

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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“Accepting the Challenge”

A note from Mary Anne *Can you believe it is 2013 already?—the school year is half gone. And there is so much more to accomplish. I hope you have chosen a fellow teacher that you will nominate for membership in Psi Chapter. Please stop right now and fill out the nomination form and mail it to Sheryl Wilson. Also I wish to encourage each of you to attend the Epsilon state convention in Ruston in March.*

At the December meeting we enjoyed delicious food and were reminded of the women who successfully faced challenges.

See you at our next meeting Feb. 14 at 4:30— Team 2 will present the program.

FYI The Taylor House for Abused Women in Many has had a 33% funding cut. The shelter is in need of basic household supplies including clothes washing detergent, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc. They also need personal hygiene products. They could also use “fun” things—games, puzzles, craft supplies, etc. This need was mentioned in two meetings that I attended recently and I thought that I would share it with you all.



Psi Chapter T shirts— If you ordered a T shirt please wear it to our February meeting. If you haven't yet received your shirt I will be delivering them to you this week. If you haven't ordered your shirt, we can make another order. Just let Sherry know.

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.



Epsilon State would like to deliver the Deltion Newsletter to you by email. You can select their preferred method of delivery by registering on the state website: <http://epsilonstatedkg.wordpress.com/deltion/> Please do so by January 2013.



Key Chapter—Going for the Gold!!! - I've filled out the form!!!! It will be mailed this week.



Important Dates

February 14, 2013 COA 4:30
Program: Accepting the Challenge – Continuing the Stream of Good Educators -
Hostesses: Many 2
Program Team: Team 2

March 14, 2013 COA 4:30
Program: Accepting the Challenge through membership Orientation of new members and reorientation
Hostesses: Officers

Epsilon State Convention,
March 15-17, 2013 at Ruston

April 18, 2013, COA, 6PM,
Founder's Day

Happy Birthday!

Mable Ross Feb. 4
Magda McCormick Feb. 20
Rita Cole Feb. 22
Kathryn Vaughn Feb. 24
Darlene Williams March 8
Amanda Jenkins March 22
Mary Anne Russell March 22
Sarah Savell March 25

Epsilon State Convention Opportunities

Psi Chapter's Theme basket—"These are a Few of my Favorite Things" - bring items—that fit this theme or monetary donations to the February Meeting. Sheryl Wilson will be getting the items assembled for the Convention. Theme Basket donations provide a one-time stipend towards registration fee to an Epsilon State member attending her first International Convention or her first Southeast Regional Conference. Part of this donation is used to help with expenses of the Leadership Development workshop for new officers.

Epsilon State Convention

March 15-17, 2013, Lincoln Parish Library Events Center, Ruston, Louisiana

I hope that you will make every effort to attend the state meeting. Register today!!!!
I will be attending and have a room that I will share with three others—first timers have preference at no cost to you. Let me know if you want to share my room. The registration form is located on the state webpage <http://epsilonstatedkg.wordpress.com/>



You still have time to sign up for the Epsilon State Convention Choir— If interesting in singing in a choir at the convention in Ruston, please let Dr. Gwen Taylor know by February 15. gwen_traylor@hotmail.com She needs your name, address, phone number, email and the part (1st Soprano, 2nd Soprano, Alto) that you sing.

Donnis' challenge: Are you going? Our state convention planners are working extremely hard to make this convention a huge success. A "KEY" to success is your attendance. Why would you not come? You are a member of DKG. You are a member of Epsilon State! Make plans now to attend this special event. You will be treated to workshops that are educational, entertaining and FUN! So, don't delay.

Scholarship, Bea Davis Leadership Seminar, and Stipends

You are encouraged to check out these opportunities.

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

Stipends are available for members to attend conferences. Check out Jubilee Rose Stipend and Vivian F. Bourgeois Special Stipend. Application can be made at any time.

Sherry Fulton has applied for The Bea Davis Leadership Seminar. She will find out in March if she was chosen to participate.



Know a Key woman educator? It is time!!!! Please take a moment to recommend her for membership in Psi Chapter: 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 Sheryl Wilson by February 5, 2013—P. O. Box 339, Zwolle, 71486 .

Former members who wish to be reinstated only have to pay their dues and scholarship fee at the time of reinstatement. (no vote has to be taken by the chapter). Reinstatement forms will be at the February meeting.

Teachers
Paint their minds
and guide their thoughts
Share their achievements
and advise their faults

Inspire a Love
of knowledge and truth
As you light the path
Which leads our youth

For our future brightens
with each lesson you
teach
Each smile you lengthen
Each goal you help reach

For the dawn of each poet
each philosopher and king
Begins with a Teacher
And the wisdom they bring.
by Kevin William Huff



Literacy Project—*Developing a Love of Books*

Sheryl Wilson and Mary Anne Russell delivered 30 picture books to Amanda Allen's PreK 4 class at Many Elementary School before Christmas. These books are to be used in Take Home Book Bags for the student and the parent to share. I visited with Mrs. Allen recently and she said that the students and their parents have taken full advantage of reading these books. And "they love it." The class sent their thanks!

About your Psi Sisters

- Condolences are extended to Chris Nolen upon the death of her father Mr. Rice in December.
- Congratulations to Cara Leggett— she reports that her first grandchild is due March 3, 2013; it's a girl, Gracie Leigh Leggett.
- Jeanette Miller would like to thank everyone for the prays and calls about Sonny. They have gotten a good report from the doctor. They have cut his Chemo treatments down to 6. He is doing fine so far. Still teaching everyday.
- Kathryn Vaughn wants to remind the retired sisters of the Retired teachers meeting at Florien on Thurs. Feb. 28th at 9 a.m. A memorial service will be held for retired teachers from Sabine Parish who died in 2012. New officers will be elected. Florien has been most gracious to the group in recent years and the event allows those of us who are no longer in the classroom to see first-hand changes in the education process.
- Sherry Fulton was diagnosed recently with breast cancer. She covets your prayers. God has already answered prayers in that the lymph nodes are clear of cancer but she will be having out patient surgery on Tuesday January 29.

The 2012 Educators Award Book — *Dignity: The Essential Role It Plays in Resolving Conflict*, by Dr. Donna Hicks, stresses the importance of treating others as they are worthy of care and attention. Dr. Hicks is Associate at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard and is known for her work as a facilitator in resolving international conflicts.

The award winning publication provides a model for conflict resolution whether in a family, in a school, or between countries. Dignity has the potential to influence personal relationships as well as educational practice. The book is timely as the human population is seeking methods to develop stable personal relationships, encourage less bullying, build a peaceful world and encourage more cooperative school environments.

Schools for Africa - Every Child Deserves a Quality Education

In sub-Saharan Africa, one-third of all children are deprived of the chance to go to school. They miss out because of inadequate school facilities and poor teacher training. In addition, many schools lack gender separate sanitation facilities, often causing adolescent girls to stay home. Poverty also forces children to drop out of school early to help support their families. Schools for Africa is a partnership among UNICEF, the Nelson Mandela Foundation, and the Hamburg Society that is helping more and more girls and boys get a quality education. By providing funds to support this critical program, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International — a professional organization of women educators and a longstanding U.S. Fund for UNICEF partner — is helping to secure a brighter future for Africa's children.

To donate or learn more about Schools for Africa, please visit unicefusa.org/dkg.