

Psi Chapter Chatter

The Mission of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Psi Chapter is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

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A note from Mary Anne *This year has flown by. It is already November! I've been reminded lately that life is a journey with a series of switchback trails, pot holes, dead-end byways and meandering routes. We must set our goal and begin the path. We must begin our journey with the end in mind, consult a map and evaluate where we are. Our measure in Psi chapter is the Key Chapter Form and we are right on track for Gold Chapter.*

I encourage you to join your Psi Sisters on **November 14** for our Holiday celebration. Bring your favorite dish for the pot-luck meal. The fellowship, food, and festivities will be enjoyable. Epsilon State President Martha Turner will be our guest.

At the Oct. meeting, Dr. Sarah Ebarb shared her thoughts about Sabine Parish Schools and the challenging expectations that the state education system has given the local schools and teachers.

Central District Meeting Report: Yvonne Busby, Lady Patton, and Mary Anne Russell attended the recent district meeting in Leesville, LA. We were challenged by the state officers using Martha Turner's theme—Lights, Camera, Action...Together Creating Infinite Possibilities. Central District is the hostess for the Epsilon State Convention in March. Please make plans to attend. Each Psi member is responsible for providing a door prize for under \$10.00. Psi Chapter and Beta Kappa Chapter are responsible for the Saturday night banquet—table decorations and favors.

Important Dates

Nov./Dec—Nov. 14, 2013, 6 PM, Pot luck meal. Council on Aging Building, Hostesses—Many 2

Meeting — COA—Feb. 13
Early Career Educators—
Team 3
Hostesses—Hostess -Zwolle

Meeting — COA— Mar 13
Orientation of new members
Hostesses—Officers

Epsilon State Convention—
March 14-16, 2013, Pineville

Founder's Day April 10—
COA— 6PM Initiation of new
members and Installation of
Officers Hostesses-Many 1

Literacy/Numeracy Project—Please bring either a book or a math manipulative to share with classrooms in Sabine Parish. At the Central District meeting we brought home a box full of math items for distribution in parish classrooms.

Epsilon State would like to deliver the Deltion Newsletter to you by email. You can select your preferred method of delivery by registering on the state website: <http://epsilonstatedkg.wordpress.com/deltion/> If you have already done this, you don't have to do it again.

Key Chapter—Going for the Gold!!!

Don't forget to bring a non-perishable item for COA's Emergency Food Closet. This food is given to any one over 18 who has an immediate food need.

Know a Key woman educator? Please take a moment to recommend her for membership in Psi Chapter: We were challenged at Central District Meeting to recruit, retain, and re-instate members. An active member shall be a woman who is employed as a professional educator at the time of her election or has been retired from an educational position. There is **no requirement** for amount of service as a professional educator in advance of the invitation. Please mail your recommendation for membership to Sherry Fulton by February 1, 2012—365 Bayshore Drive, Many, LA 71449 or email to fulton@sabine.k12.la.us. Former members who wish to be reinstated only have to pay their dues and scholarship fee at the time of re-instatement. So ask a former member. (no vote has to be taken by the chapter). Reinstatement forms will be at the November meeting.

Scholarship, Bea Davis Leadership Seminar, and Stipends

You are encouraged to check out these opportunities.

There are several scholarships available to Psi Members to for college classes. The deadline for application is Jan. 15. The Scholarship Chairman said that one must be a member in good standing of a Louisiana chapter and have been a member for two years by January 15th of the year of the application. The application and the guidelines are available on the Epsilon Website.

<http://epsilonstatedkg.wordpress.com/forms/scholarships-and-stipends/>

Stipends are available for members to attend conferences.

The Wanda Gunn Live and Learn Special Stipend assists teachers/professors in attending professional development trainings.

Jubilee Rose Stipend is for non-classroom educators, active and retired, regardless of years of membership, area of expertise, certification, or assignment and may be used to attend regional, national or international conferences, conventions, workshops, and seminars.

Vivian F. Bourgeois Special Stipend is for classroom teachers/professors by affording them the opportunity to present at or attend regional, national, and international conferences/ conventions or workshops/seminars within their discipline .

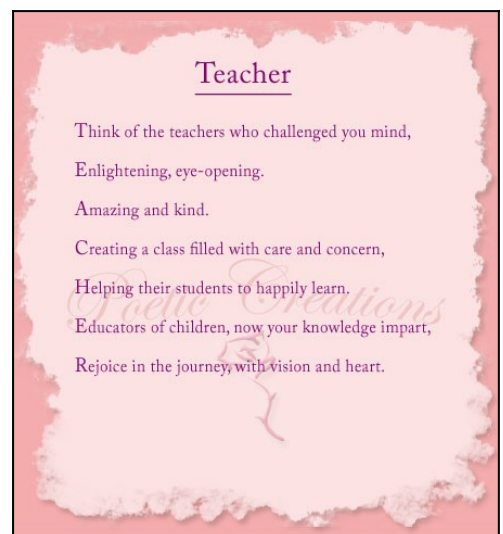
Application can be made at any time.

The Bea Davis Leadership Seminar is training for potential leaders for service to Epsilon State and Delta Kappa Gamma. The seminar will be held in the first weekend in June 6-7, 2015, beginning on a Friday afternoon and continuing through breakfast on Sunday. The deadline for application is Jan. 15. The application and guidelines are on the website.



Happy Birthday!

Shelly Rivers Dec. 2
 Deborah Campbell Dec. 4
 Lea Ann Hawkins Dec. 5
 Sheryl Wilson Dec.20
 Elyda Thaxton Dec 29
 Lois Salter Dec.31
 Joanie Dahlem Jan 9
 Rebecca Loupe Jan. 15
 Mary Gregory Jan 20



By Marlene Ross