor I.S.D.

Eula then stayed home to begin a family. Her son, Patrick, was born in 1975 and she returned to teaching in 1977, beginning with a half-day position at Moody Jr. High. While teaching in the Moody school district, Eula sponsored Student Council for 20 years, Mock Trial for 19 years, and sponsored the Challenge Team for several years. She also led an Academic Decathlon team one year. In addition, her students entered an anti-drug contest at ESC 12 one year and her students entered the History Fair for many years.

Since retiring, Eula has stayed active in education. After substituting and teaching an ESL class for MCC, she taught 6th grade at Parkview Christian Academy during the 2003-2004 school year. She continues to substitute and stay in touch with school students.

In September, 2006, she was voted to become a member of the Heart of Texas Regional History Fair Board. The purpose of the board is to promote interest in history among elementary and secondary school students. As a nominated member to the HOTRHF Board, Eula was one of the presenters at the HOTRHF's David C. DeBoe Workshop for students, parents and teachers which was held on August 26th at Baylor University's Bill Daniel Student Center.

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

There will be an open house on Thursday, November 16 from 2:30 – 5:30 P.M. to celebrate the 50th year of our International Headquarters Building (1956-2006). Our headquarters building is located at 416 West 12th Street in Austin, Texas.

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS; FROM THEN TO NOW

For several years, the business of a growing Delta Kappa Gamma was carried out by its founder, Dr. Annie Webb Blanton. Without a building to serve as headquarters, Dr. Blanton stored society materials both in her office on the University of Texas campus and in her room at the Faculty Women's Club at 2610 Whitis Ave.

When Dr. Blanton moved into her newly build home (1909 Cliff Street) around 1936, she used an upstairs screened in porch and bedroom to carry on the correspondence of the Society. The multiplying number of materials were stored in closets and in the attic of her home. During the following bien-nium Delta Kappa Gamma appropriated \$13 a month to rent a room at Dr. Blanton's Cliff Street residence to serve as headquarters office. Soon the space was too small. The Society then rented two rooms that Dr. Blanton has been renting out. The rent was \$30 per month.

When in 1944 Dr. Blanton put her Cliff Street house on the market, the Society rented office space (at \$60 per month) in the Littlefield Building at the corner of Congress Avenue and Sixth Streets. At this time the Society had grown to 22,000 members.

In April, 1946, having outgrown the space at Littlefield Building, the Society leased a five room stucco cottage at 1309 Brazos Street. However, before the time came to renew the lease at Brazos Street, the Society's need for space had once again outgrown its headquarters.

On August 14, 1954, the International Convention and International Executive Board authorized construction of an office building on property owned by the Society on the corner of West Twelfth and San Antonio Streets in Austin (only two and a half blocks from the capitol). "Although the Society had an excellent credit rating at local banks and the valuable lot could have been used as security, never at any time was it necessary to borrow money. Both the architect and contractor were amazed that the Society could pay bills as they were incurred, although there were a few anxious moments during the eighteen months of construction." The furnishings were paid for by member contributions.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new building was held on July 15, 1955. The cornerstone was laid on November 25, 1955 and the two-story International Headquarters building was dedicated in August of 1956. "A dream had finally been realized." The Society's headquarters is still housed in this building at 416 West Twelfth Street. (Information found on Delta Kappa Gamma web site).

ALPHA STATE MEETING

The Alpha State convention was held at Ford Park in Beaumont on June 15 – 17, 2006. State president, Catherine Davis, presided over the meeting. Her theme for the biennium was “Excellence: A Roadmap to Success.” The meeting was packed with numerous *CPE* workshops, committee training and two general sessions. Zeta members participated in the birthday luncheon and the president’s banquet. Linda Ewing participated in the new president’s training session and attended the executive board session. It was reported that Alpha State has 13,253 active members, 963 reserve members, 315 chapter honorary members, and 21 state honorary members, 71 active life (stopped in 1964) members, and 23 reserve life for a total membership of 14,646. Gail Herring sang with the state choir. The Beaumont area chapters are to be commended for a successful convention in the mist of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The Zeta members attending the state conference were Gail Herring, Barbara Rountree, Lorraine Doshier, Lou Ayers, Lilian Rathman, Dorothy Stallings, and Linda Ewing.

ZETA MEMBERS GO WEST

Barbara Rountree and Gail Herring spent July 13 - 16 in historic Solvang, California. They were among the key women educators who participated in the Purposeful Living Conference. At the end of the week they traveled by bus to San Diego, California to attend the International convention. Joining them in San Diego were Lilian Rathman and Linda Ewing. The women attended various workshops, the Area VIII breakfast, the Alpha State breakfast, the birthday luncheon, the president’s banquet, the necrology ceremony and all of the general sessions. Gail Herring sang with the International Choir and attended a reunion of the Golden Gift recipients. Although busy with convention activities, the ladies took time to visit Coronado Island, Old Town, Seaport Village, and other sites. Lilian and her daughter drove to California. After the

convention they took an extended vacation and visited other places in California as well as stopping to visit other sites on the way home. The group will give a report at the October meeting.

ZETA WELL REPRESENTED AT AREA VIII WORKSHOP

Several Zeta members traveled to Temple on September 9 to attend the Area VIII Workshop which was hosted by the Lambda Chapter. Presiding at the meeting was the Area VIII Coordinator, Frieda Grisby. Greetings were brought by the mayor pro tem of Temple, the high school principal of Temple H.S. and Dianne White Delisi. A continental breakfast was provided. The chapter roll call was done by Carolyn Wallace.

The members then attended two breakout sessions and ate a delicious lunch. Gail Herring conducted a session on World Fellowship and Carolyn Wallace presided over the legislative session where Dianne Delisi presented.

Lilian Rathman was recognized for having received the Alpha State Achievement Award and Zeta Chapter received a five-star award for outstanding newsletter on the area level.

Several door prizes were given. Zeta Chapter donated a basket for the door prizes.

Attending the meeting from Zeta Chapter were Dorothy Stallings, Lilian Rathman, Lou Ayers, Lorraine Doshier, Carolyn Wallace, Gail Herring, Donna Johnson, Linda Ewing, Eula McKown, Gretta Fisk, Lacreata Carr, Barbara Rountree, and Margaret Hool. Although registered, Jewel Lockridge was unable to attend.





Gail Herring (2nd from right) sings in the choir at Alpha State Convention



Dorothy Stallings with a Delta Kappa Gamma sister at the Alpha State Convention

ATTENTION!!!

The new *ALPHA STATE HEADQUARTERS* held an *OPEN HOUSE* on Sunday, October 15 from 2 – 5 P.M. Each chapter in the state has pledged to pay \$100 per year for five years. This \$500 donation per chapter will go towards paying back the scholarship fund for the money used to build the state office. Maybe you can think of a creative way that our chapter can raise our portion.

SEARCHING FOR AUTHORS!!!

State President, Catherine Davis, is compiling a list of all state Delta Kappa Gamma members, living or dead, who have written and published a book(s). She needs the name of the member and the name of the book. If you or if you know of any Zeta member who has been published please let me know so that we can get the information to Catherine.

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Visit the Alpha State Website:
www.deltakappagamma.org

Important Dates

- Oct. 15 – Alpha State Leadership Seminar application due to state headquarters.
- Oct. 31 – Membership Dues paid by all members (to Lorraine Doshier).
- Nov. 1 – Yearbook due for Early Bird Award.
Lone Star News Deadline
Zeta Chapter Newsletter Deadline
 (Send info. to Linda Ewing)
- Nov. 10 – Due to Alpha State from Treasurer (Form 18 – Chapter Dues & Form 18A- Dropped Members)

DON'T FORGET

If you would like to donate to the **Storybook Christmas Project**, you may bring your book or money donation to the October meeting at Barbara Rountree's classroom..

November is the month for the **Christmas Bazaar**. Bring Christmas items to be auctioned off to raise money for our scholarship fund. Several ladies have commented on how much fun they had last year. Let's make this event a big success! Oh yes, bring your check books.

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